



Humane Society holds Fluff 'N Puff Dog Wash



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Has your pooch been pampered by the volunteers from the HSEC? That includes a bath, blow-drying and nail clipping.

Get your dog
shampooed again on
Oct. 7 in Washington

CLAYTON BAUMAN
STAFF WRITER

The Humane Society of Eastern Carolina held its annual Fluff 'N Puff Dog Wash this past Satur-

day in the Gold's Gym parking lot on Charles Street.

The non-profit organization held the event in a drive to raise money to care for currently housed animals at the society's facility in Greenville.

Currently in its fifth year, the Humane Society establishes a goal of attempting to wash at least 100 dogs.

Dogs that take part in the

event go through a series of activities. First they participate in dog art. Paint is put on their paws and they walk on a large piece of paper.

Afterward, dogs are shampooed, washed and then blow-dried. Following that, they have their ears cleaned and their nails

House whip speaks to ECU College Democrats



Photo by Liz Wells

McLawhorn attended ECU in the 1960s, where the political environment was such that becoming a part of it was "very exciting."

McLawhorn up for
reelection in November

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North Carolina State House Representative Marian McLawhorn (D) came to Brewster 102-C Thursday night to speak to the college Democrats. McLawhorn is from Pitt County and is currently seeking a fifth term as the District 9 representative. She is being challenged by republican Tony Moore.

"I think she's a very strong candidate," said David Conradt, professor of political science and advisor to the college Democrats.

McLawhorn spoke first on her past, including her time at ECU in the 1960s.

"That time to get involved in politics for the first time was very exciting," said McLawhorn.

She officially began her political career when she was elected to the Grifton Town Council. Five years later, she won the Grifton mayoral election and began legislating on the state level when she was elected to the State House in 1998.

"I love the legislative part of the job," McLawhorn said. "I still enjoy trying to help people with their problems."

McLawhorn is currently serving as the House Majority Whip, co-chair of the rules committee, co-chair of the education committee and chair of the domestic violence committee, according to her Web site.

She also was an integral part of adding the new cardiovascular center at the Brody School of Medicine.

"Now we've got a real fight to get a dental school," McLawhorn said.

During this year's congressional session, McLawhorn and other House members passed legislation making the annual enrollment increase to offset the rising costs of college tuition permanent so that the funding will no longer require a vote.

"As ECU and the other universities grow, there will be a pot of money that comes out to help with enrollment," McLawhorn said.

Voting was also an important part of McLawhorn's message.

"I know it sounds trite because we talk about it all the time, but this is a blue moon election," McLawhorn said.

A blue moon election is an election in which high visibility offices like president, U.S. Senate and local sheriff are not on the ballot, which can result in a low voter turnout.

"That's why it [voting] is so important," McLawhorn said.

"Every single vote counts. I've won four times, but this one is close."

McLawhorn told the students on hand that she was pleased to see young people caring about politics.

"It's very important for people to vote anyway, period. It's our right and a privilege. It's important for everybody of every age to get into the political process," McLawhorn said.

College Democrats president Erik Anderson, senior history and political science major, hopes students will take advantage of McLawhorn's stop on the campaign trail.

"She's asking us to volunteer for her," said Anderson. "It's good experience for young students that may be interested in being a part of a campaign in the future."

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What did you think of the e-mails from the administration and expectations for students' conduct at the football game?



"As college students we should be able to have fun, but still conduct ourselves."



"I thought [the e-mails] didn't really reflect what went on at the game."



"It's OK to have pride, but when it crosses a certain line it becomes negative."



"They want us to keep our good sportsmanship represented."



"We have a rep for being a party school, we don't need to add to it."



"The e-mail was sent more than once, so it must have been important, but it was a little much."



"They sent [the e-mail] out to straighten people out for ESPN and TV coverage."



Photo by Jessi Mock

The stands at Dowdy Ficklen stadium were filled when ECU battled WVU.

Rowdy behavior warrants action

ECU, Memphis game sparks conflict

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The ECU, Memphis football game nearly a week and a half ago has sparked some resentment from visiting fans and even some ECU fans. After the game, reports of

rowdy fans and obscene behavior in the stands by some of the Pirate supportive began to overshadow the exciting win over Memphis.

The ECU athletic department began to receive mail from visiting Memphis fans citing different accounts of Pirate fans, yelling, cussing and using the middle finger around their families.

In a letter to Athletic Director Terry Holland, a Pirate fan wrote in his concern about some vulgar

chanting that took place as well. The athletic department responded quickly, with both Holland, ECU Head Coach Skip Holtz and ECU Chancellor Steve Ballard, sending out mass e-mails to students and faculty as well as apologies to those offended.

Holland's letter, complete with two messages from Memphis fans

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News

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Announcements:

Study Abroad Information Session on Wednesday, Sept. 27 from 3 to 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 nicholls@ecu.edu or Gina Cox at cogx@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 \$40 per person and required. Space is extremely limited. For more information: ecu.edu/cs-acad/japancenter-east/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!

Oct. 7 - Fluff and Puff - Human Society Fundraiser, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., West Marine on Highway 17 in Washington, N.C. 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.

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***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.

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

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8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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

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

1 Sun

ECU Symphony Orchestra Performance
St. Pauls Episcopal Church, Fourth Street
7 p.m.

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.

3 Tue

Jazz vocalist Tierney Sutton
Wright Auditorium
Visit ecu.edu/SRAPAS for more information

*Featured Event:

Study Abroad Information Session

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clipped. According to Vicki Luttrell, member of the Board of Directors for the Humane Society of Greenville, ECU students from the Volunteer and Service-Learning Center were on hand to assist with the dogs.

"I think we were already up to 80 dogs," said Luttrell, with another hour left in the day. "We've had everything from tiny little Chihuahuas all the way up to Great Danes."

Also on hand for the event was Bow-Wow's and Meow's, an online pet trinket store that specializes in clothing, treats and other pet products for cats and dogs.

The store donated half its proceeds to the Humane Society. For more info, visit bowowsmewows.com.

Those wishing they could have attended the event will have another chance in the near future.

On Oct. 7, the Humane Society will be holding another Fluff 'N Puff at West Marine on Highway 17 in Washington, N.C.

Grooming prices are dog size dependent, with 50 pound and up costing \$17, 20 - 50 pounds, \$12, and 20 pounds or less, \$10.

With donations of an old towel or bottle of dog shampoo, \$2 will be taken off the price.

According to its Web site, the HSEC is committed to serve as a safe haven for homeless and neglected pets and act as a resource to the community.

The organization aims to inform and educate the public about issues pertaining to animals. They also facilitate the adoption of pets to good homes in an attempt to make room for more animals.

Anyone who would like to volunteer at the event can contact Luttrell at 958-8893, or via e-mail at Vicki.Luttrell@Earthlink.net for more information.

Those interested in more information on the organization itself and how to join can also log on to HSEC.Carolina.org

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Walk raises violence awareness

Monday march to 'Take Back the Night'

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Traffic on 10th Street was halted several minutes Monday evening as a column of people that stretched back nearly to the crosswalk halfway up College Hill crossed and headed toward Sonic Plaza during the "Take Back The Night" march. The event was sponsored by The Office of Victim Services and Someone's Sister, a local music group.

Marchers started gathering at the top of College Hill at around 6 p.m., passing out blue bracelets that read "Students Against Violence."

At 6:30 p.m., the crowd was accompanied down College Hill by police cars and chants of "yes means yes, no means no, whatever we wear, wherever we go" and "hey, hey, ho, ho, rape has got to go." Some of the male students were asked to wear high heel shoes to,

as event coordinator Sue Mothan, Office of Victim's Services, put it, "walk a mile in their shoes."

The marchers, around five hundred strong according to Mothan, passed through Sonic Plaza and settled on the steps in front of Joyner Library. Mothan welcomed the participants and thanked them for their support. She also reminded them why they were there, saying, "Sexual assault is the most unreported crime in the country. That's why it's called the silent epidemic."

Two students spoke about their personal experiences with sexual assault.

"I bring the you a message of empowerment, for no one deserves to be raped, molested or sexually assaulted," she read.

It was her second time speaking at the annual event.

Members of the ECU Police Department as well as the Health Department and Student Health Service were on hand to promote the project.

"I want to support what they're doing," said Sgt. Jermain Cherry, Campus Safety and the ECU Police Department.

SGA President and graduate marketing major M. Cole Jones echoed Cherry's sentiments.

"I think it's great to support any event for the protection of our women on campus and in the community," said Jones.

Someone's Sister performed three songs. They cited the murder or sexual assault of three women in Greenville area in the last month as a major concern and problem for female students at ECU. The last song, dedicated to their memory and with the refrain, "we're here now, 'cause they died," was sung as the candlelight vigil ignited near sundown.

"This is a great way for men and women, faculty and staff to show we're not going to accept sexual assault on campus or anywhere," said Karen Warren, Director of Campus Wellness.

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and one from a Pirate fan complaining about behavior, was critical of what took place that night emphasizing that Pirate fans have a duty to make sure that others don't get out of line by reporting those acting in the wrong.

It is uncertain just how many letters were received from angry fans but there are those pirate fans who feel they missed this explosion of obnoxious behavior.

"I really didn't see anything that was out of the ordinary," said Joshua VanNamee, sophomore and accounting major, "I brought my parents and they had a good time."

"It was blown out of proportion," said Dan Rosenblum, junior sports management major, "Memphis's big lead disappeared so quickly upsetting those fans, and the typical trash talking at any game by other fans got to them."

A recent anonymous message in a Pirate Rant responded to Mr. Holland's letter on being cordial to West Virginia this past Saturday.

"I think it really helped sending those four e-mails telling us to be cordial to WV and congratulate them on their 'great' team... Someone needs to let ECU faculty know, it happens. It's a college football game."

There has been no word on any complaints being filed after this past weekend's match-up against West Virginia.


"I thought the crowd was awesome, both weeks," said Coach Holtz referring to both the Memphis game and last week's bout against West Virginia, "I'm talking from my standpoint which is just involvement, noise and excitement."

Holtz also referred back to his memo that he sent out emphasizing his desire for fans to act with class.

"I don't want to subdue the enthusiasm of the excitement level that's in the stadium of not only the fans and the alumni," said Holtz, "but the student body, because the student body is the heart of the stadium, and it is the pulse, and I don't want to subdue that in anyway, but we do have an obligation to represent this university in the right way."

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Opinion

{ Not just for Pirate Rants }

Where is the love for ECU?

I'm tired of support for other schools

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OPINION WRITER

It has come to my attention that someone wrote a rant about how they knew the fight song and Alma Mater to a rival North Carolina school and not ECU's. It really bothered me because I don't know it either.

Although I don't know any other school's fight song, I should at least know that my current school does have a fight song and is able to recognize it somewhat clearly, right? I find that this is a pretty disturbing thought since I am slated to graduate in December.

It made me wonder how many of the other students fall into this same category. I would imagine even some of the teachers, who have been here for a while, don't know what our Alma Mater and our song are. So I ask the question, where is the love for our prestigious University?

This is our Alma Mater "Praise to your name so fair, Dear old East Carolina, your joys we'll all share, and your friends we'll ever be... We pledge our loyalty, and our heart's devotion, To thee, our Alma Mater, love and praise."

I feel that I, as a current student, have discourteously forgot where my loyalty resided by not knowing this. Maybe others have or have not felt the same way about this, but at least I am trying to make amends by atoning for my ignorant rant.

This is our fight song titled "E.C. Victory," "Cheer for East Carolina, Cheer for old E.C., We know we're the finest, Onward to victory! GO PIRATES! ...Cheer for East Carolina, Cheer on for old E.C., Loyal and Bold, We're the purple and gold, we are the Pirates of E.C.U!"

I know that this may be helpful for us to try to know so we can show the rest of the college world that ECU is a top-notch school in terms of our overall pride for the university. If we want to be looked upon as an upper echelon school we should start by supporting our cause by knowing such a fundamental statement.

Our school has gone through transformations over its time just like any other school, but this one is ours. We should know more about it and the beginnings of how it got to where it is today and where it will be tomorrow and beyond.

I am not saying that everyone reading this is as clueless as myself about our history as a university, but I do find that many are supportive and educated about other schools just the same. How is it that last year before our ECU and UNC football game, people were wearing UNC apparel that attend our college?

I'm not trying to tell people what to do, but seriously other people who do this, can't you hold off supporting their rival schools from half way across the state to support the school you are currently at even for just one week? If not, go to that school instead of here.

It's cool if you want to support them and all, I'm just asking if you can show our school some love too and not forget that you are enrolled here at ECU. Things aren't always as trivial as wearing clothing or supporting a rival school in athletics.

People need to and are starting to change their perception of this school from being a party school to a well-rounded prestigious college of higher learning. Athletics is a small part of what ECU has to offer the world, I understand this, but I just want people to be excited about all aspects of this university.

While no one can question our support at the football games, as noted to all students in a series of e-mails last week, we can try altogether to improve our image as a drunken hick school from nowhere North Carolina. People before us and people currently are raising the bar of excellence here and we, as current students, should promote and carry that tradition of excellence onward.

In closing, I restate that it is cool to support whatever college you want, but at least support your current school as well. Wear your purple and gold shirts and caps with pride to campus, games, hometowns and anywhere else.

Go to games or university outings or do whatever you can to support your school. Just think this started about a fight song and a T-shirt and became about a mindset seemingly pervading some amongst the crowds. Don't forget to come out and show the Virginians what pirate pride is all about in less than two weeks. Also, don't wear any freaking Virginia apparel leading to the game, as it is lame and ludicrous.

JUST ASK JANE

Need advice? Want answers? Just ask Jane.

Dear Jane,

A few months ago my boyfriend and I starting fighting a lot and as a result we broke up. Since then, we have worked out our differences, gotten along great as friends and have talked about dating again. The only problem is that my friends and family told me that they no longer like him and don't want me to date him again. Any advice?

Signed,
Confused

Dear Confused,

It's always a tough situation to be in when your friends and family disagree with you, especially when it comes to relationships. You may want to go back and reevaluate why you broke up in the first place. Are the issues still there? Or are they simply hidden by the fact that you're no longer in a romantic relationship with him? Think about why your parents and friends don't like him. Do they have a point? If they don't have a point, try talking to them and explain to them that things are resolved. Tell them that you really would like to make a fresh start with this person and that you would appreciate their support.



PIRATE RANTS

So how well do girls have to know each other before they can use the bathroom together? Is it a friendship building activity or does it take a while?

Is it just me or are the only people that ride the central campus bus fat chicks? Maybe I am onto something!

SGA needs free and fair elections from now on. No more preferential treatment for minorities.

Dearest ranter, The films committee has both MySpace and Facebook accounts to tell you what movies they're showing. They're hip now!

Man, my parents just don't understand me! They grounded me because I was wearing my sister's jeans last week. It's so tough being emo.

I look forward to Wednesdays so I can see all the hot ROTC guys in their fatigues.

Why do people always walk around campus wearing their UNC, N.C. State, or Duke clothes. Have a little pirate pride people. I mean if you wanted to go there that's fine, but you go to ECU, stop flaunting other state schools. If you do feel the need to wear Carolina stuff, at least have some class and wear South Carolina stuff.

To the girl who had a rant about her nipple hanging out of her bra... Why don't you buy a bigger bra?!

SGA Elections= University popularity contest... Are we still in High School?

One of my friends never comes to class and yet she made a higher grade on our first paper than everyone who actually comes to class. It must be nice to be one of ECU's writing elite.

I would just like to give our football team a round of applause. They put up a great fight on Saturday. I want to also comment on how awesome our dance team, cheerleaders and marching band are! Way to go Pirates for all your hard work!

What is the problem with our readership program? Has anyone else noticed the machines are always either out of papers or out of order? Please keep the newspapers at Croatan stocked so I don't have to hike all over campus looking

for a machine with a paper. Thank you. I love the news.

White Protestants in Greek organizations are the most maltreated group of people at ECU. Racism and closed mindedness can emanate from minority groups and radical religions just as easily as it can from the supposed "establishment."

We have the toughest football team in North Carolina by far. State loses to Akron, Div. I-AA, Duke well Duke is Duke, and UNC didn't even show up against Clemson and should have lost to Furman. Go Pirates! Win Out!

To the girl in my class who's always making a scene about something, rest-assured that nobody in the class likes you. You should have left the class instead of kicking out that guy who did nothing. But don't worry, now everyone will be nice to you. After all, who wants a restraining order?

ECU should adopt the same system of keeping track of buses on their routes with timers set up at all the stops to let commuters know how much longer the bus will be. Then I wouldn't have to wait up to 20 minutes for nothing. If you don't know what I'm talking about then check the News & Observer or the East Carolinian (09/26), I don't remember which.

I am sick of all the rants about smoking and I'm a non-smoker. How can someone possibly think that encouraging someone to do cocaine will help the situation? Do you know the side effects of cocaine? Would you like some high guy behind the wheel of a car instead of a smoker, just so you cannot smell smoke? You're not saving your life that way either. Move out of the heart of tobacco country if you're such an anti-smoking lobbyist, go to New York where they have laws about it.

To all the fine boys at the Rec. Center: You all need to quit, I'm trying to work out.

OK... now look... It has officially been over two years! Get over it and talk to me!

I have about 50 Pirate Rants in my mind, and I can't remember them all!

Where are the good single, non-drinking, non-smoking and

non-sorority girls?

When I ask you out to dinner at least have the common courtesy to say no instead of not saying anything at all.

I don't care if you are white, black, red or blue, the 'N' word should not be used in any type of context.

Every time I see a smoker walking in front of me blowing their smoke in my face, I have an uncontrollable impulse to grab the cigarette and stick it up their... So if you're a smoker walking in front of me, watch out! I'm the one with the crazed annoyed look on her asthmatic face.

You know when I'm walking down the sidewalk and you're just standing there, move.

Did anyone notice that the entire section for West Virginia started shouting obscenities, unprovoked toward ECU fans? I bet we won't be sending a letter to their school telling them how offensive they are.

Why do I come to class to have you read me the textbook? I can do that from the comfort of the bed in my room. Don't you know that most of the people in your class do work for other classes in your class?

Wow... SGA really has gone to hell ever since I retired - we need a slow clap for those guys.

A 100 question Anatomy practical with no word bank?! Do I really want to be a nurse?

Why is it that I always get behind the moron putting along at 25 mph on Greenville Blvd? It's called a gas pedal... use it.

To the girl on the shuttle that stares at me everyday... yes, I am a lesbian. Would you like my number?

Why do people IM me when I have an away message up? If I have an away message, that means I am obviously away and I'm not going to respond to your IM. Seems like common sense to me.

I can't wait until N.C. Pride in Durham this weekend... What could be better than hot lesbians around every corner?

Fall Break - get here quickly! Chill out roommate!

I love you madre.

Parental priorities a bit off key

Some parents would rather have a good time than provide for their children

JESSE PENCE
OPINION WRITER

My parents say that is the job of a parent to do all they can to make sure their child has the tools to be successful when they get into the "real world." They have done everything they can, to give me all that I need. I plan to do the same for my children and will go the ends of the earth to get them all they need.

How would you feel if it was well within the reach of your parents to pay for schooling, but they refused? Or even worse, if they refused to pay for school, but bought other luxuries for their own life and made it seem like it's a chore for you to be their child?

Why even have children if you are unwilling to give up your comfortable lifestyle to provide for your family? Even the lowest of the animal kingdom will defend their children until they are ready to leave the nest to fend for themselves.

One of my best friends from back home, I'll refer to him as Jim. We have been friends for as long as I can remember. I invite him to family weddings and I go to his family parties. I know all of his family extremely well; I just cannot manage to respect his father.

Jim's dad owns a construction and remodeling company that is doing very well, he drives a BMW, and has all the luxuries in his home you could ever want. He simply refuses to pay for Jim's college tuition. "I didn't go to college, and look at where I got," is his explanation for not paying. Since Jim's father does not pay tuition, he leaves it up to his ex-wife who works as a hairstylist, and Jim.

Jim's mom helps him out as best she can, but you can imagine the strain it puts on the household between bills, household expenses for two kids, plus tuition. I would be severely less sore about the whole situation if Jim's dad didn't go on lavish vacations each summer.

On a moments whim (literally, they bought the tickets a day before) they will fly to Aruba, the Bahamas or nearly anywhere else. All expenses paid for by Jim's father; but he refuses to pay for Jim to go to school. See the aggravation?

It gets better. The vacations that Jim didn't ask for then become a debt against him. So does a dinner out or any night out where they are together and he pays.

"Dad, I need some money for books." "I took you to Aruba and out for dinner last night, you can manage to get books. You should be thanking me for taking you." So he works his butt off to pay for school, expensive rent in downtown Chicago near school and anything else he may need. To me, Jim's father would rather have a drinking, partying-buddy than a son.

He has all my respect that he works so much and is able to keep his grades up. Anyone who works to go to school, whether it is out of necessity or not, I have a lot of respect for. Unfortunately, Jim's dad doesn't get any from me.

How about these parents stop finding reasons to not help out, and be a responsible parent and do what they can to make sure their children have the tools to be successful. Get your priorities straight already.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This summer I took a Biology class at ECU as a visiting student from Carolina. Though I expect I'm a little spoiled by my home university's abundance of green technology, I was shocked by ECU's apathy toward sustainability. I had assumed that all universities were progressive institutions concerned about environmental responsibility, but your alma mater proves to be an exception.

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GEMINI
Others may have thought you were somebody they could boss around. They've got a better idea now of how tough you really are.

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You're very creative, but that doesn't give you an excuse to slack off. Keep up with the reading and you'll find many new sources of inspiration.

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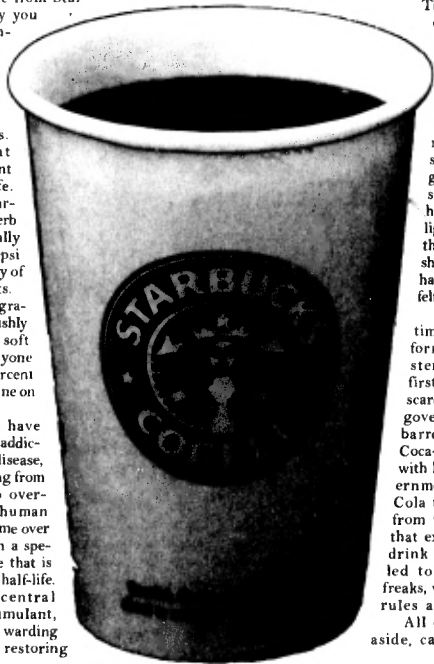
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"I think that tattoos are wonderful. To me, they are a version of public art. They are fine art for the common man that they can afford. There are drawbacks to it in the social norms realm though. Nine out of 10 times, someone with a large tattoo on their neck is not going to become a bank teller or a brain surgeon. That is just how it is. Maybe one day, with our generation 'drawing' on ourselves, things will change. But as of today's society, that won't happen. I believe that the positive outweighs the negative, though. The freedom of self-expression is wonderful. Someone

can adorn themselves in whatever image they want. A lot of times the images help them get over a death in the family. The tattoo will help them remember their loved ones when they're away at war or have just moved out of state. Honestly, I wish there was more respect for the art form from society."

When asked about his opinion of tattoos, sophomore fine art and graphic design major Hunter Sills said, "I think they're cool looking but they aren't very practical. I think body art is just a physical manifestation of a person's character trying to make a social statement."

Senior math education major Meredith Whitehead said, "I agree with piercing your ears other than that, I think too many tattoos or piercing look distasteful. I think college students get them to rebel against their parents or to stand out."

Tattoos do have long lasting effects, especially when it comes to entering the work force. Many jobs will judge people by their first impression during an interview. If someone walks in with a large tattoo on their neck or up their arm, corporate America probably would not take them very seriously. It is a shame that people are judged by the way they look, but it is also reality.

Tattoos can be seen as a way to recover from the loss of a loved one or a traumatic event. They can become a healing process for

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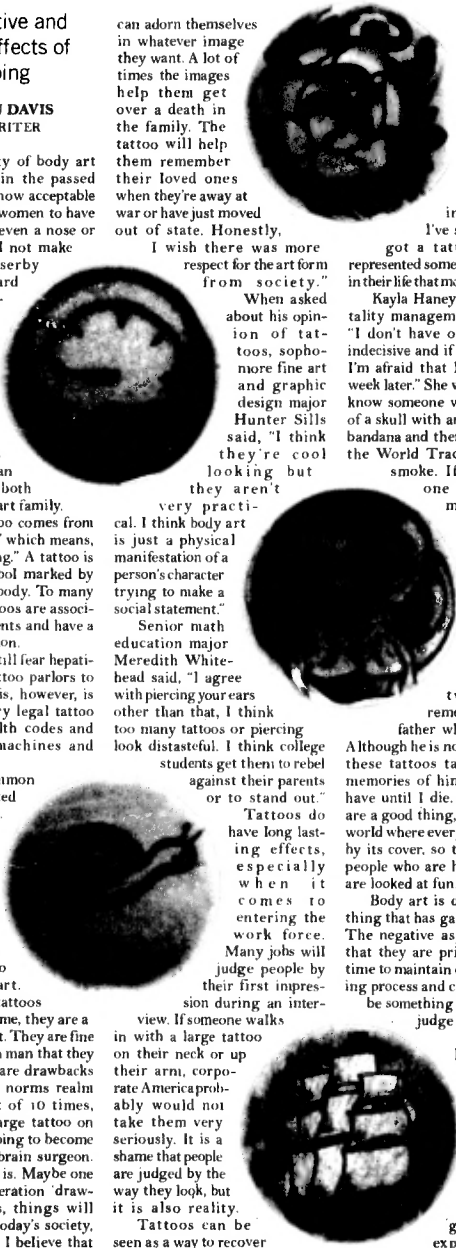
Alise Klemp, a junior Hispanic studies major, said, "I don't see anything wrong with them. It's a way of expressing themselves. I've seen people who

got a tattoo because it represented someone or some time in their life that meant a lot to them." Kayla Haney, a junior hospitality management major, said, "I don't have one because I'm indecisive and if I get something I'm afraid that I won't like it a week later." She went on to say, "I know someone who has a tattoo of a skull with an American flag bandana and then in the eyes are the World Trade Center with smoke. If I were to get one it would have meaning; I don't think I would just randomly go out and get one."

Bryan McCloud, a junior communication major, said, "I have two tattoos in remembrance of my father who passed away. Although he is no longer around, these tattoos take me back to memories of him, which I will have until I die. I think tattoos are a good thing, but we live in a world where every book is judged by its cover, so tattoo artists or people who are heavily tattooed are looked at funny."

Body art is definitely something that has gained popularity. The negative aspects would be that they are pricey, do require time to maintain during the healing process and could potentially be something that people will judge you by.

Christie Martin, a 2004 graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in anthropology, states the positive aspects best by saying, "Tattoos are a great way to self-express, but make sure you can live with



Some very successful relationships are between people with an age difference.

Age is never only a number

How big of a difference is too much in a relationship?

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SENIOR WRITER

When it comes to dating, does the age of the person really make a difference? Say you get to know someone, they are attractive, smart and funny, and you can tell there is a connection, but they are younger than you are. Do you avoid a date with them simply because of their age? In today's society, gender plays a big role in whether or not ones age is appropriate or not.

If a guy were to date a girl a few years younger than him, no one would even think twice about it. When a guy dates a girl who is just a little older, people have a few things to say.

"The guy is usually the one older in a relationship," said James Tsui, sophomore, criminal justice major. "Traditionally, the male is supposed to be the dominant person, so therefore they are usually older. But I think that in today's society things can be a little different."

The problem that they seem to run into is the fact that females seem to mature faster than males. So if the girl is older, she is most likely to be the dominant person in the relationship. She has the years of maturity as well as being biologically older.

Age usually matters when you are younger. The older you are, the more mature both genders get. If you are 18 and dating a 16-year-old, then you are going to run into some problems. Say you are 25 and dating someone who is 23... things will probably turn out a little better.

Is there a certain age to agree on or at least a range of ages that fall into the same category to where it is no longer a factor? People do not have control over who they fall in love with, so regardless of their age, dating is solely up to the two people who are involved with each other.

If you meet someone and like them, why not give it a shot? Traditionally males are supposed to be older, but just like many other things in society, that stigma is changing.

It is all about maturity level, lifestyles and compromises that really make a relationship work. And of course, I cannot forget about the key factor, being in love and having that special connection. Do not let society ever stop you from dating someone

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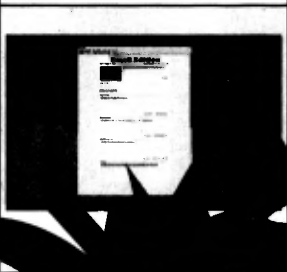
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Project Road Trip: Virginia Beach

Nearby resort town offers fun and sun

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With summer wrapping up and winter weather fast approaching, you might be searching for a place to bask in the remaining days of sun and heat. One such place is Virginia Beach and located just three hours to our north, you can spend the weekend, or just the day, exploring what this great resort town has to offer.

Of course the first place you'll want to visit is the ocean. The Atlantic oceanfront in Virginia Beach holds the world's record for longest pleasure beach and attracts over 1.5 million tourists per year. Much of the appeal can be attributed to the great events hosted here by the city on a near weekly basis, ranging from concerts to volleyball tournaments to surfing exhibitions and more.

The crown jewel of the city's event schedule is the month-long Neptune Festival. Held every September since 1978, the festival caps off the summer with a celebration of the sea, providing family-friendly entertainment in the form of live music, parades and fireworks displays.

By night, "the strip" comes alive with pubs and dance clubs all along the boardwalk, so you can't go far without running into temptation.

If you're looking to escape



Approximately 1.5 million tourists flock to Virginia Beach each year.

from all the action and excitement of the oceanfront, then head down to the Chesapeake Bay, the locals' best kept secret. The beaches of the Chesapeake Bay offer calmer water and less crowded sands, making it the perfect destination to simply relax. When the sun goes down, retreat to local hot spots such as Hot Tuna and Rockafeller's, where you can dine on the region's fresh seafood while mingling with the natives.

For the adventurous among us, try Seashore State Park. Located at the northern neck of the city between the Atlantic and the Chesapeake Bay, the park offers over 2,000 acres of marsh and forest untouched by civilization. With plenty of hiking trails and bicycle paths, you can spend the whole day exploring Virginia Beach's natural beauty.

After the tiring afternoon, you can camp out under the stars on the park's bay-front beach.

If shopping is your thing, then you'll want to get away from the surf and sand and check out Lynnhaven Mall. This first-class shopping center offers wares from the likes of Macy's, The Limited, Express and Gap. When you're done, you can go down the street to Town Center, Virginia Beach's burgeoning downtown district, and experience fine dining from great restaurants such as the Red Star Tavern, and the world-renowned Ruth's Chris Steak House.

For more information on planning your trip to Virginia Beach, visit vbta.com.

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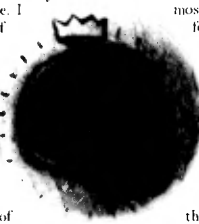
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Self-expression and individualism are very important to a lot of people in the younger generations. People are compelled to seek out the various forms of body art to be different and represent something on them that has meaning. Body art can be a unique way of expression so long

as it does not hinder a person's professional career or put a major dent in their bank account. The most common tattoos for girls are stars and butterflies.

Imagine in 50 years, many elderly women will be walking around with the assistance of their walkers sporting a wrinkled butterfly on their backside. Not very attractive after all.



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you like just because of an age difference. Relationships are all about accepting one another just as you are, that includes your age.

Just tough it out and go against the odds. Look at Demi Moore and Ashton Kutcher, they have a large number of years between them and I have to admit, I have not seen a cuter couple in quite some time. They both seem happy and completely in love. Should I even mention Hefner? He dates girls who should be his granddaughters!

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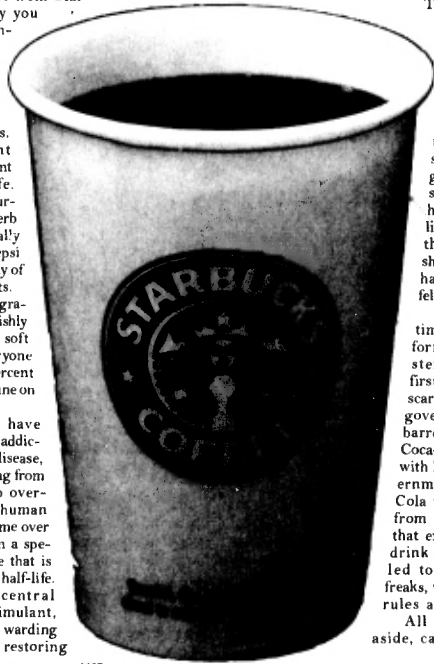
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Senior art major and tattoo artist Matt Kerley had a lot to say about body art.

"I think that tattoos are wonderful. To me, they are a version of public art. They are fine art for the common man that they can afford. There are drawbacks to it in the social norms realm though. Nine out of 10 times, someone with a large tattoo on their neck is not going to become a bank teller or a brain surgeon. That is just how it is. Maybe one day, with our generation 'drawing' on ourselves, things will change. But as of today's society, that won't happen. I believe that the positive outweighs the negative, though. The freedom of self-expression is wonderful. Someone

can adorn themselves in whatever image they want. A lot of times the images help them get over a death in the family. The tattoo will help them remember their loved ones when they're away at war or have just moved out of state. Honestly, I wish there was more respect for the art form from society."

When asked about his opinion of tattoos, sophomore fine art and graphic design major Hunter Sills said, "I think they're cool looking but they aren't very practical. I think body art is just a physical manifestation of a person's character trying to make a social statement."

Senior math education major Meredith Whitehead said, "I agree with piercing your ears other than that, I think too many tattoos or piercings look distasteful. I think college students get them to rebel against their parents or to stand out."

Tattoos do have long lasting effects, especially when it comes to entering the work force. Many jobs will judge people by their first impression during an interview. If someone walks in with a large tattoo on their neck or up their arm, corporate America probably would not take them very seriously. It is a shame that people are judged by the way they look, but it is also reality.

Tattoos can be seen as a way to recover from the loss of a loved one or a traumatic event. They can become a healing process for

some people.

Alise Klemp, a junior Hispanic studies major, said, "I don't see anything wrong with them. It's a way of expressing themselves. I've seen people who

got a tattoo because it represented someone or some time in their life that meant a lot to them." Kayla Haney, a junior hospitality management major, said, "I don't have one because I'm indecisive and if I get something I'm afraid that I won't like it a week later." She went on to say, "I know someone who has a tattoo of a skull with an American flag bandana and then in the eyes are the World Trade Center with smoke. If I were to get one it would have meaning; I don't think I would just randomly go out and get one."

Bryan McCloud, a junior communication major, said, "I have two tattoos in remembrance of my father who passed away. Although he is no longer around, these tattoos take me back to memories of him, which I will have until I die. I think tattoos are a good thing, but we live in a world where every book is judged by its cover, so tattoo artists or people who are heavily tattooed are looked at funny."

Body art is definitely something that has gained popularity. The negative aspects would be that they are pricey, do require time to maintain during the healing process and could potentially be something that people will judge you by.

Christie Martin, a 2004 graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in anthropology, states the positive aspects best by saying, "Tattoos are a great way to self-express, but make sure you can live with

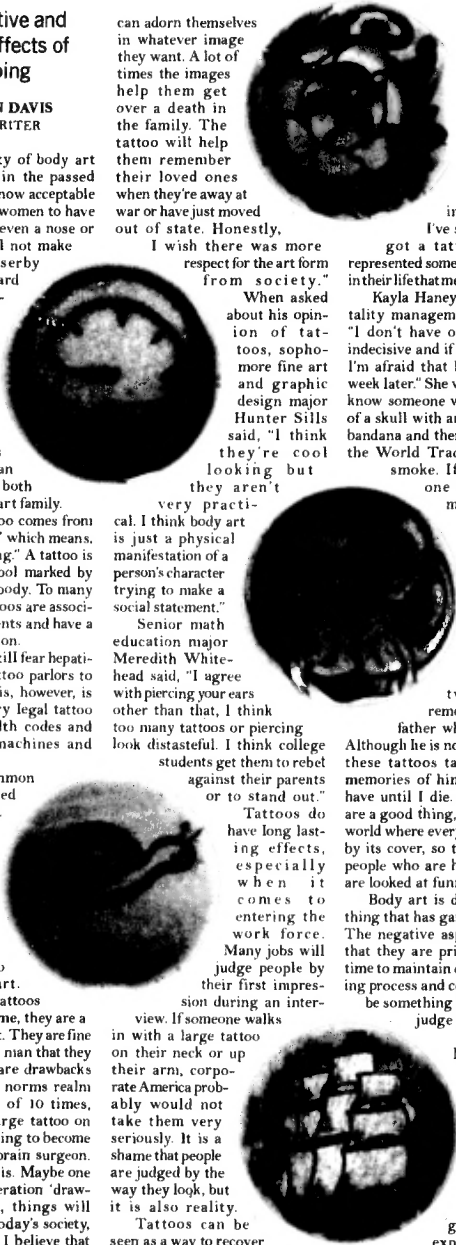


Photo by Liz Weiss

Some very successful relationships are between people with an age difference.

Age is never only a number

How big of a difference is too much in a relationship?

MEREDITH STEWART
SENIOR WRITER

When it comes to dating, does the age of the person really make a difference? Say you get to know someone, they are attractive, smart and funny, and you can tell there is a connection, but they are younger than you are. Do you avoid a date with them simply because of their age? In today's society, gender plays a big role in whether or not ones age is appropriate or not.

If a guy were to date a girl a few years younger than him, no one would even think twice about it. When a guy dates a girl who is just a little older, people have a few things to say.

"The guy is usually the one older in a relationship," said James Tsui, sophomore, criminal justice major. "Traditionally, the male is supposed to be the dominant person, so therefore they are usually older. But I think that in today's society things can be a little different."

Males are usually the ones who are older, but as times change so do the expectations of society. You will find that many guys date girls who are older than they are.

The problem that they seem to run into is the fact that females seem to mature faster than males. So if the girl is older, she is most likely to be the dominant person in the relationship. She has the years of maturity as well as being biologically older.

Age usually matters when you are younger. The older you are, the more mature both genders get. If you are 18 and dating a 16-year-old, then you are going to run into some problems. Say you are 25 and dating someone who is 23... things will probably turn out a little better.

Is there a certain age to agree on or at least a range of ages that fall into the same category to where it is no longer a factor? People do not have control over who they fall in love with, so regardless of their age, dating is solely up to the two people who are involved with each other.

If you meet someone and like them, why not give it a shot? Traditionally males are supposed to be older, but just like many other things in society, that stigma is changing.

It is all about maturity level, lifestyles and compromises that really make a relationship work. And of course, I cannot forget about the key factor, being in love and having that special connection. Do not let society ever stop you from dating someone

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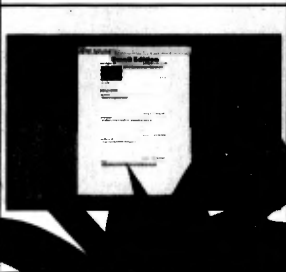
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LLOYD NEWMAN
STAFF WRITER

With summer wrapping up and winter weather fast approaching, you might be searching for a place to bask in the remaining days of sun and heat. One such place is Virginia Beach and located just three hours to our north, you can spend the weekend, or just the day, exploring what this great resort town has to offer.

Of course the first place you'll want to visit is the ocean. The Atlantic oceanfront in Virginia Beach holds the world's record for longest pleasure beach and attracts over 1.5 million tourists per year. Much of the appeal can be attributed to the great events hosted here by the city on a near weekly basis, ranging from concerts to volleyball tournaments to surfing exhibitions and more.

The crown jewel of the city's event schedule is the month-long Neptune Festival. Held every September since 1973, the festival caps off the summer with a celebration of the sea, providing family-friendly entertainment in the form of live music, parades and fireworks displays.

By night, "the strip" comes alive with pubs and dance clubs all along the boardwalk, so you can't go far without running into temptation.

If you're looking to escape



Approximately 1.5 million tourists flock to Virginia Beach each year.

from all the action and excitement of the oceanfront, then head down to the Chesapeake Bay, the locals' best kept secret. The beaches of the Chesapeake Bay offer calmer water and less crowded sands, making it the perfect destination to simply relax. When the sun goes down, retreat to local hot spots such as Hot Tuna and Rockefeller's, where you can dine on the region's fresh seafood while mingling with the natives.

For the adventurous among us, try Seashore State Park. Located at the northern neck of the city between the Atlantic and the Chesapeake Bay, the park offers over 2,000 acres of marsh and forest untouched by civilization. With plenty of hiking trails and bicycle paths, you can spend the whole day exploring Virginia Beach's natural beauty.

After the tiring afternoon, you can camp out under the stars on the park's bay-front beach.

If shopping is your thing, then you'll want to get away from the surf and sand and check out Lynnhaven Mall. This first-class shopping center offers wares from the likes of Macy's, The Limited, Express and Gap. When you're done, you can go down the street to Town Center, Virginia Beach's burgeoning downtown district, and experience fine dining from great restaurants such as the Red Star Tavern, and the world-renowned Ruth's Chris Steak House.

For more information on planning your trip to Virginia Beach, visit vblf.com.

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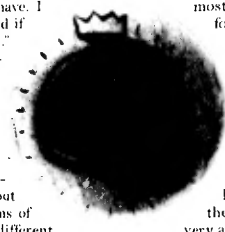
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your decision the rest of your life. Don't ever get your name or anything that too many people already have. I would be covered if I could afford it."

Self-expression and individualism are very important to a lot of people in the younger generations. People are compelled to seek out the various forms of body art to be different and represent something on them that has meaning. Body art can be a unique way of expression so long

as it does not hinder a person's professional career or put a major dent in their bank account. The most common tattoos for girls are stars and butterflies.

Imagine in 50 years, many elderly women will be walking around with the assistance of their walkers sporting a wrinkled butterfly on their backside. Not very attractive after all.



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you like just because of an age difference. Relationships are all about accepting one another just as you are, that includes your age.

Just tough it out and go against the odds. Look at Demi Moore and Ashton Kutcher, they have a large number of years between them and I have to admit, I have not seen a cuter couple in quite some time. They both seem happy and completely in love. Should I even mention Heifer? He dates girls who should be his granddaughters!

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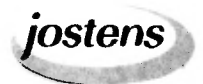
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Plethora of Pirate quarterbacks

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Amount of money for a Mini Pack of tickets for the four remaining home games announced by the marketing department on Tuesday

\$50

Amount of money that one adult economy ticket would cost online in Section 14, row LL and seat 13

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ECU's rushing total in the first half against WVU, which was the lowest total since (-5) at Southern Miss on Oct. 25, 2004

11TH

National ranking in total offense for senior quarterback James Pinkney, who is averaging 273.5 yards per game

8,648

Career passing yardage amassed in high school by now fullback Pat Dosh, which is the most in Virginia high school history

9,029

Career passing yardage totaled by David Garrard from 1998-2001, which is an ECU school-record

3-16

Conference USA's record against BCS teams, Houston, Tulane and Southern Miss beaten teams from the Big 12, SEC and ACC

40.14

Net punting average by the special teams unit, which ranks 12th nationally between

19-14

Score of Tuesday night game between Southern Miss and UCF, which Southern Miss won despite a late UCF rally

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Votes received by Houston in the Associated Press Top 25 poll released on Sunday. Houston is the only undefeated team in C-USA

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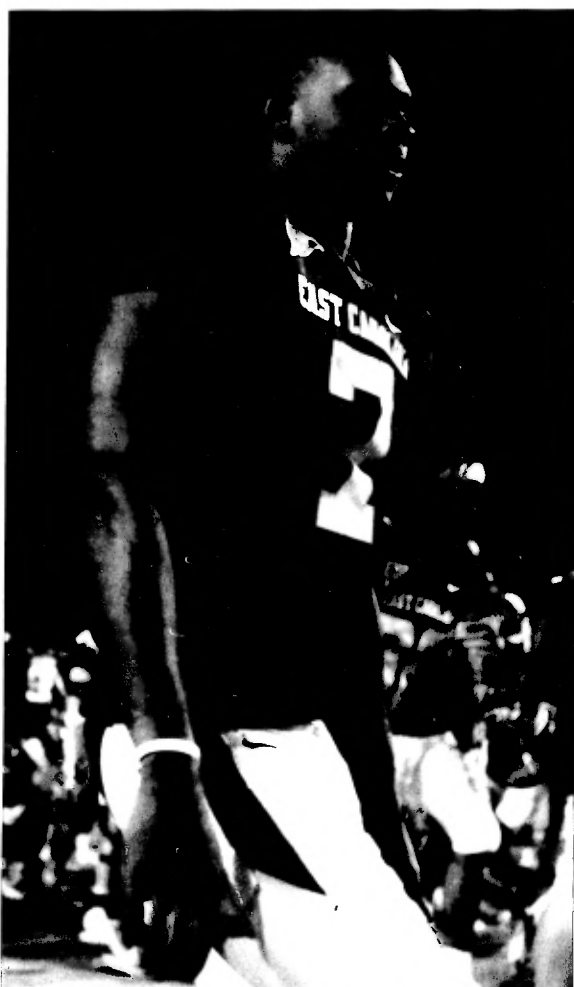
Conference ranking in assists and assists per game by freshman midfielder Sarah Kirkley who didn't play in either game over the weekend due to injury

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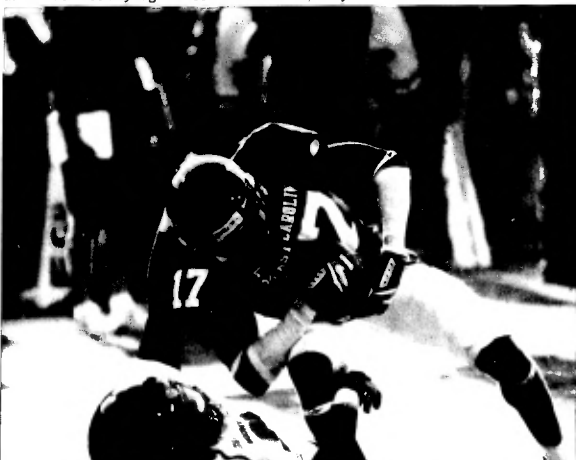
Ninth-place 5-K time turned in by freshman women's cross country runner Nicole Briggs at the Old North State Invite held in Pleasant Garden, N.C.

12TH

Conference ranking in shots per game for the women's soccer team (9.90), which ranks last



Jamar Bryant was a prized recruit after playing quarterback for former ECU coach Ed Emory at Richmond County High School. He threw for 1,276 yards and 12 touchdowns as a senior.



James Pinkney, left, has passed for 6,436 yards during his ECU career. He led the largest classification in Florida's Palm-Beach County in passing yardage as a high school senior by throwing for 1,807 yards and 13 touchdowns. A year later and roughly 300 miles up the road, Kasey Ross, above, threw for 1,529 yards and rushed for 985 yards at Gainesville High School. In total, 14 players currently on ECU's roster were high school signal callers.

Fourteen current and former quarterbacks dot ECU's roster

RON CLEMENTS
SENIOR WRITER

Rob Kass, Patrick Pinkney and Brett Clay are the three backup quarterbacks listed behind senior starter James Pinkney on the ECU football team. Should something happen to all four of those players

and the Pirates need an emergency quarterback to take snaps, head coach Skip Holtz would not have a hard time finding one.

ECU has several former high school quarterbacks now playing different positions for the Pirates, many of them starters. There are, including Wayne Hunter, Dwayne Harris and Joseph Sloan from the scout team, 14 players on the Pirate roster who were high school quarterbacks.

"They are athletic enough to play college football and that's why you recruit them," said Holtz.

"They may be second or third on the depth chart, but yet they're talented enough to help the team win, so that's when you sit them down and say, 'If you want to play right away and you want to help this team, we need you to switch to this position.' They move and they end up being stars."

Seniors Kasey Ross, Pierre Parker and Pat Dosh, and sophomore Davon Drew were all standout signal callers in high school who have developed into starting players at different positions.

Ross, who was named the Conference USA Defensive Player of the Week following the team's 35-20 win over Memphis, joked that the quarterbacks are "the best athletes."

Ross' comments were substantiated by Holtz.

"If you're a high school coach, you're gonna take your best player and you're gonna put the ball in his hand and say that's who I want to have the ball," the second-year coach said.

Ross, Parker, Dosh and Drew are not the only former quarter-

backs making an impact on the football team.

Receivers Jamar Bryant and Will Bland and reserve fullback Kort Shankweiler were all standout quarterbacks, each of them earning all-conference honors. Bryant, who was highly recruited out of high school and originally signed with Georgia, was rated as the number 12 player in North Carolina and was a runner-up for the NCHSAA-4A 2003 Mr. Football Award while

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Instant replay needs to be fixed

Missed calls, rule changes ruining college game

ERIC GILMORE
SPORTS EDITOR

Referees just can't hide. Maybe it's the black and white pinstripes that so strikingly scream scrutiny. The object of constant verbal berating and public scorn when things go wrong, referees' pride themselves in shedding the limelight in hopes for obscurity.

It's in the job description. Blend in. Judge the game fairly without letting a team have an unfair advantage. Let the athletes make plays and provide the biased fans with the entertainment of athletic competition. Through five weeks, nearly all of college football's referees have camouflaged nicely despite their distinct uniforms. Assisted by instant replay, the referees' anonymity is supposed to be an all-time high because the numerous camera angles can't lie.

Like the NFL, which prides itself as the world's premier sports league, installing instant replay in the collegiate game was supposed to erase the seemingly common errors that occurred each Saturday. Don't mind the extra millions of dollars spent across the NCAA to prep multiple cameras. Dismiss the strain on conference athletic budgets, some paper thin to begin with, by an unfunded mandate adopted in February by the almighty NCAA to adopt instant replay.

The thought was to let the action dictate the outcome and not the perception of 10 eyes interpreting world class athletes in split second flashes with millions at

stake.

Yet for some reason, it's not working. Just ask anyone in Oklahoma. Instead of competing for an undefeated season and entertaining hopes of a national championship, the Sooners are now focusing on winning their conference.

The replay officials in the booth, which remain anonymous from the naked eye of both live and television audiences failed to overturn an onside kick recovered by Oregon despite the player touching the ball within 10 yards of the kickoff. The onside kick coupled with a pass interference call set up Oregon's come-from-behind 34-33 win.

Gordon Reese, a 28-year veteran of the Pac-10, failed to overturn a call that clearly should have been overturned. Because of the blunder, the Pac-10 suspended Reese for the remainder of the season. The mistake caused Oklahoma president David Boren to call for the game to be stricken from the record books.

"To describe the lapses in accurate officiating at the Oklahoma-Oregon football game last Saturday as constituting an outrageous injustice is an understatement," Boren wrote in the letter to Big 12 Commissioner Kevin Weiberg dated Sept. 18.

The incident was backed up when Conference USA suspended an instant replay official on Monday who overturned a fumble by Houston's Jeron Harvey. Following a challenge by Houston coach Art Briles, the replay official ruled that Harvey's forward progress had been stopped before the ball was stripped. Houston scored a touchdown four plays later and won 34-25.

"The last thing I worry about is how they're going to clean up

instant replay, and I'm not trying to be sarcastic," said Oklahoma State Head Coach Mike Gundy in an AP article released Monday. "I just think it's got a long ways to go. The last thing I'll say about it is if we have a review and we have rules in place to make it right and then we make it wrong twice in obviously two big games, then it's not working, right?"

Precisely. Instead of ridding the reliance on technology, why not put the focus back on the referees? Is it fair to hold referees to 100 percent correct standard due to the aid of instant replay? Make human error a necessary evil.

The multiple rule changes to compensate for the time lost for the instant replay calls have dulled the college game as well. The games are shorter, which magnifies the impact of each play. The clock starting as the ball is kicked instead of caught on kickoffs is a minor change. But the addendum made to the clock when a change of possession occurs has thwarted potential late game comebacks. Draining a potential 25 seconds off the clock to start the clock when the referee winds the clock rather than when the ball is snapped has prevented teams from having necessary timeouts to set up late game drives.

Texas A&M coach Dennis Franchione was quoted the Dallas Morning News saying, "We don't have a perfect system. You feel bad for any situation that plays into deciding the game. But before replay, we had the exact same circumstances. It hasn't changed."

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The cause of death for Rice University defensive back Dale Lloyd is still unknown. Officials said that Rice will finish the year in Lloyd's memory.

Rice University player dies after light workout

HOUSTON (AP) — A Rice University freshman football player died Monday, a day after collapsing during a light workout. Dale Lloyd, a 19-year-old defensive back, collapsed on the field about 5 p.m. Sunday but was conscious when taken to a hospital by ambulance. He died about 9 a.m.

Monday, school officials said. "I just can't describe the pain we're feeling right now and the shock," Rice athletic director Chris Del Conte said. "It will take a long time to digest. The coaches are crushed. This is a tough time

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at Richmond County. Bland was a first-team all-Big East conference selection while at Havelock and Shankweiler earned all-conference honors while under center at Greenville's J.H. Rose High School.

Drew, who was an all-state quarterback while leading the New Bern High School team to consecutive 4-AA state championship games, has settled into his new position with eight catches for 93 yards and a touchdown.

"It's a big change," said the 6-foot-4, 250-pound Drew. "Coach told me that I'd have a lot of advantages with my speed. I'm starting to get better, but I even notice myself sometimes, I make mistakes on blocking. It's just little things that I need to pick up on."

Wide receivers coach Donnie Kirkpatrick said a player like Drew finds transitioning to a new position easier because of the experience at quarterback.

"He just gives you the ability of a guy that has played quarterback, so he understands coverage," Kirkpatrick said about Drew. "He understands defenders and kinda knows how to get them on his back and fake them out. He's athletic, he was a running-type quarterback, so when he gets the ball in his hands, he's got some skills. He hasn't really had a chance to show that yet, but I think that's the next part to come."

Parker spurned UNC to come to ECU out of Wilson Beddingfield High School, where he earned all-Big East 3-A conference honors and was invited to the Shine Bowl and East-West All-Star Game after accounting for over 2,100 yards and 28 touchdowns as a senior.

Dosh, who was a first-team all-state quarterback while attending Benedictine High School in Glen Allen, Va., was ranked by rivals.com as one of the nation's top 20 pro-style quarterbacks after passing for more than 8,600 yards and 74 touchdowns. Spending his freshman year at Florida, the current ECU starting fullback is at his third position for the Pirates, but understands his role on the team.

"I just help out any way I can," said the 6-3, 240-pound senior. "Blocking, chipping, releasing into the flats, just doing what I've been doing, basically. Special teams, also, I'm still doing a lot of that, and just being one of those guys they can constantly count on."

Dosh's blocking and chipping paved the way for junior tailback Chris Johnson to run for 106 yards against Memphis and he has even given the opportunity to carry the ball. The 22-year-old hospitality management major has one carry for four yards and two receptions for 23 yards.

Deep down, though, he may still be waiting for another chance to line up under center.

"If we ever need an emergency QB, we have plenty of them," he laughed.

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for all of us."

Del Conte said Lloyd collapsed while the team was doing some light running. Although he didn't complain of anything specific, he told team trainers he didn't feel right.

"No one knows what happened," Del Conte said. "It's a mystery." An autopsy was pending.

Coaches met with the team Monday afternoon to talk about Lloyd's death.

"He was a tremendous student who happened to play football," Del Conte said, fighting back tears. "His smile just lit up the room."

Lloyd played in Rice's season opener against Houston but didn't play the last three games. The team planned to redshirt him.

Rice is scheduled to travel to face Army on Saturday. Del Conte said he hasn't made a decision on the status of that game.

"The Rice Owl family has suffered a devastating loss," Rice coach Todd Graham said in a statement. "Dale was a tremendous person with the heart of a champion."

Lloyd played football and baseball at Houston's Lamar High School, was selected to the Who's Who Among American High School Students and volunteered with the Mayor's Youth Council.

He is survived by his parents, Dale and Bridgette Lloyd, and two brothers.

Conference USA suspends official after instant replay mistake



ECU Head Coach Skip Holtz voicing his displeasure to an official.

(AP) — Conference USA suspended an instant replay official on Monday who overturned a fumble by Houston's Jeron Harvey in the second quarter of the Cougars' victory over Oklahoma State this weekend.

Following a challenge by Houston coach Art Briles, the replay official ruled that Har-

vey's forward progress had been stopped before the ball was stripped by Oklahoma State's Rodrick Johnson and recovered by the Cowboys.

Four plays later, Houston scored on a 27-yard pass from Kevin Kolb to Vincent Marshall to take a 24-17 halftime lead. Houston won 34-25.

The conference said in a news release that the play should not have been subject to review because "a runner's forward progress may only be reviewed to determine whether or not the forward progress results in a first down."

Further, the conference said the ruling on the field was correct. The suspended official was not identified.

"When we implemented instant replay, our goal was to get more calls right, which we have," conference commissioner Britton Banowsky said in the release. "In this case, by rule, the call on the field should not have been reviewed, for which the instant replay official will be suspended."

The conference did not give details on the official's suspension, citing conference policy.

Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy said the mistake just highlighted problems with replay.

"I don't like instant replay because I just don't think we'll ever clean it up," Gundy said after the Cowboys' practice on Monday.

"I'd just as soon go with the ruling on the field and live with it like we have in football for 100 years."

The call came one week after a Pacific-10 Conference crew incorrectly awarded Oregon possession on an inside kick it had illegally touched late in the fourth quarter against Oklahoma. The Ducks went on to score the winning touchdown in a 34-33 win.

This time, the call came before halftime.

"That's not why we lost the game," Gundy said. "We couldn't stop them and we turned the ball over late. That's why we lost the game."

After others on the Oklahoma State sideline alerted him of the situation, Gundy said he told the officials on the field that the play was not subject to review.

"My only concerning issue is when we're on the field reminding them this is not something that's reviewable and their response is, 'Well, the guy in the booth has the last say,'" Gundy said.

Gundy said he wouldn't neces-

sarily support a system in nonconference games where officials on the field were from one conference and replay officials came the other team's conference, nor did he have an opinion on an unaffiliated replay crew for all games.

He said he thinks the system "puts a lot of pressure on the officials."

"I think if you're unaware of the rules and you're in a situation where you make the final decision, you could be from Mars and I don't think it would matter," Gundy said.

Gundy said he didn't know if there was a way to fix instant replay.

"The last thing I worry about is how they're going to clean up instant replay, and I'm not trying to be sarcastic," Gundy said. "I just think it's got a long ways to go. The last thing I'll say about it is if we have a review and we have rules in place to make it right and then we make it wrong twice in obviously two big games, then it's not working, right?"

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