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New surplus store offers great deals to students



Cameras like these, and other items, will be for sale at the surplus store.

ECU opens a cash surplus store

ADELINE TRENTO STAFF WRITER

Most college students want to furnish their living spaces with good quality merchandise, but they must do so on a tight budget. With the opening of the ECU Surplus Property Cash Sales Store, students will be able to do just that.

The ECU Surplus Property Cash Sales Store, which is located off of 10th Street on 1104 Clark Street, held its ribbon cutting ceremony and public preview of the merchandise Wednesday, Sept. 20.

There was a great turnout for the first preview of the store on Wednesday, and even more people came for the first day of sales on Thursday, Sept. 21.

"We had about 300 people at the ribbon cutting ceremony yesterday and we have already had more than 350 people here so far today," said Tim Daughtry, central stores manager for ECU.

The large turnout was expected, and with good reason. The warehouse style store offers a wide variety of items that most students need for their living spaces at incredibly low prices.

"This store is absolutely a great place for students to shop," Daughtry said. "There are some really good deals that students should take advantage of. We have desks,

chairs, computer tables and even computers for very cheap prices."

The store also offers couches, coffee tables, lamps, dishes, filing cabinets, mini refrigerators, bookshelves and more, with most of these items costing less than \$20.

The merchandise in this store comes from departments and facilities at ECU that no longer need the furniture or electronics. These items are held in storage at ECU to be viewed by other departments and if no one has a use for them, they are brought to the surplus store and sold to the public for bargain prices. The merchandise comes from over 200 locations on campus, including the dorms, athletic buildings, research facilities and academic buildings. These locations either have no use for the furniture anymore or have gotten new furniture, so most of the items are in great condition.

New merchandise will be brought to the store every week for the public to purchase. Previews of the new merchandise will be offered every Wednesday afternoon from 1 to 5 p.m.

"The public previews give people the chance to come in and view the merchandise, check prices and if planning on making a purchase, it will give them time to arrange for removing the items," said Leslie Craige, director of marketing for business services.

Sales will take place only on Thursdays from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., and items must be removed from the store within 24 hours of the purchase.

The surplus store only accepts cash, they won't take checks or credit cards, but most students don't seem to mind.

"The cash only policy doesn't bother me," said Will Caudle, senior photography major.

"The prices are dirt cheap, so it doesn't matter that you can't use a card."

Students who wish to check out the merchandise should get there early. The store operates on a first come first serve basis and with such cheap prices for quality furniture, it doesn't seem like any of the items will be in the warehouse for long.

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Alcohol and other drug use can lead to unwanted sexual encounters.

Date rape drugs a threat to students

Ways to stay safe on campus and downtown

KIMBERLY BELLAMY STAFF WRITER

The downtown area is where many ECU students go to have fun after a long week of classes, but some might not be aware of the risk of date rape while out relaxing.

According to Peter Romary, director of student legal services, the legal definition of date rape in North Carolina is having sexual intercourse with a person by force and against the victim's will.

Romary says increasing the amount of communication and education about ways to prevent date rape would be beneficial to students.

Students should be aware of the ways date rape can occur and ways to make sure that they will not be victims of the crime, and notes that when going out to clubs or a party, students should make sure to be aware of the contents of their drinks.

GHB and Rohypnol, better known as roofies, are two main types of drugs used to incapacitate victims, according to Romary. These drugs can be slipped into drinks left unattended.

Common effects of these drugs includes disorientation, loss of consciousness and a loss of memory.

These drugs are so strong that a victim might not even realize that the drug is in their system or that they have been raped.

An item called Drink Detective is a tool that test drinks for these types of drugs. The tool is affordable and produced by Waypoint Biomedical, Inc. of California, according to Romary.

Romary feels ECU should take a stand against date rape by educating and training faculty, RAs, staff and students.

According to Romary, looking at the average for the nation, ECU does have a problem with date rape.

When asked if she felt date rape is a problem at ECU, Rashma Patel, senior child life major, said, "Personally, I haven't heard anything about any date rape incident happening here, but it could happen because of the downtown scene."

"I feel safety on campus is growing, but not as much as it should be, but I feel pretty safe because I take the right precautions when I'm out such as staying with friend and keeping an eye on my drink," Patel said.

About 430,000 sexual assault cases are reported every year in the U.S., according to Romary.

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TEDI BEAR center receives large grant

Greenville home to one of three centers

VANESSA CLARKE STAFF WRITER

The TEDI BEAR Children's Advocacy Center facility, which is supported by both ECU and the Pitt County Memorial Hospital, recently received a large grant from the Duke Endowment, totaling \$720,000 over three years.

The funds, which will be given out in installments of \$240,000 per year, will be used to promote collaboration, as well as expand services into 12 eastern North Carolina counties, according to the endowment's Web site. It will be used to assess children who are potential victims of physical or sexual abuse in those counties.

The money will also be used to hire an outreach coordinator. "[The coordinator] will go out to communities and try to help build child abuse teams," said director Julie Ocker. "So many children fall through the system.

These multi-disciplinary teams are a huge part of the center's approach to child advocacy. Each team is composed of members from the division of social services, law enforcement, mental health professionals and various people from TEDI BEAR, such as a physician's or nurse's assistants, forensic interviewer and child life specialist.

"The team approach is child-centered and collaborative," Ocker said.

Each member of the team has his or her own specific function. For example, the medical personnel perform the medical exam. They collect what physical evidence, in this case, sexual trauma there may be, if any exists at all. "Often, there is no physical finding," she said, "and that is completely normal."

The forensic interviewer performs a "scientific" interview; that is, an interview that will hold up to court scrutiny should the case go to trial. These interviews are recorded onto DVD, and the rest of the team watches them. This eliminates the need to interview the child multiple times. "[The interviewer] goes in with a 'blank slate,'" Ocker said. "They want to get the information from the child without tainting it at all."

Finally, the child life specialist's job is to make the child feel comfortable. "This person is an advocate for the child that helps them to understand what will happen to them," Ocker said. For example, they may take the child on a tour of the facility, to make them feel more secure with their surroundings.

The team-based approach is also very useful if the case goes to trial. The medical professionals often testify as experts. Even the DVDs from the interview are used, which is beneficial, especially to the child. "Children don't make good witnesses, usually," Ocker said. "The whole secrecy that

shrouds sexual abuse makes it hard to talk about... In the courtroom, they have the odds stacked against them."

The center is also starting a new program that deals especially with primary prevention. "Primary prevention is trying to get kids from being abused ever," she said.

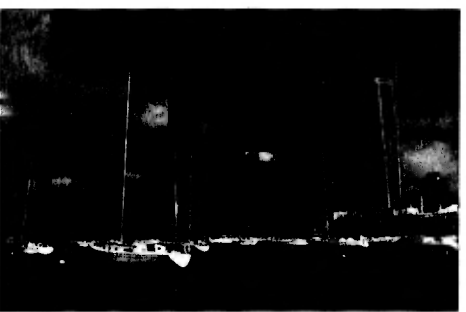
The program tries to educate parents to protect their kids, instead of the old way of telling children to protect themselves by not talking to strangers, for example. It also seeks to educate parents about the dangers of the internet, regarding sexual stalkers, especially with the growing popularity of sites such as MySpace.

They also deal with secondary prevention, which seeks to give guidance to victims of abuse and their caregivers. They only go to families who want the help, however. Since this type of prevention is not mandated by the courts, it is done on a volunteer basis only.

The Children's Advocacy Center is also expanding, moving to a bigger facility just down the road from their current one. This is important, Ocker said, because it will allow them to help more children.

"It will decrease the amount of time it takes for a child to be evaluated," she said. "All [child advocacy centers] have huge waiting lists and we're trying to close

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The American Supply Association hosts a convention in Chicago, Ill.

Distribution students attending tradeshow in Chicago this week

Program has high job placement rates

TIM CUNNINGHAM CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Six ECU industrial distribution and logistics students are attending the American Supply Association convention this week in Chicago, Ill.

Tim Cunningham, Kristin Adams, Kathryn Barnum, Tim Potocki, Meagan Clontz, Brian Fardo and Professor Mark Angolia will be representing the ECU Distribution Program while attending the convention and tradeshow.

The trip is funded by the school, which will allow these students the opportunity to meet and interview with an array of different distribution companies from all over North America.

The East Carolina Distribution Department will be one of only six other schools to attend this three-day convention and

tradeshow which is being held at the historic Palmer House Hilton in downtown Chicago.

One of the students' main goals while attending the convention will be to network and make contacts for the future. The student also wants to spread the word about the distribution program at ECU, which continues to excel and grow in enrollment each semester.

One of the main staples for the ECU Distribution Program is their impressive job placement percentage, which currently sits at over 95 percent. Along with trips to Chicago and Las Vegas, the program continually hosts guests from various industries. The speakers come to chat with students about co-op internships that are offered throughout each semester, and more importantly, about possible job opportunities that await them upon graduation.

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News

{ Campus & Community }

Announcements:

Thursday, Sept. 28
7:20 - 9 p.m. in Bate 1028
Breaking the Sickle Cycle
The Lambda Mu Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., will be hosting a program called "Breaking the Sickle Cycle" which will explain what Sickle Cell Anemia is, and how it affects society today. The guest speaker will be Jacqueline Cannon, who has been impacted by Sickle Cell Anemia in her family. Additional information about sickle cell will be provided.

Thursday Sept. 28
ACHIEVE: Learning to Drive Series
The First Driving Test, sometimes you make the perfect three-point turn, sometimes it takes more than once!
Location: Garret Hall Lobby at 7 p.m.

Taking tests in college is a skill! There are several styles of tests as well as a large amount of material you are expected to know. Come learn some tips on how to master test taking and do well!

ECU's Third Eastern Literary Homecoming on Friday, Sept. 29
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at ECU's Willis Building, First and 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 murderers 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 and will continue to run 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 coxg@ecu.edu

Taste of Japan - ECU's Japan Center East
Wednesday Sept. 20th and Thursday the 21st 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. ecu.edu/cs-acad/japancentereast/programs.cfm

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

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.

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

Russian Film Series: "Burnt by the Sun"
Bate 2011
6:30 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.

Local:

Major biodiesel plant opens in NC to convert chicken fat to fuel
(AP)—A company that began by making alternative fuel from french fry grease is now ready to start major production of biodiesel.

Piedmont Biofuels plans to convert chicken fat into 1 million gallons of biodiesel per year at the factory, making a fuel that creates less pollution and provides an alternative to oil.

It's the first of three biodiesel production plants being built in North Carolina, which is among the nation's top consumers of biodiesel fuel.

"This whole thing has been driven by a quest for more fuel," said Lyle Estill, a Piedmont Biofuels executive. "I was making it for my tractor at home. In some ways, this represents a continuation of our quest. A million-gallon plant is our attempt to meet more fuel needs."

The factory was launched Monday in Pittsboro west of Raleigh, though actual production is still a few days away.

When it begins, liquid chicken fat, delivered in 7,500 gallon tanker trucks will be pumped into a 2,000 gallon reactor vessel where it will be mixed with methyl alcohol and a catalyst such as potash, a chemical, to change the fat into fuel. The factory could also use vegetable oil as the feedstock, or raw material base, for biodiesel.

Once the biodiesel is cleaned, it is ready for sale.

Car stolen by N.C. man wanted

in slaying of wife found in Tenn.
(AP)—A car believed stolen by a man accused of gunning down his estranged wife at a western North Carolina women's shelter was found in a bus station parking lot in Tennessee, authorities said Tuesday.

Investigators confirmed that the abandoned 2006 Honda Civic was the car John "Woody" Woodring, 35, allegedly stole last week from a neighbor in Sylva, N.C., about 116 miles east of Knoxville on the other side of the Great Smoky Mountains.

The getaway car was parked at the bus station for four or five days before the security officer called police Monday night to check its history and discovered it was connected to what has become a national manhunt for Woodring.

The car was next to a passenger boarding area, but authorities did not know if Woodring fled on a bus.

Knoxville police impounded the car but did not examine its contents, DeBusk said. That will be done back in North Carolina, where the car was shipped Tuesday.

Woodring, a teaching assistant studying for his master's degree in counseling at Western Carolina University, reportedly begged for forgiveness in one of his last messages to his wife on his Web site. He promised he would change and the violence would end.

Campus food co-ops grow into educational tool

(MCT) — Sprinkled across college campuses, food cooperatives are often tucked away in the far corner of the student union behind glowing signs for McDonald's and Taco Bell. Walls that encase hand-painted murals and the lithe scent of incense often go largely unnoticed to the majority of the university population.

What most don't know is that, behind the alternative and at times anarchical exterior, a lot of college food co-ops are rolling up their sleeves both in the kitchen and the community to raise awareness about such vogue issues as healthy eating habits and sustainability.

Food Cooperatives became popular at the end of the '60s and early '70s as an alternative, healthy dining option.

Though traditionally politically active and environmentally conscious, some food co-ops located on campuses are expanding their horizons as universities begin to offer curriculum directly correlating to co-op causes like sustainability and eco-friendliness, enabling co-ops to interact with other students and faculty and raise awareness and interest for their causes.

The California university school system sponsors, the California Student Sustainability Coalition, an organization that offers programs "for the purpose of uniting students to fight for a sustainable University of California," according to the coalition's Web site.

Education in Sustainable Living Program, one of the programs sponsored by CSSC offered at the state universities in Santa Cruz, Los Angeles, Davis, Santa Barbara, San Diego and Berkeley, is an opportunity for students to listen to guest lecturers and par-

ticipate in action research teams that conduct experiments about their topic of choice.

"A lot of classes are always theorizing everything, but the action research teams and speakers teach you a lot about life experiences," said Jesse Lee, a senior environmental studies major at UC Santa Cruz who's been involved with ESNLP for two years. In addition to helping coordinate the program last spring, Lee participated in the socially sustainable community and the sustainable gardening action research teams.

In addition to taking advantage of new opportunities through academic programs, many co-ops have maintained their connection with the campus community by working with faculty, students and local farmers.

At Earlham, the co-op supports students living and working on an on-campus farm. They get fresh honey and produce from the farm.

"It's part of the co-op philosophy of staying small and staying as close to the earth as possible," Eikter said. Working with local organizations enables the co-op to support our economies and a better way of living."

The Davis Food Co-op, located off the UC-Davis campus, employs 178 students and community members, said Eric Stromberg, the co-op's general manager. Their size enables the co-op to have a widely spanning community outreach program.

One of their programs, Carrots in the Classroom, sends volunteers to local schools to give presentations about cooking, music and art, all of which have themes related to food, co-ops and sustainability, Stromberg said.

Weird:

Family sues over Oregon girl's PE class death

(AP)—The family of a girl who died after being hit in the head with a basketball during gym class filed a \$562,000 lawsuit against the Springfield School District.

The parents allege the district failed to provide proper medical care.

Jazmin Montalvo, 15, died in April, 2005. It was a day after collapsing in the locker room after class.

A preliminary medical examination suggests that the Springfield High School freshman suffered a brain hemorrhage.

Montalvo complained of dizziness and severe headache after class. She lost consciousness shortly afterward and died the next day. Family members say she had no known medical problems.

A Springfield School District spokesman says that district

officials could not comment because they have yet to see the lawsuit.

Ex-Wife Attacks Hasselhoff Over Alleged Suicide Call

(AP)—David Hasselhoff and ex-wife Pamela Bach are fighting mad again after the actress/singer's claims the Baywatch star lied to cops when reporting their teenage daughter's alleged suicide attempt.

Hasselhoff allegedly called police to report that his daughter Hayley, 14, had attempted suicide at the family home Sunday night, but now Bach accuses her ex of making the call out of pure revenge.

Bach spoke exclusively to website TMZ.com Monday morning and insisted her daughter never attempted suicide, claiming Hasselhoff threatened her with the police call, telling her in a phone conversation, "You're going down. I'm calling the police."

Bach insists her daughter was scratched by the family cat on Sunday night and was crying uncontrollably, so she called her ex and suggested that it might be appropriate for the girl to see a psychologist.

But, she claims, her ex-husband launched a verbal attack on her and called in a suicide, prompting police and paramedics to come to the house and take the 14-year-old to the hospital.

Hasselhoff's publicist Judy Katz insists her client became alarmed when his older daughter called to say her sister was bleeding. She denies claims that the actor reported a suicide attempt but accepts the operator he spoke to may have interpreted it that way.

Hasselhoff denies he even spoke with Bach on Sunday night, and says her allegations are false.

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Driving stoned, carefree

(MCT) — Over the last eight years, high school students who have gotten in trouble for drugs and alcohol have told counselor Cathy Cratty the same alarming story about driving under the influence.

"It just kept coming up, left and right: 'We know we shouldn't drive after drinking, but it's OK to drive after smoking pot,'" said Cratty, who works for Highland Park, Ill.-based School District 113.

According to national surveys, high school students are as likely to drive high as they are to drive drunk. But experts say many of those teens never hear a warning about taking to the road while stoned and don't think they're doing anything dangerous.

"They perceive themselves as being less impaired when smoking marijuana," said Jocelyn Boudreau, a social worker at the Rosecrance adolescent treatment center in Rockford, Ill. "The overarching and clear message (to teens) has been: 'You drink, you drive, you die.'"

"There really hasn't been that same kind of consistent message for marijuana."

That's largely because pot's role in fatal crashes is far from clear. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which keeps statistics on wrecks involving alcohol, does not have enough data to generate similar numbers for marijuana.

Heidi Coleman, chief of the safety administration's impaired driving division, said many police officers likely never detect pot because they aren't trained to read physical cues — such as pupil size, body temperature and heart rate — that suggest the drug's presence.

"They may suspect that a driver is impaired, but if they don't test positive for alcohol, (officers) may let them go," she said.

Research into marijuana's impact on driving is similarly limited, she said.

Some studies have linked marijuana to decreased attentiveness, slower reactions, diminished motor skills and a worsened



Marijuana can affect driving abilities in a manner similar to alcohol.

ability to estimate distance, but there is no consensus about how severe the effects are or how long they last.

The debate over what really constitutes impairment will likely play out in a Lake County, Ill., courtroom later this year when Richard Wood, 17, faces trial in the deaths of two friends who were passengers in a car he wrecked Nov. 13.

Prosecutors, who say the Mundelein teen had used pot within 24 hours of the crash, have charged him with aggravated driving under the influence of drugs and reckless homicide. Wood's attorney, Robert Gevirtz, would not comment on his client's alleged marijuana use but said he would prove that his client

was not impaired at the time of the crash.

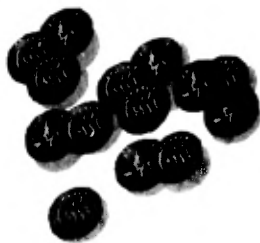
Tabitha Fischer, 19, has no doubt that marijuana worsened her driving when she was growing up in Belleville, even though she saw nothing wrong with it at the time.

"When I was doing it, I thought I was a better driver," said Fischer, who recently completed a year of substance abuse treatment at Rosecrance. "As I look at it now ... I'd go through stop signs, stoplights, and I'd just laugh it off. I didn't focus on anyone else on the road, from what I can remember. It was like I was the only person there."



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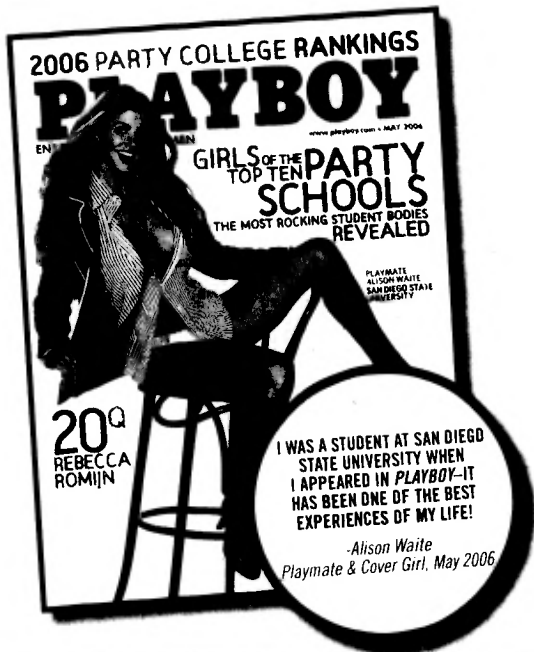
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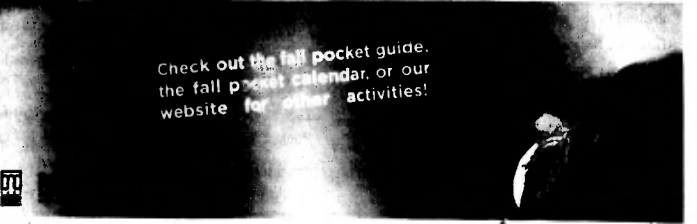
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- Oct. 1 **Introduction to Rock Climbing**
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- Oct. 2 **Intramural Climbing Competition**
5:00 pm, \$10 for SRC members
\$15 for non-SRC members
Registration Deadline
- Oct. 2-6 **Cancer Prevention Week**
- Oct. 5 **Wheelchair Basketball Drop-in game**
8:30 pm - 9:30 pm, SRC Sports Forum
- Oct. 7 **River Sweep Clean-up**
Tar River, Register by October 5th
- Oct. 9 **Intramural Sports Captain's Certification**
5:00 pm, MSC Multi-Purpose Room
- Oct. 9 **Soccer Team Registration**
5:00 pm, MSC Multi-Purpose Room
- Oct. 9 **Sports Official Interest Meeting**
9:00 pm, SRC 238



Check out the fall pocket guide, the fall pocket calendar, or our website for other activities!

Opinion

{ Not just for Pirate Rants }

Liar, liar, pants on fire

Perhaps honesty is not the best policy

RACHEL KING
NEWS EDITOR

When we are young, we are taught that the truth should be valued. It should be sought in times of uncertainty, it should be upheld in times of trouble; it should even be preferable over sparing someone's feelings.

Kingdoms have been fought over, wars have been started and love has been broken on the back of the beast we call the truth. This idea has been the cornerstone for innumerable other values such as honor, valor and integrity. Have you ever stopped to ask yourself why we are brought to be honest? Are there ever times when maybe, just maybe, the truth is the worst thing you can bestow upon someone?

In the last issue of *Cosmopolitan* that I read, I was really shocked at one article I came across. The premise behind it was that you had hypothetically cheated on your significant other. The suggestion was that you shouldn't tell him/her that you cheated, but only under certain circumstances. Initially, I thought, "Wow. That's so freaking wrong," but, the more I thought about it, the more I think the article made sense.

The circumstances, according to *Cosmo*, stipulate that if you went astray only once and were not tempted to do it again, then you shouldn't tell. Live with your guilt, it said, because telling that person would cause more harm than good. The catch to it being OK not to tell the truth was that you needed to figure out what you were dissatisfied with in your relationship that led you to cheat in the first place. If it can be fixed, talk to him/her about that, and not your wrongdoing. Let it go, in other words, as long as it doesn't happen again.

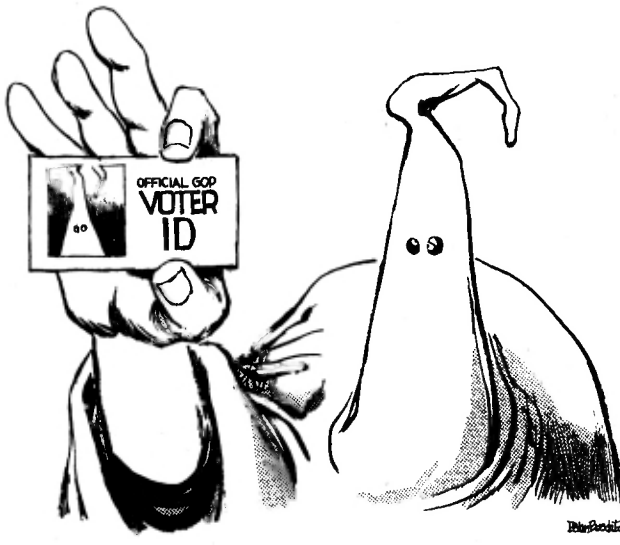
That makes a good deal of sense to me... So why do I feel guilty for even hypothetically assuming that a one-time mistake can be remedied without spilling your guts all over the place to this person about what you did wrong? I'm telling you why: Teachers slapped our wrists for lying, and the sting lives on. Of course, if you are a serial cheater with a shady past, I don't believe that lying about it could ever be acceptable. I don't even know what I would do if I ever cheated on someone... Therefore, I decided to save myself the trouble of debating and just, well, not cheat. It is an interesting question, though.

What about our parents? Remember when you were young and you broke something in your house and blamed it on your sibling? Remember when the dog did it, not you? Lies are convenient and easy. The problem is, in many instances, they can build and build and backfire.

I know that I have lied to my parents. I think we all have. I think a lot of the time it is minor stuff, and that's actually OK by me. I'm not going to be upset about the fact that I have allowed my parents to believe I was returning to my dorm room at the end of the night when my intention was to stay the night at my boyfriend's house. I'm telling you right now that in those cases, I don't mind omitting the truth, and that's another thing. Are omissions as bad as lies? Are they lies in and of themselves? What is the difference between a lie that is acceptable and a lie that is not?

In closing, I'm going to lay out my entire theory on lies for your enjoyment and education. If the lie, or omission, is something that could hurt someone, you have to consider two things. Will not telling the truth cause a major problem in your life or someone else's? If the answer is yes, come on out with it. If telling the truth is not the easier option (like it ever is), but it's necessary for the well-being of those involved, tell it. Conversely, if it's harmless or a one-time thing, you may as well keep it to yourself, but make sure you actually do keep it to yourself. Telling people outside of the situation is a bad idea as the truth may eventually get back around to the person that wasn't supposed to ever find out. Basically, as you knew before you picked this paper up, the choice to tell the truth (or not) is a judgment call.

After all, didn't you ever wonder where "liar, liar, pants on fire," even came from? Whose pants were on fire and why didn't they tell the truth about it?



PIRATE RANTS

The Fraternity intramurals league is so weak compared to the rest of teams. Basically all the frats are competing to decide who is least crappy. I would like to see the frats play some of the real teams. That would be a funny sight to see.

Who takes the elevator to the second floor? You spend more time waiting for the elevator than it would take to climb the one flight of stairs.

Sorry to my classmates for laughing in class, but the girl sitting beside me had a huge dangling booger hanging out of her nose!

Freshmen girls: Do not come up to me in a bar/club and ask me to buy you a drink. You may be fine, but I'm not getting busted for you!

Stop sending e-mails asking when a test is but not telling me which class you're in. Also, maybe you should try reading the e-mail our professor sent out the same day that you e-mailed me.

I am infatuated with the freshmen varsity girl cheerleaders.

Smokers and non-smokers will never get along. Greeks and non-Greeks will never get along. Why don't you guys just live with each other? We are all on this Earth together. We have every right to smoke, to join a Greek organization, to not smoke and to not join a Greek organization.

I hate the pink soap in the bathrooms on campus. It smells so bad!

The other day I overheard a sorority girl talking about how she would love to go to Italy if only it wasn't in South America!

Is anyone else as offended as I am about the ad for adult entertainers in a school newspaper?

I am so tired of hearing my roommate complain... it is driving me insane.

Is it just me or is it weird that "Dora the Explorer" is on the TVs at the Croatan every morning?

I love country boys!

Why is it that all the girls walking around campus with fake blonde hair are always on their cell phones if they aren't walking with one of their other fake friends? Do they not know how to walk all by themselves without having to talk to someone? Quite sad.

My roommate is excessively hot. Plus he doesn't seem fond of clothes... I love my life.

There is a really pretty girl in one of my classes, but I don't know how to talk to her and she is in a sorority and I'm not in a frat, so do I really even have a chance anyway?

What makes you think that I must walk around you? Are you better than me? No. So move.

I have a thing for girls that wear baseball caps. I don't know why, I just do.

I think I have a crush on you but I am oh so shy.

I graduated last spring and I go to graduate school out of state. The paper here doesn't hold a candle to the *TEC* and it doesn't have Pirate Rants. I miss them so.

When I'm on the bus in the afternoon, I've more than likely had a long day of classes. The last thing I need to hear is someone on the bus with the most annoying laugh. I'm not asking you not to talk, but I am asking that you keep the volume down!

People in the library... Get off your damn phone.

Is anyone else tired of professors not knowing how to work the computers and projectors? Mine waste half of the period by stopping and starting while struggling to even find the right Web site. This is pathetic. Someone teach them how to use the technology!

To the guy dressed exactly like me... lay off. You're cramping my style.

Why are you such a jerk all of the sudden? Everyone who use to like you agrees.

Guys look silly when they are on the elliptical machines.

To the girl I overheard say that she was afraid of cheerios. I just want to know why?

You're looking for the "good single, non-drinking, non-smoking and non-sorority girls"? Sorry, we do exist. We're just hiding from all of the people who do those things.

I just want to thank the custodial staff of Rivers. They are so friendly every time I see them, even if it is 7:30 a.m. It is really nice to know that people can still be friendly and kind with an ulterior motive.

To the lesbian that gets stared at on the campus shuttle. I completely understand your pain. It's amazing how people act like they've never seen a lesbian before!

I'm a guy and I watch "Gilmore Girls" is that bad?

Dame mas Gasolina!

To the person who asked if chivalry was dead. Maybe guys would be more inclined to be gentlemen if girls still acted like ladies.

To the guy who wondered where all the non-drinking, non-smoking, non-sorority girls are. We're definitely here but you're probably not going to find us out clubbing or going to frat parties. We go to the library, like sports and love God.

Why is it that ECU only has one bus that goes on the hour to the outside world? If you need to go grocery shopping and don't have a car, it can take over two hours!

You're so vain, you probably think this rant is about you.

Superior huh? Last time I checked, God was the only one in a position to look down on anyone. We all bleed red, so get over yourself.

You want advice on how to approach a girl, then why don't you look at the rest of the opinions page and just ask Jane.

When you're going up the stairs and you take a step, kick the other leg up high behind you to keep people from following to close.

Is it me or has the Hill gotten way more ghetto this year?

I am terrified to go up to and talk to beautiful girls.

I wonder how many other smokers at ECU are also embarrassed about their nasty habit.

Who cares if you are a Teaching Fellow and you get to register early and get to have your own dorm and get to go on trips? Really you just have a loan that you must pay back by working this dead end job as a teacher making on \$30,000 a year. Wow way to go!

Why is that when I come into the computer lab in Mendenhall the two computer techs are acting like computer Nazis? Guys it's not that serious it's just the computer lab chill out! Thanks!

Maybe if the athletic department had spent more time preparing for Saturday's game and less time writing "apologetic e-mails" and lecturing the entire student population, the football team might have beat West Virginia.

Stop putting naked pictures of yourself on Facebook. We don't want to see that.

I welcome the weekend! Hurry!

The flip side of fraternity rush

Some fraternities live up to the stereotypes

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OPINION WRITER

Loud music, women and drinks. No, I'm not describing your typical rock concert or rap video, but rather the typical environment you'd expect at a fraternity house. And that was, in fact, exactly what I experienced during last week's Rush events. In my opinion, many people seem to hold kegs and beer cans a higher priority than papers and exams and many students focus more on social acceptance than on their academic success.

It took me only four days to realize that, unfortunately, many fraternities seem to hold the same ideals too.

Before I continue, let me first say that not all fraternities have these "flaws," as I like to call them. I attended a number of fraternities that focused more on friendship and academics than anything else. However, I recently found out that a fraternity that requires the highest GPA and disapproves of hazing only received four members in their pledge class and it's the smallest pledge class this fall.

Unfortunately, my experience wasn't an entirely positive one. In fact, it was quite the opposite at some of the houses I decided to return to throughout the week. I remember entering each fraternity house with a group of guys, sitting down in front of their televisions and watching at least five minutes of their fraternity members being kissed by girls. And not just one girl, one wasn't enough for each guy. Apparently, they thought if each guy had two or three girls kissing on him at the same time, the message would be more effective. I had to respect the honesty of some of them though. One fraternity in particular told all of us exactly what they were about. "We do two things well, sports and women."

It wasn't just like that at one house. In fact, the videos seemed to get even longer and include even more women with each house I attended. I even overheard one fraternity member whisper a comment to another that the "girls seemed to be working."

What exactly is this showing freshmen guys? Many of whom are away from their homes and families for the first time in their lives. I don't think it's fair, honestly. These fraternities are promoting the entirely wrong ideals to freshmen and they are doing it in a way that triggers the needs and desires that all men have. I mean, face it guys, we think about women more than anything. When someone fresh out of high school sees a smiling guy with Greek letters on his shirt and three women kissing him, he's going to picture himself in that guy's place. Too bad that probably won't ever happen to him, even if he does get in.

What about the no alcohol rules in effect during Rush? How many of you really think that most fraternities really follow that rule? I took a tour of the first fraternity house I visited on Wednesday, and the brother taking me around had a cup of bourbon in his hand.

The alcohol rule was not put in place just to annoy fraternities. Can't a fraternity hold out on alcohol for at least four days? I think it's honestly a test of responsibility more than anything. Can your brotherhood be responsible enough to not drink around possible new pledges for a total of about 20 hours during a five-day rush week?

However, in my opinion, the most severe issue can be summed up in one word — arrogance.

I know some of you are probably thinking "How can that possibly be a more touchy subject than smoking marijuana and breaking the no alcohol law during rush week?" Because honestly, you can tie arrogance into everything I have previously said. And for many fraternities, it seems arrogance can be a huge catalyst for breaking the rules.

How do fraternities go about getting members? The answer is simple: they show possible pledges how much better they are than the other fraternities. They can do this in many ways — serve alcohol, bash the other fraternities and tell you about their "connections" with important places. I mentioned those three because, well, those were the most common ways they tried to persuade me to join. I was listening to one fraternity speak about how they raised more money for non-profit organizations than any other on campus last year. However, when I hinted that I was fairly interested in the party aspect of their frat, they were very quick to tell me that they tend to get quite drunk before doing a lot of their community service work. The same fraternity even went on to say that because they do so much work for the community, they rarely have their parties busted due to their "connections" with the police.

I couldn't help but to bust out laughing after that. Fortunately, I followed it up with a quick "that is awesome," so they wouldn't think that I took offense to what they said. In this case, blind arrogance makes these people think their parties are safe for life.

Obviously, not all fraternities are like this, but there is something about a fraternity that not only promotes brotherhood, but also gives a sense of superiority over other "normal" students simply because they are a part of something. That, of course, is not the purpose of a fraternity. However, it is very unfortunate that, from my observations, I think a great deal of fraternities here promote exactly that — a sense of superiority, which very quickly turns into blatant arrogance. And from the experiences I already presented, that blatant arrogance can be downright dangerous at times.

While I pointed out the positive aspects of Greek Life on Tuesday, I think many fraternities are going beyond the acceptable and legal limits just to recruit more brothers. It is sad that some need to resort to these tactics, but what's more sad is that the fraternities that focus heavily on academics — the main reason why we all came here in the first place — received such a low number of pledges this semester. I guess some stereotypes really are true.

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"I have personally seen people who do not officially report and who felt alone and dropped out as a result and this should never happen," Romary said.

Some other tips listed by the Waypoint Biomedical Inc. of California include knowing your drinking limits, drink-

ing from tamper proof bottles, getting a new drink if you leave it unattended and various others.

To find out more about ways to prevent date rape, visit the office of Student Legal Services in Mendenhall or call Peter Romary at 928-5138.

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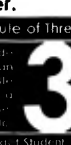
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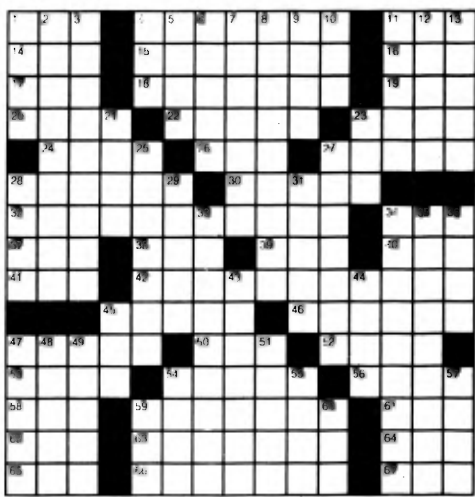
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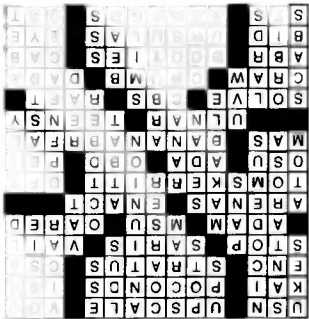
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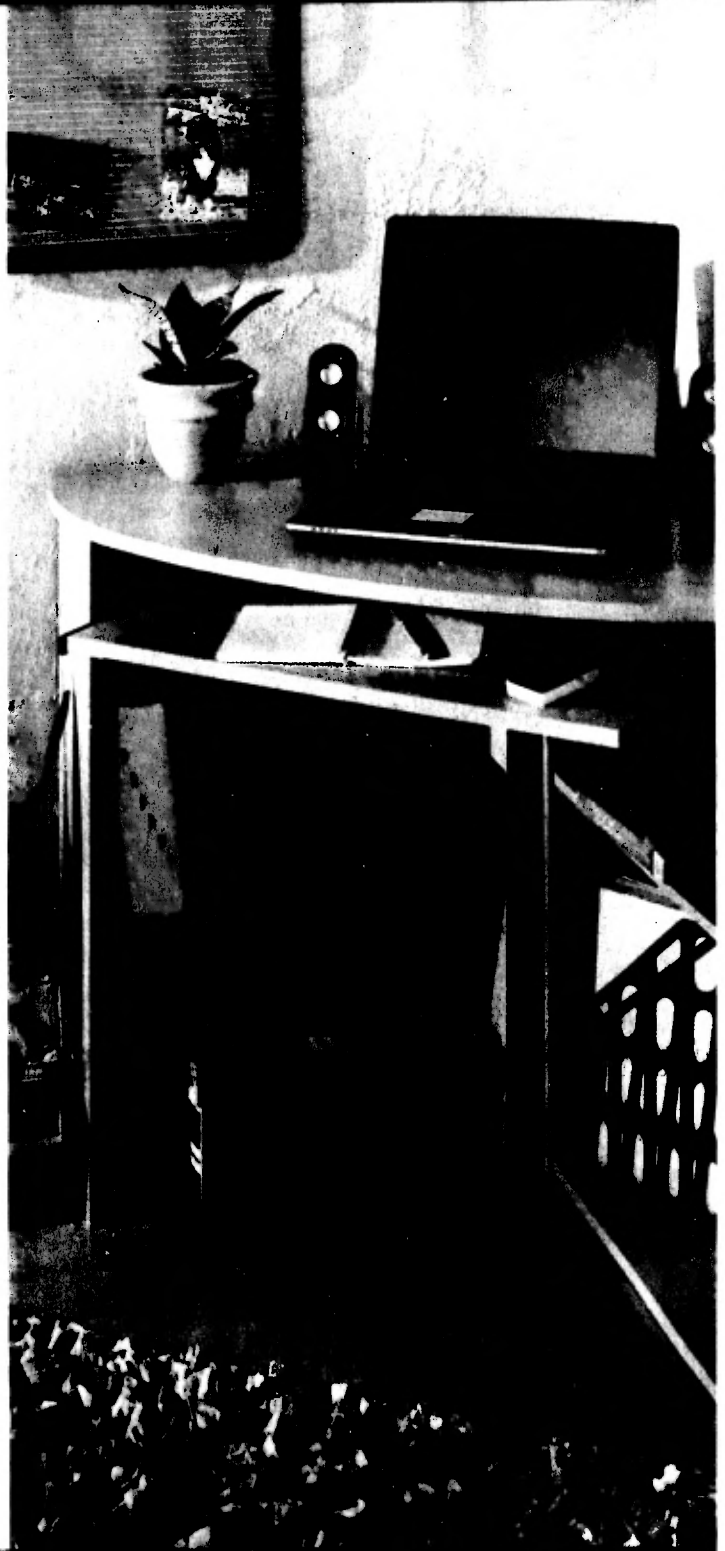
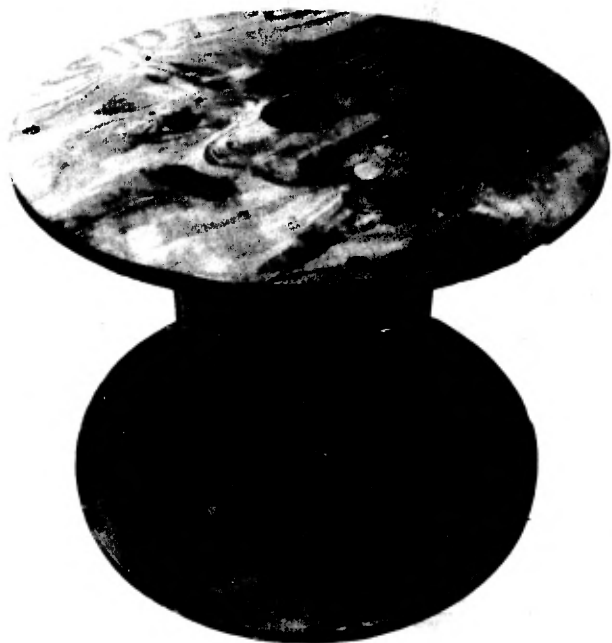
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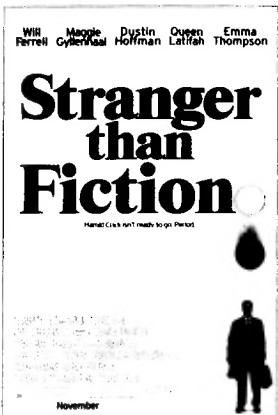
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KORRI-LEE SMITH
STAFF WRITER

With summer coming to an abrupt end, many people will soon have to find other enjoyable activities to embark on that don't require the heat of the sun. If anyone is left wondering what they can do for fun, I come with answers. This fall, movie lovers every where are sure to be satisfied.

Fortunately, filmmakers have provided a wide variety of movies from which we may select. This season will provide audiences

with a great deal of horror, drama, action and comedy. *The Guardian*, *School for Scoundrels*, *The Grudge 2*, *Marie Antoinette* and *Stranger than Fiction* are just a few of the titles viewers can keep an eye out for.

Coming out this Friday, *The Guardian* plans to attract the public with a few big names and a substantial amount of action and adventure. In the movie, Kevin Costner plays a renowned Coast Guard rescue swimmer who is reassigned to teach at the Coast Guard A School.

While at the school, Costner's character meets an arrogant rookie played by Ashton Kutcher. Together, the two men discover the true meaning of courage and sacrifice.

Also coming out Friday, *School for Scoundrels* features a notorious comedic cast. In the film, Jon Heder (*Napoleon Dynamite*) enrolls in a class to help build up his confidence. His teacher, Billy Bob Thornton, utilizes some eccentric techniques to get his many points across. When the two men discover they both have eyes for the same girl, a battle of charm and deception ensues.

For those of you who loved the first installment of *The Grudge*, the second should prove to be a worthy sequel. This time around, Sarah Michelle Gellar returns for only a short appearance. In her place, Amber Tamblyn becomes the new target of the terrifying supernatural curse

plaguuing Tokyo. The film plans to explore the dark secrets of the grudge and possibly put an end to the terror.

On Oct. 20, the historical drama portraying the life of Marie Antoinette will hit theatres. Kirsten Dunst plays France's legendary teenage queen who took the monarchy by storm and played by her own rules.

The life of Marie Antoinette, perhaps one of the most misunderstood historical figures, is sure to be an interesting tale of conspiracy and scandal.

On Nov. 10, Will Ferrell returns to the big screen in, you guessed it, a comedy. In *Stranger than Fiction*, Ferrell plays Harold Crick, an unsuspecting character

whose life is mirrored in a book of fiction. Finally aware of the circumstances, Harold must find a way to change the ending of the book before his fate matches that of fiction.

So as we say goodbye to summer, let us all welcome the new wave of motion pictures.

Though our outdoor fun is snatched away before our very eyes, perhaps we should all say "thanks" to the land of Hollywood for not allowing boredom to completely take its toll. If all is well in the world; may the movies we watch this year sustain us until next summer.

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Sean Penn as Willie Stark who overcomes all to be the Louisiana governor.

'All the King's Men' deserves movie royalty

Brilliant acting makes movie a must-see

BEN HARRIS
STAFF WRITER

Thank God summer is over! As summer winds down and the fall movie season begins, studios usually bring out what they consider their Oscar heavyweights. These movies feature the best acting, the best plots and the best direction. Just as nature enthusiasts notice leaves disappearing from trees, moviegoers notice the disappearance of big-budget effects that thrive during the summer months as studios take advantage of children being out of school and vacationing, and work toward making the majority of their annual money.

I don't know if I could take one more weekend of computer-animated animals and their wacky shenanigans. To celebrate the beginning of this most glorious part of the year, brilliant director/writer Steve Zaillian, who previously wrote screenplays for *Schindler's List* and *Hannibal*, brings us *All the King's Men*.

This film is based on the Pulitzer Prize winning book of the same title written by Robert Penn Warren. This great piece of literature was in itself loosely based on the life of Louisiana Governor and United States Senator Huey "Kingfish" Long. The movie centers on Willie Stark, a terminally corrupt and extremely charismatic individual who overcomes all odds to be governor of Louisiana. One thing I definitely like about the movie is that it is pretty straightforward. It chronicles the rise and fall of Stark from beginning to end

with very little of that flashback nonsense that I loathe so much. Stark, played by the absolutely brilliant and fire-tongued Sean Penn uses strong-arm tactics, such as bribery and blackmail, to achieve his political gains. Poor old Louisiana. It seems as if the good old boot-shaped state can't catch a break when it comes to political corruption.

Stark starts off as just a pawn to the higher ups who want him to split the white vote. Of course, Stark learns of this and so begins his glorious campaign to pull the rug out from under the feet of his opponents and win the governor's seat.

Many of Stark's speeches are powerful, and are without a doubt where Penn's talent really shines. He really turns himself into Stark and ceases to be Sean Penn at all. For a moment I actually considered signing up to help Stark on his campaign after the movie. I then realized that Willie Stark isn't real and I felt pretty embarrassed. It must have been the formaldehyde from all of the old people sitting near me because honestly I think I was the youngest person in the theater by at least 700 years.

Stark's tactics of course earn him many enemies and very few friends in the Louisiana state government. He out corrupts the most corrupt people in the country. Nevertheless, he remains very popular with the common voter. As bad as he is about morals, Stark is truly a people's politician. He says what the people want to hear and he says it very well. He reminded me of a little guy in Germany from about 60 years ago.

All the King's Men also focuses on Jack Burden, played by nanny

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Celebrity profile: Kate Winslet

The actress with talent of titanic proportions

JENNY AYERS
STAFF WRITER

Were you aware that Kate Winslet has been in over 15 movies since her *Titanic* days, that she is the first actress to be nominated for four Oscars before the age of 30, or that she was deemed "Blubber" as a school girl? Neither was I, until I realized that there is a lot more to this 31-year-old British actress than her riveting deliverance of the line, "I'll never let go, Jack. I'll never let go."

Winslet's career was beginning while most of us were still waiting on puberty's first attacks. Her first show biz gig was at the age of 11 in a cereal commercial that sparked her interest in the business and inspired her to take acting lessons. She would later receive formal training at a performing arts high school where she appeared in several plays and even snagged a few roles in TV sitcoms. Her first film was *Heavenly Creatures* in 1994, which was by no means a blockbuster but a nice first step into the world of film. It was this break that set Winslet's journey in full motion.

Shortly after the film, Winslet landed the part of Marianne Dashwood in Ang Lee's *Sense and Sensibility* (1995). This film won Winslet nominations for Best Supporting Actress from both the British Academy Awards and the Oscars. In 1996, she appeared in *Jude* and Kenneth Branagh's *Hamlet* which was the first full-length film version of the play and the second lengthiest major Hollywood production.



Kate Winslet, international movie star, in her new movie, *All the Kings Men*.

We all know what comes next: James Cameron's *Titanic* in 1997. Winslet's first dip into the "blockbuster" category in the form of Rose DeWitt transformed her into an international movie star. With a nomination for Best Actress for this film, she became the youngest actress to ever receive two nominations from the Academy.

After the giant success of the film, Winslet was offered amazing roles in films such as *Shakespeare in Love* and *Anna and the King*, but, desiring not to be typecast into a specific character, Winslet turned

down the offers. Instead, she went after independent, intriguing productions that were barely blips on the map compared to the vast response to her previous film.

Over the next several years, Winslet appeared in many lower scale films such as *Hideous Kinky* and *Holy Smoke*. However exciting and suggestive these titles may sound, their box office bank was anything but.

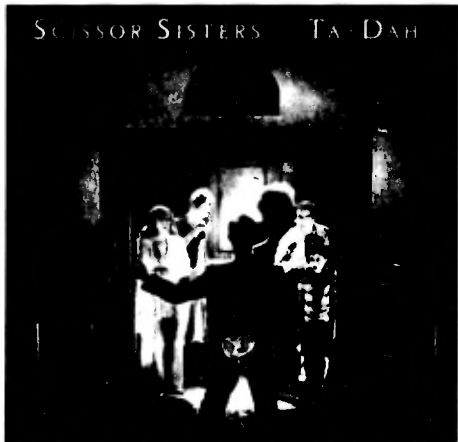
Finally, one of Winslet's artistic projects grew into a suc-

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Valiant Thorr plays at Red Rooster



Valiant Thorr played at the Red Rooster Sept. 27. The *East Carolinian* had an exclusive interview with the group about the show, their lives and their music. To hear the podcasted interview, visit theeastcarolinian.com.



TV on the Radio's 'Cookie Mountain'



Scissor Sisters to release new album

Is *Ta-Dah* the next retro masterpiece of our time?

JOHN BOSCO
STAFF WRITER

There's always been a giant debate amongst music lovers concerning whether or not the 1980s ruined music.

To be more specific, a lot of people think that the 1980s new wave sound that introduced synthesizers and danceable grooves in popular music were responsible for theatrical, oddly-hair-styled whiners to be artificially deep, and worse — in the public eye.

While this might be a highly debatable topic, it's true that new wave introduced a lot of new ideas to musicians.

On the Scissor Sisters' new album, *Ta-Dah*, you can hear the retro stylings that ring a common bell with music from the 1980s — from Boston to Flock of Seagulls and even beyond.

While *Ta-Dah* isn't exactly full on rock music, it also isn't straight new wave, and it doesn't really sound like a lot of today's indie music.

Interestingly enough, the best comparison I can think of would have to be Paul McCartney's post-Beatles work and the album features a track entitled "Paul McCartney."

Maybe one of the best tracks on this album, "Paul McCartney"

features a smooth sounding, slap-bass line that sets a funky tone and then comes in with a cool horn section and a very, very disco feel. Throughout the album, lead vocalist Jake Shears successfully manages to create interesting (to say the least) arrangements that fit well with the band's disco, glam rock and pop influences.

On the track "Intermission," music legend Elton John is noted as a contributing musician.

My favorite song has to be the opener, "I Don't Feel Like Dancin'." It has a clean guitar and layered piano intro build-up to a great, hooky chorus of "I don't feel like dancin', dancin'." This track is sure to stick with you all day long.

Other notable songs on this album include "I Can't Decide" and the album's last song, "Everybody Wants The Same Thing," which does a good job of closing up the rest of the album.

Overall, the Scissor Sisters' new album, *Ta-Dah*, sounds fresh and new, but it's not something that I especially consider better than average or something that stands out among the rest of this year's releases.

For more information about the Scissor Sisters, log onto their Web site scissorsisters.com to sample tracks and read a brief biography.

Grade: B-/C

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Brooklyn art-rock trio avoids sophomore slump

LLOYD NEWMAN
STAFF WRITER

As they say, you have your whole life to write your first record and only two years to write the second. Perhaps this is why we, as a culture of music listeners, have come to expect great band's releases to be weaker the second time around, eschewing the very last shred of logic.

However, it might be because the doubters are proven right repeatedly with bands such as the Strokes, Interpol and most recently the Yeah Yeah Yeahs. These artists have all delivered fantastic debuts, only to follow up with records that were undoubtedly inferior.

So, imagine the heat on the Brooklyn-based trio TV on the Radio. Their 2004 debut, *Desperate Youth, Blood Thirsty Babes*, earned them the coveted Shortlist Music Prize, a spot atop countless year-end best-of lists and praise from the holiest of holies, namely David Bowie.

The band responded this month with *Return to Cookie Mountain* and now a week into its release, it's clear that this record not only meets the high expectations set by their debut but it exceeds them in nearly every way imaginable.

The album gets off to a great start with "I Was a Lover," a track that takes the kind of toyish beat you'd expect to hear pounded into the tables in a high school cafeteria and juxtaposes it with skittering, synthesized strings and a looped horn squawk. The song is a great example of the "neo-shoegaze" the band has

become known to define, creating a cacophony of noise by track endings not using live distorted guitars but instead with samples and loops. It's a fascinating sound and one that is distinctly TV on the Radio during a musical era not known for its distinctness.

Cookie Mountain hits its peak a short time later with "Wolf Like Me," a track that will surely contend for single of the year. At its core, it's a love song that slyly makes a metaphor of a werewolf's primal instincts. "Charge me your day rate? I'll turn you out in kind! When the moon is round and full! Gonna teach you tricks that'll blow your mind," sings front man Tunde Adebimpe. It's an almost lustful song, it's lyrics played against an up-tempo beat and fuzz-bass line that lends the track a sense of urgency and importance.

The band rarely falters here. "Hours" keeps things moving with a rolling, reverberated drum beat and mysterious vocal cues that reflect on the inflation of self-worth and commerciality, while songs like "Province" and "Dirtywhirl" explore a more playful side that comes as a welcome break from the intensity of some of the record's heavier tracks.

Simply put, TV on the Radio has avoided the sophomore slump in a big way, and in the process has maybe created the best record of 2006. It's refreshing to finally see a band do it like everyone thinks it should, using their growth and maturity as artists in the years since their debut to craft something truly superior.

Grade: A-

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Jude Law, as Jack Burden who is a newspaper reporter as well as campaign guru Jude Law. Burden is a newspaper writer who basically becomes Stark's partner. Burden is in charge of the Boss's smear campaigns as well as other endeavors such as blackmailing senators and other respected citizens. Burden manages to bring two of his friends into his tangled web of corruption. Anne Stanton, played by the underrated Kate Winslet, and Adam Stanton, played by Mark Ruffalo.

Stark, always on the lookout for bed partners, starts a relationship with Anne. This ultimately proves to be his undoing as it causes rifts between him and Jack, as well as between him and Anne's troubled brother Adam. The acting in the film was nothing short of incredible.

As glorified in the preview, the movie boasts many Academy Award nominees as well as winners. Like I stated earlier, and like you should've read because no one starts an article in the middle except Gene Simmons, but that's another story entirely. Sean Penn's acting is perhaps the most brilliant and illuminating performance that I've seen all year.

He brings his character to the screen with such ferocity and dedication and you actually cheer for Stark even though you know how evil he is.

Jack Burden is brought to life by a better than average performance from Jude Law. I still don't like Law because I'm convinced he is still a horrible actor and I'm sure he smells like Gak.

Kate Winslet, while I considered her character under used, does the best she can with what she has. It is because of her and Martin Scorsese that I have lost any confidence in the Academy Awards. She should've won at least once.

Mark Ruffalo, whom I haven't really had any exposure to, presents himself very well as a troubled man fighting his inner struggle between right and wrong.

Patricia Clarkson, James Gandolfini and the always excellent Anthony Hopkins make up the other important players in the story. Clarkson comes off great as the head of Stark's growing club of mistresses. By growing club, I mean Stark makes Wilt Chamberlain look like Mr. Rogers.

Gandolfini plays Lt. Gov. Tiny Duffy, although he can't manage to shake off his mob character from the *Sopranos* from his character, he still gives an average performance and provides some humor. Hopkins is great as Jack's father figure Judge Irwin. Now there's a man who actually earned his Oscar instead of buying it.

and Kate Winslet as Anne Stanton. Lately this movie has been getting a lot of flack from my fellow movie reviewers.

I'm here to tell you that what they say is a full load of platypus dung. Honestly, what does Luke Y. Thompson of E! Online know? About as much as Paris Hilton knows about nuclear fusion. Seriously the guy works for E! Online... think about it. *All the King's Men* proves itself as a very worthy movie. It is perhaps one of the most accurate adaptations of literature that I've ever seen. The acting, the scenery and the direction should make this film a formidable Oscar and box office contender.

The story of the movie provides a very clear and admirable message to never sell out yourself or your friends and no matter how honorable, manpower always corrupts.

I only had one problem with the film and that is that in certain points it becomes slightly tedious and a tad too preachy. I expect this film to make \$15 million opening weekend with maybe \$60 million total gross.

Overall Grade: A-

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cess. Her role alongside Jim Carrey in 2004's *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* rewarded her with a fourth Oscar nomination and an unexpectedly warm reception from the critics. A string of films followed, including *Finding Neverland* costarring Johnny Depp.

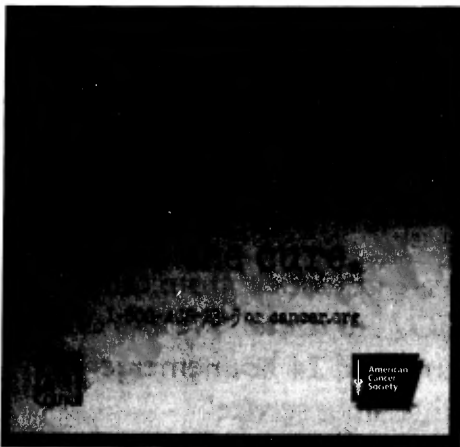
This year is one of Winslet's most fruitful with her appearing in four movie productions, *Little Children*, *All the King's Men*, *Flushed Away*, and *The Holiday* are Winslet's latest projects. After witnessing a very entertaining and interesting trailer for *The Holiday*, I expect this one will go down as one of Winslet's more successful movie outcomes.

In this romantic comedy, two women with guy problems swap homes in each other's countries for a "holiday," where they each meet a local guy and fall in love. With Winslet, Cameron Diaz, Jude Law and Jack Black on the cast, there are bound to be enough laughs (and eye candy) for everyone to appreciate.

While she may be easiest recalled for her role in one of the most romantic movies of our time, it's easy to see that *Titane* was not the pinnacle of Kate Winslet's success. With many film titles in her repertoire and many more on the way, this is one captain who certainly did not sink with her ship. But as soon as they cast her in a sequel to the flick, we'll know that her acting days are done.

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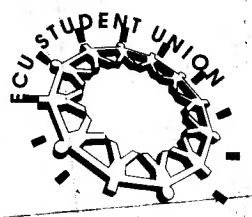
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Allison has eyes on the prize

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ECU's winning percentage after four games (1-3), who are joined by UAB, UCF and Marshall in Conference USA's East Division

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Bye week in ECU football's 12-game schedule which was mandated by the NCAA two years ago

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Consecutive games that senior cornerback Kasey Ross has recorded an interception

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Time it took Ross to record two career interceptions throughout his career prior to his current two-game streak

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Fumbles recovered by ECU in 2005, which was the lowest total since the school starting keeping records in 1966

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Fumbles recovered through four games in 2006, three of which are by sophomore linebacker Van Eskridge

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National ranking in sacks allowed per game (.75), ECU has only given up three sacks in four games

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Road games won by the volleyball team who has lost to Virginia (3-1), Charlotte (3-1) and Tulane (3-0) away from home

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Assists per game averaged by the volleyball team compared to their opponents' 13.8 per game average

12.8

Assists per game average by senior setter Heidi Krug, which ranks second in C-USA

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Amount of meets that the cross country team has hosted at Lake Kristi so far, which will change on Saturday when ECU runs in the McAlister's Deli Invite



Aundrae Allison stares down West Virginia's Quinton Andrews after shaking him during the first half. Allison scored on the 47-yard touchdown catch before jumping in the endzone.

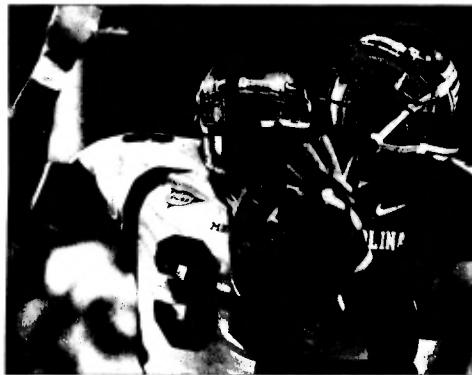
Allison on quest to achieve team and personal goals

RON CLEMENTS
SENIOR WRITER

A season ago, Aundrae Allison set as one of his goals, to break school records for receiving yards, receptions and touchdowns. Mission accomplished. Allison shattered the ECU mark for receiving yards with 1,024, becoming the first receiver in school history to top 1,000 yards. His five 100-yard games was also a school record and his 83 receptions were second only to Terrance Copper's 2005 total of 87. This season, Allison has set more goals, and Head Coach Skip Holtz is hoping the talented senior achieves them. "Aundrae certainly has goals," said Holtz. "I think he's come back more determined and more focused." Allison's goals were evident at ECU's August media day when he wore a pair of shoes with the objectives inscribed with a Sharpie. "I wrote all the seniors on there because the seniors are the leaders of the team and two rings because that's important — a conference championship ring and a bowl ring," said Allison. "Personally, I wrote the Biletnikoff Award, but that works hand in hand with winning." Allison was the leading receiver for the Pirates during their season-opening 28-23 loss at Navy, catching six balls for 86 yards. Two weeks ago in the win over Memphis, Allison hauled in nine passes for 124 yards and a touchdown. Last week the 6-foot-1 senior caught four balls for 54 yards and ECU's lone touchdown as he played with "Supa Star" shaved into his hair. So far this season Allison has totaled 19

receptions for 264 yards and a pair of scores. Personal achievements are secondary to Allison, however, as he said he'd "take a win over a 200-yard day any time." "I did decent, but overall, the job wasn't done," Allison said following the defeat at Navy. "We came up five points short." Allison was sort of an unknown coming into 2005, but made his name known quickly when he caught 10 balls for 163 yards in the season-opening win against Duke. Everyone knows about him now. He was a preseason all-conference and all-American selection, and he knows he will be double-teamed, but that should open the field up for ECU's other talented receivers. Bobby Good and Phillip Henry emerged as playmakers last year and the addition of freshman phenom Jamar Bryant gives quarterback James Pinkney all the confidence he needs to put points on the board. "It's just a blessing for me to have guys like that," Pinkney said. It didn't take the Pirates long to go Allison's way this year. Pinkney's first pass play against Navy was an incomplete wide receiver screen to Allison. The second time Pinkney went Allison's way, it was a 10-yard pickup for a first down. Allison's 26-yard reception in the second quarter ignited the ECU offense and led to a short Chris Johnson run and a 14-7 ECU lead. His 47-yard strike last week against the Mountaineers tied the game at 7-7 in the second quarter. Allison knows that defenses will key on him more this year, but isn't worried because of the depth the Pirates have at wideout. "It gives James more confidence back there," Allison said. "He can just sit back and pick the defense apart." Pinkney is completing nearly

60 percent of his passes for 1,046 yards with five touchdowns and four interceptions. Good knows the talent the Pirates have at wideout. "If Aundrae can't get open, we've got other guys who can step up and get open make plays," Good said. Those other guys have stepped up. In ECU's first two games Pinkney connected with nine different receivers in each game, with Allison not being one of those recipients in the loss at UAB. The signal caller hit eight different receivers against West Virginia and six versus Memphis. "I think the receivers have really showed up and played well," Holtz said. "With the way so many guys are playing so well, James feels very comfortable taking what a defense gives you. It's not 'Look for Aundrae,' nor when you are calling plays are you saying put Aundrae in the slot and run him up the field to get Aundrae the ball. You are now saying this is where Aundrae is, but there are definitely guys now on this receiving corps that can make some things happen." Phillip Henry is second on the team in receptions for the Pirates with 15 for 226 yards. "Jamar Bryant and Davon Drew are two guys that add to an already very strong corps. Jamar Bryant has had a good camp. I think Jamar Bryant is very physical and probably has some of the best hands out of all the receivers. He's a great athlete. He's gonna have a great career here." Bryant, a freshman from Richmond County, has eight receptions for 82 yards. Drew, who was recruited as a quarterback after leading New Bern to consecutive state title appearances, was moved to tight end for his junior year and has hauled in eight balls for 93



Allison concentrates as he hauls in a 40-yard catch against Memphis.

yards and his first career touchdown at UAB. The unselfish Allison welcomes the influx of talent, knowing he's not the only playmaker the Pirates have on offense. This doesn't bother him one bit. "I know for a fact that those guys will be there for the team and pick up the slack if I get double or tripled," Allison said. "I'm just looking forward to seeing those guys make plays and showcase what they can do." Briefly touted as a Heisman candidate in 2005, Allison is on the watch list for the Fred Biletnikoff Award, given to the nation's best receiver. The senior communication major said he does not pay

attention to personal accolades. "I don't really keep track of those, but most of those guys are exceptional athletes and to even be mentioned with those guys is an honor," Allison said. "My personal goals are not really something I'm focusing on. I'm just trying to be there for the team and hopefully they'll take care of themselves. The more wins we get, the better it will be for me to achieve my personal goals. We're not gonna give up. We still got conference games and those critical games against Virginia and N.C. State. We just gotta buckle down and get better."

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OPINION

Bye game comes at a perfect time

Open date will help players recuperate, nurse injuries

ERIC GILMORE
SPORTS EDITOR

Walking off the practice field, Mike Hanley is often confused with an assistant football coach. He wears the newly adopted Nike gear, roams the sidelines on Saturdays and has constant interest from players seeking attention and guidance. However, Hanley's job description is much different than the coordinators setting up cots in film rooms while arguing X's and O's. As the head athletic trainer, Hanley diagnoses. He fixes. He heals. Throughout this week and into the next, Hanley's staff is charged with triaging players, recuperating their injuries and putting them back into purple ECU jerseys. Orlando Farrow, Wendell Charis. For ECU Head Coach Skip

Holtz, the laundry list of wounded players never seems to end. Brandon Setzer. Shauntae Hunt. All starters on the defensive side of the ball, all four wore bandages and braces while watching from the sidelines against West Virginia. They can only hope for a prognosis of probable or even questionable as turned ankles, torn knee cartilage and a torn Achilles stand in the way of their contribution. For seniors Farrow and Hunt, the mirage of playing professional football becomes muddled with each game on the sideline.

It's the name of the game in college athletics. "The chance of having your starting 11, you're really not going to have it that often," said ECU defensive coordinator Greg Hudson at a recent practice. "It's battlefield promotions."

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Wake Forest adjusting to role as favorite



After Ben Mauk went down in the first game, Riley Skinner has led Wake Forest to three consecutive wins.

(AP) — Aaron Curry is trying to convince his Wake Forest teammates that the unbeaten Demon Deacons are actually winless.

"We find a new point to prove every game," the Deacons line-backer said Tuesday. "It may be ridiculous, but we come up with something so we don't go. Hey, we're 4-0 and everybody's going to lay down for us. I tell them we're 0-4, just go be 1-4. Anything crazy just to get everybody focused, chop everybody bark down so we don't get too high."

Picked in the preseason to finish last in the ACC's Atlantic Division, Wake Forest is instead off to a 4-0 start for only the fourth time in school history and first since the 1987 team won its first five games and finished 7-4. The Deacons are looking for their first five-game winning streak since 1992 this weekend, when they are sure to be a heavy favorite against Division I-AA Liberty.

Coach Jim Grobe said the task of keeping the Deacons grounded would be much tougher if his players weren't among the most experienced and mature in the conference.

"The tendency is always to feel like you've arrived," Grobe said. "We've got a lot of work to do to be a good football team. Complacency is something you battle when you have early success. That's an issue, no question."

That's why Curry is playing mind games with his teammates. "When you're the underdog, it gives you a reason to prove everybody wrong," Curry said. "But when they favor you, it's kind of weird. So as a team we just try to avoid all that stuff. We play like we're the underdog every game."

No matter what happens against Liberty, it's likely Curry won't have to pretend when No. 18 Clemson visits Winston-Salem the following weekend, a matchup in which the only unbeaten team

left in the ACC's Atlantic Division will return to its familiar role as an underdog.

Running back De'Angelo Bryant said an inexperienced team might not handle the increased attention as well as Wake Forest's experienced roster. No ACC team returned more starters from last season than the Deacons' 18.

"What comes with winning is publicity," Bryant said. "We have a lot of veteran guys who know how to accept that role now. I really think this team is more focused and more goal-oriented (than any other) since I've been here."

And more successful. "Everybody's remained humble, because we don't want to be too high on ourselves or too high on each other," Curry said. "You just want to stay at the same pace. Right now, I think we're at a pretty good pace. Things just keep getting better and better by the week."

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the list continues. Paul Walsh Drew Sutton. Three quarters of the scholarship running backs are injured. Norman Whitley had shoulder surgery. Dominique Landry is patiently waiting on a torn MCL to heal, still unsure whether he'll still contribute or be able to apply for a medical redshirt.

Chris Johnson has to rest his turf toe that prevented him from playing more than a quarter against WVU. With two yards rushing in the first half against WVU, injuries severed any ability to establish a solid rushing attack and put the offense in a vulnerable one-dimensional state.

"You look at the injuries we have on this team right now," said Holtz following a recent practice. "We've got a number of them. I'm not trying to make excuses because people have to step up and injuries are part of the game, but when you start looking at the defensive

front... and the running back situation, we've had some injuries."

Following the 27-10 physical loss to WVU, the team is more nicked up than ever.

"Everybody has a ding right now," Hudson said. "I'm sore from guys jumping on my back and knocking me around. We're all sore right now and you're going to be sore until December. That's part of the game."

The soreness might subside with the open date, which gives players two days away from football to rest, both mentally and physically. Players who live within driving distance have the opportunity to see their families for a weekend for the first time since fall camp started in early August.

It will allow the coaches a fifth game film on the evolving Virginia team. Al Groh has used three quarterbacks thus far and seems to have found one in Kevin McCabe, but the game film against Duke


will confirm or deny Groh's faith in his young signal caller. It also provides the ECU coaching staff more evidence of Virginia's nuances and habits in different formations. Scouting has become such a distinct science that each repetition becomes ammunition for the opposing teams. Knowing personnel will help ECU become familiar with an opponent they haven't played since the Pirates embarrassed the Wahoos 61-10 in 1975.

Holtz summarized having an open date four games into the 12 week schedule.

"I'm excited about the open date where we can get some of these bumps and bruises healthy and kind of get healthy again going in the second part of the season."

That is, if Hanley can work his magic.

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Brunswick County teen's passions: faith and football

(AP) — Less than 24 hours after tucking away his cleats and West Brunswick High School football uniform, Brandon Rankin goes to church.

His pastor, Emily Howard, thinks of him as a junior deacon. "He does whatever you need for him to do," she said.

On Saturdays, Brandon mows the church lawns, then rehearses the music for Sunday services.

Church is his only serious interest besides football.

He plays the keyboard, organ and sometimes the drums, and occasionally sings during services at Emmanuel Sounds of Praise Pentecostal Fellowship Ministries. The senior has been doing it since age 12 or 13 — around the same time he first went out for football. "It just came to me naturally, just like football," he said of his musical abilities.

"Brandon has a gift," said his mother, Rosa Hill. "He never took music lessons because I couldn't afford it."

Football limits his practice time at home, yet he is a team player off the field as well.

"We had an organ in church and nobody to play it," he said.

"I told him to get on the keyboard," Howard said. "The Lord told me to put him on the organ."

Undaunted, Brandon obliged and learned to play by ear.

"I just pick it up from listening to different people who play," he said. "I just play by what I hear."

He also picked up pointers from Angela Thompson, who plays the organ when Brandon doesn't. "I just watch how she plays," he said.

Brandon's grandmother, Addie Rankin, wishes he could do more in the church, but football season cuts into his religious activities. Brandon is part of the church's worship team, consisting of a keyboard player, drummer and two singers. Like a defensive unit on the gridiron, his worship team practices on Saturday afternoons.

"He does a little bit of everything," his grandmother said. "If you want to do something, the Lord will find a way for you to do it. He keeps the church grass cut and things like that. We miss him when ball season comes in because we don't see him as much on Tuesdays and Fridays." Rankin had no idea Brandon possessed musical talents.

"God just anointed his hands to play the organ," she said.

On the gridiron, often the only sound opponents hear are footsteps.

Brandon, a defensive end, delivered what he called his best hit last season when he drove South Brunswick quarterback Austin Stiller into the turf just as he released a pass during the Trojans' 28-9 victory.

"He jumped in the air, and I just hit him," Brandon said. "That's the hardest hit I can remember."

The force of the contact led to an interception.

A combination of power and speed make Brandon a disruptive defender. At 6-foot-5, 255 pounds, he runs 40 yards in 4.86 seconds and bench-presses 315 pounds.

N.C. State and Appalachian State are among the college programs to contact him. He's being recruited as a pass rusher, although he has played linebacker.

"I think he could be the best player in our league," said West Brunswick coach Jimmy Fletcher, a former East Tennessee State assistant. "I've told a lot of college scouts that."

Growing up, Brandon wasn't interested in football, preferring toy trucks and basketball. He only went out for the sport in his final

year of middle school after seeing how much fun his brother, Lamar Hill, had while playing linebacker for the Trojans.

"The first time I went out on the field during practice, I immediately liked the hitting," Brandon said. "I got an adrenaline rush. The sport just came naturally to me."

West Brunswick is attempting to get Brandon to try out for basketball, but he's not interested in other sports.

When asked what he would do if he wasn't playing football, he replied he didn't know.

"Football has just carried me a long ways," he said. "I don't know where I'd be without football."

Both his mother and pastor suspect Brandon would be OK.

"When I pull up on Sundays, Brandon is already at the church," Howard said. "He greets me and takes my bags into the church. He is always there, every Sunday."

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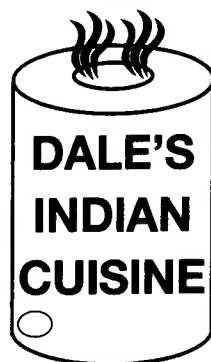


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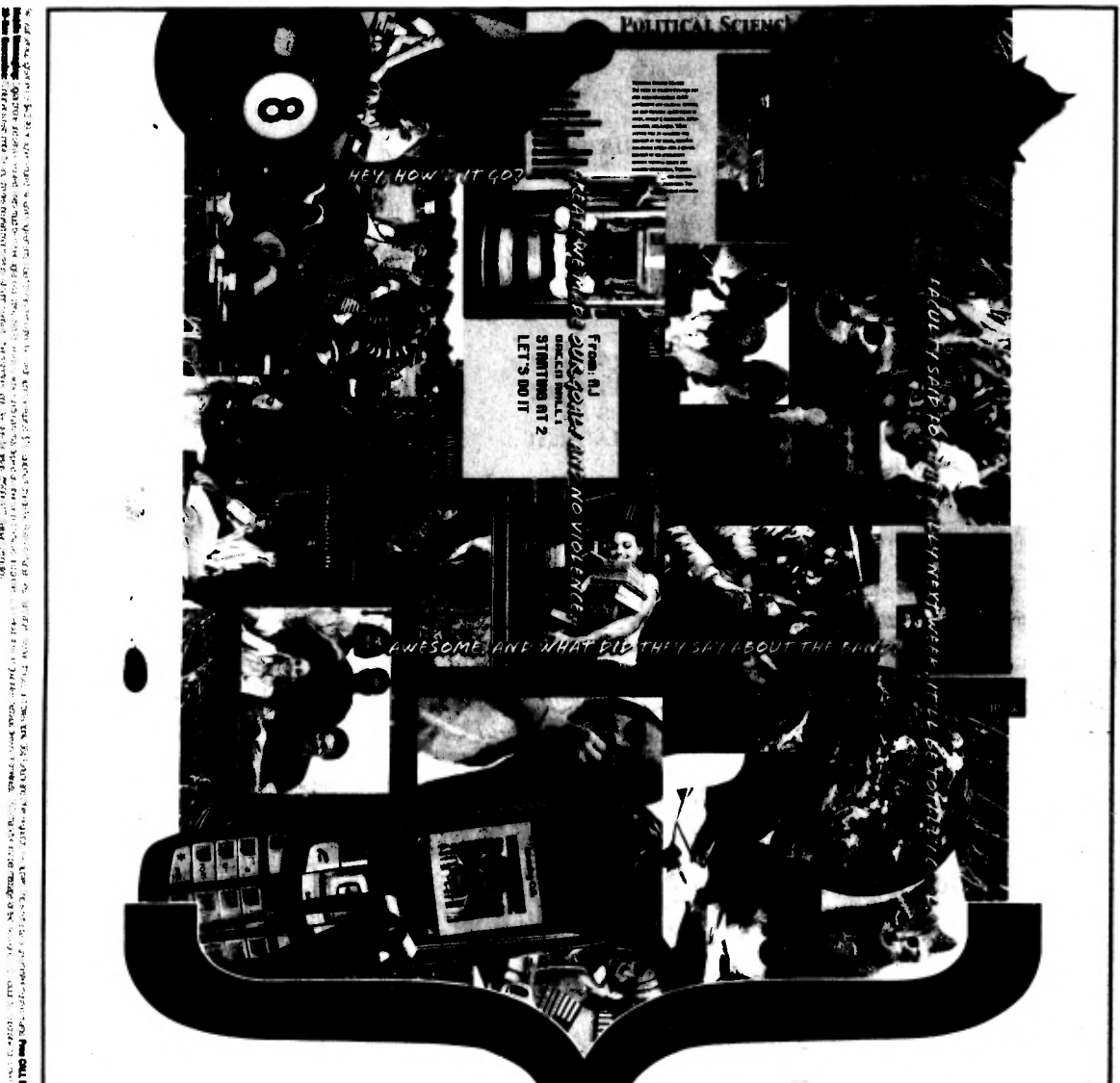
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