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SGA election results

Class officers, congressmen positions filled

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STAFF WRITER

The fall 2006 SGA elections were held on Wednesday, Sept. 20 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. for class officers and congressmen.

A total of 667 votes were cast over a one day period.

Traditionally, votes are made over a two day period. The total number of votes calculated last year over a two day period was 815.

Matt Wagoner, elections committee chair said that these numbers show that the turnout this year isn't unusual compared to previous years even though votes were done over a shorter period of time.

Some questioned whether or not the voter turnout was influenced by the lack of communication between SGA and the student body or if it resulted from other miscommunication.

The election wasn't heavily publicized like it was in years past because of the small number of candidates running for positions, explained Wagoner.

There were two candidates for senior class officer, Nadia Payne and Sam Hantman. Kelly Shelton ran unopposed for the junior class officer position.

Allen Thomas and Kristen Dalton were on the ballot for sophomore class officers and there were a total of six candidates running for freshman class officer.

Candidates for that position included Eva Caroline Conner-Carroll, Jay Shaw, Ji. Abdelkhalek, Michelle Murphy and Patrick Sebastian.

There were a total of 19 students on the ballot to become congress representatives. The individuals running for a congress position only needed one vote to earn the position which eliminated the need to campaign, according to Wagoner.

Candidates had the option of campaigning but a majority of the students signed a campaign waiver form that diminished the recruiting of campaign workers and the need for campaign expenses explained Wagoner.

"It is the responsibility of the individual candidates to campaign and get their platform out to students," said Wagoner.

Other topics were questioned such as why students didn't receive notification through the student announce or see a lot of coverage from the student media.

SGA did use the student media to get the word out about the elections by running ads in student paper.

A three and one fourths ad was ran on Sept. 5 – 7 to inform students to file for these positions. On Sept. 19 and 20, a half page ad was ran to inform the students about the elections according to Wagoner.

Students didn't receive any notification through the student announcement e-mails according to Wagoner because of changes that the site was undergoing.

"The elections committee did not do anything differently than in the past other than changing the election to one day," Wagoner said.

Students had the option of voting online on Onestop or in Wright Place between the voting time periods. The results for the election were calculated shortly after the voting ended at 5 p.m.

Nadia Payne took the win for senior class officer with 344 votes, Kelly Shelton won unopposed, Allen Thomas was elected sophomore class officer with 403 votes and Patrick Sebastian will represent the freshman class with 209 votes. All of the students that ran for congress received enough votes to hold the position for the academic year.

The senior class officer, junior class officer and the congressmen were sworn into their positions at first congress meeting on Monday, Sept. 25. The responsibilities for the newly elected class officers include representing their class by expressing the needs of that class.

The officers will also organize and execute various projects as well as being an active force the effort to accomplish SGA's goals for the academic year.

Members of congress have a list of responsibilities and powers that

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SGA congress holds first semester meeting

Duties and goals discussed for the year

KIMBERLY BELLAMY
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New positions were appointed at the first congress meeting of the year at Mendenhall Student Center in the social room at 5 p.m.

Class officers, with the exception of the sophomore and freshman representatives, were sworn in at the meeting.

The election concerning the freshman class was challenged and the outcome of the election is in the review process.

A new speaker of the congress was elected. The two candidates that presented their platforms at the meeting were Jon Massachi and Charles Owens.

A full election process was completed to choose the winner of the election. The process included nominations from congressmen, acceptance of nominations, a five-minute platform speech, a question and answers section, voting and the tallying of the votes.

Both candidates have worked with the SGA for numerous years and devoted time to some of the same projects such as the rewriting of the constitution.

The outcome of the election was very close. Charles Owen received 37 votes while Jon Massachi received 41 votes.

Massachi's platform goals consist of increasing communication between SGA and the student body, addressing the concerns of the student body, having congress meeting and office hours to address issues and increasing the participation of organizations within congress.

Ben Wyche, former speaker of the house, said his goodbyes and recognized members of congress that assisted him throughout the years.

"I wanted to leave SGA in a better position than the way I found it and I feel that I have done that," said Wyche.

New congressmen were reminded of their responsibilities that they must fulfill by Wyche, Massachi and various others that spoke.

Congressmen received notebooks that summarized important roles and responsibilities that go along with this position.

A mandatory meeting will be held in the Science and Technology building on Saturday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. to familiarize the congressmen on the way the body functions.

Possible goals for the year were a topic that was addressed by Dr. Sheerer, interim vice chancellor of Student Life.

Making changes to the grading appeals process and to student safety were suggestions that Sheerer made to congress.

Corey King, assistant vice chancellor of Student Experiences, commended many individuals that serve in SGA.

King recognized Wyche, Michelina Antahades, Matt Wagoner, M. Cole Jones, Toya Jacobs, Brianne Meger and Brandi Dasnoff for the time and effort they have put into SGA.

Meeting for congress will be held every Monday in the social room of Mendenhall. Students are encouraged to come.

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Health Sciences Building opens

Photos by Jessi Mock

An opening celebration for the new Health Sciences Building was held on [illegible]22 at its location on Hwy. 43.

Concerns of Greenville citizens about off-campus students

Students affecting neighborhoods with poor behavior

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Last week several student residents of Greenville received packets with information on positive town relations. Meanwhile, several residents have spoken to Greenville City Council representatives regarding their feelings that students living in their neighborhoods are violating certain city ordinances as well as engaging in reckless behaviors.

According to a list of common city ordinances listed in a booklet titled "Take Heed," which was distributed in last week's packets, one of the common violated ordinances is one that states, "There cannot be more that three unrelated people living together as a single housekeeping unit, whether you live in a house, a duplex, an apartment, condominium or mobile home."

This ordinance, according to several sources, is commonly violated and those violating it are causing problems within the neighborhoods they reside.

Wishing to remain anonymous, one Greenville couple was willing to talk about some of their complaints. The couple, wishing to be referred to as Mr. and Mrs. Smith, said that some of their neighbors have had several cars parked outside their homes for days, suggesting that more than three people are living there.

Mrs. Smith also stated that many of her family's complaints went beyond the simple concerns about noise, garbage and messy yards. Some of her concerns and those of her neighbors involved reckless behavior, citing incidents where it was reported that students were playing football in the streets, hitting golf balls across the street into their own yard and general disregard for other people's property.

Some incidents have even caused a great deal of fear in some residents. Mrs. Smith cited one incident in which a resident reported nearly getting shot by a stray bullet and another incident in which a group of student residents were allegedly drunk and firing a crossbow.

City council member Larry Spell says that while some of these issues are of great concern, they are not new issues.

"You have some folks who are living in single family neighborhoods," said Spell, "who don't understand or appreciate how their actions affect other people."

Spell believes, as do others that are involved in this issue, that it comes down to an issue of lifestyle differences. However, Spell is focusing on the issue of violations of the housing ordinance.

"We're seeing a lot of cases where we have four and five people packed into a house that's not designed for that many people. There's a lot of problems that come along with this. With more people in the house, that means you have more cars parked in the driveway, a lot of times parked in the yard, which is also illegal, and taking up spaces along the street. So, the houses and the neighborhood are being filled with more people then they were designed to handle.

"The law is you cannot have more than three unrelated people living in a house and if you do, you run the risk of having someone evicted to get it back down to that level. That's an issue I think we've been working very hard on to get the message out to students. A lot of times they don't know that law is in place."

Justin Gross, a representative in Student Neighborhood Relations, agrees that many students tend to violate certain city ordinances because "they basically don't know what they're doing is wrong."

Gross said that parking issues, noise violations and over occupancy are the most common problems that his office has to deal with. Gross also claimed that they have not had very many extreme violations.

The typical procedure for dealing with conflicts between students and non-student residents starts out on a personal level, with the parties trying to come to terms on their own. If there are continued problems, then the police are often called. When the police are called, the Student Neighborhood Relations office receives a call from the police about the incident. A member or members of the office then go out to the neighborhood and meet with the people involved, address the situation and confirm that ECU students are involved. The students are then made aware of their neighbors' concerns. Further action is circumstantial to the situation.

Jason Gross said that a representative of their office has not had

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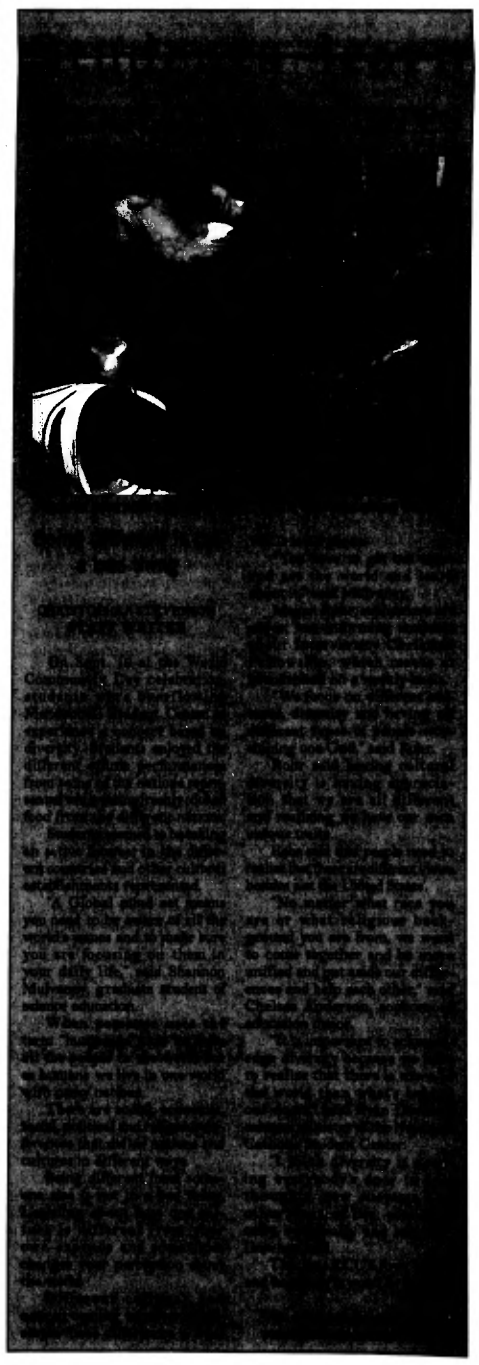

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Announcements:

Study Abroad Information Session on Wednesday, Sept. 27 from 3 – 5 p.m. in Bate 1032.
Have you always wanted to study abroad, but you are not sure where to start? Then come to the Study Abroad Information Session where all of your questions about participating in an ECU sponsored study abroad program will be answered. Refreshments will be served. Open to the public. Visit ecu.edu/intlaffairs for more information.

ECU's Third Eastern Literary Homecoming
Friday, Sept. 29 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at ECU's Willis Building, First & Reade Streets.
The J.Y. Joyner Library at ECU will host the Third Eastern North Carolina Literary Homecoming. The free event will feature authors who have written about eastern North Carolina.
Saturday's Featured authors include: Michael Parker, Nancy Roberts, Barbara Braveboy-Locklear, Elisa Carbone, James Ransome, Louise Shivers and Linda Beatrice Brown. Sponsored by the North Carolina Humanities Council and the North Carolinian Society. A Friday night reception will honor historian William S. Powell at 7:30 p.m.

ECU/Loessin Playhouse Presents: *Chicago*
Oct. 5 to 10
Based on the play *Chicago* by Maurine Dallas Watkins. When two murderesses have been jailed, they compete for the attention of the press and their lawyer. Add to this a cast of characters and a dazzling score; you have *Chicago* and "All That Jazz," with music by Jon Kander and lyrics by Fred Ebb.

***Hedda Gabler* from Nov. 16 to 21**
Employing methods that virtually defined the modern psychological drama, this masterpiece reveals the conflicts and emotions that lie below the surface of daily life. Was it murder or suicide? Originally by Henrik Ibsen, the adaptation is being presented by Christopher Hampton.

Gray Gallery Alumni Exhibition
The Wellington B. Gray Gallery will host the 2006 Alumni Exhibition, "Bringing it All Back Home." The exhibition is scheduled for Sept. 6 through Oct. 7. This also becomes an early kickoff for the ECU centennial celebration. Students passed and present are invited, as well as the public. Questions and concerns can be directed to Susan Nicholls at nichollss@ecu.edu or Gina Cox at coxg@ecu.edu

Taste of Japan - ECU's Japan Center East
Wednesday Sept. 20 and Thursday the 21 at 6 p.m. The second annual Taste of Japan event will offer a dinner prepared by Japanese Chef Rie Ishida and feature a Japanese Tea ceremony. Tea master Makiko Hoshikawa will lead the tea ceremonies for both sessions. Tickets are $40 per person and required. Space is extremely limited. For more information: ecu.edu/cs-acad/japancentereast/programs.cfm

Volunteer

Have a Heart
Support the American Heart Association. Heart Teams are needed to participate in their annual Heart Walk on Oct. 28 at ECU's Blount Recreational Sports Complex. For more information, contact Crystal Herring at Crystal.Herring@heart.org or 355-1112.

Student Dialogues
Attention Political Science Majors: Interested in bringing global issues and national politics to the campus community? Contact Jessica Gagne at 328-1554 or gagnej@ecu.edu.

Humane Society Dog Wash!
Sat., Sept. 23 - Fluff and Puff – Human Society Fundraiser, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., Gold's Gym, Greenville. Fifteen Volunteers needed to assist with registration, dog washing, trimming nails, brushing dogs and doggy art booth. Students with digital cameras also needed as photographers for the Humane Society Web site. Contact Vicky Luttrell at luttrellv@ecu.edu or 737-1351.

{ Campus & Community }

26 Tue

Fast & Easy Cooking
Student Recreation Center Classroom
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Self Defense Class for Women
Student Recreation Center room 239
7 - 9 p.m.

Self Defense Class for Men
Mendenhall Great Room Two
7 - 9 p.m.

27 Wed

Study Abroad Information Session
Bate Room 1032
3 - 5 p.m.

Russian Film Series: "Barber of Siberia"
Movies have English subtitles or dubbing.
Bate 2011
6:30 p.m.

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes
To promote sexual assault awareness
Wright Plaza
12 - 2 p.m.

28 Thu

Bringing International Health Care to Eastern North Carolina: Why Should our Trainees Study Abroad?
worldaffairsnc.org/
Monroe Conference Center of Eastern AHEC
7 - 9 p.m.

29 Fri

ECU's Third Eastern Literary Homecoming
ECU's Willis Building, First and Reade Streets
8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Volunteer Friday for Habitat for Humanity
Brickyard of Mendenhall Student Center
3 - 5 p.m.

Deadline to apply for SGA Class Council
Applications can be picked up in the SGA Office Suite 101, Mendenhall Student Center
5 p.m.

Breakthrough Campus Ministry Presents "Friday Night Fellowship"
Mendenhall Room 244
7:15 - 10:15 p.m.

30 Sat

ECU's Third Eastern Literary Homecoming continues
ECU's Willis Building, First and Reade Streets
8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Family Fall Fling
ECU students and dependents admitted free!
Student Recreation Center
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

1 Sun

20th Greenville-Pitt County Crime Stoppers Telethon

2 Mon

***ECU's Jarvis Lecture on Christianity and Culture**
Theologian Phyllis Trible will visit ECU as the speaker for the annual Jarvis Lecture.
Willis Building, First and Reade Streets
7:30 p.m.

*Featured Event:

ECU's Jarvis Lecture on Christianity and Culture

Monday Oct. 2
Location: Willis Building, corner of First and Reade Streets, 7:30 p.m.
Theologian Phyllis Tribie will visit ECU as the speaker for the annual Jarvis Lecture.

Briefs

Local:

Judge to decide whether man with low IQ will face murder trial

(AP) — A judge is expected to decide Monday whaether to dismiss charges against a man originally declared incompetent to stand trial in a 1993 murder in Anson County, or try the case.

Staff at Dorothea Dix, the state mental hospital where defendant Floyd Brown has spent the past 13 years, say Brown, whose IQ is in the 50s, now understands the charges and can be tried.

Prosecutors have a confession from Brown, 42, even though experts have said he was incapable of the detailed statement investigators said he gave.

Brown's competence is just one of many issues in the case of the murder of 80-year-old Katherinâe Lynch, whose neighbors found her beaten body June 9, 1993, in her bedroom. Detectives believed the motive was robbery, court records say.

All the physical evidence, including fingerprints, blood samples and the suspected murder weapon is missing from the Anson County Sheriff's Office, according to court records.

Prosecutors can no longer pursue the death penalty if Brown is convicted because a 2001 North Carolina law banned executions of the mentally retarded.

Superior Court Judge Susan Taylor is scheduled to hear the motion to dismiss and other motions Monday. If she denies them, the murder trial will proceed.

Black, Scientific Games could overshadow Geddings at his trial

(AP) — While former lottery commissioner Kevin Geddings stands trial in federal court on fraud charges, evidence the government says it has about another public official, House Speaker Jim Black, could overshadow Geddings' guilt or innocence.

Prosecutors say Black met with a vice president of lottery company Scientific Games Corp. last year the day before he announced his recommendation of Geddings for the commission. The vice president, Alan Middleton, was a longtime friend and business associate of Geddings.

Black has previously said he didn't know of Geddings' recent business relationship with Scientific Games and certainly wouldn't have appointed him if he had. But the meeting, if established by government evidence after the trial resumes Monday, raises questions about what Black knew about Geddings' ties to the company.

Middleton then apparently began to distance himself from Geddings.

When a Scientific Games employee congratulated Middleton in late September for Geddings' appointment, Middleton wrote: "Not my doing. He lives in NC now."

The company's transactions with Geddings, however, hadn't ended.

Geddings' firm received a $9,500 check from Scientific Games last Oct. 6, the day the lottery commission met for the first time. Manning called the timing an unfortunate coincidence.

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they have the authority to use if certain circumstances were to occur.

Some of their responsibilities include determining the replacement of members if there is a vacancy, acting as the supreme authority over all election laws, determining the time and placing of their meeting, and censuring or expelling a member by a two-thirds vote.

Some of the other responsibilities include them approving an increase in tuition and fees by a majority vote, regulating the disbursement of the congressional funds by a majority vote, and deciding a replacement of their members if there is a vacancy in the office.

These are just a few of the responsibilities of the congress representatives. There are a total of 16 responsibilities listed under the officer descriptions.

Both the class officers and the congressmen have very important positions to fill and will play a big part in the outcome of major decisions concerning the student body this year.

Corey King, assistant vice chancellor of student experiences stated that he was pleased with the way the elections were handled and the turnout of them at the congress meeting on Monday.

Wagoner said that he has set some goals to improve the elections process and committee.

His goals includes putting up banners above the polling site to produce awareness, provide training for individuals in his committee, hold office hours, and also e-mail individual after elections to get feedback from the congressmen and other members of SGA.

The officers that were elected will hold these positions until May. Additional elections will be held in May for congressmen for the summer term and the fall term. New class officers will be elected in fall 2007.

SGA meetings wilt resume on Monday, Sept. 26 in Mendenhall Student Center at 5 p.m. Students are welcome to come and express their opinions and concerns at the meeting.

You can contact SGA by visiting the office in Mendenhall beside Java City or calling 328-4SGA (4742).

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to go out to any residential neighborhood since initial talks made when pamphlets were handed out last week. While he does believe that good relationships between students and city residents exist, there are some exceptions.

"There have been a few isolated incidents when this office first began where we almost had to take it to judicial court. However, we have not had to take any extreme cases to judicial court."

When asked if ECU was prepared and willing to take judicial action, Gross' response was, "If it involves the safety of the students or other people, that's a high priority. We take action only if it involves our students. We are willing to call parents. To my knowledge, we have not had to go that far."

ECU and the city government are working together in this campaign to provide information to students about city ordinances in order to improve relations between all residents of Greenville.

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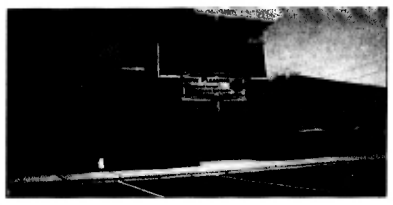

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- Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant
- Speech Language Pathologist

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Opinion

{ Not just for Pirate Rants }

Inside Fraternity Rush

RYAN COBEY
OPINIONS WRITER

Animal House hit the big screen in 1978, and since then it has remained one of the few visual representations our society keeps about the antics of fraternities. But it was all fun and games in *Animal House*, wasn't it? Or was it truly an accurate representation of how some of our fraternities operate today?

It is almost taboo in a way to discuss the happenings of fraternities and sororities, as it has always been since the first brotherhood was formed. For a while now, I have been very interested in how fraternities operate, and what tools they use in order to promote such a close-knit community of individual guys. We see fraternities exposed in perhaps all the wrong ways in movies such as *Animal House* and *Skulls*, but none of us who haven't really experienced it know exactly how they work. My curiosity and desires to get more involved got the best of me, and in turn, I ended up rushing.

People have many strong opinions when it comes to Greek life, and at times, fraternities and sororities are known for getting a bad rep. Yet, in many aspects fraternities help a great deal of those who are experiencing life on their own for the first time to become more socially involved. Guys come together in a close bond, a bond so tight that they refer to themselves as "brothers." This helps guys by not only giving them assurance that someone "has their back" essentially, but also helps them find themselves as individuals. By that, I mean that being involved more socially, which fraternities promote, will help an individual express himself more.

Participating in the fall Rush gave me the opportunity to get an in-depth view on what Greek life consists of. But that's not the only opportunity it presented to me. It made me think. It made me sit down and really consider why people, myself included, decide to "Go Greek." And what I really want to advocate to you, is that not all fraternities at ECU are what they seem based on stereotypes that society has given to them.

What I found was an array of different traditions. Some fraternities seemed to put their emphasis and focus on academics. Did you know there is actually a fraternity on campus that requires you to have and maintain at least a 2.8 minimum GPA? There are also fraternities that dedicate much of their time to community service, raising thousands upon thousands of dollars for charities such as the Ronald McDonald House.

Another thing to consider is apparent racial stereotypes that fraternities are dubbed with. I started my rush experience with the thought that anyone not from Caucasian descent would be very rare. However, by the end of Monday night I had attended at least three houses that highly advocated diversity. I noticed fraternities are making more of an effort to promote their letters to different races, and I definitely respect them for that.

My observations and time spent with a select group of fraternities gave me the opportunity to witness these very respectful aspects of Greek life. And as I sit back and remember the experience and knowledge I gained out of rushing, the only thing I can tell is you is that if you want to truly know what happens, you need to be involved yourself.

You can't keep a good pirate down

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Rowdy, enthusiastic and faithful – all traits of a true pirate fan. Why then, for the first time in my four years of being here at ECU, has the combination of these three qualities become such an important problem for the university staff to feel the need to address? Why I needed three e-mails telling me how to behave at this past weekend's game is still unclear to me, as I'm sure one would have done the trick, and much more effectively at that.

Let me first say that I truly I appreciate my free student ticket, and I love supporting the pirates, game after game, regardless of the outcome, and that by no means do I condone harassing other fans in the stands. That being said, I feel that the e-mails addressed to the student body were not only overkill as they came in triplicate form, but were the results of an overreacting faculty, nervous of how they were going to be portrayed on national television, in what was one of the biggest ECU games in recent history.

But I won't put all the blame for the e-mails being sent on ECU staff, as Conference USA may be behind some of Holland's desire to see fans act differently, since the conference wants to reform member school's game behaviors. C-USA issued spirit organizations, such as the marching band and the cheerleaders, contracts to sign this year asking these students to promise their best behavior at games, or suffer the consequences.

Coming in with the first of the three e-mails, Terry Holland, the university's Athletic Director, informed all of the students of their poor behavior at the Memphis game the previous weekend, requesting better conduct in the future, and even going so far as to ask that students do the "wave" instead of chanting obscenities. Next followed Head Football Coach, Skip Holtz's e-mail coming about in the same fashion, asking the students to change their bad behavior. I was not so much against what the e-mails had to say, but more against the fact that I was being treated as a juvenile incapable of deciding how to act on my own. I would think that in working with students, ECU staff would know that just as there are preferred ways for students to act at games, there are preferred and more effective ways to speak to the student body when requesting a change.

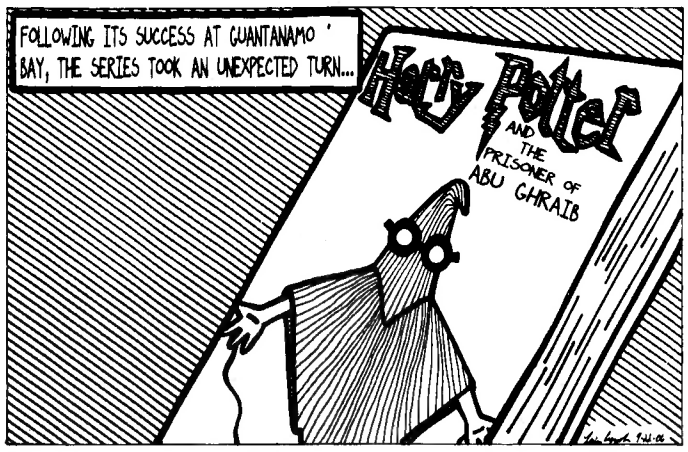
Simply put, the e-mail to students came about in wrong manner. I understand the need for reform, and I can even appreciate Holland's desire for it to come about. I think one e-mail was a good first point. But the influx of e-mails that followed are what has myself, and many of peers in a pirate frenzy.

When it was Chancellor Ballard's turn to address ECU, the e-mail came across much better than Holland's as his points resonated much more positively, and thus effectively, with me. "Be loud, be proud, be Pirates. At the same time, be respectful of the other team on the field and its fans (our guests) in the stands. Vulgarities, obscenities and harassing behavior have no place at East Carolina University" Ballard's e-mail stated.

The problem with this e-mail is that it came in the aftermath of Holland's and Holtz's, and by this point students were so heated by the reprimands of the first two e-mails, it's likely that they didn't bother to read it or take it to heart for that matter.

Instead of getting separate e-mails from Holland, Holtz and Chancellor Ballard, I think they should have come together from the beginning and penned one e-mail to be sent to the pirate nation. As an alternative to coming across as three parents seeking change from their rebellious children, the student body would have seen a more unified front all working for the greater good of ECU athletics.

And while I agree that how ECU fans react to both wins and losses is an important reflection upon the university, I can't help but to think that all game viewers should expect a certain amount of passion carried out by the fans. The pirate faithful will always remain strong and I think it's safe to safe we are called the "Pirates" for a good reason.



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PIRATE RANTS

Mayor Cohen please come back to SGA... we need you!

I want to move to Africa so that I can become an American-African.

Why do I bother doing homework? No matter how close to being right my answer is, you're always going to find fault with my solutions, erase my tremendous amount of work and do it your way. You're so superior – you make me not want to participate in class.

I think the office of Greek Life here at ECU needs to be redone. The so-called "Greek Life Officers" are unfair in their punishments. How is it fair for one Greek organization to get trouble for something, yet all of other organizations are doing that exact thing and doing it during the so called "dry rush". Having alcohol before, during or after rush hours is a violation, and this has been going on all week. I personally am outraged at Greek Life, and would prefer my organization to not associate with the "head ups" in the Greek Life office.

Ever stop to think that someone thinks you're attractive... until they see you raise your cigarette?

Is it wrong that when I'm on the elevator and I hear someone coming, I face the wall and push the "close door" button? It feels right.

Is anyone else depressed now that The WB is off the air; it's almost like losing a best friend.

I don't understand why some feel it is OK to voice their opinion about my weight because they think I am too skinny. It's called good genes and a fast metabolism. I don't go up to an overweight person and tell them to lose a few hundred pounds. Stop being jealous and get over your insecurities.

Since the library contains many books, maybe they should look up the correct spelling of "espresso" the next time their "expresso" machine breaks down.

Dear Mr. Holland, Maybe students got more rowdy at the game than usual because we couldn't sit in our usual seats, the Purple-Gold chant got changed, and the announcer kept forgetting the "first down Pirates! Argh!" Maybe if you addressed those issues first, the students wouldn't misbehave so badly in the first place.

Girls that wear librarian glasses on campus make me melt.

We often talk negatively of a foreigner's influence in a region with a strong cultural identity. As an eastern North Carolinian I feel like a minority at campus because I hunt, fly a Confederate flag and don't dress like someone off of the cover of *GQ*.

Umm I am in a sorority and I will admit that most of the stereotypes are true. We just like to argue them so we can continue to act superior... because we are!

To the girl in geology with the bad haircut that told me that I was sitting in somebody else's seat... I'm sorry I didn't realize that we were still in middle school and there were assigned seats... Oh wait, there aren't.

I believe the SGA has highly paid professional student activities advisors who are ultimately responsible for seeing that the SGA conducts open and fair elections. Don't blame the students, hold their advisors accountable.

I am so proud of our team. The team that the nation has never heard of shut down the almighty Steve Slaton and although made a few mistakes, had a really good chance of beating the highly overrated number four in the nation. Good job Pirates!

Is it sad that I go to ECU and I know Carolina's Fight Song and Alma Matter? I have no clue about ECU's.

Dear Sorority Pledges, You were the only ones who didn't go to the game just because you had to drive your drunken "Bigs" around where ever they please... seriously, get a life!

I think it really helped sending those four e-mails telling us to be cordial to WV and congratulate them on their "great" team. It lasted all up until their entire section started shouting obscenities to us, which were unprovoked. Someone needs to let ECU faculty know, it happens. It's a college football game.

When I was a freshman, I was not excited to go downtown. Not all freshmen are like you.

Remember, when Pinckney is under center... Shut up. When the opposing QB is under center, let them hear 40,000 ARRRGGHHs!

Dearest Student Union, More specifically the films committee, update your site por favor.

Remember how you said "Those old rich Pirate Club alumni" were ruining the "purple/gold" cheer? If it weren't for those "rich alumni", you wouldn't be having a football team to cheer for and a stadium to sit in.

Alright girls, if you're going to wear thongs, please buy ones that fit you. We don't need to see your fat cut in half by the strings of the thong.

Hey! I don't drink or smoke either! Come find me!

Pirate Rants are my favorite part of the paper. I open it up, just to see all the great things that are said everyday.

I heart nerds!

My roommate last spring moved out because I wrote a Pirate Rant saying she needed Prozac... What's funny is that some of her other friends have recently said they agreed.

The ECU cheerleaders got hot this year.

I don't wear rainbows and I don't smoke. Not only that, but I don't get drunk and I don't wear make-up on a regular basis. So I guess I'm on the 0.001 percent of ECU?

To the fans that left the game early I just want to say that it was very disappointing. If we can stay till the end during a win then we support them in their struggles. We win together, we lose together. To the team: Great game guys!

Sometimes I think I'm going to burn myself out with all the things that I do, but immediately thereafter I think how it's all worth it if it happens.

To the many fans that left the stadium with 14:00 left in the game. Thanks for showing the West Virginia fans and ESPN that they had the best of us. The whole mood of the game changed when half of the stadium left. It's not far to the team or to the loyal fans left at the game. Next time come out and support the pirates!

How can the fans "paint it purple" on Friday when the football players themselves can't take the initiative to wear their colors?

Terry Holland's e-mail amazes me. What does he think Dowdy-Ficklen is? A day-care center?

There is a girl in one of my classes that I really want to talk to but I don't know where to start.

Thank you to the bus driver from the commuter lot who was dancing up a storm to that country music. You made my day!

If you can have a Black Student Union, why can't I have a White Student Union?

Why is it that when a Christian preacher comes to campus to preach, everyone gets all upset about it, but if a Muslim or someone else came and did the same thing and Christians got upset, we would be accused of discriminating against his or her practicing free religion?

There are some days where all I want to do is sleep until 3 p.m.

And it amazes me that people who smoke think that their rights to freedom are more important than those of us who don't smoke. If we live in a free country, why don't you just snort some cocaine instead? Do us a favor and participate in a drug that will only kill yourself and not the people around you. Shows what kind of person you are if you're going to smoke and exhale that secondhand smoke onto one of your friends. I mean, do you know anything at all about smoking or are you. Just one of those idiots who smokes to look cool?

I like going to tanning beds even though I know they're really bad for me.

Early morning classes should be banned by the university.

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ECU soft-handed when it comes to enforcing rules

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I've had to deal with a lot of issues this past week involving ECU and the radical behavior of our students. Part of my week was spent talking to a couple who were concerned about ECU students behaving recklessly in their neighborhood. Now I realize that's something that might make you say, "Oh please." However, consider the fact that these were complaints about things like students firing crossbows drunk, hitting golf balls in residential neighborhoods, damaging people's property and just generally brushing off Greenville citizens with the "it's a college town" defense. Compare that to concerns that too many people are occupying the same home and that seems kind of pale by comparison.

So what does ECU do about these situations? Tell students to straighten-up or get out? No. Instead they send out pamphlets and fliers with useful information that these kinds of people will look at for like two seconds and then throw it away. Maybe I am being too harsh. I mean they did include a big magnet.

Then of course there was that e-mail we all got about how offended at least one Memphis fan was about the behavior of Pirate fans at the football game a few weeks ago. Here's an excerpt from that e-mail:

"I just wanted to make sure that you were aware of some of the obnoxious, and possibly dangerous, behavior displayed by some of the ECU faithful at last week's game vs. Memphis.

I know that this sort of thing happens 'everywhere', but I think it is up to the university administration to ensure that this type of behavior is not tolerated. Fans in this manner should be escorted quickly from the premises before something ugly breaks out. I certainly did not appreciate my 70-something parents having to watch a game in such a vulgar environment."

First of all, I know that home football victories have been a rarity here for a while so I can understand why some people might have gotten a little rowdy. While I'm not really blaming them, I kind of have to agree that some self-control wouldn't hurt.

However, and this is my second issue, who makes their 70-year-old parents apparently drive all the way from Memphis and climb all those steps in the stadium just to come to a football game? Honestly, that doesn't make this person seem very high and mighty in my eyes.

Then there was this little tidbit added to the same e-mail, from ECU officials:

"Any fan who acts with malice and/or vulgarity toward our visitors will be escorted from the premises and lose their ticket privileges to ECU events."

Now I've never heard about this happening to anyone, but if it has happened it has been on such a small level that either the initial complainer is exaggerating or ECU hasn't enforced this policy as much as they probably should.

Even ECU admitted that it isn't a huge problem.

"However, our real fans can more than make up for the few hooligans by continuing to welcome our visitors and congratulating them on the national ranking of their team.

Those real fans can also help by letting the hooligans know that their behavior is not appreciated and by identifying the hooligans to security personnel when necessary."

It says so right there: Few hooligans. Doesn't sound like the epidemic our Memphis fan thought it was. At least it does not to me.

One of our own fans said that, "We sounded like ignorant, trashy rednerks! That's not what I want other schools to know us for."

Yeah, like ECU has a perfect image. Does the word "Halloween" mean anything to you?

Here's the final piece from that e-mail that I want to comment on, "If we are to succeed in our goal of building a first class program that represents the best of ECU, then every single one of us has to be accountable and responsible for our actions. GO PIRATES is our battle cry but if we are going to get to the top of the heap we must GO "first class" in everything we do."

OK I totally agree that people need to be accountable and responsible for their actions. But what is this "first class" stuff supposed to mean? Is it the kind of stuff people usually get punished for? Yeah that doesn't seem to happen here very often.

ECU seems to have this annoying habit of not dealing with problems in the most effective way.

Let's say a fraternity, sorority or another group of students has a party, a lot of people are drinking, a whole bunch of people complain about the noise and other things and this is like the fifth time this has happened this month. Nobody gets reprimanded; nobody gets put on academic probation; all they get is a pamphlet. Yeah that really solves the problem and doesn't make anybody want to do it again or at least plan things a little better.

All I'm saying is that if ECU wants to be "first class" they need to start saying what's unacceptable and meaning it by enforcing it to a certain level reminiscent of punishment. Going to college is a privilege, and if you abuse that privilege or can't get with the program, then maybe you don't belong here.

Just Ask Jane

Need advice? Have questions you want answered? Then go to theeastcarolinian.com and Just Ask Jane.

Every Wednesday on the Opinions page you can find one of ECU's resident experts on school, work, relationships of all kinds and everything in between, giving advice on the questions you wanted answered.

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{ Campus Scene }

Horoscopes:

ARIES
You may have a reputation for being quick to take action, but you can restrain yourself. Do that now. You can afford to be cautious.

TAURUS
Sit back and see what happens. It's likely a tussle will arise. If you're in a good position, you can grab a great opportunity.

GEMINI
Stick to your agenda, and don't let yourself get distracted. If you lose interest, the others will too, and that could be a disaster.

CANCER
You're familiar with the concept of making do with what you have. This is how you keep your money in the bank. Do that again.

LEO
Just when you think you have everything under control, a new challenge presents itself. Ain't that just the way life goes? You can conquer this one without breaking your stride.

VIRGO
Things have changed. It's time to check into the current situation. By staying on top of the news, you'll know which way to run, if necessary.

LIBRA
It's important to have the technology you need to work efficiently. Don't blow your entire allowance, however, on something that chops and dices (unless you're in the catering business).

SCORPIO
Continue to gather data from every nook and cranny. You'll be well rewarded for your efforts. You could find a treasure.

SAGITTARIUS
There are so many opportunities, it's hard to know where to start. Actually, the best idea is to begin by finishing up.

CAPRICORN
Consult with people who already have the experience you lack. Don't wander wide-eyed into a dangerous situation that's no fun at all.

AQUARIUS
Don't be shy, speak right up. Let people know what you need. They're not exactly mind-readers, you know. Well, maybe some of them are.

PISCES
You had a picture in your mind of how things ought to be. New information leads to new pictures, though. Allow yourself to be convinced. Sometimes, change can be a good thing.

Campus Events:

Tuesday: Sept. 26
Self Defense Class for Women
Student Recreation Center
Room 239 7 - 9 p.m.
Self Defense Class for Men
Mendenhall Great Room Two
7 - 9 p.m.

Wednesday: Sept. 27
Van Cliburn Gold Medalist pianist
Alexander Kobrin
Wright Auditorium

Friday: Sept. 29
Volunteer Friday
Habitat for Humanity
Mendenhall Brickyard 3 - 5 p.m.
ECU's Third Eastern Literary Homecoming
Ellis Building 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Mendenhall Movies

Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest

Wednesday	9/27 at 7 p.m.
Thursday	9/28 at 9:30 p.m.
Friday	9/29 at 7 p.m. midnight
Saturday	9/20 at 9:30 p.m.
Sunday	10/1 at 7 p.m.

Superman Returns

Wednesday	9/27 at 9:30 p.m.
Thursday	9/28 at 7 p.m.
Friday	9/29 at 9:30 p.m.
Saturday	9/30 at 7 p.m.

ECU hosts annual career fair

Key steps needed for students to land a job

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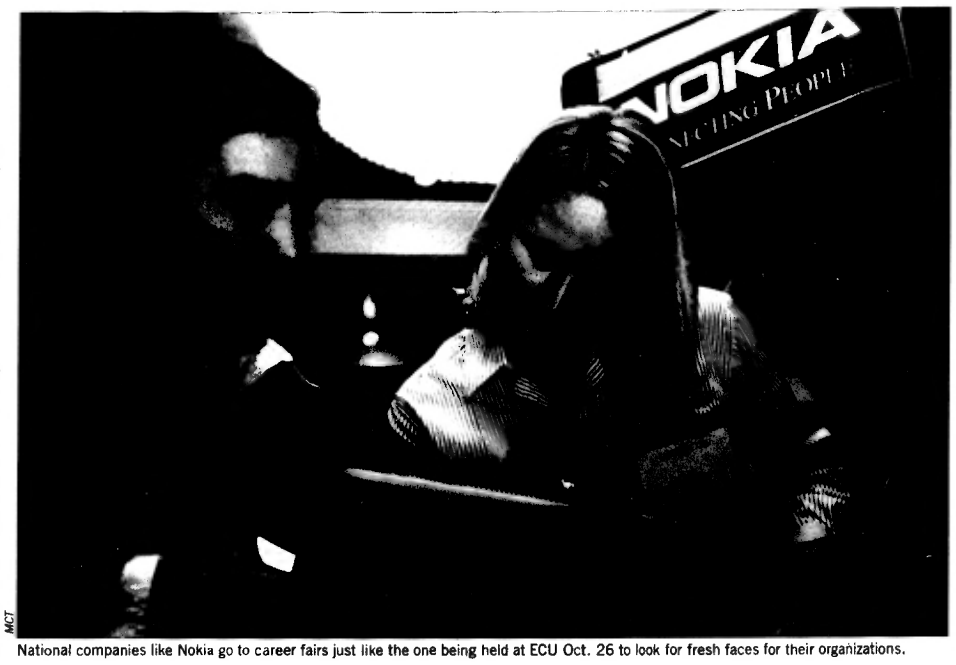

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National companies like Nokia go to career fairs just like the one being held at ECU Oct. 26 to look for fresh faces for their organizations.

With the mounting pressure of landing that dream job straight out of college, the Career Center is attempting to make it easier for future graduates.

The annual career fair is coming up Oct. 26, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and is the core opportunity to secure a job no matter what your major.

The fair is taking place in Minges Coliseum and in the new Human Health and Sciences building located near the Brody School of Medicine. The number of companies and representatives has increased the necessity of expanding the fair to two locations.

This year there will be over 350 representatives from 150 companies. Some recognizable companies such as Blue Cross Blue Shield, BB&T and Embarq will be on site. Other employers include Moses Cone Health Systems, Wells Fargo Financial and Lane Construction Corporation.

With the fair a month away, it's important for students to hone up on their interview skills. "Students need a power greeting, a dynamic interview and some exposure to interviewing," said Catrina Davis with the Career Center. "All of these aspects can be handled and improved on through our office."

Davis advises students to meet one-on-one with their career coach. This can be done by scheduling an appointment through the Career Center and meeting with assigned coaches for particular majors.

"Meet with your career coach to see how to prepare and what to expect during the fair. They will also instruct you on the best questions to ask prospective emplnyers and how to create a good first impression," said Davis.

It is also important to research companies prior to attending the fair. This will make it easier to decide if the employers will be right for you. In addition, make sure your resume is up to date.

An excellent outcome of the fall career fair is the promise that attendees could end up with a job secured. Following the career fair, representatives will be interviewing students and are prepared to offer jobs.

"This is something that seniors graduating in December should really take advantage of," Davis said. "It is very important to start looking for jobs before you finish school."

To find out the full list of companies attending the career fair, visit ecu.edu/eScareers. Additionally, call the Career Center at 328-6050 to schedule an appointment with a career coach.

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This Week In Health

Photo by Liz Wells

Deciding whether to use medication therapy for depression can be difficult.

Depression: A condition that can define your life

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According to psychologyinfo.com, about 17 million Americans per year have some sort of clinical depression sustained for a period of time each year. While this may include various forms of depression, the fact that a significant number of our population is involved is what matters.

There are many different types of depression such as dysthymic disorder (prolonged depression), adjustment disorder (coping issues with a major life crisis), bipolar depression (the swinging highs and lows) and post partum depression (post childbirth depression) just tn name a few.

So what causes depression to affect so many members of our society? Well, simply put, the chemicals in the brain are out of balance, which does not allow typical emotional brain activity. There is a chemical imbalance that has taken place that needs some attention to be properly regulated.

This is how the imbalance happens: The brain contains billions of nerve cells called neurons. These neurons send messages to each other using brain chemicals called neurotransmitters.

Depression occurs when the signal messages are either not being processed correctly or the signal is simply too weak to be transmitted correctly. This is not good for anyone, especially since these chemicals, amongst other things, are responsible for our moods.

While medication treatments seem to be a popular treatment for depression and are necessary for some people, not everyone must be medicated to overcome this disease.

One of the most popular ways to deal with depression is to combine therapeutic methods with medication. While working in conjunction with each other, these can prove to be very helpful in treating the patient with a fairly high rate of success.

While most psychotherapy involves minimal risk and can he done in groups, medicines need to be researched before anyone begins taking them. The side effects need to be considered as well as personal feelings about antidepressant medications.

There are also alternative therapies, such as acupuncture, yoga, hypnosis, biofeedback, aromatherapy, relaxation, herbal remedies and massages, that can alleviate or redure some of the stressors that lead to depression. These forms of treatment work very well for lower or early stage forms of depression, but don't have as high an impact on heavier or stronger forms of the disorder.

With all of this information presented, I want to point out one more thing, realize that anyone can get this disorder. Just look at Terry Bradshaw (1970s football player) and Brooke Shields (actress) who have brought these disorders to the forefront in recent years.

With combinations of treatment with medicines and therapy, much can be done to get people through their depression, even if crazy voodoo people like Tom Cruise don't think so.

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EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

Third Eastern North Carolina Literary Homecoming

Joyner Library, East Carolina University
September 29-30, 2006

Native North Carolina authors honored at Joyner Library show

It is time to honor the best of our home grown talents

JENNY AYERS
STAFF WRITER

This Friday and Saturday, Sept. 29 and 30, ECU will be hosting its third literary homecoming, which will celebrate North Carolina inspired works of literature. The event is free and will be held in the Willis Building on 300 First Street. The festivities on Saturday start at 8:30 a.m. and end at 5 p.m., and will feature Michael Parker as the keynote speaker at 4 p.m.

At the first festival in 2004, the purpose was to honor and thank Mr. and Mrs. B.W.C. Roberts whom had made a large contribution to Joyner Library. That contribution, now known as the Roberts Collection, was a donation of more than 1,200 books the family had collected over the years which all had ties to North Carolina. All the writers at that event were either from North Carolina or had written about it and shared how the state influenced their works.

According to Maury York, the coordinator of the event, the audience was very receptive to the speakers in past years, "You could see that people were relating to what the writers were saying. It really resonated with people - with students and others who came to the event."

After the excellent reception of the 2004 event, ECU decided to continue hosting the festival. Each year the focus is on eastern North Carolina and writers with ties to the region. This year promises to be just as successful as the previous two, with very interesting speakers from various genres of writing.

To initiate things, William Powell will be presented with the Roberts Award for Literary Inspiration on Friday evening. The library presents this award each year to a writer whose work has significantly influenced the literature of North Carolina. Powell is the author of numerous articles and books on North Carolina history, including the *Encyclopedia of North Carolina* which will be published this fall. Poet Shelby Stephenson and author Timothy Tyson will speak in Powell's honor.

The keynote speaker, Michael Parker, teaches creative writing and literature at UNCG and has published many works with North Carolinian roots. He was a big hit at the first literary homecoming, as he is a very lively and humorous speaker who takes some of his writing's inspiration from the essays which he receives from his college students. York expects that Parker will certainly be just as entertaining this year as he was at the original literary festival.

There will be authors from various other writing backgrounds as well. Nancy Roberts is best known for her works pertaining to North Carolina ghost stories and has appeared on CBS and public televi-

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Getting out of Greenville for great food

Bellissima food from Villagio

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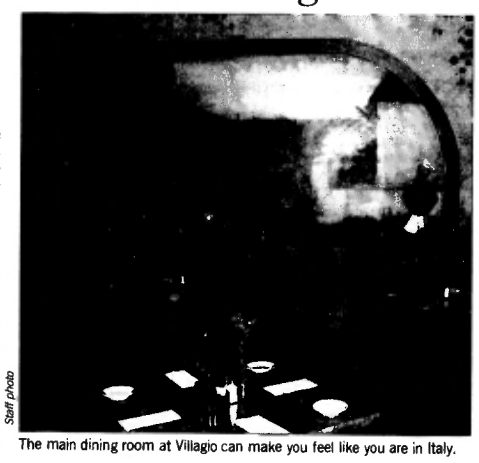

Staff photo

The main dining room at Villagio can make you feel like you are in Italy.

Venturing down the desolate yet picturesque Highway 33 always seems like a good idea when the prospect of eating Chili's for dinner one more time has you crying into your baby back ribs.

Hop into your gold Grand Am and take a mini road trip to Chocowinity, five miles from Washington. Comfortably perched among the obligatory landmarks of small town life is the charming and cozy Villagio Cafe – a quaint spot for Italian food.

From the outside, Villagio looks like a charming spot that promises good food in a relaxing atmosphere. There are soft accent lights illuminating the restaurant to the road and outdoor benches for an inviting effect and a place to convene before eating.

For this culinary adventure, I drove in the pouring rain with three close friends after constantly hearing about how superb the food was.

I was with a regular diner of Villagio and she navigated us to the best section of the restaurant with their best server. (Make sure to ask for Susan). The walls are decorated with Italian country scenes along with tasteful mirrors and accents. The tablecloths are a golden rod yellow with paper

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napkins adorning the table.

One distinctive trait about Villagio is the abundant amount of senior citizens that seem to frequent the establishment. It is quite ironic considering the rowdiness that could ensue from the well-stocked bar adjacent to the dining room.

Dinner at Villagio includes delicious bread served throughout with oil and balsamic vinegar for flavoring. The entrées are a true value with dishes starting at $10. While Italian dishes are the main focus, the prime rib is definitely worth mentioning.

Sous chef Zach Pierce, a recent transplant from Iowa, describes the food served at Villagio as "high class." In addition to having two professionally trained chefs, everything is prepared fresh.

"We serve a lot of food," said Pierce. "We serve 11 ounces of pasta, and the average amount a person can eat is seven ounces. We give you more so that you can get full and save some for later."

With the primarily arranged menu, the head chef also offers different specials every week. Also, if food distributors send ingredients that were not requested, instead of sending them back, the chef will concoct a unique dish simply for the pleasure of entertaining his patrons' taste buds.

No matter how full you get from the pasta, do not leave Villagio without ordering dessert. From cannoli dipped in chocolate to raspberry sorbet garnished with strawberries to a heavenly chocolate cake that will take two to finish, there is nothing more satisfying than standing up from a meal and finding it impossible to walk from utter fullness.

Take it upon yourself to drive a couple of miles for a quiet Italian dinner. Owner Michael Buzzeo, originally from New York, is sure to visit your table and treat you like family. Serving both lunch and dinner, Villagio is open Tuesdays through Saturday. For reservations call 946-0462 or simply show up for an outstanding meal.

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sion in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. Barbara Braveboy-Locklear is noted for her storytelling which has raised awareness of the folklore and history of the Lumbee Indians of Robeson County.

Representing the younger crowd, Elisa Carbone writes juvenile literature with Southern ties and historical depictions while James Ransome has illustrated many notable children's books and been given several prestigious awards such as the Coretta Scott King Honor Award. Linda Beatrice Brown and Louise Shivers will be speaking on behalf of Southern women writers.

This all-day event is broken up into hour-long blocks with a boxed luncheon at 12:30 p.m. York strongly encourages students to attend saying, "It's as much for them as anyone else and we hope they'll take advantage of it."

This event serves as a rare opportunity for students to interact with writers. York also says that they "really do encourage dialogue between the writers and the audience. We want people to feel comfortable asking questions and making comments about what the authors have said."

If you're in need of some intellectual stimulation and would like to learn more about the state in which you dwell, set aside a few hours of your day this Saturday to attend and contribute to ECU's third literary homecoming.

For more information about this event, visit their Web site at ecu.edu/cs-lib/ncc/brochure.cfm or call 328-0292.

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Get a clue ECU

Student organizations strut their stuff

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On Wednesday Sept. 20, over 100 tables were set up outside of Joyner East throughout the "mall" displaying various types of vendors and student organizations. This event was spearheaded by the Student Activities Center and Organization. Holding down the fort from the Student Activities Center was office manager Darlene Langley along with Alex Davis, Ashley Almond and Angel Parker. According to Alex Davis there were 57 vendors and about 82 clubs and campus organizations.

The various clubs and businesses sat outside from 1 until 4 p.m. handing out free candy, balloons, cups, T-shirts, magnets, purple and gold popcorn and other paraphernalia with their specific logo. Dominos Pizza even had a large tent set up in the middle of the affair and was giving away their fudge brownies, also known as "fudgems."

Program director for ECU's radio station, WZMB 90.3, and senior communication major Bill DiNicola expressed his thoughts about the event by stating, "Anytime you can give out free stuff, people are going to like it. It definitely helps with publicity."

A sophomore psychology major and member of ECU's Tae Kwon Do club Jackie Smith felt that "Get a Clue is an awesome event that gives us a way to reach out to the [ECU] community that we could not otherwise have the opportunity to do."

Get a Clue is a wonderful phenomenon that attracts students to clubs and organizations they would not have normally known about.

The representation of ECU involvement was overwhelming as students walked to and from class having to make their way through the hundreds of people at the tables. Almost every table had a sign up sheet for students interested in their organization and also had an ample number of representatives willing to talk to the passersbyers.

Beth Faircloth, a junior rehabilitation studies major, is an extremely active student on campus. She is an RA in White Hall, a member of Alternative Spring Break, and involved with Habitat for Humanity, RHA and Pirate Pals. While representing Pirate Pals at Get a Clue, she said, "I have been a member of Pirate Pals for the last two years. I have found that a large percentage of interest for our organizations has come from Get a Clue. It is a great event extending opportunities to students, which they may not have sought out on their own."

Junior theatre and education major Al Simmons was at Get a Clue as one of the many representatives for ECU's ultimate frisbee team. He said, "This is a good organization to allow freshmen to find friends."

Get a Clue allowed students to see almost every club ECU provides and learn about them as they walked to and from class. The organizations ranged from campus ministries to B-GLAD and everything in between. This event has been going on for over 12 years and will occur again this spring. Stay tuned to the *East Carolinian* for more information about upcoming events.

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National ranking in takeaways (14), defense has recorded eight interceptions and six forced fumbles

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ECU football players who made their collegiate debuts versus WVU, Rob Kass (quarterback), Doug Palmer (defensive tackle) and Nick Johnson (linebacker) all played for the first time

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West Virginia's national rank in rushing, the Mountaineers are averaging 348.7 yards per game on the ground

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School ranking in career receptions (102) by Aundrae Allison who tied Luke Fisher (1988-1991) with four catches versus WVU

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Pirate defensive backs who recorded their first career interceptions versus WVU, Senior Jamar Flournoy and Junior Travis Williams both picked off passes

13

Saves recorded by sophomore goalkeeper Amber Campbell during 225 minutes in two games

38

School-record home baseball games on the 2006-2007 schedule, which was released on Monday

11

Amount of baseball teams on the schedule that participated in the NCAA Tournament last season

They said it

"It was a tough game. It was hot, it was a hostile environment and ECU played hard. It was a pretty good gut check for our guys and we expected that comin in. We're happy we won and we got some things to clean up better at but a win is a win.... You've got to give [ECU] credit. They did a tremendous job of tackling. This is probably the best tackling job a defense has done against us so far."
-Rich Rodriguez, *WVU Head Coach*

"I'm glad we have a bye week. We have to go back to the drawing board and improve on some things but I'm proud of this team and they're going to stick together and there's no quit in this team. The comments in the locker room were still positive and they want to improve and bounce back."
-Skip Holtz, *ECU Head Coach*

"The Achilles heel to this game was we couldn't run the football," said Holtz. "Why? I can't tell you right now. If we can't get the running game going, then we gonna have to start winning 10-3 because we're not gonna win many games just putting the quarterback back there when everybody knows he's gonna be back there and have him take the type of shots he's been taking. We just can't do it."
-Skip Holtz, *ECU Head Coach*

Defense holds tough despite 27-10 loss to West Virginia

Photo by Jessi Mock

ECU defenders Nick Johnson (left), Jay Ross (middle) and Scotty Robinson (right) bottle up West Virginia running back Steve Slaton. He finished with a season-low 80 yards on 24 carries.

Pirate defense holds WVU offense well below its averages

RON CLEMENTS
SENIOR WRITER

While Skip Holtz called Saturday's 27-10 loss to No. 4 West Virginia "frustrating," the second-year ECU football coach saw some bright spots on his defense.

"Defensively, I'd give them an A," Holtz said at his post-game press conference. "Probably the only negative on the day was the one big play. I talked about the keys to this game were going to be able to tackle in space, and I thought they tackled in space very well. I thought our defense played a heluva game."

The "one big play" was a 60-yard toss-and-catch from Patrick White to Darius Reynaud to put the Mountaineers (4-0) up 24-10 early in the fourth quarter. The ECU defense allowed just one other play of more than 18 yards – a 23-yard completion to Reynaud in the second quarter.

"We knew we were better than what some of the media was putting us out to be," said senior cornerback Kasey Ross, who hauled in one of three ECU interceptions. "We just came out defensively and showed that we can compete with anyone in the country."

The Pirates (1-3) corralled West Virginia's star running back, sophomore Steve Slaton, and held him to 80 yards on 24 carries. Slaton came in averaging 168 yards per game at a clip of eight yards per carry. The Mountaineers entered the game as the nation's leading rush attack with just under 350 yards a game while averaging nearly seven yards per carry. Saturday, they were limited to 153 yards and 3.6 yards per rush.

Holtz praised his defensive coaches for their preparation following the game.

"I don't know that I've ever been around a better defensive staff," Holtz said.

Marcus Hands said the coaches told them to stay home and maintain their "foxholes."

"We held our foxholes," the sophomore defensive end said. "People hyped stuff up to make it seem like we're not good, but the only way we could prove it to them was to do it on the field."

With three interceptions Saturday, the first interceptions thrown by White in 2006, the Pirates pushed their NCAA-leading takeaway total to 14 and are now plus-5 in turnover margin.

"I can't say enough about our safeties, Pierre Parker, Jamar Flournoy and Kyle Chase, because they're like an extra linebacker back there," Holtz said. "I thought those guys played a physical, hard-nosed, tough football game, but I think they also drop back really well into their zones."

Ross, Flournoy and Travis Williams recorded the interceptions for the Pirates while Chase made several open-field, solo tackles on Slaton.

When the Pirates got the turnovers, however, the offense could not capitalize. ECU's offense, especially the running game and quarterback James Pinkney, struggled. The Pirates managed just 41 yards on the ground while Pinkney had his worst day, statistically, of the year. The senior quarterback consistently missed open receivers and completed just 20-of-40 passes for 247 yards with a touchdown and an interception.

The culpability for Pinkney's struggles can hardly be placed solely on him. He was constantly under pressure, getting sacked on the third play of the game. Half of ECU's rushing yards came in the fourth quarter with backup quarterback Rob Kass getting 10 of those yards in the final two minutes of the game.

Pinkney's lone interception was not entirely his fault either. Missing an open Phillip Henry on the outside, Pinkney forced a throw to a covered Aundrae Allison. Allison had the ball go through his hands and into the hands of West Virginia safety Eric Wicks. The turnover set up West Virginia's second touchdown of the game to take a 14-7 lead.

It wasn't all bad for Pinkney and Allison. The two hooked up for an electrifying 47-yard touchdown pass in the first that was marred by a questionable unsportsmanlike conduct penalty. The score tied the game at 7-7, but the questionable calls against ECU persisted throughout the game, including a phantom roughing the passer penalty on Scotty Robinson, an iffy-late hit call against Quentin Cotton and a pass interference call against West Virginia when freshman receiver Jamar Bryant was leveled at the goal line by WVU's Bobby Hathaway that was waved off following an

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Volleyball coach questions team's heart after being swept by Tulane, UTEP

Pirates still searching for first conference win

JARED JACKSON
STAFF WRITER

The ECU volleyball team was swept in two separate conference matches over the weekend. The Pirates dropped three consecutive games at Tulane on Friday and at home to UTEP on Sunday.

After building momentum early in the season, the Green Wave quickly humbled the Pirates. Tulane won three straight games by scores of 30-28, 30-20 and 30-25.

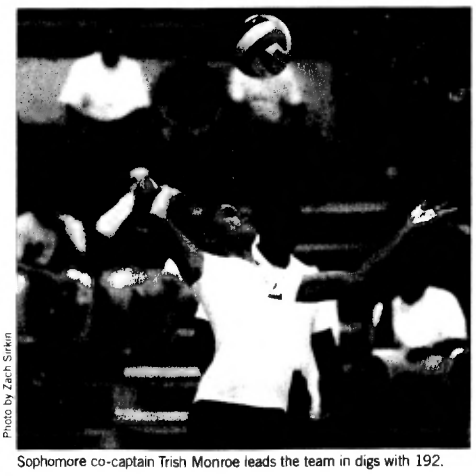
Tulane improved to .500 on the season after recording their first C-USA of the season.

Kelley Wernert led the Pirates against Tulane with 12 kills and four digs. Sophomore Trish Monroe recorded a team-high nine digs while junior outside hitter Mignon Dubenion tallied four blocks. Freshman outside hitter Stephanie Turner notched seven digs and five kills.

Heidi Krug, the school's all-time assist leader played in only two games and recorded a season-low eight assists. Fellow senior Jamie Bevan played in only two games and record four kills.

Tulane's Ksenija Vlaskovic paced the Green Wave with 11 kills and six digs while Bridget Wells had 10 digs as well. Tulane had 20 more kills than 54-34 and five more digs.

ECU lost to UTEP in a disappointing three-straight match loss on Sunday. The Miners won 32-30, 30-28 and 30-28. With the win, UTEP moved 5-10 overall while the Pirates fell to 9-8 and winless in C-USA.



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Sophomore co-captain Trish Monroe leads the team in digs with 192.

Junior outside hitters Wernert and Dubenion paced the Pirates with 14 kills each. Wernert also recorded a double-double with 10 digs. Monroe had 17 digs on the match, while Dubenion tallied four blocks. Krug recorded 53 of the Pirates' 54 assists in the losing effort.

ECU had better hitting percentages in game one and three and also had recorded more kills 58-50.

After the loss on Sunday, Head Coach Chris Rushing was extremely disappointed.

"We have to find a way to win," Rushing said. "We have a couple people on the team with a lot of heart, but you need more than a couple. I don't think our team is playing together right now."

It was the first time since Sept. 30 and Oct. 2 of last season that ECU has been swept in back-to-back matches.

"Hopefully a positive that will come out of this is that our team is tired of losing those matches you shouldn't lose, and wake up and realize that you should win those and come out strong in the next match. All that we can do right now is look forward to the next match."

The Pirates will continue conference play by traveling to face off with SMU (10-6, 1-2 C-USA) on Friday on Sept. 29 and first-place Tulsa (16-3, 3-0 C-USA) on Oct. 1.

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Women's soccer splits on road trip

Lady Pirates preparing for conference play

TOMMY GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

The women's soccer team won a double overtime thriller at Furman on Friday and backed that up with a scoreless tie at Francis Marion on Sunday.

After playing the Paladins to a scoreless first half, Furman managed to take the lead when junior Anna Betton tapped a shot past sophomore goalkeeper Amber Campbell. The Pirates struck back with a sliding goal by freshman Jessica Swanson. Freshman forward Kelley Lightfoot was credited with the assist. Swanson's second goal of the season now puts her second on the team with six points.

At the end of regulation, the game remained scoreless. Neither team could score in the first overtime period. However, with five minutes left in the second overtime, freshman forward Amy Szilard scored the game-winner by drilling a long range shot past the Paladins' goalkeeper.

"We had some people playing out of position," said ECU Head Coach Donnenwirth. "We played a 4-4-2 most of the game and really couldn't generate much attack."

ECU is 1-1 in overtime play after losing earlier in the season to Old Dominion.

The Pirates are missing some key players due to injury. Senior midfielder Rachel Hils suffered her second injury of the season against Penn on Sept. 17. Also missing from the game was freshman Sarah Kirkley. She leads the team in points with eight points despite missing both games.

The Pirates continued the South Carolina road trip by tying Francis Marion 0-0. After being out shot in the game 13-11, the Pirates mustered five of the seven shots during the overtime period. Francis Marion did not record a shot in either overtime. It was the Patriots' third consecutive scoreless tie.

"They have been a thorn in everyone's side this year," Donnenwirth said. "I really don't feel we competed well. This was a big game for [Francis Marion]."

Campbell saved 13 of 14 shots in 225 minutes of play in the two games. She now ranks fourth in Conference USA in goals against average per game (0.81).

At the midpoint in the season the Pirates have their first winning record since 2003 heading into conference play. They finished that season .500 with a 8-4-3 record inside C-USA.

With conference play on the horizon, ECU has some stiff competition to deal with.

The Pirates open the conference race against Memphis. The Tigers have an overall record of 5-5-1. Led by seventh year Head Coach Brooks Monaghan, Memphis finished 12-7 in 2005. Memphis recently recorded a scoreless

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officials conference.

The officiating clearly bothered Holtz after the game, but he would not comment on the topic following the game.

"The penalties, I'm not even gonna comment on," Holtz said.

The story of the game for the Pirates, however, was their defense.

"It was a battle up front," Holtz said. "They have a great offensive line, but the way our defensive line is improving, the intensity and the enthusiasm our defensive staff coaches with, I think they have a chance to be an excellent defensive football team. We've made unbelievable strides in the last year as a defensive football team."

ECU entered the game ranked 108th out of 117 in rush defense, a statistic somewhat skewed by the season-opening loss to Navy where the Pirates gave up 403 yards on the ground as the Midshipmen attempted just six passes. Saturday, the Pirates snapped West Virginia's six-game streak of 300-yard rushing games dating back to last year.

"We played our defense," Holtz said. "Playing Navy really helped us in this game because of what they do. They run the zone wide one way and they run the option the other way and do a nice job of making you defend the field from one sideline to the other."

The Pirates went to a spread offense of their own, but not by choice as the lack of a running game forced pass-dominated play-calling.

"We started saying, 'Look, we can't run it, what do you we got to do to move it?'" Holtz said. "Let's keep spreading it out. The only thing we've had any success in is spreading them out and let James pick his holes."

The Pirates did start moving the ball, but came away empty twice in the red zone. The first came in the third quarter.

Following a Pinkney completion to Kevin Roach for a first-down to the WVU 22, Pinkney scrambled for another first down but fumbled as he was hit and the Mountaineers took over at their own 12.

"It's an effort mistake on James," Holtz said. "You get down there, you turn the ball over. He's stumbling, trying to run with it, but we've got to do a better job of protecting the ball."

The second time was in the fourth as the waved-off pass interference penalty led to two more incompletions by Pinkney. Holtz took the blame for the offensive struggles, especially in the red zone.

"It's hard when you can't run the ball to get down there inside the 20-yard line and keep throwing it," Holtz said. "You run out of space. I'll take the blame. At some point, we gotta start being able to run the football."

Ross said he wasn't frustrated at the offense's inability to capitalize on turnovers.

"It's a team game," Ross said. "If our offense is only going to score 10 points, then we can't give up more than nine."

Holtz could sympathize for the defense.

"Our poor defense was just competing their tails off and I think West Virginia started, first half, average field position had to be midfield," Holtz said. "Every time they go out, they got a short field behind them. I think that's unfair."

The Pirates have two weeks to prepare for their next game Oct. 7 against Virginia and Holtz said they will use the bye week to get some players healthy and continue to improve.

"I think our players are starting to understand the defense and how they fit in it," Holtz said. "When everybody holds in their gap with a foxhole mentality, that's when you have a chance to be successful. I think that's what they're starting to understand."

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tie against Missouri State. The Tigers are led by 2005 C-USA offensive player of the year, and first-team all C-USA selection Shoko Mikami. Memphis has beat Mississippi State, but has lost to Arkansas, Alabama and Ole Miss.

The Pirates have never beaten Memphis in three tries. ECU last played Memphis in 2004, which was a 2-1 overtime loss at Bunting Field.

"They have some firepower," Donnenwirth said, "We can't let them get in a rhythm. We have to defend the midfield. Our team is best when we defend well."

ECU will follow the Memphis contest with an away game at UAB. The Blazers are 4-6 on the year with losses to Clemson, Vanderbilt and Duke.

The Blazers are led by Junior Jill Porto who was a first team all-conference selection in 2005. Tenth year head coach Paul Harbin heads up the Blazers program. UAB finished 8-10-1 last season, but 2005 C-USA freshman of the year Nasra Abdullah is no longer with the team.

"Jill Porto is possibly the best forward in the conference," Donnenwirth said, "She can take over a game at times."

The Pirates are .500 at home, but have a winning record of 4-2-1 on the road.

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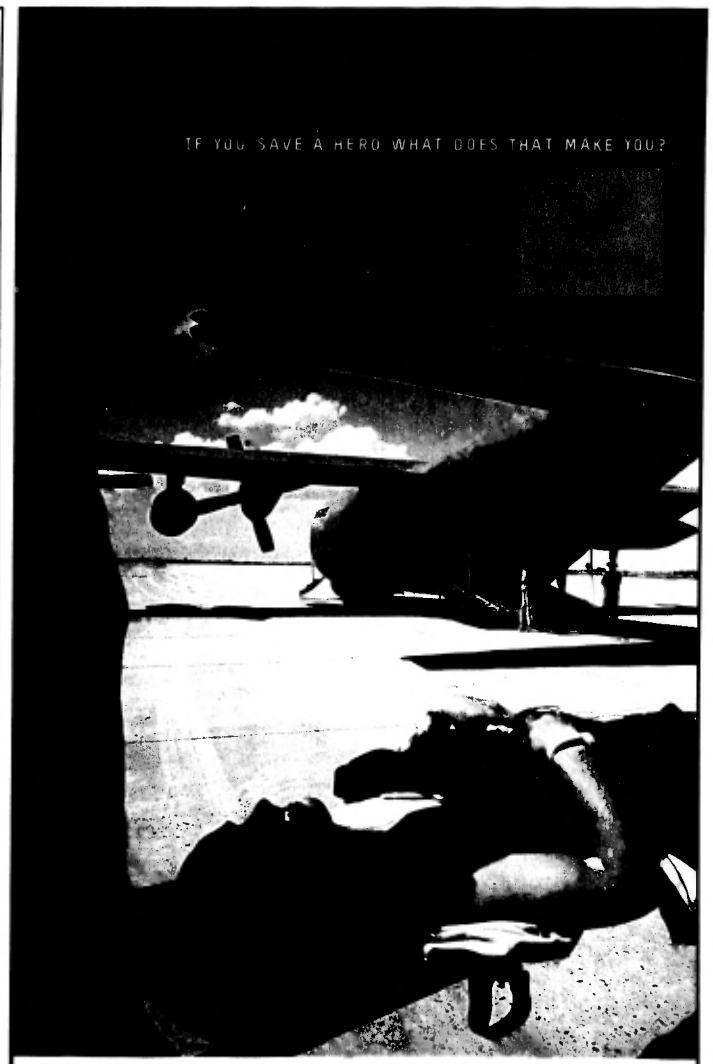

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