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## Despite rain, people pour into polls to vote



Bill Harper, center, and Jean Prabucco campaign for North Carolina House District Three Republican candidate Michael Speciale despite a heavy downpour in New Bern, N.C., on Tuesday.

### Pitt County citizens want to be heard

SHANDA STATON  
STAFF WRITER

Every four years, the presidential election takes place within every state. This election is deemed the battle of all battles. Public debates, paid advertising and the fresh slinging of muckraking television and radio ads plague the media.

However, every two years, the congressional election, which is just as critical as the presidential election, takes place and citizens then have the opportunity to go out and

vote for candidates that serve a little closer to home.

For this year's midterm election, there were two seats open for the U.S. Congress, districts one and three. These two seats go to serve the state of North Carolina on the national level. Within North Carolina's State Senate Districts, there were two state senators up for re-election, and within the State House District there were three state seats open within Congress.

"This year voters came out in high numbers; more than I expected," said Tony McQueen, election officer official.

"It is only 5:30 p.m. and our current number of voters is at 500 for

this 11 precinct alone," McQueen said. "Young people were out in increasingly high numbers and that says something about our generation," said another election officer official.

"When students often ask who deals with the increase for student fees and tuition, they may look to the officials that serve in the N.C. State Senate," said John Frederick Crisciello, assistant district attorney for Pitt County.

"That is why it was and still is so important that young people understand that they too need to vote that there are pressing issues that concern them now and issues that will affect them in the future,"

Crisciello said.

And though the District Attorney oversees various criminal matters within the county, most college students may often be referred to the District Attorney when dealing with their speeding ticket and other matters. The County Commissioner works with Pitt County's budget for Greenville, and answers the questions of the townspeople so this office is more on a local level.

The Clerk of Superior Court is the bookkeeper of all court files and records. The Clerk for Pitt County, Eleanor H. Farr ran unopposed.

Lastly, within the court system, there is the Supreme Court Associate Justice, which is the highest appellate

level court in the State of North Carolina, and at the lower level, there are the Court of Appeals Judges. They hear cases that have been appealed from superior courts.

With all of the seats to be filled for Pitt County's North Carolina Election ballot, voters poured in to the polls to cast their votes.

"I just wanted to exercise my civic duties and rights to vote," said Kim Sparkins, a local Greenville citizen that came out to cast her vote.

Although it may have been a rainy election day for some, it was a shining victory for others.

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For high school students looking to connect with teachers, Teacher Cadet Day serves as a networking tool to ECU.

## College of Education hosts Teacher Cadet Day in MSC

High school students learn the benefits of teaching

ADELINE TRENTO  
STAFF WRITER

In an effort to promote teaching as a profession, ECU's College of Education hosted Teacher Cadet Day.

This year's Teacher Cadet Day, which was themed "Get Hooked on Teaching," was held yesterday at the Mendenhall Student Center.

The event brought more than 75 high school students from the North Carolina Teacher Cadet Program to ECU to learn about becoming teachers.

The North Carolina Teacher Cadet Program is a yearlong or semester block honors class that is offered in nine districts throughout eastern North Carolina. The course uses simulations and hands-on activities to teach students about the education system and get them interested in the profession.

"The Teacher Cadet Program at my school is really cool," said Tony Holub, a senior at Currituck County High School. "We teach each other and go to different schools to teach younger kids. It's a really hands-on class."

At this year's event, students

had the chance to listen to seminars put on by teachers and education professionals.

Margo Arnold, the local Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year, spoke at one of the seminars at Teacher Cadet Day.

Dressed as a fisherman to go along with this year's theme, Arnold encouraged the students to become teachers by explaining the benefits and rewards of the profession.

"One of the reasons I really enjoy teaching is that I can become a role model for kids," said Arnold.

"You would be surprised at how many children don't know manners or don't have any politeness about them at all. So being able to teach citizenship skills and work with these kids is one of the reasons that I enjoy teaching."

Arnold spoke to the students about many other benefits of teaching. She encouraged the Teacher Cadets to consider the positive aspects of the profession such as having the summers off, making a difference in people lives, having creative freedom, contributing to the community and basically just having a fun job.

Arnold also dispelled some myths that many people have about the teaching profession. She spoke about frequent pay raises to show students that teachers can make a good living. She also told

students ways to make the job easier so that it doesn't have to be such hard work.

"There are a lot of myths about teachers out there," said Arnold. "We have all heard the saying 'those who can, do. Those who can't, teach.' This saying is absolutely not true. 'Those who can, they couldn't, unless they had a good teacher.'"

Students at the event had the chance to get information about the different programs offered at ECU and talk to faculty about the opportunities accessible within the College of Education.

Booths were set up in Mendenhall and students were given time to walk around and ask any questions they had about the courses.

The Teacher Cadets also had the opportunity to take a campus tour and eat lunch in Todd Dining Hall where they were able to interact with ECU students.

Teacher Cadet Day helped a lot of students realize that they want to pursue teaching in the future, and some even applied to ECU because of the event.

"I definitely want to become a teacher because I want to make a difference in peoples lives," said Holub. "I applied to ECU today and I really hope that I get in."

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## NSF grant designed to help schools teach math and science

Multi-department team gets \$1.3 million

ZACK HILL  
SENIOR WRITER

A multi-disciplinary project headed by the engineering department with contributions from the departments of mathematics, psychology and exercise and sport science recently received a \$1.3 million grant from the National Science Foundation.

The project is Information Technology experiences for Students and Teachers, and is aimed at providing assistance to about 20 public schools in eastern North Carolina. The region's schools often lag behind the national average in terms of technological

capability and training.

"We plan for this to be a springboard for active engagement between the engineering program and the entire College of Technology and Computer Science with the regional educational community to help with science and math readiness," said project leader Paul Kauffmann, professor of engineering.

During the year, ECU faculty and graduate students will go to the schools involved to aid the teachers and students with the new technologies, that they will be using in the classroom.

"We're hoping that playing with robots and things will be a strong

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## Retailers losing sleep over Black Friday

(MCT)— Pressed to be the first to open their doors to shoppers the morning after Thanksgiving, retailers are deciding that 5 a.m. is no longer early enough. This year, a growing number of them have determined it's not worth going to bed at all.

Dozens of malls will usher in the holiday shopping season by opening at midnight, enticing consumers to shop through the wee hours, while the leftovers are still warm.

It's being called Midnight Madness. And it raises the question, have retailers finally gone mad?

Not if you're a store executive facing what looks like the most competitive holiday season in recent memory.

No longer can retailers rely on simply hanging a few after-Thanksgiving sale banners and waiting for the rush. Consumers now have myriad shopping choices at their fingertips, some literally so, thanks to the Internet, allowing them to be more fickle than ever. It's forcing retailers to move up the start of an already extended holiday shopping season, and open earlier the Friday after Thanksgiving to create buzz and woo customers.

"There's no logic to it anymore,"

said Kevin Wilder, a Chicago-based retail consultant. "It's getting harder and harder to get people into the stores. Malls are setting unbelievable hours for the whole season."

It's not just the midnight start time that retailers will use to grab shoppers.

Already, Wal-Mart Stores Inc., under pressure to jump-start sales, has turned more aggressive than usual with price discounts this season. That alone is setting the stage for massive price wars out of the gate.

The world's largest retailer's sales stalled in October and are expected to remain unchanged in November, marking the worst performance in a decade. Wal-Mart cut prices on 100 popular toys last month. And on Friday, still three weeks before Thanksgiving, it slashed prices on almost 100 electronic items.

It didn't used to be this way. Not too long ago, the Friday after Thanksgiving was a time to sleep off the turkey and stuffing, watch some football and visit the mall. For bargain hunters willing to rise early, "doorbuster" sales started at 8 a.m. and lasted a few hours. But shoppers poured into the malls throughout the day.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pi Kappa Delta information session**  
Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m.  
Professional communications forensic service will hold an information session in Bate 1015 for all those interested in the organization. The fraternity is co-ed, multi-disciplinary and is seeking dedicated individuals committed to improving their world while improving communication skills. For additional information visit [pkdecu.com](http://pkdecu.com)

**Study Abroad Information Session**  
Thursday, Nov. 30  
Bate 1028 at 7 p.m.  
Phi Sigma Pi will be hosting an information session for students who are interested in studying abroad. A few students within the organization of Phi Sigma Pi will speak about their experiences in such places as Russia, England, Scotland, France and Nigeria. This event is open to anyone who is interested. If there are any questions, contact Anna Logemann at [all1217@ecu.edu](mailto:all1217@ecu.edu) (have the subject of the e-mail be "Study Abroad").

**ACHIEVE: Saving Time Researching Your Paper in Your Room**  
Tuesday, Nov. 14  
Tyler Hall lobby at 7 p.m.  
Researching your papers does not have to be a scary process. Come learn about all the tools Joyner Library has to offer and how you can do the majority of researching for your papers in the comfort of your own room!

**Hedda Gabler**  
The event begins Thursday, Nov. 16 and ends Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 8 p.m. except Sunday at 2 p.m. in McGinnis Auditorium.  
By Henrik Ibsen Adaptation by Christopher Hampton.  
Less than forty-eight hours after returning from a luxurious honeymoon, the former Hedda Gabler, now Hedda Tønsman, lies dead in the parlor of her new home, the victim of a self-inflicted gunshot to the head. It includes her husband, the ambitious scholar George Tesman, his dotting Aunt Julie and the powerful Judge Brack, who seems intent on playing a very large role in the young couple's life. Into this mix comes an old schoolmate of Hedda's, Thea Elvsted, who has courageously abandoned a loveless marriage in favor of the passionate partnership she has found with the troubled Elert Lovborg, a brilliant thinker who is an academic rival of Tesman's and who shares an intense secret history with Hedda. Contact [ECUARTS.com](mailto:ECUARTS.com) or [theatre-dance.ecu.edu](mailto:theatre-dance.ecu.edu) for more information. Ticket Required.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Nov. 8

**Cleaning Day**  
12 - 5 p.m.  
Family Violence Program Volunteers needed to assist with cleaning out and organizing closets. Contact Sara Munzer at 758-4400.

Nov. 9

**Gladiators!**  
5 - 8 p.m.  
Student Recreation Center Volunteers needed to set-up/break down and assist in running the event. Contact David Gaskins at [gaskins@ecu.edu](mailto:gaskins@ecu.edu).

Nov. 17-18

**Set-up for Festival of Trees**  
Starts at 9 a.m.  
Greenville Convention Center  
Six volunteers needed to move trees boxes to assigned spots on Friday. Several volunteers needed Saturday to set up trees. Contact Tami Smith at 328-9337.

8 Wed

**Russian Film Series: "The Diamond Arm"**  
Movies have English subtitles or dubbing.  
Bate 2011  
6:30 p.m.

**Last Conservative Concert**  
FRAIL  
Pirate Underground  
7 p.m.

9 Thu

**Teaching with Technology "Think-In"**  
This event will provide faculty the opportunity to share their expertise using technology in both face-to-face and distance education courses.  
Mendenhall Student Center  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Freshman Roundtable**  
The Roundtables are designed to provide freshmen with pertinent information about resources at ECU.  
Ledonia Wright Cultural Center  
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

**Gladiators!**  
Student Recreation Center  
5:30 p.m.

**\*ECU's Brewster Lecture in History**  
Professor of History and Women's Studies Barbara J. Harris of the UNC Chapel Hill will speak at the annual Brewster Lecture. Her lecture is "The Fabric of Piety: Aristocratic Women and Care of the Dead, 1450-1550." Science and Technology Building, Room 0C207.  
8 p.m.

**Gideon Yago**  
Gideon Yago is an MTV news correspondent coming to speak at ECU about the war overseas and how its portrayed by the media. Only available to ECU students, one ticket per ID.  
Hendrix Theater  
8 - 9 p.m.

**ECU English Reading: Down in the Flood**  
Luke Whisnant, ECU creative writing professor, will read from his short story collection, *Down in the Flood*.  
Bate 1031  
8 p.m.

10 Fri

**Si Kahn**  
American singer, songwriter, speaker and author of *Fox in the Hen House*, Si Kahn, will discuss civil rights and community labor organizing across the south. Kahn also serves as the Public Safety & Justice Campaign Director for the Southeast.  
Mendenhall Student Center 244  
7 p.m.

**Harlan Beats**  
Hip hop artist Harlan breaks the traditional barriers of music and "remind you of someone you've never been reminded of before."  
Pirate Underground  
9 p.m.

11 Sat

**Football**  
ECU vs. Marshall  
Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium  
1 p.m.

**Men's Basketball**  
ECU vs. Morgan State  
Williams Arena at Mingos Coliseum  
6 p.m.

12 Sun

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13 Mon

**Pate Conaway Organic Textiles Workshop**  
Textiles artist Pate Conaway, present an interactive workshop on the importance of organic materials and its multiple usages for contemporary large scale knitting.  
Mendenhall Student Center Gallery  
4 - 6 p.m.

**Global Understanding with Jacek Teller**  
Editor of the independent publication *Friend Orange*, Jacek Teller is a peace activist and a member of Iraq Veterans Against the War. The Polish-born immigrant will share his unique experiences in an interactive presentation that speaks to the importance of global understanding.  
Mendenhall Student Center 221  
6 p.m.

**A Screening from Sundance**  
*American Blackout* a Sundance award winning film by director Ain Inada, is a provocative documentary that explores the historical suppression of black voters in the U.S. with style and intelligence.  
Hendrix Theater  
8 - 10 p.m.

14 Tue

**Fixing the Middle East with Roger Tucker**  
Middle East speaker and peace activist Roger Tucker will present an interactive lecture reflecting his "One State Solution" to the Israeli, Palestinian conflict.  
Mendenhall Student Center Multipurpose room  
8 - 10 p.m.

**African-Americans at the Polls**  
An open discussion led by ECU student leaders will focus on the voting trends in the United States with specific emphasis on the voting trend among the African-American population.  
Ledonia Wright Cultural Center  
5 - 7 p.m.

**Pate Conaway Art Gallery Reception**  
Mendenhall Student Center Gallery  
6 p.m.

**Dialogue on Diversity**  
Ledonia Wright Cultural Center  
The dialogue series will feature various topics of interest related to diversity and is open to students to come and discuss the topic. Call 252-328-6495 for more information.  
6 - 7 p.m.

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7 p.m.

## BRIEFS

**Former assistant DA in Durham files sexual harassment complaint**  
(AP)—A former assistant prosecutor in Durham County has filed a formal complaint accusing a co-worker of sexual harassment and saying that District Attorney Mike Nifong ignored her complaints.  
Ashley Cannon said she made a verbal complaint to the state Administrative Office of the Courts on Friday, her last day working in the Durham County District Attorney's Office. She resigned there to take a job with the prosecutor's office for Orange and Chatham counties.  
"I went through the proper channels to address the issue and nothing was done to resolve the situation," Cannon said.  
Cannon handled the prosecution of David Evans, one of the lacrosse players charged with rape, in June for a noise violation stemming from a party held at his off-

campus house. She also handled the August prosecution of a cab driver, who has supported an alibi offered by charged player Reade Seligmann, for a 3-year-old shoplifting charge.

**Plane crashes in north Georgia, kills 1**

(AP)—A single-engine plane crashed in north Georgia on Monday afternoon, killing the only person on board, officials said.  
The Lancair plane was headed from Dekalb, Ill., to Brooksville, Fla., when the pilot contacted Dalton Municipal Airport reporting engine problems at about 12:30 p.m., said Kathleen Bergen, a spokeswoman for the Federal Aviation Administration.  
Kevin Day, shift supervisor for the Whitfield County 911 center, said the plane crashed about 20 minutes after the distress call at the intersection of Georgia highways 52 and 286, about five miles

east of Dalton.  
No one on the ground was injured, he said.

The FAA and the National Transportation Safety Board are investigating the accident.

**Leonid meteor shower expected later this month**

(AP)—The Perseid meteor shower in August may be better known.

But this year's Leonid meteor shower expected later this month may be more spectacular.

On the evening of November 18th and into the following morning, the Earth will pass through the densest field of dust and tiny debris left by the passing of comet Swift-Tuttle.  
It has produced spectacular showers in the past. In 1966, Leonid shower produced as many as 40 meteors per second, or 144,000 per hour, over the American Southwest.  
Astronomers say it should be a

good show for the Northwest this year, with up to 1000 meteors per hour visible.

**Police chase ends with a smashing finish**

(KMTR)—Two people were taken to the hospital, and another two were arrested after a series of accidents in downtown Eugene Saturday.

The chase ended in a smashing finish and a local store owner was left to clean up the mess.  
Police were on the hunt for a Chevy Impala driving out of control on I-5 Saturday morning around 9:00 a.m.

They tracked the driver to Bellline, and that's when the car took off.

"The suspect turned south on Fillmore, came up to 7th street, slowed down a little bit, and then drifted thru and hit a citizen in their car," said Sgt. Tony Baker of the Eugene Police Department, "the suspect's car then continued

on, went over the sidewalk, hit a building, and put a big hole in the mattress store there."

Police said the driver, Abdul Qasim Ray Zahir, 20, of Seattle, faces several charges including DUII, reckless endangerment, eluding police, and several charges of assault.

His passenger, Nicholas Johnson, also of Seattle, 24, was also arrested for unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

Authorities said Zahir had 2 female passengers who were not charged and have been released.

"It was a heck of a way to come to work," said Bryan.

Ironically though, Bryan said, the wreck brought in more business than usual.

Before smashing into the store the suspects hit two passengers riding in a white Nissan Sentra.  
Michael Bare, 55, and Norma Bare, 62, were treated at Sacred Heart Medical Center for minor injuries.

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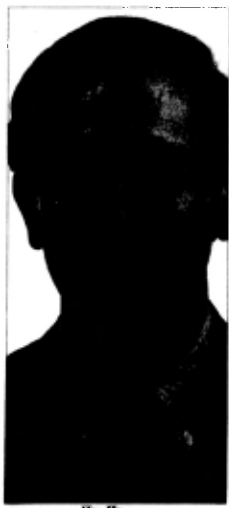
motivator for the students to work in math and science," said Gail Ratcliff, professor of mathematics.  
The project will also include two seminars held during the summer at ECU, an IT Academy for Teachers and an IT Academy for Students, involving 60 teachers and 180 students respectively.

An annual symposium will give the university a chance to showcase the progress it has made in the previous year.

The project is slated for three years, with hopes of continuing once the grant runs out.

"We truly want to make a difference in the lives of the children and level the playing field in technology for students in rural schools," said Dana Espinosa, professor of exercise and sport science.

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Kauffman

## 'Prank' gets teen a lesson in tolerance

(MCT)—David Huffman told police it was just a prank gone wrong: On April 22, at a McDonald's in Tintley Park, he tapped a Muslim woman on the head, nearly pulling off her headscarf.

The woman, a young mother with her children, didn't see it as harmless. She was scared and embarrassed; her faith had been attacked. She told police, and they called it battery.

But in a twist that surprised everybody, a Cook County judge did not fine or jail Huffman. He was instead ordered to undergo sensitivity training at the Chicago office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, the nation's largest Muslim civil rights organization.

During the past three months, Huffman, 18, has spent 40 hours listening to and talking with Muslims across Chicago. He has completed required tasks that, at times, seemed ripped from reality television: watching Muslim youths play basketball, attending a 9/11 event and visiting area

mosques, which Huffman called "synagogues" at the beginning of his training.

When Huffman first arrived Aug. 4 at the CAIR office in downtown Chicago, his hands were shaking from nervousness, and he appeared as if he would have preferred to be anywhere else. He was late, for starters. He arrived with his shoes untied and a patchy stubble, looking more like he'd just stumbled out of bed than spent the better part of an hour commuting from Tintley Park.

"I'd rather not talk about it," Huffman said of the April incident, soon after arriving. "I want to forget it."

He eventually did retell a version of the events that day. He said he knew he did wrong, but was confused as to why the woman became so upset.

"I understood immediately after I did it. But even after I apologized, she was still so angry," he said. "I didn't understand that."

Explaining that would be the responsibility of Veronica Zapata,

CAIR's sensitivity training coordinator. That day, she led Huffman around the corner to the Downtown Islamic Center on South State Street, where she showed him the empty mosque.

"Religion is a waste of time," Huffman said without apparent malice, as his fingers traced tiles that spell out the 99 names of God in Islam. He checked his mobile phone text messages with his other hand.

Those communication skills were initially absent as he spent a Friday evening with numerous youths at the Muslim Youth Center in Bridgeview. Huffman was timid around the teens, which could have come from the fact three young men inquired why he was there soon after his arrival, and they left little doubt they already knew the answer.

"I got in trouble with some Muslims," Huffman said, as the teenagers waited for a longer answer. "I tapped a woman on the head, and they gave me 40 hours."

# Opinion

{Send us yours}

## RANT OF THE DAY

To be honest, it doesn't bother me if you haven't shaved your legs in the last 24 hours or not.

## The Mourning After

BRIDGET TODD  
OPINION WRITER

You've never met Kate, which is too bad. Even though she probably wouldn't have liked you much anyway. She might have asked you what bands you like, and if you gave her the wrong answer, she would laugh right in your face. In her senior year of high school, she took to smacking stacks of books right out of people's arms, then running down the hall in loud whoops of laughter. She had long frizzy dark hair and eyes that always made her look like she was up to something. Kate was rowdy. Kate was passionate. Kate was a little crazy.

The last time I saw Kate was at her job as a cashier in a department store. She looked tired but happy, and we made lofty arrangements to meet at a local bar to watch The Walkmen perform. She never showed up.

On a Sunday a few months ago, I got a call. Kate had been killed. The circumstances of her death remain a mystery. Her last known activity was captured in a grainy 10-second video clip of her getting into an unknown car with an unknown man. She was found faced down in a creek, naked from the waist down.

On the news, I cringed as Kate was reduced to a simple cliché. Nancy Grace told America that Kate was remembered for her kindness and her smile. Kate would have hated that description of herself. She had a pretty amazing smile, but my most vivid memories don't involve her kindness.

Why did Nancy Grace diminish Kate into a simple cliché? Whenever a pretty girl goes missing, it seems like news magazine shows simplify her life into a meaningless stock phrase and focus on the sordid details of her disappearance.

Grace almost looks thrilled — her eyes are wild as she jumps back and forth from "specialists" on her panel. Maybe these hosts enjoy it when pretty girls go missing. They can rant and rave about bloody knives and previous sex offenses, all in the sanctimonious name of the slain victim.

Highlighting any aspect of the victim that is distinctive and making it look like it's responsible for her death is another offensive mistake. For Kate, it was that she loved to go to hardcore shows. I watched angrily as people who never even met Kate went on television talking about bad girls making bad choices and winding up dead. They turned Kate's story into a cautionary tale for what happens when girls don't do what they're told.

Another worrying aspect of Kate's disappearance and death is MySpace.com. Ever the MySpace adversary, Grace was quick to point out that Kate was a "sometimes" user of the Web site. She repeatedly told America that Kate logged onto the site mere hours before her disappearance. Grace is able to use a stranger's death to crusade for her own sociopolitical agenda.

Kate's use of MySpace also makes me worry that she will soon wind up on the Web site MyDeathsSpace.com. The site archives the still active MySpace accounts of deceased youths along with their obituaries and details surrounding their deaths. The site claims it provides an "opportunity to pay your respects and tributes to the recently deceased MySpace.com members."

Tim Burton-esque skulls and creepy tombstones adorn the site. It also has a comment feature where strangers can extol the means of death. It's hard to believe that this site is meant to be a reverent way for friends to pay their respects. This becomes especially true in light of the fact that the site doesn't ask permission from any family member or friend of the departed.

Grieving for the loss of a friend is difficult, but I never thought there would be so many additional worries. I don't want to have to be afraid that Kate will wind up on some gruesome tally of pictures with a grisly sentence summing up her death. I don't want Kate to be made into some poster child for someone's conservative agenda. She deserves much more than that.

## Letter To The Editor

The following letter to the editor has been shortened due to space restrictions. The full letter is available online at [theeastcarolinian.com/opinion](http://theeastcarolinian.com/opinion).

Daniel Corbin's response to "Not everyone is Christian" is very admirable. It's obvious that he thoroughly examined the original article before responding.

I just wanted to add a thought or two. I was an active member of Campus Crusade for Christ for two years. Many have questioned using the word "crusade" in the organization, Campus Crusade for Christ. I think this is a valid debate. Many people, upon hearing the word, will automatically think of the military expeditions undertaken by European Christians in the 11th, 12th and 13th centuries to recover the Holy Land from the Muslims. However, I believe that for the Christian campus ministry, they are not referring to the historical wars, but to the definition, "a vigorous concerted movement for a cause or against an abuse" (American Heritage Dictionary). In this case, the cause is Christ.

I also wanted to point out that Christian organizations are not the only organizations on campus that advertise "free food" and then mention the organization's name in small letters on the bottom. Many organizations on campus also do this. I have designed many ads, and often a company's logo is put on the bottom purely because they wanted to advertise a particular activity, product, service, etc. and not focus on the sponsor, business, company, etc.

I understand the frustrations that one might have from walking through Wright Place and being bombarded with a number of pamphlets or flyers. I admit that when I'm in a rush to get to my next class, I will purposely walk on the other side of the courtyard and avoid eye contact if I see anyone with a stack of colored quarter sheets. I also will admit that before I became a Christian, I was really annoyed with the self-righteous, assertive, dogmatic Christians that would constantly contact me. It's a fact that one of my family members was interested in Christianity but when visiting a Church, was turned off because of this. Since then, he and his family have instead pursued Buddhism. There are so many people that call themselves Christians. Whether they truly follow the Christian doctrine or not, I do not know. Christians are not perfect, nor should they claim to be.

Dorothy Wu  
Undergraduate Student, Apparel Merchandising

## Fitness Follies

Students' use of time is unwise at the Rec Center

RYAN COBEY  
OPINION WRITER

Have you ever shaken your head at the guy trying to bench three times more than his weight? Or, perhaps had a few choice words to say to the girl who's been sitting on the leg press machine for 45 minutes talking on the phone? If you regularly attend the gym, you might run into people like these.

ECU's Student Recreational Center, is the absolute largest university-based fitness center in the Southeast. It also has a reputation for maintaining capable, trained personnel that keep a constant watch on the weight room floor. Unfortunately, these workers find their jobs tedious a great deal of the time due to the stubbornness and ignorance of students who believe they know everything there is to know about exercising.

I, by no means am an expert in the field of fitness, but I do know arrogance and blind disrespect when I see it. I am speaking, of course, of the men who I continuously see destroying their backs by doing the row machines wrong. They essentially try to "max out" on every machine they use, applying entirely too much weight to the machine and using parts of their bodies that shouldn't be used to move them, instead of working the muscle that the machine is intended to work. It doesn't take a brain surgeon or personal trainer to realize that they're probably hurting their muscles more than actually strengthening them.

But, what happens when staff members on the floor offer assistance? I've seen trained personnel walk over and ask someone struggling with the bench press if they wanted a spot. After giving an arrogant look and shaking his head at the woman attempting to help him, he dropped what looked to be at least 150 pounds on his chest.

Maybe he thought that because the person helping him was a woman, she wouldn't be any help anyway. However, even in such a physical environment, it pays to be just as smart as you are strong. I realize it is important for a guy to feel in charge at times, I'm a guy and I get those urges as well. But, there comes a time when you need to lay your pride down for the sake of your own safety. Unfortunately, some guys can't seem to find the fine line between pride and stupidity.

Of course, men are not the only ones at fault in the gym on a daily basis. Women are just as guilty of machine misuse, except their weight room convictions are the exact opposite of a man's. Instead of destroying their bodies with an intolerable amount of weight, women tend to "under work" themselves. I have seen girls come in pairs to the weight room, grab both of the thigh machines and sit there moving their legs back and forth for half an hour with absolutely no weight resistance as they gab, most likely about the guys working out around them.

To me, it seems like the gym is more of a social experience for some women than an opportunity to keep their bodies fit. And even though I don't know these women or the other forms of exercise they may engage in, I can confidently say that talking on the phone while pushing 20 pounds of leg weights is giving them little more than an opportunity to get away from their rooms for a while.

So, the next time you take a trip to the gym, whether it is tomorrow or sometime next semester, try to follow what I would call common gym etiquette. Accept help when offered, use an intelligent amount of weight and please, please do not buy a chocolate milkshake from the smoothie bar and drink it while on the leg press.

## A time for change

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The majority of you have only been through five presidential elections and four presidents. Most recently we've had a charismatic chubby-chaser and Bush. Neither president was all that great. Heck, both of them barely pass mediocre. Not to say that our alternate choices were any better, but both these men left a bad image of politics in our generation. This needs to change in 2008.

John McCain and Rudy Giuliani split the Republicans as far as presidential nominees go, while the Democrats almost all support Hillary Clinton as their choice. Just looking at history shows that parties split between two candidates have a poor chance of winning the presidential race. Thus, Hillary has the best chance of taking 2008.

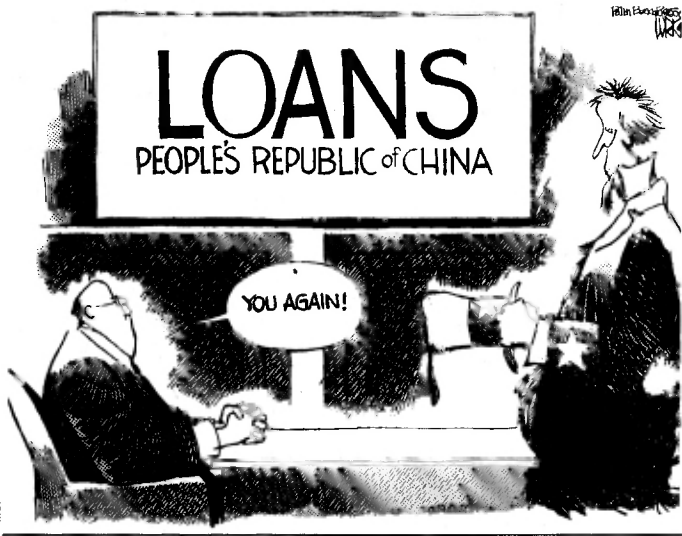
We need a leader. Every other generation has had a president that they could look up to. They had a president that united the country. A president that they could say, "I elected him and I'm glad I did." JFK and Reagan are prime examples of such presidents. We need one too. We need a president to show us that not all politicians are out for their own personal gain. That someone up there cares more about the country than their wallet.

Hillary is not that president. She has too many dissenters, for many different reasons. Some wouldn't trust a woman president. Others dislike her cold disposition and still others remember the last time a Clinton took office. These reasons, plus the obvious party split, would not allow Hillary to unite the country. The American public would question every decision she would make.

Either McCain and Giuliani could be the president we need given their past experiences. McCain's a war hero, having survived his ordeal as a prisoner of war in Vietnam. He also tends to vote across Party lines, meaning he may have some friends in the Democratic Party.

Giuliani lead New York City after 9/11, giving the people of the city a renewed hope for their futures, showing his ability to handle a tough situation. Giuliani also tends to vote across Party lines, more specifically on abortion, gay rights and gun control. However, if either potential candidate expects to win, they would have to do a major overhaul on the image of the Republican party, as many have lost faith in the Republicans over the last six years.

Will politics continue on this steady downward spiral? Not if our generation does something about it. We need to make our voices heard. The last couple of elections have had a low turnout coming from the 18 to 24 demographic; 2008 is the year this changes. If you're not happy with the way things are in this country, register, pay attention to the issues between now and then and vote. Make a difference.



## PIRATE RANTS

Clarissa never did explain it all.

If you have to bad mouth a professor, don't you dare do it in front of me. I am sick of listening to you deride a talented and compassionate instructor just because you are too lazy to accept responsibility for your classes!

I'm sick of everyone complaining about Christianity lately. No one is making you change religions and nothing that happens warrants your biased slander. What's more, there is no need to pretend that it's a violation of the Constitution. No one is saying that you should run out and praise every religion there is, but the least you can do is respect them.

There will always be racism and discrimination in this world, so quit complaining and move on with your life. I'm sure you have more important things you need to be worried about.

Tell me how can Alex LaRocca defend the action of burning a Bible? You don't have to be a Christian to be able to respect their beliefs.

To the person who said there should be some method for evaluating teachers at ECU: There is an evaluation, it comes around the end of the semester during finals. You must be a freshman.

I read Pirate Rants while driving home from class. Probably isn't all that healthy...

My roommate has the goofiest laugh I have ever heard. She cracks me up.

I can't believe that I'm starting to actually see cute boys around campus. I think they were in hiding or something. Now if they would just come talk to me that would be great.

Yes, you may be pretty, but you have the most hideous personality of any one person I've ever met. Sleeping with at least seven guys since the beginning of school does not make you "cool" it makes you a slut.

I wash my hands before using the restroom not after because I don't want to get it dirty and my parents taught me not to pee on myself.

## JUST ASK JANE

Need advice? Want answers? Just ask Jane.

Dear Jane,

None of my friends are really supportive when it comes to new things that I want to try. They pretty much always put me down and tell me that I'm crazy. They might be right some of the time, but it hurts my feelings either way because they just don't seem to have any faith in me whatsoever. How do I let them know that sometimes they should give me and my crazy ideas a chance before being so quick to give me the shut down?

Signed,

Supportless but hopeful

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I have submitted some opposing viewpoints on the gay issues and so have other people, but the only ones printed are the ones that are from people who are cool with it. TEC is just like any other liberal biased media engine. You label conservatives as intolerant but really it is you who are being just as intolerant as the conservatives are because you obviously don't respect our rights to believe what we want to believe. That is why gay is in the main, because media ignores the 90 percent and only reports the liberal 10 percent's views.

Since when are black and white considered races? I thought they were colors! Elementary school was so misleading!

Never judge a day by its weather.

Didn't vote today. It wasn't worth the 100-yard walk to the voting booths. None of them deserves my check mark beside his name.

This has been going on for a few years now but apparently, you cannot say "indian style" in schools anymore. It is now... get this "criss-cross appeasauce." I am so done with political correctness and this being sensitive B.S.

Guys adjust themselves in public because it is really uncomfortable if we don't. If you don't believe me, stick a cucumber down there for a day and see how you feel. Heck even if you do believe me, try it, it might be fun.

What does a walk-out-of-class protest have to do with protesting President Bush and/or the war in Iraq? The people involved with that just wanted an excuse to out class. I hope they had tests and received zeros and weren't allowed to make up the tests.

I know the way to eliminate racism. Everyone's skin color should be blue, like the Smurfs.

I melt a stick of butter in every glass of water I drink. It's delicious.

The ECU Marching Band rocks! The colorguard is awesome and that trumpet section has the moves! Go marching Pirates!

I wish I could tell people how much I think they suck.

I can't believe the *East Carolinian* shortened the Ask Jane answer about depression to make more room for Pirate Rants! Where am I that I am surrounded by people who care more about trash talking than real life issues?

Why is it that service sororities have socials downtown with social fraternities?

Is anyone else upset by the poor quality of the bananas at West End.

Dear Hopeful:

I'm going to presume the "new things" you want to try are simply a little out there and not of an illegal, unhealthy or life-threatening nature. In which case, I would advise you to talk to your friends. Tell them how you feel, and that even though you realize your ideas sound a little crazy to even you at times, you need their support and understanding. At the same time, don't forget that friends are often there to be the voices of reason when we ourselves can't be reasonable, and that they only want the best for you. Since they should have your best interest at heart, you should keep an open mind to the feedback they give you. Also, consider striking out on your own and making a few new friends who have interests similar to your own. That way, when you want to try new things, you have a group who will embrace trying them with you.

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# Pulse

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## Horoscopes:

**Aries**  
Do the homework in advance. When you get to the store you'll know which is the awesome deal, and which one is the scam. There will be a test.

**Taurus**  
You're under pressure from the competition but that's OK. You get stronger under pressure, like a brick.

**Gemini**  
Give the job your full attention for a little while longer. Once this is done you'll have time to relax, but that won't be for a little while. Hang in there.

**Cancer**  
Be gracious to a person who isn't quite saying what he or she really means. You'll be able to tell but don't make a big fuss. Use it to your advantage.

**Lao**  
Temptation raises its ugly head. Don't let it talk you into spending more time with people you don't like and less with the people you do. Loved ones feed you power.

**Virgo**  
Before you begin a new assignment, make sure you know what's required. This will not be easy. The first answer isn't correct.

**Libra**  
Continue to focus on your career. You'll be very busy for a while but not forever. Well, not unless you take on another big project immediately.

**Scorpio**  
You can afford a special treat, if you've been good. Love and luck come together in a marvelous way.

**Sagittarius**  
Assume that the person who's doing the talking is a great storyteller. Enjoy the show but don't bet on it being true.

**Capricorn**  
Proceed with caution, and don't offer to pay everybody's way. You can afford it but they won't respect you for it in the morning. Encourage self-sufficiency.

**Aquarius**  
An easily-overlooked variable is the emotional component. As you're analyzing the situation, take that into consideration. One who's acting out of character may be frightened, in some way.

**Pisces**  
Some of the things you've been worried about actually do need your attention. The trick is to figure out which is which, and do it quickly.

## Drink Recipes:

**Purple Haze**  
1/2-ounce vodka (recommended: Skyy Vodka)  
1/2-ounce gin (recommended: Beefeater Gin)  
1/2-ounce light rum  
1/2-ounce Hiram Walker Raspberry Liqueur  
3 ounces sour mix (Finest Call Sour Mix)  
Ice  
Lemon-lime soda (recommended: Sprite)  
Lemon wedge, for garnish  
Combine first 5 ingredients in a cocktail shaker with ice. Shake and strain into a 14-ounce beverage glass. Top with soda and garnish with a lemon wedge. Serve with a tall straw.

**Alcoholic Hot Chocolate**  
2 cups milk  
3 1/2 ounces best-quality dark chocolate, bittersweet or semisweet, as preferred  
1 cinnamon stick  
2 teaspoons honey  
1 teaspoon brown sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
2 tablespoons dark rum, or to taste  
Put the milk into a saucepan and break the chocolate into pieces and add to the milk along with a cinnamon stick, honey, and sugar, and heat gently until the chocolate is melted.  
Add the vanilla and mix with a small hand whisk and while whisking, add a spoonful of the rum first and taste to see if you want more. Add more sugar if you want this sweeter, too. Take out the cinnamon stick and pour into two cappuccino or cafe latte cups.  
Remember to drink responsibly.

## Mendenhall Movies:

**World Trade Center**  
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Sunday 11/12 at 9:30 p.m.

# How to...Survive on \$10 a week



At only \$0.10 a package, Ramen is the cheapest way to eat for a week.

What to do when you only have \$10 left after you pay your bills

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If you are a college student, the likelihood of you being in a situation in which you will have to survive on a mere \$10 a week is highly probable. Almost every month after paying rent, a cell phone bill, lofty credit card payments and filling up my gas tank, I am left on empty, literally.

Most of the time I am left with a measly \$10 to live on for an entire week. Sure, when I lived in the dorm the thought of starving never crossed my mind since I depended heavily on the meal plan that my parents financed, but now the idea of starvation intrudes my every thought.

However, in all honesty, I have to admit from experience that it is quite easy to survive on \$10 if you use your street smarts and put yourself on a strict diet of PB&J or Ramen, you pick your poison.

First, let me start off by giving you some ways to eliminate unnecessary costs from your budget. You do not need to eat out for every meal. You can simply drop by the grocery store and pick up some Ramen noodles, PB&J, bread and a jug (that's right, a jug, not bottle) of water, which can be purchased in a 7-day supply for around \$6.

You are now left with a whole \$4 which you can save for a night when you feel particularly vulnerable to the whims of fast food chains such as McDonald's and Taco Bell, which insist on seducing you with tantalizing aromas. You can eat an entire meal at either of these fine dining establishments (granted you have to drink tap water) for around \$3.

Now you will have a whole dollar left which means you can hit up a convenience store and buy a couple of pieces of hard candy to get you through this tough time. Sometimes it's the simple things in life that make

us most satisfied. If you are not the hard candy type of person, try your favorite gum.

Another thing that I find I spend most of my extra money on is entertainment. In reality, it is absolutely absurd to spend any money at all on this particular commodity considering there is something offered practically everyday on campus for free.

If you want to check out a movie, you can head on down to Mendenhall Student Center where they play films Wednesday through Sunday every week. Each week you can catch a different set of two movies.

In order to find out what's playing, open up the paper to Tuesday's section of Pulse or stop by MSC to pick up a copy of the schedule.

There is also a wide variety of other opportunities to enjoy entertainment on campus which include, but are not limited to, the foreign film series hosted in Bate, workshops to prepare students for life after ECU, documentaries showing at various campus locales, guest lecturers, bingo and Student Recreation Center activities.

If worst comes to worst and you absolutely can't survive on \$10 a week, you may want to resort to begging your parents for money. On the other hand, you may have been down that road far too many times already and the sear thought of begging for money again may be simply out of the question.

If this is the case, you may want to consider asking a friend or roommate for a bit of cash until your next payday. You may be surprised at just how generous your friends can be when they find out just how much you are struggling to make ends meet.

No matter how you survive from paycheck to paycheck, rest easy at night knowing that you are getting an education so that someday soon you can be living a life of leisure while stressing about more prominent things, besides simply worrying about your next meal.

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# Elephant versus Donkey



What political party do you think old Uncle Sam belonged to so long ago?

U.S. party system allows for choices

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With the elections of national and local officials, it is important to recognize what each political party stands for. The beauty of America is that it provides freedom; the freedoms of speech, press, religion and the freedom to

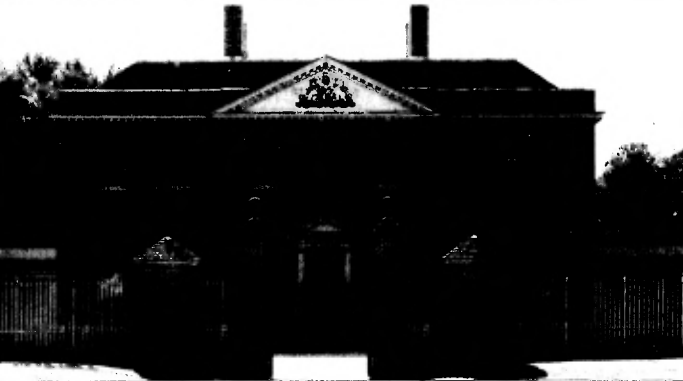
input made by third parties. This is largely a consequence of the election and restrictive laws imposed on the other political parties. There have been many political parties other than the two dominant ones, which are the Democrats and Republicans, but most third parties are generally considered to be of only minor and short-lived political significance.

The Democratic party's views on most issues vary drastically from their counterpart, the Republican party. Abortion is a touchy subject, which the democratic platform explains as supporting embryonic stem cell research and the mother's right to choose. The budget and economy fluctuate throughout the decades but the democrats intend to resolve that by cutting the deficit in half over the next four years. Civil rights have been a battle for generations, which Democrats want to sustain by strengthening parts of the Patriot Act, supporting affirmative action to redress discrimination and keep marriage at the state level, rather than at the federal level.

Typically, Democrats believe that the development of renewable energy and efficient vehicles is important for the oil crisis in the Middle East. Opposite the usual Republican platform, most Democrats believe in tighter gun control and reauthorizing the assault weapons ban. Immigration has become the media's new political hang up. Democrats want to create a path for undocumented aliens to earn citizenship, therefore encouraging immigration flow, which is

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# Project Road Trip: New Bern



Tryon Palace is one of the biggest tourist attractions in New Bern, the popular tourist town just down the road.

Historic, peaceful getaway just down the road

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The original capital of the Carolinas, New Bern, is filled with interesting historical sites and stops for people of all ages and

inclinations. Great food, picturesque views and fascinating historical North Carolina facts await you in this one-horse carriage town. If the fact that the trip takes less than an hour to complete isn't enticing enough, perhaps being the home to Nicholas Sparks is.

New Bern, the second oldest town in North Carolina, abounds with history. There are over 150 his-

toric landmarks, including Tryon Palace, the birthplace of Pepsi, and a 157,000-acre national forest.

New Bern is chocked full of interesting North Carolina history. Perhaps you didn't know that ECU's drink of choice, Pepsi, was originally concocted there? In 1893, a pharmacist named

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If you are lucky enough to get a spot, try taking an entry level dance class.

# Need to pick up one more class?

Some ideas for last minute classes

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Do you need to find an elective class to have a full course load? Maybe you just need some ideas for a class you would like to take for your own personal gain. Hopefully this article will help give you some ideas of a potential class that interests you.

If you only need an hour-long class, bowling might be a good one for you. Bowling is a very relaxing and fun class. Seriously, how can you not like bowling in an air-conditioned building while still learning how to play a sport that is growing in popularity every year?

OK, if sports aren't your thing but you still want to have a non-stressful class, art classes are pretty nice and you learn how to do a few cool things in the realm of design. Drawing, figure drawing and design one are some of the introductory classes offered here at ECU.

Another class from a similar genre as drawing would be a music class. Lower level violin, guitar and piano are just some of the introductory level classes that will give you a basic knowledge of how to play an instrument but may not fall into that easy category.

In the arena of history, history of America to 1877 or the history of America after 1877 are two classes that offer a wealth of knowledge for the history buff in you. Even if you are not into history so much, this class will teach you about some of the people who helped found this country and how they accomplished it.

Theater arts are one of the more interesting areas of any

curriculum. Our school of theater offers intro to acting classes that I bet are really fun. Being that I have the acting skills of a rock, I wish I had thought about taking something like that just to see what goes into acting.

If the theater aspect does not interest you, try taking a beginning level dance class... if you can get in. Not only would it help fill your schedule, it would break up the monotony of classroom learning which is always appreciated in any concentration.

For something in the area of gender-based learning, Women in Classical Antiquity seems like a pretty interesting class. This class shows the roles of women in ancient Greece and Rome. It will also depict the contributions of these women and the general attitudes towards these women in their respective societies.

Lastly, we will venture into the land of foreign languages and studies. If you want to learn about foreign cultures you might want to consider taking a class such as intro to Asia or intro to Russian studies. Both emphasize the cultures and their particular norms in their respective societies.

If it is an actual language you wish to learn a bit about, I recommend taking German. It is an unusual class that helps teach you about the fundamentals of the language and the people who speak it. In this class you are also exposed to some of the culture from the German nation.

For more information about what is offered at ECU, visit ecu.edu and click on current students. There you will find downloadable course catalogs and get more information about each class that you are considering.

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**NEW BERN** continued from A5

Caleb Bradham experimented with a combination of kola nuts, carbonated water, sugar and vanilla, and invented "Brad's drink." This drink became known as Pepsi Cola in 1898 and is one of New Bern's main claims to fame. Now the restored soda fountain can be visited and you can buy a souvenir to support the North Carolina horn soda pop.

One stop history buffs won't want to pass up is Tryon Palace, the original governor's mansion. It is the restored home of British Royal Governor William Tryon, built in 1770. The beautiful Georgian-style mansion served as both home of Governor Tryon and the capital of the colony of North Carolina. Beautifully restored, Tryon Palace is furnished with a large collection of antiques and art.

Tour guides outfitted in period-coordinating costumes take you around the palace and conduct an audio-visual orientation program and crafts demonstration. My favorite part of the tour was the end when we were allowed to explore the gardens surrounding the palace at our leisure. Winding paths, an abundance of foliage and lovely statues make for a very romantic or reflective afternoon.

Around downtown New Bern, there are many shops and restaurants to visit. From historical North Carolina trinkets to delicious fudge, the stores have an array of products to offer, and even if you can't afford a shopping spree, they are worth checking out.

As for the restaurants, one of my favorite spots is Baker's Square which is a Mennonite owned home-style restaurant complete with fresh baked breads and desserts. The food is very reasonably priced and comes in vast, tasty quantities that will not leave you going home empty stomach.

There is also The Chelsea,



The mascot of New Bern, the bear, can be seen all over the town.

which features a distinctive menu including a variety of regional and international cuisine that's sure to please everyone's taste buds. French, German, Cajun, Italian, Asian and American regional entrees either are on the menu or served as specials.

Be prepared for a lot of walking if you pay a visit to this historic town, but don't worry, there are opportunities to give your feet a rest. You can take a trolley tour and discover three centuries of history and beauty in a 90 minute trolley car tour of New Bern.

Of course, if trolleys aren't exciting enough, you could also take a carriage tour of the downtown historic district or choose a romantic evening drive. Whichever route you pick, you will be relaxing in a horse-drawn carriage.

This weekend, you can see the New Bern Civic Theatre's produc-

tion of *South Pacific*, the parallel love stories of couples threatened by the dangers of prejudice and existence during World War II. You can also go on an art walk in downtown New Bern where you can meet the artists, enjoy refreshments and stroll the streets. Featured artists and featured work will be at Carolina Creations.

There is no doubt that a visit to the historical and beautiful New Bern is definitely worth the little amount of time and gas it will take you to get there. Plus, most of the attractions are free and if you bring a romantic/thrifty little picnic from home, this is a very inexpensive mini road trip.

If the history or the ambience aren't enough, I can assure you that the fudge makes it all worthwhile.

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the origin of most Americans.

Since 1856, 18 of the 28 U.S. Presidents have been Republicans. In addition to controlling the executive branch since 2001, the Republican Party has held majorities in the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives since 1995, except for 19 months in the Senate in between 2001 and 2002. Republicans currently hold 28 governorships and have outright majorities in 20 state legislatures compared to the Democratic party, which has 19.

The Republican party pro-

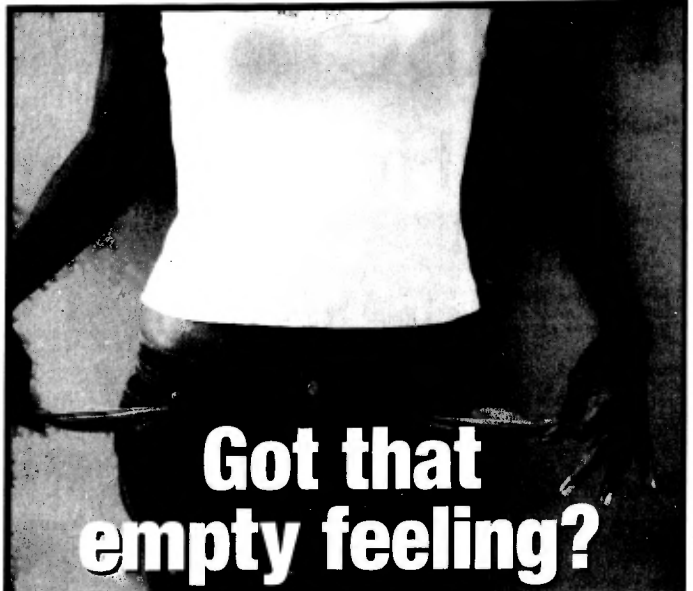
motes adoption and abstinence and frowns upon abortion clinic referrals. Civil Rights are maintained through supporting the advancement of women in the military and using the Patriot Act to track terrorism.

The Republican platform says that homosexuality is incompatible with military service and disagrees with gay marriage being recognized from the states. The energy and oil topic is addressed with the statement, "no mandatory carbon emissions controls." They have a pro stance on gun

control, wanting to open more public land to hunting and no longer issuing gun licenses. The use of biometric data is believed by Republicans to better track foreign travelers, allowing only legal immigrations.

The Democrat and Republican parties are the two major U.S. parties, but there are dozens of third parties, the most well known of these are the Green, Labor and Libertarian parties.

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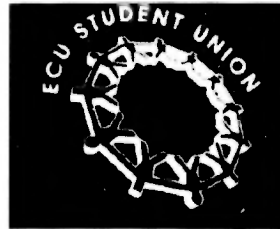
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# Sports

{ECU's Inside Source}

## 1 Stokes starts over

Play over 40 yards that ECU's defense has relinquished in 592 total attempts this season; the lone play was a 60-yard screen pass for a touchdown from West Virginia quarterback Pat White to Darius Reynaud, putting WVU up two scores

### 40,000

Maximum approximate crowd for the ECU-Marshall football game on Saturday given by associate athletic director and director of ticket operations in Pirate Radio radio interview on Tuesday; Wetherbee said that Marshall's allotment is sold out and that approximately 2,300 tickets for the Troops have been sold

## 2

Recruits on the men's basketball team from Ricky Stokes' first season that are still with the team; Sam Hinnant is now a sophomore and Courtney Captain a senior; Quinton Goods transferred to Charleston Southern while junior college transfer Tyrone Beale transferred to Bowie St., a Division II team

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Hometowns of men's basketball players that are within 115 miles in driving distance to ECU; James Dillard, Taylor Gagnon, Jeremy Ingram, Josh Sweeley, John Fields and Greyson Sargent all are from less than two hours driving distance from Greenville

## 12TH

Coaches' selection for preseason order of finish for the men's basketball team in Conference USA; Memphis was picked first while the Pirates are in last, behind Marshall and Southern Miss

## 1

Junior of the women's basketball team, Nicole Days a 6-foot forward from Burgaw, N.C.; the women's roster has three freshmen, six sophomores and two seniors

### They said it

"We have a group of young men that are working extremely hard, and one thing I will say is they get along extremely well. One of the things we decided as a staff is... We wanted to increase our chemistry... so we moved everybody on campus... This group gets along very well and a lot of time good chemistry can make a difference."  
-Ricky Stokes, ECU men's basketball head coach

"One great thing is they're getting loads of experience. And that's gonna only help, you can only get better by playing... These guys, I'll tell you what, they're working extremely hard. They're gonna get game experience. They're gonna get bigger, they're gonna get stronger. They are gonna increase their game experience. And I'll tell you, the future for East Carolina basketball will be very bright with these young men."  
-Ricky Stokes, ECU men's basketball head coach



Ricky Stokes' mixture of four returnees and 10 newcomers should be a better recipe for success in his second season as ECU coach. Jeremy Ingram was absent when the picture was taken.

### Key Returners



**Courtney Captain**  
G, 6-1, 185, Sr.  
Galveston, Tex.

The lone senior will be moved back to his natural shooting guard slot after playing in all 28 games and starting 18 as a junior college transfer. Stokes is counting on his perimeter shot, which ranked second among C-USA leaders in three-point field goals per game in 2005. Captain will be counted on to make smart decisions as the team's leading assist distributor, shoot over zone defenses and provide veteran leadership.



**Jeremy Ingram**  
G, 6-3, 190, Jr.  
Kinston, N.C.

The Wake Forest transfer suffered a knee bruise in the pre-season, but an MRI came back negative. Ingram had a MCL tear hampering his sophomore season. Despite the injury, he is the team's leading returning scorer and most accurate three-point shooter. Ingram will provide leadership, likely starting at the shooting guard or small forward slot. He will defend the opponents' best offensive weapon and is a good free throw shooter.



**Sam Hinnant**  
G, 6-4, 190, So.  
Charlotte, N.C.

The lone scholarship sophomore provides depth at the guard slot and will be asked to play either shooting guard or small forward. Hinnant, who was named to the C-USA All-Freshman team in 2005, is the only returning player to start all 28 games last season and one of two to average double figures scoring (10.3). He is a good perimeter shooter, and will be counted on to contribute more offensively, but needs to improve his defense.

### ECU Roster

| NUMBER | NAME             | POSITION | HEIGHT/WEIGHT | CLASS |
|--------|------------------|----------|---------------|-------|
| 32     | GABE BLAIR       | FORWARD  | 6-8/210       | FR.   |
| 5      | COURTNEY CAPTAIN | GUARD    | 6-1/185       | SR.   |
| 2      | JAMES DILLARD    | GUARD    | 6-5/190       | FR.   |
| 3      | CORY FARMER      | GUARD    | 6-3/185       | JR.   |
| 23     | JOHN FIELDS      | FORWARD  | 6-9/200       | FR.   |
| 12     | TAYLOR GAGNON    | FORWARD  | 6-6/210       | JR.   |
| 4      | SAM HINNANT      | GUARD    | 6-4/190       | SO.   |
| 15     | JEREMY INGRAM    | GUARD    | 6-3/190       | JR.   |
| 22     | DARRELL JENKINS  | GUARD    | 5-11/175      | JR.   |
| 25     | JUSTIN RAMSEY    | CENTER   | 6-10/250      | FR.   |
| 30     | GREYSON SARGENT  | GUARD    | 6-5/180       | FR.   |
| 21     | JOSH SWEeley     | GUARD    | 6-3/180       | SO.   |
| 33     | CHAD WYNN        | CENTER   | 6-10/230      | FR.   |



Head Coach Ricky Stokes

Stokes enters his second season at ECU with few expectations. His team struggled in 2005, finishing 8-20 and last in C-USA. Stokes cleaned house in the offseason, watching seven players transfer. The former Virginia point guard will count on two junior college guards and six scholarship freshmen. The small team will have to show progress to convince fans that Stokes has the team headed in the right direction.

### New Faces



**Darrell Jenkins**  
G, 5-11, 175, Jr.  
Marietta, Ga.

The College of Southern Idaho transfer will run the point guard slot, logging most of the minutes as the ball handler. The left-hander has excellent court vision, can shoot from the outside and will look to pass first. Jenkins averaged 9.1 points and 4.3 assists per game as a sophomore, leading his team to the NCAA championship tournament. Jenkins will need to value the ball, cutting down on turnovers while getting the offense in motion.



**Gabe Blair**  
F, 6-8, 210, Fr.  
Kings Mountain, N.C.

As a freshman, Blair will contend for the starting power forward slot. With the team's lack of size, he will have to rebound stronger, more physical players. He has a good shooting range, averaging 21 points and 11 rebounds as a high school senior. Blair's athleticism will help him clean the glass, as well as provide a presence on the low block. Blair will have to mature quickly and consistently stay out of foul trouble.



**John Fields**  
F, 6-9, 200, Fr.  
Fayetteville, N.C.

Fields will contend for the starting power forward slot and has the potential to be one of the top frontcourt players, both offensively and defensively. He averaged 17 points, 11 rebounds and four blocks per game as a high school on route to being named the 2005-06 Fayetteville Observer Player-of-the-Year. Fields will be asked to mature quickly, rebound consistently and like many of the big men, will have to stay out of foul trouble.

### ECU's basketball team has 10 new faces

RON CLEMENTS  
SENIOR WRITER

It's a good thing the ECU men's basketball team will have their names on the backs of their jerseys because, otherwise, fans may not know who the players are. Due to transfers and graduation, the Pirates return just four players from an 8-20 team. Sam Hinnant, Taylor Gagnon, Jeremy Ingram and lone senior Courtney Captain are back to lead a young team with seven freshmen. The seven freshmen include 6-foot-10 Justin Ramsey and former Apex track star James Dillard. ECU Head coach Ricky Stokes said Dillard's athleticism has impressed him the most. "It's also a basketball player that happened to play track," said Stokes. "One thing that he provides

is that size, which we didn't have a lot of guys in that range. We think he can use his athletic ability as a defender against the bigger guards." One freshman who will not see the court this year is Chad Wynn. The 6-10 Atlanta native will red-shirt this year so he can "acclimate to the collegiate experience, practice daily, and enhance his frame with our rigorous strength and conditioning program is in his and the ECU basketball program's best long-term interest," according to Stokes. While the 255-pound Wynn will sit out this year, the Pirates will have another 6-10 freshman that will play. Justin Ramsey, a 260-pound native of Chesapeake, Va., is expected to boost rebounding for a team that is expected to miss the productivity of Corey Rouse, who graduated. "We have a lot of young guys on the inside that are not as fully developed as they will be in the

future, but I think they are athletic enough to rebound in this league," said Stokes. "We're going to get challenged playing against bigger and stronger teams, so our guards on going to have to help with our rebounding." "We've made some excellent strides defensively since we began practice. We have better understanding of where we need to be. We've also made some improvements offensively and are beginning to recognize where our shots will come from out of the offense. We have to continue to work on rebounding." Stokes cited two guards that could help with some long rebounds. "Jeremy Ingram has done a good job of rebounding as has Brandon Evans, who is a tenacious defender and rebounder," Stokes said. "We're demanding that all our guards help on the boards. They're all going to have to box out and get rebounds."

Ingram, a transfer from Wake Forest, will be playing in his first full season at ECU. The 6-3 guard played last year but missed the first part of the season due to transfer eligibility rules. Evans is a 6-2 true freshman from Liberty High School in Jackson, Tenn. The 18-year-old averaged 20 points, six rebounds and four assists per game while leading his school to a state title as a senior. Creating a better assist-to-turnover ratio is another area of concern for Stokes and his staff. Turnovers were one of the reasons Stokes' first season in Greenville was unsuccessful and something he has addressed with his young team this year. "We only allow guys one turnover per practice before they are penalized," Stokes said. "We're trying to make them cognizant of valuing each possession." As the lone senior on a team with so much youth, Captain said he has been impressed

with the attitudes and talents of the freshmen. "They're all competing and give it everything they've got everyday," Captain said. "When they mess up, they want to learn something and know what they did wrong and try to get better." Captain added that, in the past, that willingness to learn was something missing from the program. "In the past, if somebody messed up, they'd get an attitude and turn their head and they think they already know what they did wrong and they don't want to hear it," the 6-foot guard from Galveston, Tex., said. "But these guys, they want to know. They come to you and ask questions. I think it's a different team from in the past." Aside from the freshmen, the Pirates also have a pair of junior transfer guards who Stokes is expecting to help lead the team. Cory Farmer from Tallahassee

# Lady Pirates build solid foundation



The women's basketball team have a newfound camaraderie heading into the 2006-2007 season.

## Baldwin-Tener has hopes for postseason

JARED JACKSON  
STAFF WRITER

Following the best season in 14 years, the women's basketball team has high hopes for the school's second-ever NCAA Tournament berth. The team lost three seniors, but the core of returning players have Pirate fans excited about a new season.

The Pirates (17-12, 8-8 Conference USA) surprised experts by finishing eighth in C-USA in 2005. ECU was recently selected by the conference coaches to finish seventh.

ECU Head Coach Sharon Baldwin-Tener is pleased with her team so far entering the first game Nov. 11 at James Madison.

"I have been impressed both offensively and defensively with our entire team," said Baldwin-Tener. "We're much farther along than we were at this point last year, but we still have a long way to go before our season opener."

The Pirates return all their players from last year except LaCoya Horton, Ebonye Downey and Catherine Cooley. For many teams, losing such valuable players could be a problem. Fortunately, ECU features seven sophomores that played significantly last season.

"I've been very pleased with all of the sophomores," Baldwin-Tener, who received a pay raise in the offseason, said. "I think that each of them have improved considerably. I think all of them have a lot more pride... and have raised the level of expectations."

Jasmine Young had the biggest impact as a freshman last season, when she received recognition as the C-USA Freshman-of-the-Year, becoming the first

Pirate to do so in C-USA history.

Young averaged 13 points and 5.3 assists a game, while logging an average of 37.8 minutes per game.

"It just motivates me to do bigger and better things this year, and help my team get farther and to the postseason," said Young.

Along with Young, the Pirates return second team all-conference player Cherie Mills. Mills, who has improved her conditioning in the offseason, is the team's returning top scorer (16.1 ppg) and rebounder (7.6 rpg).

Baldwin-Tener thought that Young would be the leader of this year's team but has watched the improvement of LaCoya Terry.

"I think we have a couple of leaders. Last year I think 'Young' was probably a leader, but this year along with Jasmine Young, LaCoya Terry has really stepped up," Baldwin-Tener said.

She also added that Terry is one of her team's most improved players.

"I think LaCoya Terry is going to be the one that surprises people," Baldwin-Tener, who is in her fifth season at ECU, said. "She started some games last year and came off the bench in others. She came in and worked in the summer on her shot, and so I think she may be a surprise to some people that are going to key on Jasmine and Cherie."

No one player or a few players make the team, however. The success of this team rests on using their youth to their advantage.

Seniors Cherie Mills and 6-foot-4 Amanda Mills will be asked to score in the frontcourt while freshmen Erica Crumlin and 6-foot-5 Lauren Cochran give the Pirates unprecedented height in the Baldwin-Tener era. The lone junior Nicole Days, Gabriela Husarova give the

Pirates six players above six-feet.

Sophomores Jessica Slack, Alicia Person, Impris Manning and Freshmen Shana Franks give Baldwin-Tener depth on the perimeters.

The increased expectations forced Baldwin-Tener to upgrade to a tougher non-conference schedule than normal.

"When it comes to the schedule, I think we're really playing a really tough non-conference schedule, tougher than since I've been here," Baldwin-Tener said. "I think that some of them close rivals ODU, N.C. State... we also have Florida State coming to our tournament. All of the games are going to be really tough for us. I think in conference, Rice is the team to beat. After that, everybody is fighting."

Even with the tougher schedule, Baldwin-Tener thinks a postseason berth is possible.

"Our goal is to go to the postseason," the former Georgia assistant said.

Young, the sparkplug point guard is raring to get the season underway. Young is looking forward to the first game against the Dukes.

"Our first basketball game at JMU, because they killed us last year and now since we are used to playing with each other, we're a better team," said Young. "It will be a good game. They went to postseason last year and we didn't. I think we can match them."

The season should be very interesting for the Pirates. The buzz surrounding the women is unmatched since ECU joined C-USA. The Pirates will play the first five games of the season on the road before hosting Florida A&M at Minges Coliseum Nov. 26 in the team's home opener.

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Wake Forest is three games away from the Atlantic Division title and a berth in the ACC Championship.

# Ranked Wake Forest embracing underdog role at last-place FSU

(AP) — How's this for a reality check: 18th-ranked and first-place Wake Forest this week is a touch-down underdog to a last-place team.

Here's why that's understandable: That cellar-dweller is perennial power Florida State.

"You've just got to look at the past. Florida State has great history, great tradition every year, great athletes, they recruit what's said to be the best athletes in the country," linebacker Stanley Arnoux said Tuesday. "And we're just BF of Wake Forest."

Maybe not anymore. The preseason pick to finish last in their division, these Demon Deacons (8-1, 4-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) instead have emerged as one of the nation's success stories.

They're one win shy of the 62-year-old school record of nine victories in a season. They're tied with Maryland atop the Atlantic Division, and berths in the league championship game and the Orange Bowl are

within reach.

"We're always going to have to surprise teams, because we're not one of those powerhouses, Texas, Notre Dame," receiver Kevin Marion said. "We just find a way to win."

They've created an identity and built their program by thriving in the underdog's role, a task that's somewhat simpler this week because, well, they're still the underdog.

"It's a little bit of a wake-up call for our kids, we're 8-1, we're ranked, all that kind of stuff, but in the end we're going down to Florida State as underdogs," coach Jim Grobe said. "If you think you've arrived, nobody else thinks you have."

Beating the Seminoles (5-4, 3-4) would go a long way toward validating Wake Forest's season. The Demon Deacons are 0-14 against Florida State since it joined the ACC in 1992, and their only win in Tallahassee came in 1959.

"I guess from the outside look-

ing in, everybody always looks at Florida State as the toughest team in the ACC (along with) Miami, (Virginia) Tech," Arnoux said. "We've been the underdog a lot lately. It's just motivation. We've just got to keep rolling."

Grobe said the big challenge this week is allowing his players to appreciate what his team already has accomplished, while reminding them that they still have plenty to prove.

"It's wanting the kids to understand that it's really good to be 8-1, it's really good to be ranked in all the polls, it's really good to have people talking about you," Grobe said. "But what got us here was playing hard and winning on Saturday, and what will get you out of there in a hurry is losing."

"I want our kids to embrace the good things that are going on right now, but I want them to be smart enough to figure out that the only way good things continue to happen is if you keep winning," he added.

## BASKETBALL

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see, Fla. Community College and Darrell Jenkins from the College of Southern Idaho have Stokes excited about his backcourt because of their experience and ability to shoot the ball. Jenkins led all scorers at the annual Purple-told scrimmage on Oct. 21 with 19 points.

With so many new players, chemistry was something Stokes knew he would have to address immediately. The former Virginia player and Virginia Tech head coach instituted mandatory team functions to create team bonds and build the chemistry and familiarity that is so vital on the basketball court.

"I think this is a closer team," Stokes said. "We made some changes. We've moved everybody on campus. We have mandatory breakfast checks. We've done a lot in the preseason that has challenged the kids. Hopefully their chemistry, by spending a lot of time together, will show on the court."

Fans can get their first look at the new faces Saturday. The Pirates open the season by hosting the Morgan State Bears at 6 p.m.

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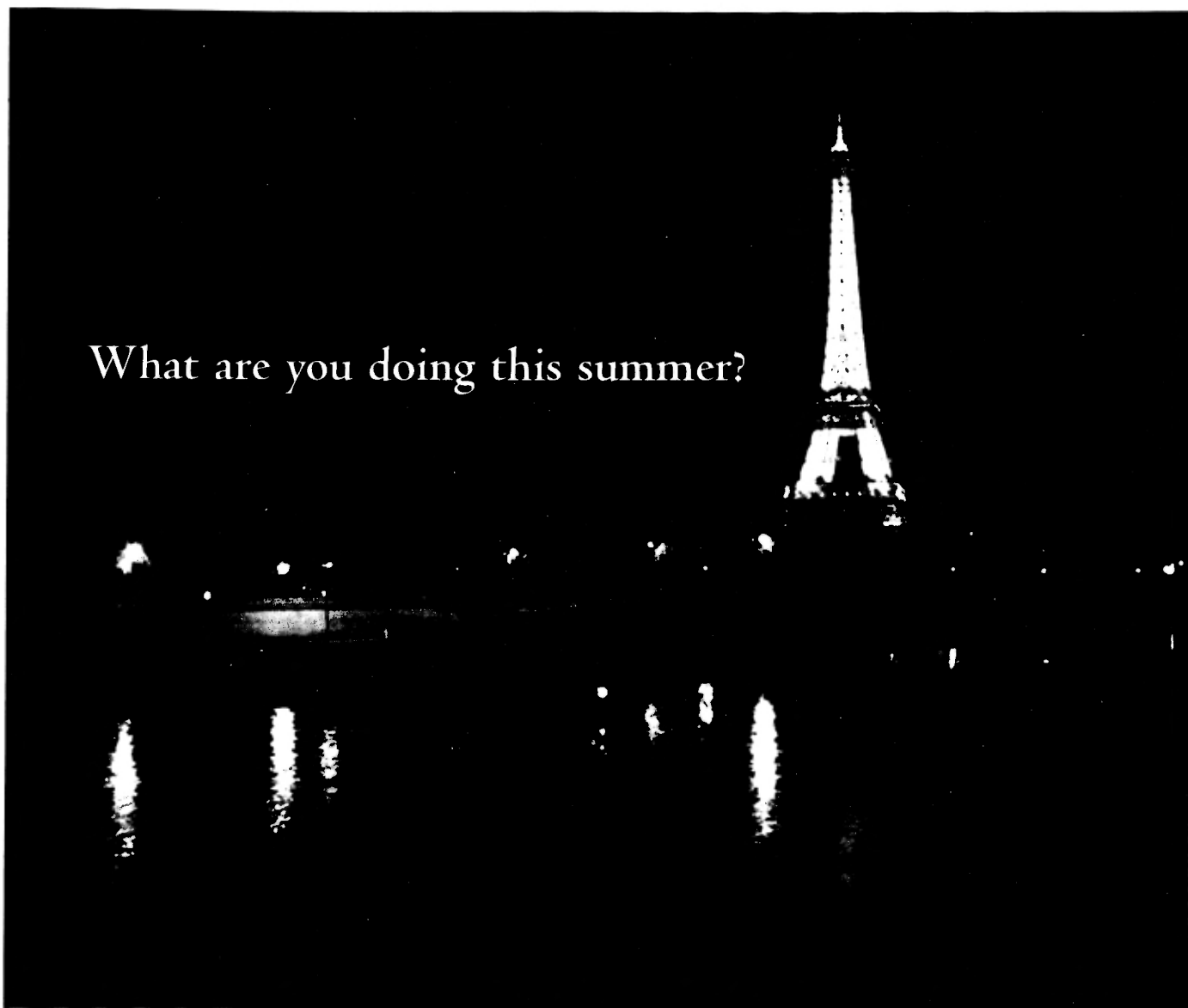
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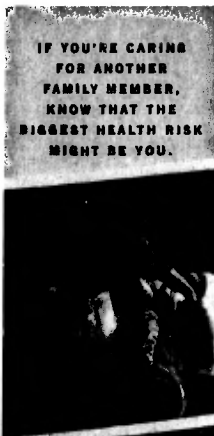
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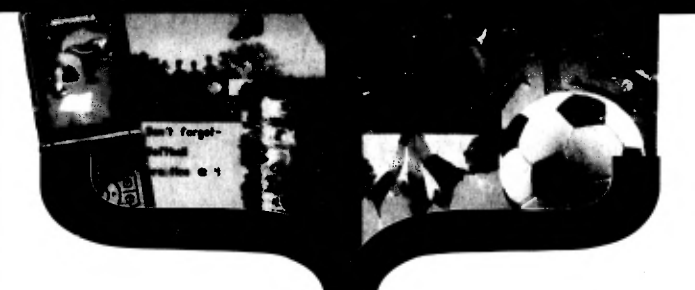
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