



New revitalization planned for downtown

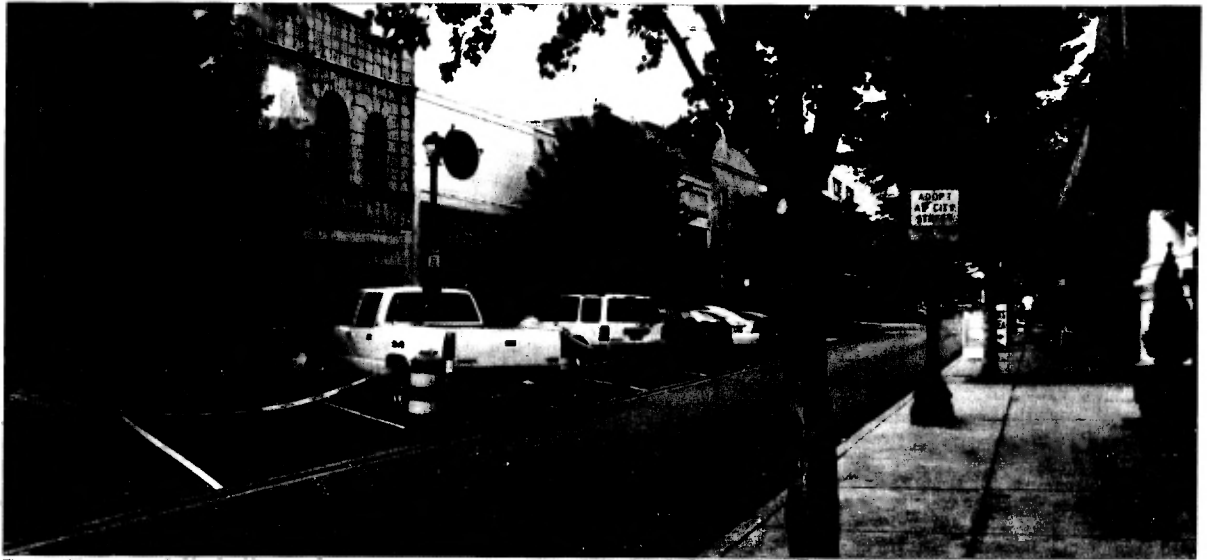


Photo by Liz Wells

The committee, composed of local architects, designers and many community members, is looking to make downtown Greenville a "destination" and help boost the local economy.

Local committee holds meeting to discuss plans for a better downtown

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STAFF WRITER

A committee of local architects, designers and Greenville enthusiasts held a meeting last Wednesday, Oct. 11, to discuss a revitalization plan for downtown. The Downtown Design Guidelines Workshop, at the Sheppard Memorial Library, was held to gain public feedback about the new ideas for making downtown

Greenville a more exciting place.

A volunteer advisory committee, which plans to clean up the appearance of downtown and encourage new stores, restaurants and businesses to come to the area, sponsored the meeting.

"Our goal is to really boost the economy of downtown and create a destination," said committee member Myriah Shewchuk. "We want to meet the needs of the various people in Greenville, from the college students, to the retirees, to the young professionals. We want to make it a place for everyone to get together and have something to do. Our plan is to make downtown something the community can be proud of."

The meeting gave Greenville citizens a chance to ask questions about the committee's plans and give input on what they would like to see in the community. The consensus at the meeting was that people in the community want a cleaner, more family-oriented downtown with restaurants, shops and other places to go.

Many people at the meeting felt that all the bars downtown take away from the area and prevent families from going there. One Greenville man called the bars an "abomination," and even said that the problems in Greenville come from the "kind of traffic" these bars bring downtown. Albrecht McLawhorn, a local architect and

member of the committee, doesn't necessarily agree. McLawhorn feels that downtown can still be a great place with both bars for the college students and other places for families.

"While the bars pose perhaps the biggest reason for design guidelines, they are also a vital part to this city," said McLawhorn. "There are numerous examples of college bars in college towns that add something to that city. I hope we can work with bar owners and find a middle ground. We want to find a way to help them with their businesses, so they, in turn, can help us with the downtown that we are all working toward."

The committee would like

downtown businesses to follow "design guidelines," which would enhance the appearance of buildings in the area. The guidelines will address the appearance of signs, entrances, facades, architecture and outside lighting of businesses. The goal of these guidelines is to make downtown look more inviting and distinct.

"Our goal is to create these design guidelines that will give existing property owners and new developers an idea of what they can do with their property to make it more fitting in the context of the downtown," said Shewchuk. "We

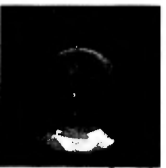
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Bringing calligraphy straight from Japan

ECU offering workshop again next semester

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Students had the opportunity last week to learn some of the basics of Japanese calligraphy from Nobuyoshi Asaoka, ECU's newest Japanese instructor.

Students and other community members learned of calligraphy's history and how it arrived in Japan.

They were able to take a brush in hand and learn various strokes and techniques for calligraphy and, in the end, were able to paint the Japanese calligraphic symbol of their choice.

Calligraphy can best be described as artistic, elegant handwriting and can be found in many different cultures and languages. Originally from India, calligraphy was brought to China and Korea hundreds of years ago, and was eventually brought to Japan where it was practiced exclusively by monks. Today, Japanese students learn calligraphy from elementary school through high school. There are even private instructors and institutions available to coincide or go beyond the standard educational level.

Asaoka, or Nobu as he prefers to be called, has been practicing calligraphy for nearly 20 years and took private lessons from a mentor in addition to his school education. Originally from the city of Fukuoka, Nobu studied English at the University of Arizona (though he did not graduate from there), which gave him the opportunity, as he described it, to look at his home country from a different point of view.

"I was kind of amazed to find that lots of people are kind of interested in Japanese culture and Japan," said Nobu. "Sometimes I found myself kind of ignorant about Japanese culture and stuff about Japan."

Nobu returned to Japan where he began studying Soshu, an advanced style/form of Japanese calligraphy. Eventually Nobu came back to the United States and attended the University



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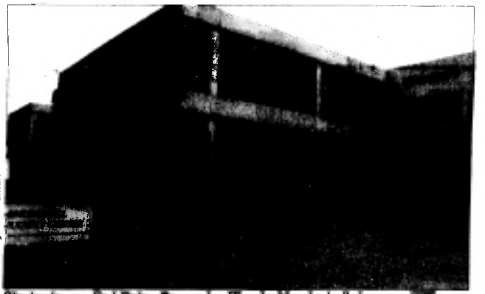
of Wisconsin at Madison, graduating over the summer with a M.A. in Japanese Pedagogy and Linguistics. He comes to ECU now as a lecturer, and teaching the Japanese language for the first time as an instructor instead of a teaching assistant.

The challenge of learning Japanese, according to Nobu, is that it is a very different language from most of the other foreign

languages in the school curriculum, and there are very few opportunities to practice here on campus.

"I really want to provide lots of opportunities for my students to speak Japanese," said Nobu. "I considered the fact that there are not many Japanese students

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Students can find Peter Romary's office in Mendenhall, in room 125.

Where students go for legal assistance

Meet the director of student legal services

KIMBERLY BELLAMY
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Legal services are available to students on campus if they find themselves in a predicament that requires legal advice and assistance.

Peter Romary, director of student legal services, has an office in room 125 of Mendenhall Student Center so that he will be accessible to students who need his help.

Romary has been providing useful information about legal issues that students should have knowledge of in many of the issues of the *East Carolinian*.

Some of the issues he provides insight on include the alcohol laws, date rape and sexual assault.

Romary has worked with many students on a variety of issues and is actively taking part in a program that will help more students.

"The issues are as diverse as the people I work with and I love that," said Romary. According to Romary, he is currently helping develop the Student Safety and Awareness plan at ECU.

Training on legal and safety issues, legal advice and assistance to students with issues ranging from the rival arena including landlord tenant and small claims issues to speeding tickets, drinking tickets and DWIs and more serious issues are some of the things that he specializes in according to Romary. While Romary does work primarily for legal assistance to students, he has the desire to work with other resources on campus as well.

"I am especially keen to work

more with the victims advocate and counseling services who are and should be the first port of call for students who have been victims of crime," Romary said.

Romary implied that he has the desire to be able to help students even more than he already has in the past.

"With a number of new restraining orders now available in North Carolina and with more and more avenues for legal remedies available to victims, I hope that I will be able to assist more students," Romary said.

Romary has been an attorney for 12 years and managed to help student in SGA by giving them legal advice throughout the years.

Some of the honors Romary has received include the North Carolina Bar Pro Bono award, the National Law Journal Pro Bono Award, and the National Crime Victims Bar Association Champion of Justice Award according to Romary.

Letters of recommendation from the President of the United States, Governors and Ambassadors, and other high honors are just a few of his many credentials.

Many students are unaware of the superb legal assistance that is available to them at the university.

Crystal Toone, junior recreational therapy major said, "I haven't gotten into any legal trouble in my time here at ECU but if I did, I would consider using this service."

To find out more legal advice that is available, you can call 928-5183 for an appointment with Romary.

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News

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Announcements

NPHC Homecoming Step Show

Friday, Oct. 20
Location: Wright Auditorium, 8 p.m.
The NPHC 2006 ECU Homecoming Step Show is just around the corner. This year's show is on Friday, Oct. 20th at 8 p.m. in Wright Auditorium. Alpha Phi Alpha, Omega Psi Phi, Delta Sigma Theta, Phi Beta Sigma, Zeta Phi Beta and Sigma Gamma Rho have confirmed to compete for prize money and bragging rights!
Tickets are on sale now! \$15 for students in advance, \$20 for public in advance, \$25 the night of the show. You can purchase tickets from the Mendenhall Box Office or by calling 1-800-ECU-ARTS. The official NPHC Step Show after party will be hosted at the Dynasty. Cost is \$10 for students/alumni and \$15 for the public.

ECTC/ECC Alumni Society Reunion

Friday, Oct. 20, through Saturday, Oct. 21
ECU alumni who attended ECTC or ECC are invited to attend the ECTC/ECC Alumni Society Reunion. Activities include a campus bus tour, breakfast at the Alumni Center on Saturday prior to the parade, the Alumni Tailgate, and a reduced-price football ticket. Following the game, enjoy a reception and dinner at Mendenhall Student Center, and then dance to the tunes of the Collegians as you reminisce and reconnect with friends from your college days at ECU. Our special honorees this year are members of the Class of 1956. These alumni will be inducted as Golden Alumni at the evening event. For details, contact the East Carolina Alumni Association. Call (800) ECU-GRAD or visit PirateAlumni.com. Ticket required.

Homecoming Open House

Saturday, Oct. 21
9 a.m. at the Taylor-Slaughter Alumni Center
Attend the Homecoming Open House on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 9 - 11 a.m. Enjoy a continental breakfast and a front row seat for the homecoming parade at 10 a.m!
The event is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact 328-6072 or Homecoming, PirateAlumni.com.

Technology Jobs Available

Oct. 2 - 23
Location: Allied Health and Nursing Building
The SMART Classroom support team within the Information Technology and Computing Services department (ecu.edu/its) is looking for student employees who can work mornings, beginning at 8 a.m., in the new Allied Health and Nursing building on ECU's West Campus. If you can work morning hours and are interested, please contact Tom Irons, Jr. at ironsth@mail.ecu.edu. Classroom technology experience is not required; we will train enthusiastic hard working students.

Campus Dining Survey

Opportunity to Win an Apple iPod nano or iTunes Gift Card

Oct. 5 - 20.
Location: ecu.edu/dining
We are conducting a survey to better understand your campus lifestyle and preferences. By sharing your thoughts, we will gain valuable insight to help improve your overall campus dining experience. This online survey will take 10 to 12 minutes and your responses are confidential. Each participant in the survey will have the opportunity to enter to win an Apple iPod nano or iTunes Gift Card. To take the survey visit collegediningurvey.com/ecu or ecu.edu/dining.

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ACHIEVE: Understanding the Demands of College Writing
Writing papers in college can be very different than writing papers in high school. Come learn about different writing and reference styles as well as what you need to do to avoid violating our academic integrity policy.
Scott Hall Basement

2006 School of Art and Design Faculty Exhibition
Wellington B. Gray Gallery

Woman's Golf
Lady Pirate Invitational
Bradford Creek Golf & Country Club

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

Freeboot Friday
Performing this week: Zydefunk Zydefunk (Louisiana Grooves)
Uptown Greenville
5 - 8 p.m.

Women's Volleyball
Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum
7 p.m.

ECU vs. Rice

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Woman's Golf
Bradford Creek Golf & Country Club
Lady Pirate Invitational

Men's Swimming
Minges Aquatic Center
11 a.m.

Women's Swimming
ECU VS. GARDNER-WEBB
Minges Aquatic Center
11 a.m.

Football
ECU VS. SMU
Homecoming
Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium
3 p.m.

Woman's Golf
Bradford Creek Golf & Country Club
Lady Pirate Invitational

Women's Volleyball
ECU VS. HOUSTON
Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum
12 p.m.

ECU Pirate Chase 5K and 1 Mile
The Pirate Chase 5K is a challenging and fun 3.1 mile run around the ECU Sports Complex. The double loop 5K passes by the Bronze Pirate, Clark-LeClair and Ficklen Stadiums. A one mile run or walk starts at the same time. Great event for spectators also. Good food and drink, and a few other surprises. Complete details and entry forms available at East Carolina Road Racing Web site ecrun.org
Wards Sports Medicine Building (Bronze Pirate)
1 p.m.

Advising for Spring Semester Begins

ACHIEVE: Saving Time Researching Your Paper in Your Room
Researching your paper does not have to be a scary process. Come find out about all the tools available through Joyner Library and how you can do the majority of your research in the comfort of your own room!
Belk Hall Basement
7 p.m.

ACHIEVE: What to Write Down and When
Each class you take probably has multiple books as well as the material covered in lectures you will have to take notes on. Come find out from a professor, how to take notes effectively to help make studying less stressful.
Fletcher Hall Lobby

Effective Communication
A guest speaker from the School of Communication will present on effective forms of communication pertaining to leaders and members of student organizations
Mendenhall, room 15
3:30 p.m.

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Russian Film Series: "A Cruel Romance"
Movies have English subtitles or dubbing.
Bate 2011
6:30 p.m.

NEWS BRIEFS

Lawyers to drop contempt claim against Georgia over voter letters

(AP) — A legal team opposing Georgia's voter-photo ID law said Wednesday it will drop a contempt charge against the state after the approval of a mass mailing of more than 300,000 letters to inform voters they will not have to bring a photo ID to the polls in November.
A contempt hearing was scheduled for Friday, where lawyers planned to ask a judge to force the state to send voters a letter similar to the one approved Tuesday at a special meeting of the State Election Board.

"They have basically done everything that we were asking for in our motion for contempt," said Jennifer Auer Jordan of the Barnes Law Group, headed by former Georgia Gov. Roy Barnes.
Jordan said the lawyers planned to fax a motion to dismiss to the Fulton County Superior Court civil clerk's office on Thursday morning.
In all, the election board contacted by mail 305,000 registered voters believed to lack state-issued photo identification.

A sampling of editorials from North Carolina newspapers

(AP) — House Speaker Jim Black has a lot of legal bills and needs a way to pay them. That's

understandable.
What's not understandable is his refusal to tell the public who's giving money to his legal defense fund. In an age when full disclosure is the only way citizens can know who's funding politicians, that's outrageous.
The public wouldn't have known about the Teamster PAC's \$5,000 donation had it not been disclosed in a 222 page filing with the Federal Elections Commission, reports the Observer's David Ingram.

That donation caught many by surprise. Several newspapers had reported in March that the legal defense fund's organizers said they wouldn't accept contributions from lobbyists and PACs.
Addison Bell of Matthews, an organizer of the fund, said he was incorrectly quoted by three newspapers last spring. He said he remembers saying no lobbyists' contributions, but says he didn't mention PACs.

Here's why disclosure is important to the public: Candidates can't accept more than \$4,000 from any donor nor can they accept a dime directly from corporations or labor unions.

Country Singer Quit Reality Show for Son

(KMTR) — Country singer Sara Evans said she quit the TV

show Dancing With the Stars for the welfare of her son.

In a pre-recorded interview broadcast during Tuesday's live show, Evans said something very personal and traumatic happened after last Wednesday's results show, forcing her to file for divorce because things just went downhill at 100 mph.
She said family members told her she couldn't leave her son because he had been traumatized by the situation. She said if she tried to continue the show, "I think I would have had a nervous breakdown."

Evans accused her husband, Craig Schelske, of adultery with their nanny in divorce papers. The nanny, Alison Clinton Lee, however, told Inside Edition the allegations are false.
"He's a mentor, a really good friend. Never once did he make a pass at me," Lee said, adding she has no idea why Evans is making the accusations.
"I thought it was a joke, I really did. I was like, 'Are you kidding me?' That is so far from the truth that I don't even know where it came from. I'm devastated by this," Lee said.

Humans' Sex Organs to Grow Bigger By 3000

(KMTR) — Men's penises will be bigger and women's breasts will

be more pert by the year 3000.

New research predicts some humans will be six and a half feet tall, have coffee-colored skin and live for 120 years.
The predictions appear in a new report by evolution theorist Dr. Oliver Curry, from the London School of Economics.
He spent two months investigating the ascent and descent of man over the next 100 millennia. He found that social division might split humans into two sub-species of giants and goblins.
The descendants of the genetic upper class would be tall, slim, healthy, attractive, intelligent, and creative. But an "underclass" will have evolved into dim-witted, ugly, squat goblin-like creatures.

Search continues for missing boy

(AP) — Searchers may get a little help from mother nature so they can start searching for a missing 8-year-old boy by air at Crater Lake.
Snow and low clouds have hampered search efforts for Samuel Boehlke, of Portland.
Samuel wandered away from his father's car late Saturday afternoon at a turnout on Rim Drive.
Nearly 200 searchers with dogs and on horseback have joined the effort. But the snow and low clouds have prevented a helicopter from

taking part. It is equipped with a sensor that can detect body heat.
Snow has been falling since Samuel has been missing. The boy is wearing long pants, hiking shoes and a jacket.

Wife's Weight Worth Beer, Bucks in Race

(AP) — The annual wife-carrying competition at the Sunday River Ski Resort in Bethel, Maine, fractures the phrase "behind every great man stands a great woman."
Men actually carry women on their backs in the North American Wife Carrying Championships, which just completed its fifth year of competition, the Lewiston (Maine) Sun Journal said. Twenty-seven teams competed in the event, which ski resort officials said was a record.
The course, all 278 yards of it, includes a hairpin turn, a log hurdle and a water trench that a man must navigate with his wife clutching him around the neck. The prize is beer and money based on the wife's weight.
This year's winners, first-time, wife-hauler John Ferra and his spouse, Tess, took home 12 cases of beer and \$675, five times Tess' weight, the newspaper said. They also received \$1,000 for airfare to fly to next year's world championships in Finland.

"How the Pirates Won the West," ECU homecoming 2006

CONTRIBUTED ARTICLE

The ECU Student Homecoming Committee and Steering Board proudly announce the ECU's 90th Homecoming, "How the Pirates Won the West." As our own ECU Pirates gear up to face-off against the Mustangs of SMU there will be events across campus for students and Pirate Fans of all ages to show off what it really means to be a Pirate.
On Thursday, Oct. 19 at the bottom of College Hill from 5:30 - 8 p.m. will be the official Homecoming pep rally. The events this year will include a canned food

drive, a mechanical bull, DJ Nautia, free food and free give-a-ways.
ECU students have been busily collecting cans all semester long to donate to the Salvation Army. Last year over 10,000 cans were donated by students, and this year's goal is to donate over 12,000 cans.

Also performing at the Pep Rally will be the step show performances by ECU students as part as the NPHC Annual Fall Step Show, ECU Cheerleaders, Marching Pirates, Pee Dee the Pirate and the football coaching staff all out to get students excited for Saturday's game.

"There's nothing more valuable to ECU than the support of our community! We hope that Pirate fans, both young and old will come out and experience the excitement of Homecoming"

ELIZABETH SCHULER
STUDENT HOMECOMING CHAIR

The next big Homecoming event will be the traditional Homecoming Parade.

On Saturday, Oct. 21, community members will gather at the Parade begins at 9:45 a.m. and proceeds down Fifth Street.

The Parade will feature Greenville City Mayor Robert D. Parrott as the Grand Marshall, floats built by student organizations, the 2005 Homecoming Queen, Jessica Mortenson and the 2006 Homecoming Court.
"There's nothing more valuable to ECU than the support of our community," said Elizabeth Schuler, student homecoming chair.

We hope that Pirate fans, both young and old will come out and experience the excitement of Homecoming."

For more information about ECU's Homecoming activities visit ecu.edu/universityunions/ or contact Elizabeth Schuler at 328-4715.

Check out our special Homecoming Section. It includes a schedule of events, exclusive photos and the inside scoop on this year's celebration.

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The look of downtown Greenville will be undergoing some changes.

feel that these changes will do a lot to help boost the economy and get people to come downtown and spend time."

The committee's plans for downtown also include adding more trees to the streets and creating a park for families. Citizens at the meeting suggested flower boxes, artwork and outdoor furniture to enhance downtown's appearance. The goal is to encourage people to walk around downtown, have coffee or eat dinner outside, and basically feel comfortable in the area.

Incentives will be offered to local businesses that wish to change the appearance of their buildings in accordance with the new design guidelines. Businesses will be able to receive facade

improvement grants, renovation tax credits and other incentives to help with the cost of renovation.

"We hope that incentives will encourage developers to come in and locate their businesses downtown as opposed to elsewhere in the county or on the fringe of the city," Shechuk said.

The committee plans to hold more community meetings in order to get as much feedback as possible from business owners and Greenville citizens. Students are encouraged to keep a look-out for future meetings so they can voice their ideas about the changes they would like to see downtown.

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A growing number of college students are finding faith in different ways.

Students find faith

(MCT)—When the Rev. Robert L. Carpenter started a small, faith-based organization at the University of Central Florida four years ago, he never imagined how big it would become.

Today, what began as a word-of-mouth venture packs in students at Sunday services and boasts an e-mail list of nearly 2,000. Incoming freshmen seek out University Christian Fellowship when they arrive on campus, not just the other way around.

Carpenter's group is just one of many faith-based organizations on local college campuses that are reporting a recent jump in membership. A Harvard poll released this year found that seven out of 10 U.S. college students said "religion is somewhat or very important in their lives," and 25 percent say they've become more spiritual since entering college.

"With all the uncertainty in the world with the war, bird flu, hurricanes, students are looking for some kind of faith connection," Carpenter says of the boost. "They are searching for

something that is secure." And for some, that means branching away from Greek life, athletics and activities that bombard them with peer pressure and alcohol.

Nausheen Ansari, 21, sought friends, and mostly understanding, when she joined the Muslim Student Association at UCF. She feared backlash against the Muslim community as the United States fought in the Middle East. "It's something that helps you stay strong," she says of her connection to the Muslim student group.

Ansari says she has watched as a growing number of incoming students seek out connections to faith-based organizations, even students who previously weren't religious. "I feel (the increase in interest) has a lot to do with finding a group of friends that they can relate to," she says, "and often high schools do not have the kind of faith groups that you can find on college campuses."

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Students not in a big rush to tie the knot

(MCT)—She has a master's degree in education and a head full of ambition.

By day, she's a teacher. By night, she writes dramatic movie scripts. She's also developing a nonprofit tutoring organization, so someday she can be her own boss.

Her name is Thais Council, and at 26, she knows exactly where she is going in the next several years — and it isn't down the aisle.

"I don't see myself getting married until, maybe, when I'm over 30," she said, pausing. "Well over 30."

Council and other 20-somethings say the reason for this delay is simple: nowadays, marriage isn't the first step to adulthood, it's one of the last. Finishing school, getting a good job, and achieving financial and emotional independence are now the prerequisites — prerequisites that they say are taking even longer to achieve because of the soaring cost of living, the generation's tendency to cling to their parents and their fears of divorce.

"I do feel pressure from my grandparents; they think I'm getting ancient. But I feel like I need to be more established with my career. I want to feel more self-sufficient," said Ronit Zargar, 27, who has a boyfriend but is in no rush to tie the knot. "I look at marriage as a final thing. There is no divorce."

Many young singles aren't even looking for love. A recent study by the Pew Research Center found that more than one-third of American singles 18 to 29 say they aren't looking for a romantic partner.

Some don't like the dating scene. Many just don't have the time. Council, for example, had to get rid of her pet fox terrier because she was always working. Her mother, who has more old-fashioned values, was disappointed.

"My mom said having a pet dog is good practice for a boyfriend," Council said with a laugh.

In 1970, only 15 percent of Americans 25 to 29 were unmarried. Now nearly half are, according to 2005 census numbers.

Census statistics suggest that young adults living in states where there is a high cost of living and a competitive career market often wait longer to marry. Statistics also show that today's young

adults are making less, when adjusted for inflation, than people their age did 30 years ago.

Washington, D.C., has the highest median age for marriage in the nation: 30. Florida has the oldest age of marriage for the South (27 for men, 25 for women), which doesn't surprise Ches Kanno, 30, a Florida bachelor. He says South Florida culture is more about partying and climbing the corporate ladder than settling down.

"In South Florida, you gotta love the women down here, but they're kind of superficial," he said. "The older and more mature I get, the more critical I become. I don't want to make any compromises."

College student Dayana Leon, 23, said the dating process has become murky, with both genders having to figure out whether a partner is relationship material or falls into the category of "friends with benefits."

"Nowadays? Forget about it. Guys are just interested in messing around," she said. "And with all the feminism, you want to be equal with the guys. Well, if he can do it, why can't I?"

Delaying marriage has its benefits; research shows. The National Marriage Project at Rutgers University reports that, while divorce rates hover near 50 percent for all Americans, couples cut that in half by waiting to marry after 25.

Waiting also makes some financial sense. A 2004 study by the RAND Corp., a California-based research nonprofit, showed that women who delayed marriage increased their wages by an extra 4 percent a year for every year they remained single. The reason, the report said, was they were able to switch jobs easily, speeding promotion.

It's not just a matter of money. It's also about maturity.

David Wallace, director of counseling at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, said many of today's 20-somethings are not ready for marriage because they are deeply involved in another relationship — with their parents. His generation, he recalls, rebelled against authority. This generation is best friends with Mom and Dad.

"There is a new electronic umbilical cord, and it's called the

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The inconvenience of kindness

CLAIRE MURPHY
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Have you noticed that so many people on campus will slip in or out of a door without holding it open for you? That is so rude. I always make it a point to pause for a second and hold the door for whoever is behind me. It seems to be one of the most basic forms of good manners.

In kindergarten, we all learn to share, not to hit each other and so on, but are we ever told to hold the door for one another? Probably not. However, it really can make a difference in someone's day.

When I'm running through the rain on a Monday morning to get to the Bate building as quickly as possible and as I'm approaching the building, I find the door slowly shutting in my face, it is another straw on the camel's back for an already potentially crappy day.

We all know those times where campus is hectic - Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays during the peak hours. It's usually about ten minutes before the hour when chaos breaks loose. If you are going to or coming from class at this time, I can pretty much guarantee that there will be someone behind you when you are walking through the door. You usually don't even have to wait three seconds before the next person comes along.

The situation reminds me of how impatient we are as a society in everything we do. We abbreviate everything we can, we draw hearts instead of writing the word "love," we want everything as soon as humanly possible. Does that really save any significant amount of time? Absolutely not.

So, next time you think that split second of being polite is going to ruin your day, take a deep breath and slow down. It won't kill you to be nice to a stranger.

Does the job define the worker?

Being appreciative for who we have working for us

AARON BORREGO
OPINION WRITER

Why do we scoff at workers on campus or abroad who are doing their job? Why do we, as human beings, feel the need to judge others based on an array of different facets? This is wrong.

It is wrong for anyone to do this and it was wrong when I saw it happen recently. Some girl in a pink shirt thought she was so much better than one of ECU's custodial workers that she scoffed at the worker. She also let out a "whatever" that would have angered Mother Teresa if she were alive.

What made this stick out in my mind was the simple fact that the custodial worker only said, "Hi, do you mind if I get here to sweep?" What is so wrong with asking someone to move so you can finish your job?

I wasn't sure if I should have said anything to the sow with a phone shoved into her ear. This was so completely revolting, I didn't know even how to respond. It just made me cringe where I was standing.

This situation made me further wonder, why or what would have caused this girl to react so poorly to a simple situation? The only thing I could figure was that we, as a society and as a people, give personal value to people based on what jobs they do.

Everyone does this, including myself, which is wrong. Why are we so quick to judge others based only on their job titles?

I would like to state that custodial workers, landscapers and construction people are some of the most fundamental and important jobs in this country. Without these people working these jobs, our quality of life and our comfort, wouldn't be possible in any sense of the word.

These people make up the basic infrastructure of many institutions, businesses and universities. Without construction workers, where would we go to study or eat? Without landscapers, would the campus look as beautiful as it does here at ECU?

Without custodial workers, who would pick up everything that the students and teachers leave behind that needs to be thrown away? I sure wouldn't want to do it, and I imagine that no one else does either.

I want everyone to imagine with me for just a second that all these custodial workers decided not to come to work. Imagine they strike for just a week and no one does their job in their absence. Does anyone realize how terrible this would make the school look in just one day? Would we notice how dire things would become after a single week here at ECU?

The accumulating trash would more than likely overtake campus in a short period of time. The school would become a biological hazard zone resembling a landfill. It would be so hazardous that the piling trash may actually cause the cancellation of school activities.

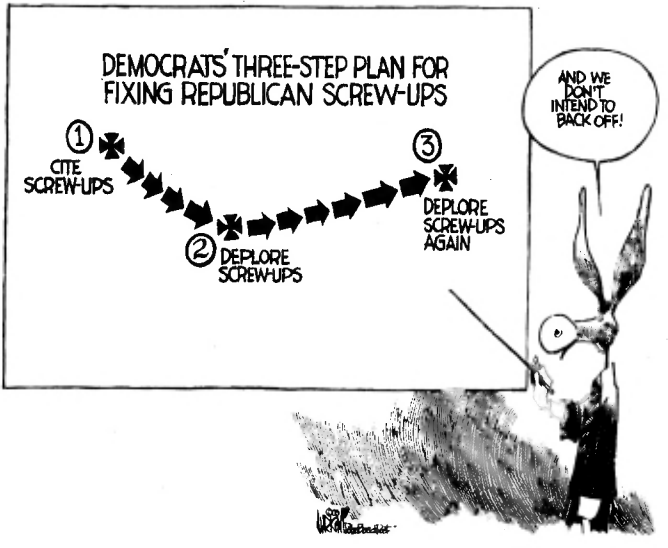
I admit, I am not the greatest fan of going to class, but I don't want it to be because our campus is so filthy that the area could cause illness. Imagine that the maintenance people stopped doing their job too. As we all know, things are bound to break or stop working.

So who would fix these things in their places? Well, I don't really know how to do many of the things maintenance, custodial and construction workers do. Even if I did know how to do them, I probably wouldn't do these tasks completely right or efficiently. Maybe everyone else reading this would be better at doing some of these tasks than me, but I bet not many people would want to do it.

All I am saying is to appreciate these people for what they do for us everyday. I have noticed these workers around campus do their jobs with a smile and a good attitude. So why not smile back and be thankful for their efforts to keep our school beautiful?

I personally want to say thank you to all our custodial, maintenance, construction, dining, student store, landscaping and student health workers for everything they do for the students. I want personally thank the lady at the Croatan who tells me to have a great day everyday I go through her line. She brightens my day with her pretty smile.

{ Welcome Jane to Thursday }



PIRATE RANTS

I'll let you whip me if I misbehave.

OK ladies... The rubber, mid-calf, rain boots with the pink, teal or purple polka dots. It looks like a smurf ate a rainbow and vomited on your footwear. They're dumb looking. Please throw them away.

I dare you to go out in public, for an entire day, without your cell phone. To lift your head when you walk, instead of looking at the ground. To smile at a stranger, instead of pushing your lips together and sticking your nose in the air. To be confident in yourself, instead of talking about how fat you are, or how you don't like your nose. To not gossip about anyone, it's trashy. To cover yourself up, instead of wearing the most revealing outfit that you own... Just one day.

I wish my roommate would take showers more often. Honey, taking one once a week isn't enough!

Is it bad that coffee affects me more than alcohol now?

Why aren't there more opportunities for me to use the word "procreate"?

I want to be an ECU secretary... Then I can be paid to play solitaire and surf the net.

Is it really fair to give an exam the first day back from fall break?

Just so everyone is clear: The signs on the highway that say "Slower traffic keep right," mean that if you are going to go the speed limit or just a little above, get the hell out of the left lane.

Pete and Polly Promiscuous - thank you for making my day! That article was hilarious, just what I needed to get me through this last freakin' exam before break!

Why does it always seem that everything I buy from UBE shrinks down a size? I follow the washing care instructions and it still shrinks their clothing.

I just can't do anything right. Can I?

If ECU were in another location, I'd be enjoying

myself. Too bad Greenville sucks unless you're intoxicated.

Fifteen dollars for step show tickets? Who do you think we are, A&T? Please get serious!

OK so, ECU football was blown away by Tulsa on Saturday, but I would like to mention ECU ice hockey blew away ODU 6-2 on Friday and VCU 12-2 on Saturday. Why don't you come see a winning team for once?

How do moms know everything?

Two of our roommates suddenly moved out of our four bedroom apartment. I felt sad and dejected at first, but life with one roommate, a huge apartment and the absence of petty fights is like heaven!

I have two friends that definitely should be dating they are always crazy flirting.

Terry Holland wanted a quiet, respectful, polite ECU Football crowd. Well guess what he got it during Saturday's crushing Loss to Tulsa in the most silent stadium ever. This one's on you T.H.

Schools fun. XBox is more fun.

To the guy in my marketing class, who made the comment about his "good smelling vanilla laundry." I can't stop thinking about you, and I don't even know your name...

Glasses are sexy.

Seriously, if you say you are going to do me a favor, keep your word and do it. If you don't want to, don't go behind my back to get out of it, just say so to my face. I am so sick of relying on someone who never finishes what they promise they will do.

You make me want to barf little chocolate hearts!

What is up with our football team? Can we win one game against a team worth a darn? Come on, guys, you sucked Saturday.

How come I can see State, UNC, Wake Forest, Duke

and even Appalachian play football on TV, but I can't see ECU football on TV when I live less than three miles from the stadium? Maybe Mr. Holland should stop worrying about students being "mean" to opposing fans, and get Pirate football on TV instead.

Smile every once in a while, I promise it's OK.

It's better to cheat than repeat.

You just can't live in that negative way. Make way for the positive day.

The article titled "Don't Let the Man Keep You Down" was by far the best article I have read in the paper in the last eight years I have been here.

You are the funniest guy I have ever met and I think you're really handsome. Get over your ex-fiancé already and ask me out, I'm waiting.

To people who put "knitting and baby-sitting" into the "special skills" section on a job application at a restaurant. Are you out of your mind?

Why is finding a good guy so hard? Some days I feel like no one will ever love me.

I did not see any article that gave a review of Chicago. It was a really good play but I guess the people at TEC don't know anything about good art!

Go go Power Rangers!

Just because the leggings and skirt may not be fashionable and make me look fat, it's not my fault I was born in the wrong decade. I'm an 80's child at heart.

The advantage TV stations have over newspapers is immediacy. Newspapers provide something TV cannot - detail. If you see an ECU story on TV, then see it in the East Carolinian the next day, that's normal for any newspaper. Plus, remember that TEC only comes out three times a week. TV and newspapers are apples and oranges, and not competing media. Stop posting ignorant rants because the responding rants will just makes you look like an idiot.

RANT OF THE DAY

Is it weird that I fantasize about cow utters?

JUST ASK JANE

Need advice? Want answers? Just ask Jane.

Dear Jane,

I have never done this before. Usually I am the type to keep my feelings inside but I feel the need to share and hopefully get some guidance. I have been with my fiancé now for five years. We have a child together (a three year old little girl). My problem is not with my soon to be husband, but it is with his sister. I think I might be in love with her. I have never had feelings like this for another woman before. I am worried and confused. Please help.

Signed,

Freaky Feelings in Greenville

Dear Freaky Feeling,

This has not been the easiest column to write because your situation involves many factors that play a major role in your life and your personal identity.

First of all, you're battling your inner feelings regarding love and your sexual orientation, which is a big deal, to say the least. Then you throw into the mix a child and the promise of marriage to someone you may not be in love with anymore and you've got quite a lot to ponder, but not to worry (at least, not to death). All is not lost.

Firstly, if you think you are in love with someone else, no matter who or what they may be, you cannot possibly commit yourself to your fiancé. It would be unfair and just plain wrong to deceive him that way and it would be unfair to you to lock yourself into something you aren't fully invested in for the rest of your life.

So, my suggestion is to tell him that you cannot marry him and to tell him why... But perhaps not every little detail as to why. He has a right to know what's going on in your head but divulging too much will hurt him more. Perhaps you should let him know that you are trying to figure out who you are and what you really want from life, and while that figures him in as the father of your child and a dear friend, it would be unfair to the both of you to go through with this marriage.

There are many other possible approaches to take with telling him how you feel, and whatever you decide to say is up to you. I'm sure there are more particulars to this story that I don't have to be able to really say, "This is exactly what you should tell him," so, unfortunately, you're somewhat on your own there. I most definitely would not tell him that you might be in love with his sister, though. Now is not the time and it will only serve to complicate the situation.

No matter how you tell him, if your heart's not in it 100 percent, don't do it! Next, give it all some time to sink in and look toward finding a solution to the custody/childcare/financial issues associated with your daughter. Her well-being should certainly be high priority here.

All this is going to take quite some time, I should think, but after it is all said and settled, you will be free to figure out whether or not A) You love his sister or B) You want to be with someone else entirely or C) Anything else that's going to make you happy.

If you do still believe you are in love with his sister, you'll have to sort that out then, but first priority should be the wedding-bells in your future and the little girl that looks up to you and her father. I wish you the best of luck.

Sincerely,

Jane

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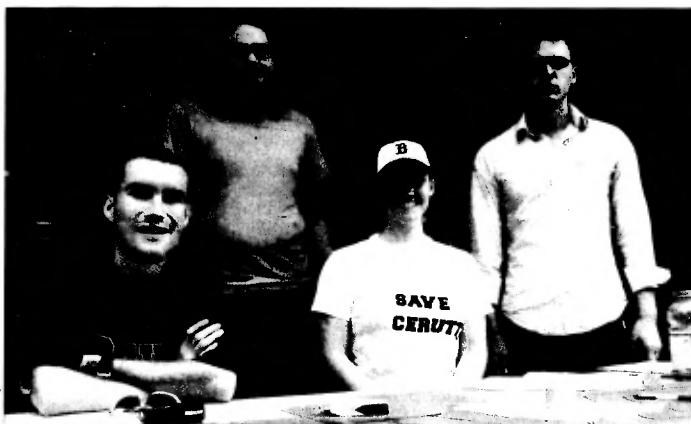
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Pictured above (left to right) is Tyler Pake, Matt Whaley, Perry McKenzie and Trey Sloan. These students, along with Kristi Carrington (not pictured) managed the "Save Cerutti" table in front of Wright Plaza Wednesday.

foreign languages and literature department, said that the class was not slated for the spring roster because of scheduling problems.

"I am surprised by the student reaction since course schedules obviously change in every department from time to time, and typically on a semester by semester basis," said Romer.

"Course scheduling is a complex matter and not a simple question of the popularity of any one course. No one is taking away CLAS 1300. That course remains on the books, just as we have other courses on the books that also need teaching. CLAS 1300 can be taught again when appropriate in the future," Romer said.

Cerutti said he did not understand what the scheduling problems could be.

"I've made it known that I would teach that class as overload at any time in any room. It just makes no sense for the chair of a department to cancel a class that has so much student support and causes that much of an outcry," said Cerutti.

"There is something wrong with that picture. It's like telling the Rolling Stones they could perform in concert but not play 'Sympathy for the Devil,'" Cerutti said.

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Some students speak out in favor of Steve Cerutti's class

Students petitioning to keep a class taught by Steve Cerutti, associate professor of foreign languages and literature, in his hands set up a group on the Web site Facebook.com called "Save Cerutti" to garner support for the class. By Wednesday evening it had 450 members.

The course, CLAS 1300, is not scheduled for next semester, which has made some students angry.

"He took subject matter that could have been very boring and made it one of the most interesting classes I've had in my four years," said Trey Sloan, senior exercise physiology major.

Sophomore history and classical studies major Perry McKenzie set up a group on the Web site Facebook.com called "Save Cerutti" to garner support for the class. By Wednesday evening it had 450 members.

anybody and I would like to see more people in it," McKenzie said.

She said that around 500 people signed the petitions. Kristi Cunningham, senior marketing major, made t-shirts reading "Save Cerutti" for her and McKenzie to wear at the table.

"They're taking away from the students. We're the ones suffering," Cunningham said. "We have a right to say what classes are."

FAITH continued from A3

Just like other student groups, spiritual gatherings span a wide range at UCF, according to a list of registered student organizations. There are 24, ranging from the Knight Circle, which celebrates "traditional, modern and symbolic beliefs of earth-based and neopagan religions," to the Women's Prayer Band and Hillel, a Jewish student group.

The university's Office of Student Involvement estimates a 25 percent increase in membership in campus ministries since the 2001-02 school year. At Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., Campus Crusade for Christ brings about 30 students together. On Monday nights, they gather in the Campus Center, singing to words in a PowerPoint presentation. Two young men strum guitars at the front of the

room. The students are dressed in T-shirts, jeans and flip-flops, and some bring their own Bibles.

David Aguilar, 19, gives a sermon on faith and actions. "Through our faith we have a lot of little bonds with each other," Aguilar tells the group. "(Christ is) the one thing that holds us together."

After the hourlong session,

they gather at a local pizza place.

"I think everyone is seeking fellowship and to intimately know the Lord," says Karin Wakas, 21. Based in Orlando, Campus Crusade reports an increase in chapters throughout the country. In 2000, the organization reached 885 campuses. By 2005, it was present on 1,298 of them.

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on campus. So, I present that most of the students don't have a lot of option to speak Japanese outside the classroom."

Nobu hopes to develop a stronger Japanese language learning curriculum and program at ECU by focusing more on the speaking aspect in class and focusing outside of the book.

The calligraphy workshop is a part of that focus.

"I want my students who are taking Japanese to come to my workshop because penmanship has been very much appreciated in Japan," Nobu stated. "Since I'm teaching Japanese, I feel obliged to introduce this aspect of Japanese culture. So, I want them to expose themselves to more aspects of Japanese culture. Also, I would like to attract more people to come and I hope they become interested in Japanese language."

so that they may take Japanese language next semester perhaps. I'd like to also contribute to the community, not only the campus. The workshop is actually open to everybody, including the community."

Those who missed the calligraphy workshop will have another opportunity in the spring semester when Nobu will hold another calligraphy workshop.

"I enjoy having the calligraphy workshop here because it also allows me to practice my own calligraphy," Nobu said.

"To me, the best part of calligraphy is when you make a straight line, you're not thinking anything. You're just concentrating on making a straight line. My focus is only on that line... my mind is basically wiped out."

This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

Five facts about Japanese calligraphy

o The symbols for Japanese calligraphy are based on Chinese characters.

o The word for "calligraphy" in Japanese is "Shodo" meaning "the way of writing."

o There are five styles of Chinese character calligraphy, and in Japanese they are known as: Tensho, Resho, Kaisho, Gysho and Sasho.

o The tool used for calligraphy is an ink brush, and the work is often done on rice paper.

o Ninety-five percent of Japanese companies accept only hand-written resumes.

UNWED continued from A3

cell phone. They are calling their parents eight, 10 times a day," he said.

Some children are particularly close with a parent if they have lived with them through a divorce. Not surprisingly, these young adults are cautious when it comes to their own romances and taking a vow that can lead to heartbreak, said Nick Wollinger, an associate professor at the University of Utah and author of "Understanding the Divorce Cycle."

The nation's divorce rates hit an all-time high in 1981 — about the time many of today's 20-somethings were babies. Overall, Wollinger said, children of divorce are not only more likely to delay marriage, but they are a third more likely to never marry.

"They view marriage less favorably because they see where it got their parents," he said.

Keisha Witherspoon, 26, said her parent's split had another effect. Until recently, she had no idea what a healthy relationship looked like. As a result, it took several years for her to learn "how to treat men, how to talk to men, how to respect them and value them."

"I was very bitter and upset that my dad was never around, and I was taking it out on them," she said.

For those young adults thinking about marriage — and the risk of divorce — an increasingly popular baby-step is living together.

"It's almost like a trial marriage. You see the bad and the good days," said Amy Tomas, 29,

whose parents divorced when she was a child.

Until recently, Tomas lived with her long-time boyfriend. She's glad they didn't marry because they ended up splitting over "trust" issues.

Between 1990 and 2003, the number of non-same-sex cohabitating couples almost doubled in the United States, census data show. Compared to 1970 estimates, the practice is up 1,200 percent. About a quarter of all unmarried women 25 to 39 are living with a partner and another quarter have lived with a partner some time in the past, according to a 2005 report by the National Marriage Project.

But there are pitfalls, said David Popenoe, co-director of the National Marriage Project at Rutgers University.

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Taurus
You can do what you promised with what you have, and there'll be left-overs. This may seem to be impossible but it's not. Keep the faith.

Gemini
This has not been an easy assignment. Soon you'll feel much better. Tell a loved one your wins and losses, and get on to the next project.

Cancer
You're so cute, you can get away with almost anything. If you don't do something you promised, however, there will be trouble.

Leo
Take care of the most important things first. Put your earnings in a safe place. More study is required before you can spend wisely.

Virgo
Pay attention to the details. That's where you'll find the answer. Use something you might have thrown away, and you'll earn extra points.

Libra
Some of the stuff you've been saving has actually increased in value. Don't just toss it; find out what it's worth first.

Scorpio
If they think you have a lot, they'll naturally want you to share. That's why it's best for them to think you don't.

Sagittarius
You're on thin ice, so don't try anything funny or even amusing. Don't even let your eyes twinkle, if you can possibly help it.

Capricorn
Delegate the errands to others, and save yourself some time. Have what you want delivered, instead of racing all over town.

Aquarius
Others are beginning to notice that you're cool when things get hot. The excitement isn't quite over yet, so postpone relaxation. Pay attention.

Pisces
A person with more experience is always good to have around. Be helpful, and you'll save yourself a lot of work and trouble.

Local Concerts:

Zydefunk will be performing Uptown for Freeboot Friday on Friday, Oct. 20 from 5 - 8 p.m.

Side Project will be performing at Dr. Unk's on Friday, Oct. 20.

The Red Rooster will play host to Purple School Bus on Saturday, Oct. 21.

Dr. Unk's will offer live music from Hydrax on Saturday, Oct. 21.

Aerosmith along with Motley Crue will perform at the Alltel Pavilion in Raleigh on Monday, Oct. 23 at 7:30 p.m.

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SHANNON DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

ECU is filled with talented students in all departments on campus. Whether a student is in the art department or not, many people have artistic gifts. Writers, poets, painters and musicians alike all have the common ground of creativity. Rebel is looking for this creativity.

Rebel is ECU's literary arts publication and is a division of ECU Student Media. Rebel holds a competition in the fall each year, and is currently advertising a call for entries for Oct. 26 and 27 at Emerge Gallery.

This year's publication is the 49th edition of Rebel. Each year, Rebel accepts and awards cash prizes to some of the most talented students at ECU. Rebel consistently wins national pacemaker awards for innovative and exceptional design and content.

The various types of art accepted for the contest are animation, book arts, ceramics, drawing, fiction and non-fiction literature, graphic design, illustration, interactive design, metal design, music, painting, photography, poetry,

print making, textile design, video and film art, and wood design.

Literary entries should be submitted as both a hard copy and digital copy on a compact disc in Microsoft Word format. Musical entries must be submitted on a CD and must be Macintosh compatible files.

According to senior art major and Rebel editor Ed McKim, "Rebel seeks to serve the students of ECU by exposing them to the art that their colleagues create. Each year we strive to find and give light to the most talented students at ECU. Rebel has been in publication since the late 1960s, and has always showcased some of the most talented students ECU has produced."

The cost is three dollars per entry, but each contender has an unlimited number of entries they are allowed to submit. The drop-off is at Emerge Gallery located on 404 South Evans St. For more information about the Emerge Gallery, visit emergegallery.com.

This contest is an opportunity for ECU students to present their creative works in a notable gallery. For more information about Rebel itself, please visit rebel.ecu.edu.

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Robin Williams plays comedian Tom Dobbs, an unlikely candidate for the President in the film *Man of the Year*.

Identity crisis for the 'Man of the Year'

Williams' only bright spot in genre-confused movie

BEN HARRIS
STAFF WRITER

As most everybody knows, false advertising is against the law. It creates a monumental problem for consumers because it leads them into thinking a product is very different from what it actually is. I've experienced this demon of the advertising industry many times when it comes to movies. A trailer will make a movie come off as one thing and then I see the movie and it is completely different. One familiar example of this is *The Village*. I went into that two-hour nonsensical waste of celluloid thinking I was going to see a genuinely scary monster movie. What I got was a stern preaching by an Alfred Hitchcock wannabe

on the dangers of not accepting change.

Any man who went to see *Pearl Harbor* knows the anger and frustration felt when instead of seeing a war movie about Pearl Harbor, we were treated to an extremely long love fest complete with bad acting and bad dialogue.

The point I'm getting at is that false advertising in movie trailers ruins the whole movie-going experience for the audience as well as destroys credibility in the filmmaker. Certainly *Man of the Year* is no exception.

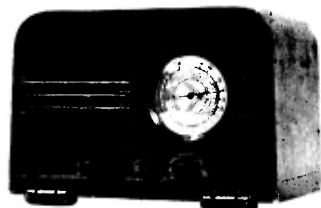
The trailer makes the movie seem to be another great Robin Williams comedy. The truth is all the funny moments, with the exception of two, happen in the trailer. The movie is actually a serious, albeit-thinly disguised, attack on the entire American electoral system. The movie centers on political comedian Tom Dobbs.

Dobbs is essentially another John Stewart. He has his own comedic news program and is more popular with the American people than any serious news journalist. Someone suggests to Dobbs that he should run for president. Some brilliant American actually suggested that a comedian run for the most powerful office in the world. This surprisingly gets to Dobbs and he decides to run.

Being a funny man, Dobbs is expected not to take the campaign seriously. It surprises everyone when Dobbs actually begins to tackle serious issues and propose solutions. I found myself agreeing with everything Dobbs said because in actuality, the issues he brought up are real problems facing America that Congress just doesn't seem interested in fixing. I'm not going to go on a big

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Out with Justin, in with Mozart



Classical music has arrived in Greenville

STACY DAIL
STAFF WRITER

The classical stylings of Mozart, Beethoven and Puccini aren't something that Greenville radio listeners are familiar with, but times have changed, and classical music is now available to grace the cars of all Greenville radio listeners.

WCPE, "The Classical Station," based out of Wake Forest, now has an affiliate station in Greenville at

97.3 FM, which will offer classical music to radio lovers all over eastern North Carolina.

You won't hear "Promiscuous Girl," or any other of today's popular jams; the station plays non-stop soothing classical sounds 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Forget about commercials or talk radio, the only thing listeners will hear is music, which is always introduced by live announcers.

Unlike many popular radio stations known to Greenville, WCPE is a non-profit station, and doesn't receive any financial help from the government.

"We believe that classical music is an integral part of the quality of life in our communities, and our mission is sharing great classical music available to the public 24 hours a day," said station manager Deborah Proctor.

The station has been in operation for the past 28 years, and over the years they have really developed a passion for classical music, and offering it to the community.

WCPE is even available online at theclassicalstation.org. With six audio formats, it is easy for classical music lovers to listen wherever they

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The Green Lantern



The bar at The Green Lantern Irish Pub and Bar located on Evans Street.

A new venue for a change of pace

AARON BORRERO
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The Green Lantern Irish Pub and Bar opened about three weeks ago, much to the delight of its already fond patrons. It is located at 409 South Evans St., next to the Topsy Teapot bookstore.

The new pub is in a state of planning events and adding some new menu items, which should become a reality in the near future. There are many things that future customers and patrons need to know about the restaurant before their first visit.

While the name may invoke a certain idea of traditional Irish food and drink, one might be surprised to see what is actually served. There really isn't any traditional Irish fare or even music playing in the new establishment.

Instead, one could order an array of hot or cold sandwiches,

soup, chili or a special salad. While their food obviously isn't Irish, it is great nonetheless. Some of the sandwiches offered on the menu are the reuben, roast beef, smoked ham and cheese and chicken salad.

Other interesting offerings on the Green Lantern's menu are its coffee store products. Espresso, lattes and cappuccinos are just a few of the coffee products offered.

The restaurant also offers catering for a variety of functions. They are able to cater business functions, and also sport a banquet and conference facility.

The Green Lantern was actually a small coffee shop before it became what it is today. Therefore, it seems only natural to keep some of the original establishment in its present menu.

As everyone has surmised already, this establishment is a deli-style restaurant. Everyone may still be wondering, "How do you get any Irish feeling from this

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Return of X-Fest

A concert not to be missed

JENNY AYERS
STAFF WRITER

In two weeks for just 20 bucks, you can see a few top-notch bands, ICWF wrestling, a sideshow and girls rolling around in oil. Where can all this be found, you ask? Well of course it's X Fest, sponsored by WXNR 99.5, the X.

On Saturday, Oct. 28, the all-day festival will take place at the Kinston Drag Strip and will include many interesting and random festivities. As mentioned, there will be ICWF pro wrestling, Tyler Fyre's lucky devil sideshow and some sort of amateur wrestling that is best left at that description.

The highlight of the event is obviously the music, and the lineup this year has all of the

rock bases covered. The second stage at the event will feature regional bands that were voted on by their fans, while the main stage will host big names everyone is familiar with.

Saliva, Shinedown, Red Jumpsuit Apparatus and Plain White T's will all be performing this year, and there's no doubt there will be a large turnout. Obviously it's all rock music, but each band has their distinct sound. I'll be going mainly for the latter two, but I'll take rock any way I can get it, and I expect this event is going to be rockin', for lack of a better term.

I recommend buying tickets early at 995thex.com since they are five dollars more at the gate. Take a mini-road trip to Kinston for this mega concert.

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Heavy Rotation: The Rx Bandits



Her Drawer" attack our over-prescribed youth and the ease of choosing a pill and treating it like a mood ring — just take whatever color makes you feel how you want to feel.

What most of these songs have that hold them all together are strong vocal tracks. Vocalist Matthew Embree does a great job of keeping the tracks together. His whisper to wail (not scream) is reminiscent of a Sublime-esque style of singing (though I'm not claiming anyone's that good).

The horn section on this album is great for the same reason the Rx Bandits' horns have always ruled: They're not always the focal point of a tune, and like the track, "A Mouth Full of Hollow Threats," the horns don't overpower anything else — they create a lush background to the soft, clean vocals on the track.

More progressive tracks like "Epoxi-Lips," "Tainted Wheat," and "Crushing Destroyer," show the band's knack for being able to transition from all-out shredding, prog-like guitar riffs cleanly into slower sections that are sure to take the crowds from moshing to nodding.

The vocal harmonies are there, the guitar playing is outstanding, and the creative force behind this album is huge. Some of the excess noise used to fill space between tracks could be cut out, but compared to the Mars Volta, maybe there's not enough. This album winds up being another great Rx Bandits disc. And unlike so much ska music, there's never a time when you get just a little tired of listening to horns.

Grade: B

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New album reinvents the standard in ska and punk

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Ska sucks. It's a source of all these goofy, theatre type kids in bands with 50-piece horn sections singing about the most topical things. And plus, their song titles are too funny and long.

It's for middle-schoolers, and every song sounds the same.

Well maybe that's the perception that many college-age music listeners have, but anyone who thinks that is overlooking the key values behind the music.

Everyone I know (OK, not everyone, but a lot) went through some sort of ska phase in middle school. From Reel Big Fish to the Mighty Mighty Bosstones and Less Than Jake — I, too, am no stranger of ska music.

This isn't an attempt to persuade anyone to listen to ska. This is just to show that every genre has its high points.

While the Rx Bandits can't exactly be classified as 100 percent ska music, the hints of it are definitely there.

On their new album *...And The Battle Began*, the Bandits are showing a much more progressive side of their ska-punk sound.

I know it might be hard to, but imagine the Mars Volta meets the horn section from the Reel Big Fish, and everyone has equal input on each track.

This album is where you'd expect the Rx Bandits to be pushing themselves to based on their past few releases. Lyrically, the album is still pushing a familiar "personal politics" concept that deals with how popular sub culture youth deal with the pressures in an American society they've been forced into. Tracks like "In

Greg Laswell's latest album

Through Toledo is on the spot

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STAFF WRITER

Through Toledo is the newest album from artist Greg Laswell. He not only is an artist but he is also a producer and song writer.

All of these talents were discovered by this San Diego boy when making this album, which was his first for Vanguard Records.

As most music listeners have noticed, pain makes for some of the best songs. Well, at least it makes for the best motivation for artists as they write songs. This notion was taken for an 11 song ride by Laswell.

Laswell's wife had left him which was apparently totally unexpected by Laswell as it often is by many men. His inspiration came from this personal heartbreak from which he wrote the album basically as a response.

Normally, this type of album would border on the realms of being whiny or self-sufficing, but it is an album for reflection. This album is an emotional ride with the likes of songs such as "Amazed"

and "Long way around."

The emotional connection that Laswell makes with his listeners is uncanny. Honestly, the listener is compelled to feel the exact mood and moment of this music.

His lyrics are as compelling to move people to notice the meaning in his story and feeling behind his singing. The haunt-

This multi-talented man produced, recorded and mixed this album by himself in San Diego, Calif. Oh, did I mention that he also had a say in the final design concept for the album?

Now, don't think every single song is slow and sad. Actually, the first song is titled, "Sing, Teresa Says." This upbeat and somewhat happy song was inspired by his grandmother.

He recently said in a press interview that he had a dream in which his grandmother told him to sing happy songs. Well, this song is pretty happy and pretty nice sounding as is the majority of this album.

Much of this man was put into writing this album and such be listened to at least once by everyone. This album will be well received and liked the world over for its capacity to grab the emotional strings of listeners and never let go.

The album will receive an A for the great melodies and wonderful instrument play shown by Laswell. Hopefully his life is a bit better after pouring a nice piece of it in an album for the world to listen to.

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place?" Simple, when you go into the Green Lantern, it seems as though you were magically in an authentic pub in the Irish countryside. The detail of the hardwood floors and well-maintained table area lend a rustic Irish country feel to the place.

One great thing about the Green Lantern is that it

is a non-smoking establishment. Yes indeed folks, smoke-free for all those inclined to shy away from bars, which are basically cigarette central.

While still offering great food and great drink specials, the Lantern offers something most bars cannot. What is so special about The Green Lantern is the idea that this is a bar to go to have

a nice and quiet bite to eat and not have to deal with the rigors of downtown crowds.

Check out one of the newest establishments in the downtown eatery scene with a few friends. See what they have to offer Greenville and you.

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go. The Web site also features play lists, announcer information and interviews with current classical musicians. Viewers are also presented with an Arts Calendar to inform them about local performances.

Aside from playing nonstop classical music 24 hours a day, WCPE is also the home of programs such as WCPE Opera House on Thursday nights and WCPE Saturday Evening Request Program, which gives listeners the opportunity to call in and hear the song of their choice.

In addition to these programs,

the station also offers Preview! on Sunday evening that showcases the most current releases, and previews classical events coming soon to the area.

By now most people have heard classical music stations come and go, but this isn't the case for Greenville's new station.

Many stations that once played classical have changed formats because they think there's more money to be made in country or pop. Since we are listener-supported, we play what the public wants to hear, and there are many people who love the

beauty and serenity of classical music. We tell our listeners we will never alter our dedication to playing classical music, and only classical music," Proctor commented.

WCPE is currently available in eastern and central North Carolina, as well as southern Virginia. Students are encouraged to give the radio station a chance, and enjoy arrangements from the greats, as well as the classical musicians of today.

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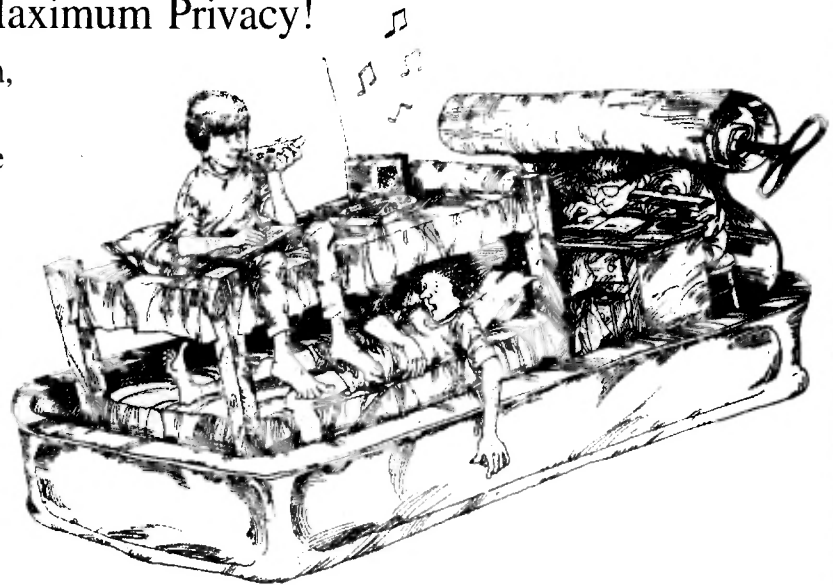
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Laura Linney plays Eleanor Green another key player along side Robin Williams's character Tom Dobbs in the film.

political rant though; I'll leave that to the opinion section. As shown in the trailer, Dobbs wins the presidency, but it's not all what it seems as an unknown woman, Eleanor Green, comes in and influences Dobbs and his presidency. The movie basically makes one big joke out of the American political system. It mocks the fact that Americans are actually willing to vote for people like Dobbs instead of true leaders.

It is not that the trailer for this movie overtly misleads the public into thinking it is a comedy, but the movie has a very difficult time deciding exactly what it wants to be. It constantly fluctuates from comedy to drama to thriller; it's a dramilledy. It presents itself as more of a drama because of the underlying struggle within Dobbs as he faces winning the presidency.

Man of the Year is directed by Barry Levinson who is previously known for *Good Morning, Vietnam* and the great Dustin Hoffman vehicle *Rain Man*. Like the movie,

Levinson's directing is mediocre and he does the best with what he has. After all, he isn't trying to secure a best picture nomination. The movie also sports many well-known actors, the brilliant Robin Williams plays Tom Dobbs.

Williams, who is without a doubt the most improved actor in history, shines in both the comedic and dramatic roles in the film. The viewer simply cannot take their eyes off him. Williams is one of the greatest comedic actors as well as a terrific, Oscar-winning actor.

The always-superb Christopher Walken plays Dobbs' manager Jack Menken. I would like to see Walken take more serious roles than he has been taking because he has too much talent to waste his time with small parts in comedies. Anyone who has ever seen *The Deer Hunter* knows how good of an actor Walken is.

The other major player, Eleanor Green, is played by the strangely attractive Laura Linney. I haven't seen Linney in many movies, but from what I have seen I believe she has con-

siderable talent.

The only other recognizable name in the film is Jeff Goldblum. Goldblum, probably best known for *The Fly* and *Jurassic Park*, plays a very small role as an evil lawyer.

As you can see, the film includes an incredible cast and certainly the acting was the highlight of the movie. *Man of the Year*, while schizophrenic, manages to come off as your slightly better than average fall film.

I doubt the film will win any awards or be touted as one of the biggest films of the year, but it will no doubt entertain and make good use of a lazy, cold afternoon. I predict the movie will make about \$60 million with even more coming from rentals. My main hope is that Williams will continue to make the great comedies like he did in the past for many years to come.

Overall Grade: C +

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Ani Difrancos latest release: 'Reprieve'

A mellow alternative to the top 40

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If you're like me, sometimes you just need a break from the poppy, funky, sometimes garbage-like music that makes its way on to the radio. Sure rock, rap and pop are all very enjoyable musical genres, in moderation. Ani Difrancos newest album, *Reprieve*, is just that — a reprieve from mainstream mayhem.

Before picking up this album, I hadn't had much exposure to Difrancos work but after giving the album a listen, I was pleasantly surprised. While I was at first expecting a bit of a snooze fest, the material is actually a nice mix of smooth vocals, on-point guitar, and very straightforward, moving writing.

This album is mostly a soft, melodic mix that is a useful winding down tool, but there's certainly more to it than that. Difrancos was playing the guitar and performing before most of us had even made it to the first grade, with her first album release in 1990. So yeah, she's no spring chicken, but her music is all the better because of it.

Difrancos life experiences, political views and personal feats all come through in this album making it a very revealing, candid work.

Some of the lyrics may sound a bit off at first, such as the lines from "Nicotine," "I hate you sometimes but I love to be your queen, you are my muse got me snokin' nicotine." Once you hear these words and combined with the music, the artists' meaning

hits you and skepticism is a little harder to achieve. Other lines make their mark even without the musical accompaniment, as in the song "Subconscious," "Step up and forfeit your frontal lobe to the sexed up strobe of celebrity. Never mind that the nanoseconds in between are some of the darkest darkness you've ever seen."

It is lines such as this that make the album a personal and political statement, with Difrancos opinions and views explicitly on display. Not quite the "Promiscuous Girl" or the "Sexy Back" we're used to being fed through the airwaves, Difrancos doesn't necessarily have an agenda but her words are effective in exposing her views on world, live and love issues.

No, the music isn't anything you will hear downtown or be able to thrash around to in your car, but it is still very enjoyable and pleasing to the ears. Composed mostly of soft strings and equally soft vocals, it's definitely a CD you can listen to when you're curled up at home with your loved one. Or, in my case, with your stuffed cow or teddy bear.

Overall, *Reprieve* is a very pleasant, relaxing listen that is a nice escape from the cluttered, busy pieces that seem to be more and more popular today. I'm not looking to join the Ani Difrancos fan club any time soon, but it is definitely refreshing to know that there are still artists out there who remember what the music is about, art.

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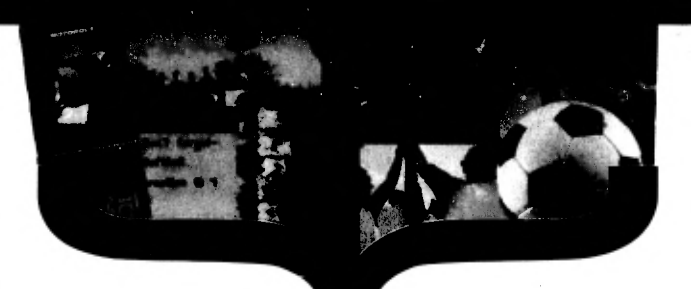
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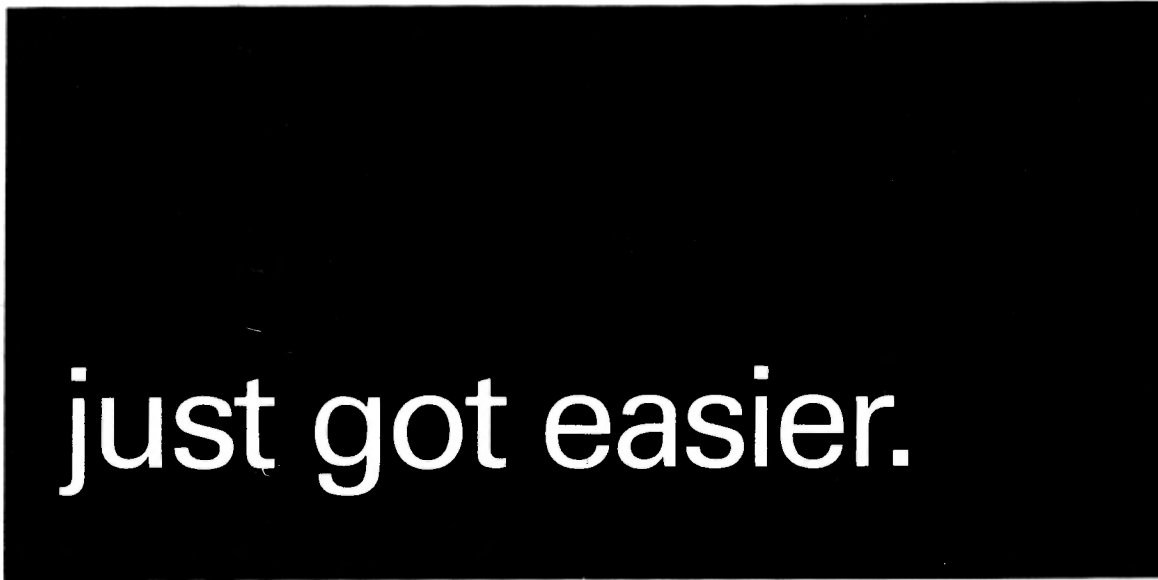
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Sports

{ECU's Inside Source}

41-10

ECU's all-time record (804) when playing Homecoming games since 1995; the Pirates have struggled recently dropping three of their last four

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National ranking of teams that are penalized the least, the Pirates have drawn 4.33 flags per game and trail Stanford (4.29) who is in eighth while three teams are tied for fifth

14-1

SMU's record when they score 24 points or more in the last five seasons, including a 3-0 mark in 2006

.283

Winning percentage in Phil Bennett's fifth season (15-38) at SMU; Bennett went 3-24 in his first 27 games including a winless 2005 season; the Mustangs rebounded with a 5-6 record in 2005

71

Career-high assists mark by senior setter Heidi Krug who recorded the feat against Southern Miss on Friday while adding 12 digs en route to being named the C-USA Setter of the Week

20

Kills notched by Kelley Wernert in a sweep over UCF, which was the volleyball team's fourth straight Conference USA victory

17-6

Scoring margin that the women's soccer team is outscoring opponents in the second-half despite being outshot 87-72

10

Amount of women's soccer players that have tallied at least one goal in 15 games; five have netted at least three goals or more

17-4

Combined score of the club ice hockey team's two games on Friday and Saturday; the men moved to 3-0 after drilling Old Dominion 6-2 and Virginia Commonwealth 11-2 in consecutive days at Bladex on Ice

12 p.m.

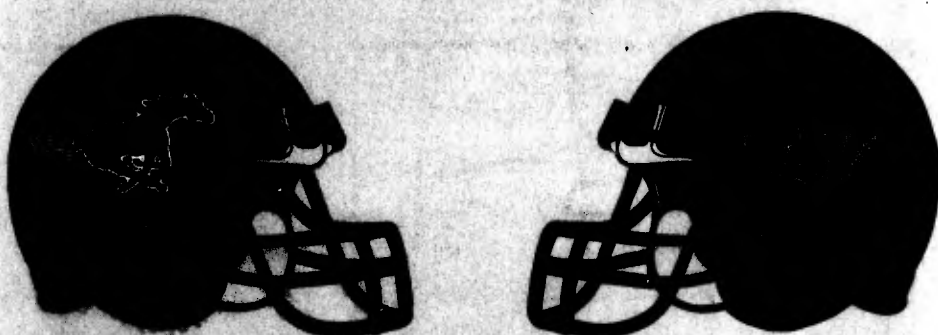
Time of the annual men's basketball Purple-Gold scrimmage to be held inside Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum on Saturday before the football game; practice started on Oct. 13

38

Number of players on the club baseball roster, which was dwindled from 83 who first tried out; the team will hold a three-game intrasquad scrimmage tabbed the Purple-Gold Club Team World Series on Oct. 27 and Oct. 29-30

FOOTBALL PREVIEW

SMU VS. ECU



Pirates look to tame the Mustangs

SMU SCHEDULE

SEPT. 2	AT. TEXAS TECH	L, 35-3
SEPT. 16	VS. SAM HOUSTON ST.	W, 45-14
SEPT. 30	AT. TULANE	W, 33-28
OCT. 14	VS. MARSHALL	W, 31-21
OCT. 31	VS. UAB	7:30 PM

SMU brings a 4-3 record in first trip to Greenville

BY RON CLEMENTS
SENIOR WRITER

Following a frustrating 31-10 loss to Tulsa, ECU will welcome SMU to Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium Saturday for homecoming.

The Pirates (2-4, 1-2 Conference USA) face a 4-3 Mustang team that has won four of its last five and head coach Skip Holtz said the schedule doesn't get any easier with SMU coming to town. "The only game they've lost in their past five was the one they suspended their quarterback," Holtz said. "Defensively, they're first in the conference in stopping the run. Everybody else in the league is giving up four yards per carry or more and they're only allowing 2.8. I think they're the best defensive team in the conference and obviously the statistics prove that."

Holtz said the same thing last week about a Tulsa defense that held ECU to 241 yards of total offense. SMU (4-3, 2-1 C-USA), off to its best start since 1986, has the number one rush defense in the

conference. The Mustangs are allowing 86 yards per game. They are giving up over 260 yards through the air, which could be good news for ECU quarterback James Pinkney, who threw for a season-low 92 yards against Tulsa.

Despite the poor performance against the Golden Hurricane, Pinkney, who had thrown for 200 or more yards in 15 of the previous 16 games, is still averaging 227 yards through the air.

"He's a passer and a runner," SMU head coach Phil Bennett said about Pinkney.

"He's started 31 straight games. That's pretty impressive. That's a lot of starts. He's thrown for a lot of yards and he beat us here last year."

ECU won on the road last year, 24-17, behind the Pinkney touchdown run to snap a 10-game road losing streak. The Pirates converted five SMU turnovers into 17 points, something the Pirates have been inconsistent in doing this year. ECU was unable to convert two Tulsa turnovers into points Saturday.

SMU starts a freshman quarterback, Justin Willis, see SMU page B3

ECU SCHEDULE

SEPT. 2	AT NAVY	L, 28-23
SEPT. 6	AT UAB	L, 17-12
SEPT. 16	VS. MEMPHIS	W, 35-20
SEPT. 23	VS. WEST VIRGINIA	L, 27-10
OCT. 7	VS. VIRGINIA	W, 30-21
OCT. 14	VS. TULSA	L, 31-10
OCT. 21	VS. SMU	3:00 PM
OCT. 28	AT SOUTHERN MISS	8:00 PM
NOV. 4	AT UCF	4:00 PM
NOV. 11	VS. MARSHALL	1:00 PM
NOV. 18	AT RICE	3:00 PM
NOV. 25	AT N.C. STATE	1:00 PM

KEYS TO THE GAME

SMU

1. Field Position:

SMU's Jessie Henderson leads the C-USA in kickoff returns while ECU is ranked eighth in kickoff coverage. The dangerous Henderson can be a field shifter for the Mustangs.

2. Pressure Pickney:

The Mustangs lead the conference in sacks and pressuring Pickney could force the senior into mistakes, and possibly turnovers. Pinkney has two lost fumbles and four interceptions this year.

3. Red-zone conversion:

SMU has scored on 22 of its 26 red-zone possessions with 17 touchdowns. This could be the difference maker as the Pirates have struggled inside the red zone with scores on 16 of 22 possessions, but only 11 touchdowns and two missed field goals.

KEYS TO THE GAME

ECU

1. Score Quickly:

The Pirates have scored first in just two games this year. Getting off to a fast start will be important for ECU against a stern SMU defense that is the best in C-USA against the run and leads the conference in sacks and tackles for a loss.

2. James Pinkney:

Pinkney ran for three scores in last year's 24-17 win over SMU in Dallas and passed for 225 yards. Coming off the worst performance in his last 17 games, Pinkney must rebound and play well for the Pirates to earn the win.

3. Capitalize on Turnovers:

The Pirates converted five turnovers into 17 points last year against the Mustangs, but have been unable to find the same success this season. SMU has allowed 15 sacks and has turned the ball over 13 times in seven games.



...the earlier... They're... in the conference... the statistics prove... is embarrassed by the... Saturday and we need... about the type of game... than the SMU team... don't play our best we... like SMU right now."

The East Carolinian's staff predictions

Gilmore

SMU	ECU
Rice	UCF
Marshall	UAB
UTEP	HOUSTON
Southern Miss.	VIRGINIA TECH
Tulsa	MEMPHIS
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Georgia Tech	CLEMSON
Texas	NEBRASKA
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Last Week: 7-3 Overall: 28-12

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SMU	ECU
Rice	UCF
Marshall	UAB
UTEP	HOUSTON
Southern Miss.	VIRGINIA TECH
Tulsa	MEMPHIS
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Last Week: 6-6 Overall: 27-13

Jackson

SMU	ECU
Rice	UCF
Marshall	UAB
UTEP	HOUSTON
Southern Miss.	VIRGINIA TECH
Tulsa	MEMPHIS
UNC	VIRGINIA
Georgia Tech	CLEMSON
Texas	NEBRASKA
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Last Week: 5-5 Overall: 24-16

Bell

SMU	ECU
Rice	UCF
Marshall	UAB
UTEP	HOUSTON
Southern Miss.	VIRGINIA TECH
Tulsa	MEMPHIS
UNC	VIRGINIA
Georgia Tech	CLEMSON
Texas	NEBRASKA
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Last Week: 7-3 Overall: 23-17

Graham

SMU	ECU
Rice	UCF
Marshall	UAB
UTEP	HOUSTON
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Tulsa	MEMPHIS
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Last Week: 4-6 Overall: 22-18

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SMU	ECU
Rice	UCF
Marshall	UAB
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Last Week: 6-4 Overall: 27-13

Biddix

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Rice	UCF
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Last Week: 2-8 Overall: 24-16

Johnson

SMU	ECU
Rice	UCF
Marshall	UAB
UTEP	HOUSTON
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Last Week: 2-8 Overall: 23-17

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Last Week: 3-7 Overall: 22-18

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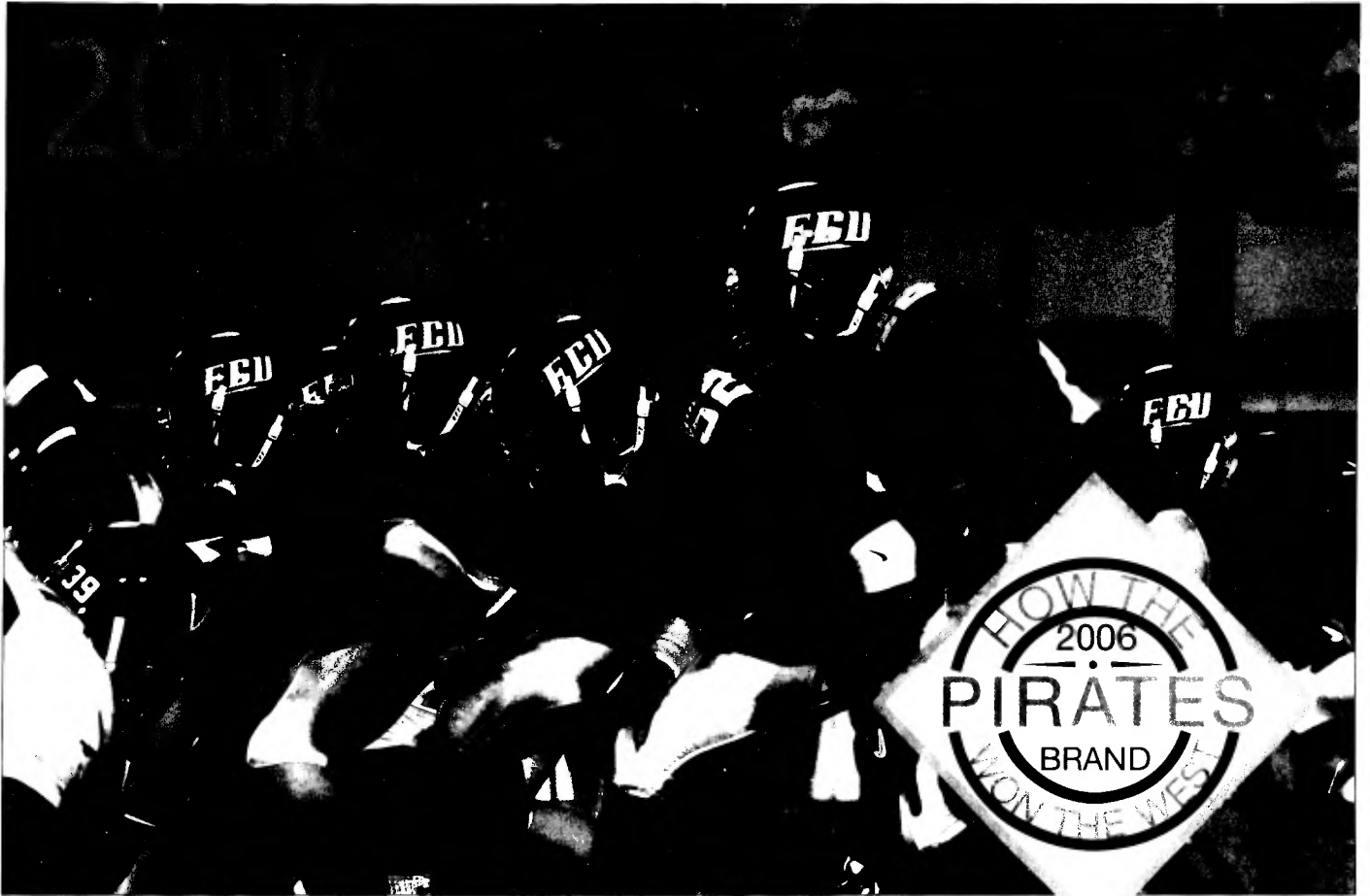
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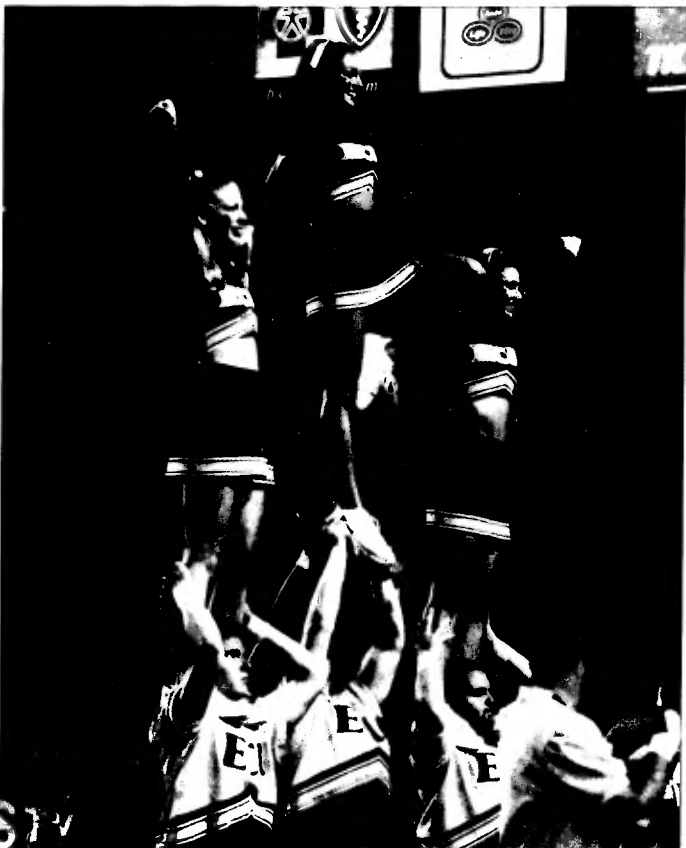
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ECU HOMECOMING



The ECU defense will have to have the same focus and intensity as a high powered SMU offense rides into town. The Pirates are giving up 24 points per game.



The cheerleaders hope to perform more stunts and have plenty to cheer about when ECU takes on SMU.

Painting it to the extreme for Homecoming

Paint it Purple Friday's

KIMBERLY BELLAMY
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Special dates have been set aside to increase school spirit for homecoming by doing extra activities for Paint it Purple Fridays on Oct. 19 and 20.

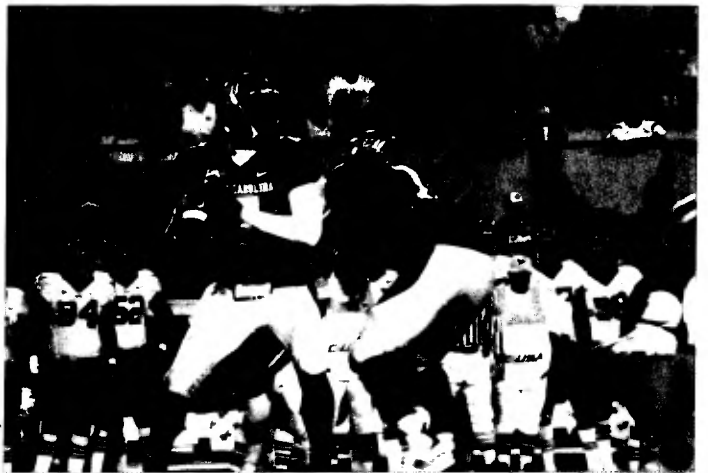
Paint it Purple Fridays are days that has been occurring for some time now to promote school spirit in the occurrence of home games.

Marissa Phillips, spirit liaison of SGA said, "Paint it Purple promotes students wearing purple on Fridays to all home games."

Part of the effect of wearing purple to the games is visual it creates a sea of purple from the field and from the opposing side according to Phillips.

William Daniel, junior business major said, "I try my best to wear purple to all the home football games I attend."

see **PURPLE** page B6



ECU quarterback James Pinkney might bounce back from a 92 yard passing effort against Tulsa.



Below the Homecoming Court attends the Banquet on Oct. 11 at the Club Level of Dowd-Ficklen Stadium.

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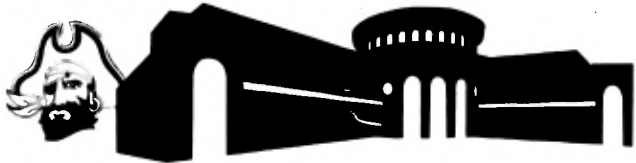
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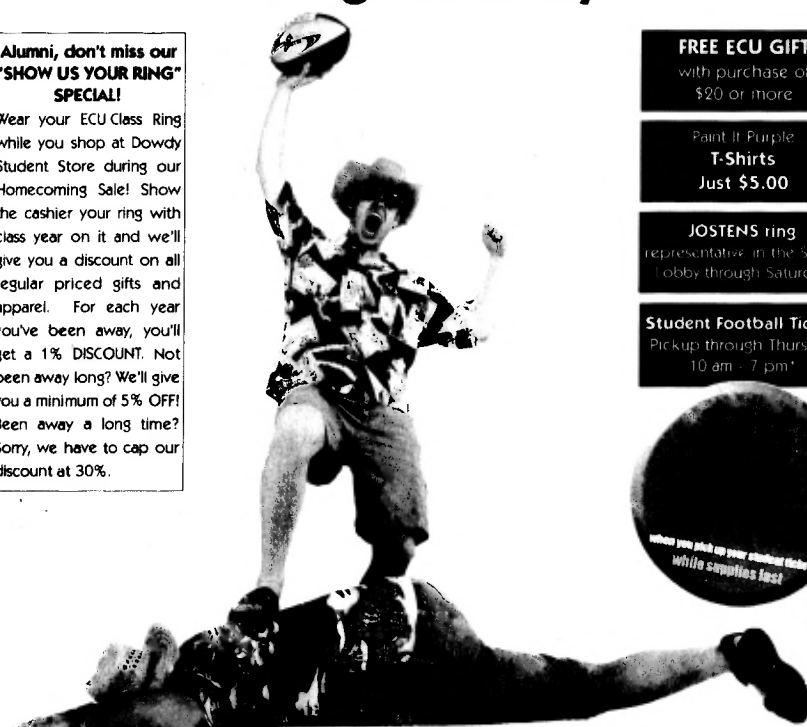
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PURPLE continued from B3

Students participating in Paint it Purple Friday's is especially important during homecoming.

"This game will be important to show our pride because we are celebrating alumni coming back, the crowning of our homecoming queen and king, and showing everyone that purple and gold," said Phillips.

Two other days were already designated in Wright Plaza on Oct. 5 and 6 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. have events for Paint it Purple Fridays.

It is normally broken up into two days because Thursday is used as a promotion day to hand out flyers and getting people to sign up for different SGA committees.

Additional promotional help for Paint it Purple Friday's is sometimes received by student organizations and teams.

"Last Friday, we had Pee Dee and the cheerleaders helping us promote it," Phillips said.

Some of the committees that students have an option of serving on include Spirit Committee, Student Affairs and Elite Leadership according to Phillips.

"The students that agree to sign up for one these committees receive a SGA membership card."

"Throughout the year, we will be giving away prizes to students that have their SGA cards on them," Phillips said.

Prizes are also given away each Friday to students that have their SGA cards and that are wearing purple.

Some of the possible prizes or incentives include a week of free tanning, Chico's restaurant coupons, UBE cozies, footballs, t-shirts, whistles, pens and various

others according to Phillips.

Phillips said that she plans to continue having Paint it Purple throughout basketball season as well.

Alternating the colors that students wear to home games from purple one week to gold the next week is another part of Paint it Purple that Phillips is trying to initiate.

Students are encouraged to wear purple on Fridays and to home games to promote school spirit.

Members from SGA that are promoting Paint it Purple will be in Wright Place on Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

For more information about Paint it Purple Friday's you can contact Marissa Phillips at mgp0802@ecu.edu.

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SMU continued from B1

who has both coaches worried. "He's still a little bit reckless with the ball," Bennett said. "That scares me to death, but he's a guy that has the ability to make plays."

Willis, who was suspended for SMU's 24-21 loss at UTEP, is completing 71 percent of his passes and has 16 touchdown passes to just three interceptions. Holtz recognizes Willis' play-making ability, but his concern is of a different origin.

"He's smart and very athletic and when things break down he's running around and making things happen with his legs," Holtz said.

ECU got some good news, and some bad news, this week on the injury front. Standout wide receiver Aundrea Allison "guaranteed" that he'd play Saturday, but Bobby Good will not play and will miss the next four weeks with a broken foot.

Good broke the third metatarsal in his left foot during warm-ups before the Tulsa game, and still caught seven passes for 48 yards and threw a 29-yard pass to Steven Rogers.

"I think it speaks volumes for that young man and his competitive nature on how hard he's willing to push himself that he's willing to play 60 plays with a broken foot," Holtz said. "Right now he's really down. It makes me sick for the young man, because he's such a good young man. He brings a toughness and a competitive nature that we need badly."

Allison has been out with an ankle injury he suffered in a loss to West Virginia on September 23rd. Jamar Bryant will miss the next four to six weeks with a thumb injury. Bryant required surgery this week to repair ligament damage he suffered during the bye week.

The Mustangs are not without their share of injuries. SMU will be without starting defensive linemen Cory Muse for the second straight week. Muse, who has three sacks on the year, injured his knee against UTEP. Justin Rogers, who injured his neck in the same UTEP game and leads C-USA with six sacks, will be back after missing last week's 31-21 win over Marshall.

With Allison coming back, Holtz is hopeful that the senior's ankle is fully healed and the Pirates will be able to capitalize on his breakaway speed to push the ball down the field. ECU had just two pass plays go for more than 12 yards against Tulsa - a 21-yard pass to Phillip Henry, and the Good-to-Rogers pass.

"You always want to be able to hit the homerun, but with the receivers out right now we don't have a whole lot of speed on the field," Holtz said. "I can throw it deep but I don't think we can go run and catch it. I don't think throwing the ball deep is the best chance right now for success. Tulsa defends the deep ball very well so we were trying to throw more screens and underneath stuff. With SMU we'll just have to look and see what they give us but again we have to have a guy that can go get it because you're not going to find a guy wide-open down the field."

After playing "inconsistently" against Tulsa, Holtz said his team must play a near-perfect game against an improving SMU team that has won seven of its last ten, dating back to last year.

"We've got some challenges this week with SMU and a conference game," Holtz said. "I think this team is embarrassed by the way we played Saturday and we need to worry more about the type of game we play rather than the SMU team, because if we don't play our best we can't beat a team like SMU right now."

Not only do the Mustangs lead the conference in rushing, they also lead the conference with 14

sacks with a very active front four and a talented secondary led by senior safety Joe Sturdivant and junior cornerback Devin Lowery. Lowery, a converted wide receiver, was named C-USA Defensive Player of the Week after nabbing three interceptions in last week's 31-21 win over Marshall.

"What they do is take away the run and get you into passing situations," Holtz said. "This is not going to be a scheme game. This is going to be a game of fundamental football."

Bennett has been equally impressed with the ECU defense. "They do a good job of disguising their coverages," Bennett said. "They did a good job, better than just about anybody, against West Virginia."

Special teams may be a difference in this game, especially with ECU's inconsistency. While Ryan Dougherty is second in the confer-

ence in punting and booted a 79-yarder versus Virginia, ECU place kicker Robert Lee has struggled. The senior from Longview, Tex., who missed just two field goals in 2005, has missed five already this year - all at home, and all at the open scoreboard end of the stadium.

Lee, who celebrated his 22nd birthday Tuesday, said he talked to Holtz about getting some time inside the stadium to kick at that south end zone this week.

SMU's Jessie Henderson, who had a 109-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in a win over Tulane, leads C-USA in kickoff returns, averaging nearly 37 yards a return while ECU is eighth in kickoff coverage. The Mustangs lead the conference in kickoff coverage, allowing just 16 yards a return.

SMU's kicker, Thomas Morstead, will be without his normal holder this week. Backup senior quarterback and holder, Duke

Hasson, along with junior receiver Zack Sledge, were suspended for this week's game. The two were arrested for public intoxication following the win over Marshall last Saturday. Sledge caught a touchdown pass against the Herd.

Bennett said his team will have to "play well" in SMU's first-ever trip to Greenville, especially since the conference races are far from decided, in order to leave with a win.

"There's a lot of parity in Conference USA," Bennett said. "If you stay healthy, your quarterback plays well and you can play defense, you have a chance. This is their homecoming, so that's a challenge for us."

This will be the final game of a five-game homestand for the Pirates. Kickoff will be at 3 p.m.


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