



## ROTC dominates Ranger Challenge



Pictured from front row left to right are the cadets Theodore Brennis, Anthony Sawyer, Justin Lujan, Rebecca Deal, Scott Kamp, Johnny Sokolosky, Aaron Lewis, John Jarnagin, Thomas Barsalou and Aaron Olsen.

### ROTC team earns second place

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Ten cadets from the ECU ROTC program competed in the Eastern Region ROTC Fourth Brigade's Ranger Challenge at Fort Pickett, Va., from Oct. 27-29. The team placed second overall among 19 participating colleges and universities from Virginia and North Carolina. Participating schools included UNC, NCSU, NC A&T and Campbell University. Virginia Military Institute finished in first place.

The Ranger Challenge features the best cadets from participating schools. It covers eight events, which are the Army physical fitness test, basic rifle marksmanship, construction and execution of a one-rope bridge, patrolling, weapon assembly, orienteering, a hand grenade assault course and a 10-kilometer road march. The ECU team finished first among all teams in physical fitness, BRM and orienteering.

The Ranger Challenge plays

an important role in furthering cadets' development as leaders and future Army officers.

Aaron Olson, a junior nursing major, was among the cadets chosen to participate in the Ranger Challenge. He attributed their success to their teamwork and spirit.

"We had great team effort," he said. "We had awesome trainers to support us. The captains that helped us are seniors in the ROTC. Since first place went to VMI, ECU is the North Carolina state champions for the competition."

The Ranger Challenge occurs once a year during the fall semester. The competition takes months to prepare for; participants begin their training in the beginning of the semester. Tryouts for anyone interested to be on the Ranger Challenge team begin the first week of the semester. Cadets have to prove their competency of land navigation, do well in their physical training and always be in attendance to take part in the competition. Due to the restricted number of people allowed to be on the team, it is a rigorous process to choose who is most eligible.

Olson reported that the ECU ROTC cadre assured that the

Ranger Challenge team was well fed by cooking hot dogs and commented that they were an encouraging group of people who maintained positive attitudes throughout the weekend. The cadre consisted of Col. Donaldson, Maj. McIntosh, Sgt. Hill and Capt. Herbert.

According to Olson, there were two freshmen who were a part of the team.

"There wasn't ever any complaining," Olson said. "It was always a light atmosphere despite everyone busting their butts to do well. We wanted to make sure everyone felt like friends, especially the freshmen. It's always nice to know that you're a part of a team."

This was an opportunity for the participants to use the skills they learned at their field training exercises to create a bond that would help them move through the challenge smoothly as a team.

This was the second time in four years that ECU earned second place at the Ranger Challenge. The cadets demonstrated leadership and teamwork, which helped them excel beyond the other participating universities.

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Pictured from left to right, Cpl. Ward, Cpl. Briskin, and Lt. Cpl. Siebenthal share their experiences.

## Wounded marines speak out in honor of Veteran's Day

### Sponsored by Students for the Defense of Democracies

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In an effort to show support for the U.S. military and honor veterans, the Students for the Defense of Democracies hosted a speaker from the Wounded Warriors Organization yesterday, Nov. 13.

Lt. Col. Thomas C. Siebenthal, the Officer in Charge of the Injured Support Unit, spoke to ECU students and faculty as part of Veterans Appreciation Day.

Siebenthal, along with a few soldiers from the Wounded Warrior Barracks, spoke to students about the barracks and the Wounded Warriors Organization.

The Wounded Warrior Barracks, which are located at Camp Lejeune, N.C., offer emotional and physical support to injured marines. The barracks allow wounded marines to share their experiences and connect with others going through the same recovery process.

Siebenthal said the Wounded Warrior Barracks give the injured marines a place to heal with other soldiers going through the same ordeal. By being around

other wounded marines, the soldiers have a chance to share stories and open up about fears which helps them to recover.

The goal of the organization is to help the injured soldiers transition out of the military or return to active duty with a higher moral.

Siebenthal also spoke to students about the importance of honoring and remembering veterans of the U.S. military. He believes that everyone should show appreciation for veterans no matter what their political views.

"On a personal level I would like to thank all of our past as well as present soldiers," Siebenthal said.

The Students for the Defense of Democracies sponsored this event to encourage students to stand behind our military and remember U.S. veterans.

"We feel that regardless of one's political affiliation it is necessary to steadfastly support the U.S. military," said Chris Federici, Vice President of the Students for the Defense of Democracies.

"Everyday, U.S. soldiers put their ideological beliefs aside and risk their lives to serve their country. We wanted to recognize that courage and honor those who have served, been wounded or killed."

Joel Carter, President of

the Students for the Defense of Democracies, believes that this was a very beneficial speech for students to hear. Carter said that these speakers, some of which were wounded soldiers, are what Veterans Appreciation Day is all about.

"A lot of times people dismiss the soldiers because of political issues, but the root of this holiday is to honor our soldiers," said Carter.

Carter, as well as many members of the Students for the Defense of Democracies, hoped that the speakers from the Wounded Warriors Organization have made students more patriotic and shown them why it is important to support and honor our soldiers.

"Personally I feel that patriotism is extremely important in times like this in the world," said Carter. "There are a lot of conflicts around the world, and I feel we must come together as Americans before we can actively fight any other situation. Patriotism can unite us all because this is our country, our freedom."

Next semester, the Students for the Defense of Democracies plan to host a policy debate that will stimulate discussions about terrorism, defense and security.

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More schools will be gaining media specialists thanks to the scholarships.

## ECU program benefits children in rural schools

### COLRS Program seeks to place media specialists in rural N.C. schools

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The Department of Library Science and Instructional Technology in the College of Education awarded its first Community Oriented Librarian Recruitment Scholarships to eight students working toward their Masters in Library Science through the all-online degree program at ECU on Friday, Nov. 3.

The COLRS, which were awarded to the students in Joyner Library, seek to fulfill the growing need for licensed media specialists within rural schools throughout eastern North Carolina.

Dr. John Harer and Dr. Larry White, who co-developed and co-direct the COLRS program, acknowledged the predictions of researchers who claim that over the next 15 to 20 years 40,000 to 50,000 library media specialists will retire in the United States.

Only about half of those positions will be filled by graduates coming out of library schools.

"Literally half the positions could go unfilled so our purpose is to recruit school librarians into the profession," said Harer of his and fellow LSIT faculty member Dr. White's motivation.

LSIT has been awarded the largest grant of its kind in the state of North Carolina at \$797,000.

The grant was awarded by the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services to fund the COLRS Program, allowing 45 scholarships to be awarded over the next three years.

"This grant will allow librarians to continue working in their communities while going

to school to become licensed media specialists," White said.

"It also allows school districts in rural areas to have licensed media specialists on staff that they may not otherwise be able to recruit."

In addition to earning a degree through the LSIT department, the recipients have to become licensed media specialists upon earning their degree and commit to a job in a rural North Carolina school.

According to Harer because school libraries are changing with newly developed technology, libraries today require staff who are able to utilize as well as teach others to use electronic resources such as the Web.

In addition to that, they are gearing the scholarships toward those pursuing positions in rural school systems because generally those positions are more difficult to fill.

This year's recipients include Jill René Bateman-Whitson from Snow Hill, Daneika Shontell Bynum from Wilson, Milton R. Dail, Jr. from Washington, Brandi Caviness Dowd from Carthage, Laura A. Hiles from Southern Pines, Gail Holloman Holmes from Greensboro, Teresa A. Mullen from Raleigh and Kimberly Allen Townsend from Greenville.

"Most of our recipients and most of our students in our program are late 20s through early 40s in age and are usually teachers or people with a Bachelor's degree and have done some sort of career first, and this is a second career," said Harer.

"We were very pleased with all of the recipients and with the quality of the recipients."

The next application review will be Feb. 15, and Harer and White have plans to award up to 17 scholarships by March 1 for the 2007 fall semester.

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## Student fees to rise once more

### All student fee proposals approved by the SGA congress

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All of the fee increases that were proposed were approved by members of congress at the congressional meeting on Monday.

The congress didn't oppose any of the fees but the amounts of the fee increases are now lower than initially expected.

The maximum amount that could have been approved was about \$236. A total of \$215 was approved for fee increases for the 2007-2008 academic year.

The main areas of the university that will benefit from these increases are the Athletics, Education and Technology, Health Services, Campus Wellness and Recreation, Ledonia Wright Cultural Center, University Unions and Mendenhall Student Center.

These increases will fund things such as money for equipment and travel for all athletic teams, the continuation of legal services to students, funding for computer labs and ACE technicians, continuation of counseling and health care to students, and the funding to promote and advertise programs and events sponsored by the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center.

New developments will also be made with the funding provided from these increases in various areas.

Under the University Unions, the Media Board was allotted money through this increase to hire more student staff and to create a campus television station.

A portion of the money that will be allotted to Campus Wellness and Recreation will go towards establishing the North Recreational Complex.

This complex will be a massive 129-acre park that will have numerous sports fields, lakes and other athletic facilities needed to house state, national, and regional competitions.

A major factor in the reasoning of these increases was due to the increase in minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$6.15, and the need to efficiently pay student and professional staff.

Stephanie Coleman, of the financial division of SGA said, "When the state mandates salary increases, the student fees pay these increases."

Many faculty members from each one of these eight different divisions of the university attended the meeting and represented why these increases were needed.

Skip Holtz, head football coach, Dr. Corey King, assistant vice chancellor of student experiences, and Peter Romary, director of student legal services were among the many faculty members that presented points on why specific fees should be approved.

Another one of the main reasons presented in the meeting for the increase was to try to continue to

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If you missed MTV News Correspondent, Gideon Yago, last week don't sweat it. Read a recap of the event.....Page A4



The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center is offering students a way to voice their opinions and ideas about different cultures through Dialogue on Diversity sessions held monthly.....Page A4



Aundrae Allison and the Pirates won their fourth straight, running past Marshall 33-20 on Saturday afternoon. Read the football recap to realize why the home finale was so 'special'.....Page A6



Darrell Jenkins had a double-double en route to a season opening 86-67 rout of Morgan State. Read the basketball recap.....Page A6



Brock Young, a Raleigh based point guard is one of four basketball recruits to ink in the early signing period. See how Ricky Stokes' second recruiting class stacks up.....Page A7

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**CORRECTION**

We wish to make a clarification concerning the story we ran on the remains of the New York Tuscarora Indians on Nov. 9. They do not want to remove the skeletal remains from North Carolina. They are looking for federal or state land in eastern North Carolina to rebury the remains.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Buccaneer**  
Nov. 13-17  
Portraits for the yearbook will be taken this Monday through Friday. Visit [ouryear.com](http://ouryear.com) with ECU's code 453 and follow the steps toward making an appointment. Contact the yearbook office at 737-1553 or [buccaneer@ecu.edu](mailto:buccaneer@ecu.edu).

**Talk-It-Tuesday**  
Come out to the first ever Talk-It-Tuesday hosted by the Student Government Association. It's happening today from 5 to 8 p.m. in the West End Dining Hall. Meet your Student Government Officers and representatives, voice your questions and concerns, enjoy music provided by WZMB, and win prizes and give-aways.

**Project Heart**  
Project heart will continue their service project collecting school supplies and money for the younger Katrina victims through Dec. 6. Their goal is to provide each child at James Johnson Elementary School with a holiday gift bag full of school supplies.

**Sigma Alpha Epsilon "Bounce-A-Thon"**  
Wednesday, Nov. 15 on the corner of Greenville Boulevard and Red Banks Road. Sigma Alpha Epsilon is holding their sixth annual "Bounce-A-Thon" this Wednesday. All proceeds this year will be going to one of their brothers of the fraternity who is battling leukemia. Contact Stuart Sauls, Philanthropy Chair, Sigma Alpha Epsilon 919-222-1937.

**ECU Fall Open House**  
Saturday, Nov. 18 beginning at Wright Auditorium at 9 a.m. Activities will include an Academic Fair, Student Life Fair, walking and bus tours of campus and tours of residence halls. There will also be sessions presented by Financial Aid, University Honors program, and more. Contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at 328-6640 or visit [ecu.edu/admissions](http://ecu.edu/admissions).

**Blankets for the Elders**  
Saturday, Nov. 18 at Mendenhall brickyard between noon and 4 p.m. Blankets for the Elders is a group dedicated to providing blankets for Native Americans in colder climates. They are accepting new and like-new blankets. They can be donated at EXN's Fall Powwow in the brickyard of Mendenhall from noon to 4 p.m.

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**Native American Heritage Month Smudging Workshop**  
Adrian Jacobs (Lumbree), a second year medical student, will give a talk on smudging. Smudging is a traditional form of cleansing and prayer. The ceremony will then be performed outside in the Courtyard between the Leo Jenkins Cancer Center and Brody Auditorium. Brody, School of Medicine 2N-86 12:30 p.m.

**Pulitzer Nominated Bernd Debusmann**  
Debusmann will discuss the different practices and perspectives of international journalists compared to those of U.S. journalists and American news organizations. Mendenhall Student Center 10 a.m.

**Elementary Education Club's book fair**  
Speight 212 4 - 7 p.m.

**African-Americans at the Poles**  
Ledonia Wright Cultural Center 5 - 7 p.m.

**"Straight Talk" A program for Native American Heritage Month**  
Ledonia Wright Cultural Center 6 p.m.

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

**BRIEFS**

**Cancer patients test theory at the gym**

(AP) — Six months ago you couldn't have paid Gretchen Hoag to go to a gym. Radiation and chemotherapy treatments for breast cancer had robbed her of her hair, and the idea of being seen in public like that was repellent.

"I would not have felt comfortable," said Hoag, 46, who lives in Chapel Hill.

But today, Hoag is an eager participant in a new program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill that hopes to more firmly establish regular exercise as an effective treatment for common and debilitating side effects of breast cancer therapy, including pain, fatigue, depression and anxiety.

Three times a week, Hoag visits a small fitness center in the Women's Gym at UNC, where she works out with a personal trainer. She follows up the exercise sessions with recreational therapy, including biofeedback, designed to help her maintain emotional balance and learn to relax deeply.

**Wellness Wednesday: Carbon Monoxide Breath Testing**  
Wright Plaza 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Defining Consent Rape Workshop**  
Carly Love, a local women's rights activist, will host workshops focused on defining the concept of "consent" and the importance of rape and sexual assault/abuse awareness. Mendenhall Student Center 4 - 6 p.m.

**Breaking Down the Walls of Silence**  
Nancy Hulse will present "Breaking through the Walls of Silence," an interactive lecture. Mendenhall Student Center Multipurpose Room 7 - 9 p.m.

**BSU Second Annual AIDS Benefit Fashion Show Tryouts**  
Mendenhall Student Center Room 244 7 p.m.

**Graduate student council general session meeting**  
Mendenhall Student Center Multipurpose room 7 p.m.

**Salsa Dance**  
Presented by the Folk Arts society of Greenville and ECU Folk & Country Dancers Willis Building, First and Reade Streets 7:30 p.m. lesson 8:30 p.m. dance

**Mini Fall PowWow**  
Mendenhall Brickyard 12 - 4 p.m.

**Johnny Nap Country Concert**  
Pirate Underground 7 p.m.

**Jazz at Night**  
Mendenhall Great Rooms 8 p.m.

**South Park: The Movie**  
Come see South Park: The Movie and get a free "Blame Canada" Canadian Flag! Hendrix Theater Midnight

**ECU Fall Open House**  
ECU Wright Auditorium All day

**ECU Hosts Adapted Sports Day**  
Cost is \$5 to cover breakfast, lunch, the keynote presentation and entry into the facilities. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Student Recreation Center 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Community Yard Sale**  
Proceeds benefit ECU Biology Graduate Students 423 Kempton Drive 12 - 4 p.m.

**End of Semester Meeting for Club Sports**  
Student Recreation Center 238 6 p.m.

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A J Fletcher Recital Hall 9 p.m.

**Student Brass & Chamber Music Concert**  
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establish ECU as a top notch school. Dustin Pittman, SGA congressman said, "Competitiveness and cooperation are two of the things that these fees will help the university achieve."

A \$150 debt service fee will also take effect to pay for the remodeling of Mendenhall and the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center.

A set fee increase has been proposed for tuition of \$96 for all students including in-state and out-of-state students.

The Transit division didn't seek funding because of their partnership with the six apartment complexes which they provide transportation to.

The Housing and Dining division will provide an informational session at the congressional meeting next Monday to explain how they will be funded.

All of the funding approved at the meeting is only final after it goes to the Board of Trustees and the Board of Governors for review and voting.

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**Exercise programs for cancer patients are still relatively rare.**

For now, there are still too many unanswered questions about what types of exercise and recreational activity are most effective, and how much is needed for the patient to see a benefit, said Battaglini, who hopes soon to launch a third exercise program working with lung cancer patients.

"We want to understand the efficacy of our program," he said. "That's what the physicians are looking for."

**Group raising funds to keep historic mill in Stokes County**

(AP) — Every now and then, Frank Blount and Charles Parnell, the owners of Sheppard's Mill, get the old machinery wheels of the two-story mill turning. The machines whir to life as the smell of old belts and dust fills the air.

But the sounds of times past are incomplete. There's no clatter from the old automatic sifter, no rumble from the granite and French buhr millstones.

Sheppard's Mill, built by Calla Hill Sheppard in 1904, remains intact but is inactive. The mill produced cornmeal, flour, rye flour and feed until the 1950s when Sheppard died and Hurricane Hazel washed away the wooden dam.

Dunlap's wife, Patti, is on the historical society's steering committee that is heading up the effort to keep the mill in Stokes. Dunlap says he would also like to help.


"We're trying to preserve it, and I hope we can do what's necessary to see that it stays just like it is, and it be here for years to come so that other generations can see what this is about," he said. "We're very happy to work toward that goal."

The committee plans to meet again soon.

"The primary reason we're here is to try to get funding to purchase the mill," Farlow said. "If these other people buy it, the state's going to lose this mill. Stokes County, the region, the state of North Carolina's going to lose one of its real treasures."

"It's time to either fish or cut bait, as the old men say, and we'd like to fish."

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# Opinion

{Home of the Pirate Rants}

'Tonight we dance, for tomorrow they release the dogs'

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The music I listen to significantly shapes who I am. I'm not saying I won't hang out with people who are into anything different than me. I'm actually drawn particularly to people who are different. I just want someone to get the same feeling out of music that I do. It's an amazing experience.

Have you ever listened to a song and literally felt it in your heart? If you have, then it doesn't matter what artists you listen to. The point is to fall in love with a song and let it take over you for a few minutes.

If you're into the indie or hardcore scene, rock on! Take the time to download Bright Eyes or Every Time I Die (whom the title of this article is from). Either or both will melt your face off, I can pretty much promise you that. If not, I challenge you to find an artist or group that you can be obsessed with. I have a few of my own.

There's a lot of good acoustic out there too. I find that to be easy to get into. Country seems to tell stories that are of no interest to me, not to mention I can't stand the country-ness of it all anyway. I do consider myself open-minded, but I have nearly ruled out that entire genre. However, I respect people who can be in love with it.

Music that moves you can be very therapeutic, especially if you sing or play an instrument yourself. It drags you in. Maya Angelou once said, "Music was my refuge. I could crawl between the space between the notes and curl my back to loneliness." If you've heard a song that changes you, you know what she's talking about. When you play one of your favorite songs, you never feel quite alone. It's similar to the effects of reading a good book. I suggest you do that as well.

This week, take the time to get lost in a song. See if it makes you feel like a different person. Music can open your eyes, and ears to anything.

## Welcome to Hell

Here's your host, the Advising Center

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"The mission of the East Carolina University Academic Advising Collaborative is to guide, serve and support students by partnering with academic departments and support services, to promote diverse educational experiences, and to foster professional success and responsible citizenship."

This statement was found under the Academic Advising link on ECU's Web site. When I first read it, I burst out laughing.

Let me start off by telling you my experience with ECU's finest. I went in like any other student to talk to my advisor about what classes I should take and to receive my registration code. All was fine, and the day of registration I was quite excited about registering for a new semester of classes.

So on Nov. 6 at 11 a.m. I logged on to Onestop, selected all the classes I wanted to register for, and then watched my computer for an hour trying to register through the blessed "Opal."

After calling my advisor, talking to a quite rude secretary, and leaving a message never to be returned, I was a bit mad at the world, more specifically the advising center. So I called back two hours later, finally getting my advisor on the phone, just for her to tell me that oops, she forgot to let me know that since I live off campus I had to come on campus to register.

So, after thanking my advisor who's job is to "guide, serve and support" me for letting me in on that little secret, I got in my car and headed off to Mingles to get on the bus. When finally arriving at the library, I registered for my classes in less than five minutes... or so I thought.

Just when sunshine started to brighten my gloomy day, Opal informed me that the classes my advisor told me to sign-up for were for majors only and required pre-requisites that she should have known I hadn't taken.

So, I marched across campus to the advising center, just to find out that my advisor had just left for lunch. So, after the secretary yelling at me because she didn't understand my problem, I waited an hour and a half for my advisor to brilliantly guide me through my problems once again.

I was watching a senior girl who was about to cry because she couldn't get in to the classes she needed to graduate being yelled at by the secretary, who offered no help except to tell other advisors her problem in a condescending way and laughing at her after she left. Then I finally went in.

So my advisor happily told me she forgot to declare my major on the computer the last time I was here. So one problem is fixed, what about the chemistry class I can't get into? So this advisor who is trying to "foster professional success and responsible citizenship" in me, sends me to a room number that doesn't exist, in a building that doesn't have anything related to chemistry.

After roaming the halls there, I finally was told the right place to go, and talked to someone who wasn't an advisor, but who should get an "Advisor of the Year" award. She didn't have a rude secretary, she knew what she was talking about, didn't forget to tell me any important information, and she genuinely cared.

Finally, my problems were worked out, and I ended up taking only three of the classes my advisor advised me to take, simply because the rest weren't necessary for me to graduate.

So, the advising center may not guide and support me, but let me say thank you to the rude secretary and my not-so-helpful advisor because you guys have helped me to be more responsible for my own classes, so much that my Undergraduate Catalog and I have become best friends.

I'm sure there are some good advisors somewhere at ECU, and if you are reading this, please come find me so that I know that there is some good left in this unintelligent and quite rude world.



## PIRATE RANTS

You would think my sorority would have been nicer to me considering I was one of the only skinny, pretty girls they had. Oh well guess they're just jealous. Have fun hanging out in the ghetto and getting fatter!

Can someone please tell me why I'm paying \$200 this year to park in a gravel lot?

If you're smoking outside and I walk over and stand next to you, I have no right to complain about the smoke. But the next person who walks over to where I'm standing and starts puffing up a storm is going to eat that nasty little cancer stick.

A suggestion for the "service" sorority who finished their keg in 18 minutes, spend more time doing your "services" in the community and less time bragging about your beastliness and/or alcoholic tendencies. It is people like you who make our "regular" sororities get bad reputations. Have some class!

I will put money down on the fact that your service sorority did not finish a keg in 18 minutes. You big fat liar. I have 18 minutes of free time and would love to see you do it again.

I went to GMU last Thursday to see All American Rejects and Gym Class Heroes. Best show ever and all I can think about is Barefoot next year. Can we please have an awesome band like these this year? No more one hit wonders!

The Pirate Rants are online everyday. Read the Opinion section.

Love sucks because someone always gets hurt!

I am seriously about to scream or do something irrational from sexual frustration.

Something is wrong when the Democrats win and terrorist organizations around the world claim a victory and celebrate. You have to think, if the terrorists are happy, should you be?

I'm not talented at singing, so I shouldn't sing. You are not talented in losing weight, so you shouldn't wear that.

So where exactly was Matthew McConaughey because he wasn't at the game?

Am I the only one who thrives on reading the East Carolinian everyday? Especially the Pirate Rants and the Opinion articles?

On any other planet, a broken water fountain might seem strange.

Power tends to corrupt. Absolute power is kinda nice.

I hate when you've been up all day tailgating and drinking and you plan to go out that night but then you fall asleep at 10:30. I knew I should have taken a nap earlier.

I wish I could be the Rant of the Day.

I shaved my toes on Saturday and I think they look very nice now.

I would like to take this moment to rant about how awesome our military is. In a recent study, we were found to have the best educated military in the world. 99.3 percent have graduated from high school. Of non-commissioned officers, 97 percent have a college degree. So screw you, Kerry.

My eyes are bigger than my wallet!

Girls please start talking to me.

I didn't know floral patterns and cowboy boots went together.

I love how sororities try to take a stand for not being a bunch of stuck up drunks who buy their friends, but then someone goes and talks about being "hard core" by saying they can drink a keg in 18 minutes. And ya'll wonder why so many have little respect.

I bet \$50 Pirate Bucks we beat N.C. State by two touchdowns! Any takers?

I'll be your Demi Moore, if you'll be my Ashton Kutcher.

Is it sad that I just figured out that TEC stands for the East Carolinian? Way to be on top of things.

My roommate and I think we have undiagnosed narcolepsy with a

side of ADD.

To all my friends - I have low standards when I get hammered. Why do you continue to let me hook up with ugly girls just so you can laugh at me? I don't like it.

I was at the Galley on the Hill and one of the cooks at the Grill took a shot of liquor that some dude had just brought him. Keep in mind this was in front of like five or six people and he openly announced it was alcohol! WTF?

Who really starts these chain letters?

Good job Democrats. You succeeded in tipping the scales in the Senate and in the House of Representatives. But, don't consider this a victory. You didn't vote for the candidates, you merely voted against the republicans.

I am in college. So why are most of my classes still treating me like I am in high school?

I thought I belonged to a sisterhood. Apparently, I belonged to a bunch of stealing, lying girls who thought they were better than everyone else. Guess what? You're not and I'm a hell of a lot cooler than you.

The reason service sororities have socials still is because you don't have a governing board at ECU like Panhellenic or IFC. So enjoy while you can... they'll crack down on you too, just wait.

I want it to snow already!

I'm not sure if I love you yet, but I know that I <3 you.

Butterfly in the sky, I can go twice as high.

So, is anyone else considering contacting that mail-order Russian bride that e-mailed everyone in the school?

I hope the Democrats enjoy their terms because most of the American people will realize how they just made everything so much worse and put Republicans back into office.

Talk about corruption - dead people voted for the Democrats.

## RANT OF THE DAY

Chuck Norris has counted to infinity... twice.

## Breakthrough election results

Minority voters and candidates win big

JUSTIN SUMMERS  
OPINION WRITER

Last Tuesday people made it to the polls in large numbers to cast their votes in the midterm elections. If you have been hiding in a closet and don't know already, I am glad to inform you that the Democrats have regained control of both the House and Senate in a remarkable turn-around.

Last week's elections were remarkable in the fact that both Democrats and Republicans mobilized to express their dissatisfaction with the current state of things and, in record numbers, they effectively gave some long awaited change to a failing Congress.

One of the more impressive things about this election was the impact minority voters had and the success of minority candidates in key states.

The crucial African American vote won three Senate seats. In key states like Virginia, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, black voters turned out in record numbers to vote and make their impact. In the past two elections African American voters have struggled with enormous lines at voting stations due to lack of voting machines and overall disenfranchisement of their votes, but this year they truly made a difference. Latinos also assembled in large numbers in states like Texas, New Mexico and California and tallied over two million votes nationwide.

In addition to the minority vote, young adults also turned out in record numbers to cast their ballots. For the second major election in a row, 18 to 29-year-olds increased their voter turnout. In 2002, eight million 18 to 29-year-olds cast ballots and on Tuesday we saw 10 million go to the polls, so there was a two million vote increase. Overall, this shows that there is a trend of increasing voter participation among young adults and that we are a very important part of the electorate and politicians need to pay attention to us.

More surprising than the increased turnout of young and minority voters was the success of minority candidates. In Massachusetts, Deval Patrick became the state's first African American governor; he is only the second elected black governor in the nation's history.

In Minnesota, Democrat Keith Ellison was elected as the first Muslim to serve in Congress. This is a huge accomplishment for Ellison because he is not only going to be the first Muslim in the House of Representatives, but also Minnesota's first non-white representative.

In Vermont there was another landmark victory and a first for the nation when voters elected Independent Bernie Sanders to become the country's first self-described socialist to be elected to the U.S. Senate. When asked, "What do you mean, 'socialist'?" He said he believes "government has got to play a very important role in making sure that as a right of citizenship, all of our people have health care; that as a right, all of our kids, regardless of income, have quality childcare; are able to go to college without going deeply into debt; that means we do not allow large corporations and moneyed interests to destroy our environment; that we create a government in which it is not dominated by big money interest. I mean, to me, it means democracy, frankly." Which sounds good to me.

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## Join up today

A chance to make a difference, and the choice is yours

SEAN PETERSON  
OPINION WRITER

Have you ever had an opinion on something and felt it would drastically change something for the better? Have you ever had that opinion and see something become worse because you did not speak up soon enough? Do you have a sudden urge to get involved on campus, but cannot decide what your interests might focus on?

I feel that the Student Government Association is the best opportunity for the common student on campus to make his or her voice heard. It gives students the opportunity to change things on campus. Any organization on campus for that matter would do the trick. It is all about taking the initiative to go out and find what you want to do.

I stopped by the SGA office in Mendenhall Student Center on Thursday. I am in a fraternity and felt that I needed to get involved on campus in hopes of strengthening myself as a person and to further the name of my fraternity in a positive manner. I was asked what I wanted to do on campus. I had a few ideas run across my mind, but one idea that kept coming back to me. I wanted to help the Greek system on campus improve in all of its areas. I was put into the Elite Leadership program. The program gives me the opportunity to build a foundation to work upon.

Say you have a keen interest in changing the way our university promotes health education and awareness. You could join the Elite Leadership program and promote what you want to do through a committee. You can take any interest you have in our university and help shape it by joining a student organization.

Granted, every enrolled student at ECU is a part of SGA. Everyone has the opportunity to make a difference. You ultimately choose if you want to hold a specific position where you have the chance to help shape student life exclusively. If the SGA is not for you, perhaps you could join College Ambassadors or Campus Crusade for Christ.

I feel that being active at this university is important because there are issues on campus that I am sure many students are not happy about. Some of these issues are the increasing student tuition, improving Greek life and breaking stereotypes. You can go to the meetings they have for these issues and voice an opinion because the university needs everybody's opinion to better understand how our university should be conducted. You get out of ECU what you put into ECU.

If you have an interest in something and an organization like the SGA doesn't have a position for it already, you can start it up. It will look great on your resume and give you the feeling of responsibility you have lacked since coming to college.

So, get out there and make your voice heard. Join any organization on campus when you have the chance. You never know what opportunities await you.

## JUST ASK JANE

Need advice? Want answers? Just ask Jane.

Dear Jane,

I have gained the freshman 15 and the semester is not even over. I eat healthy and don't snack on junk like most of my friends, but they're not gaining weight. I am. I just want to be in shape the way I was back in high school. I never had to work out then and suddenly I'm this fat person that I don't even recognize. Does ECU put weight-gaining stuff in their food or what? I just don't see why this is happening.

Signed,  
Gaining weight for nothing

Dear Gaining,

Ahh the dreaded freshman 15. If you want to shed those unwanted pounds, you'll need to navigate the dining halls with caution. Choose healthy foods, avoid second trips to the buffet line and limit your desserts. Try not to eat late at night or in front of the TV, you can lose track of how much you consume. Also don't skip meals even if you're in a rush, it will cause your metabolism to slow down. Exercise as much as possible - if you live in a dorm with an elevator, start taking the stairs. Speed walk to and from class, and make extra loops around the mall if you have time. Try signing up for some classes at the Rec in your spare time, and squeeze in those extra trips to the gym no matter how unmotivated you feel. Work on your posture too, which will make you appear and feel more slender while strengthening your core. Drink tons of water, and cut out any sodas and sweet teas (as addicting as they are). Finally, watch your alcohol intake. Beer makes people bloat up, no doubt about it. Good luck.

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**Horoscopes:**

**Aries**  
Focus on details and doing the job as perfectly as you can. The closer you get, the more money you'll make. Virtue has its own rewards.

**Taurus**  
People do what you suggest because you're so persuasive. You make them feel special and cared about, and they'll do anything for you.

**Gemini**  
Don't race around thinking you have to do everything, or nothing will get accomplished. Take a few moments to make up a list, and give it to somebody else.

**Cancer**  
You're the one with the facts this time, so don't keep them all to yourself. You don't have to be shy; other people need to know what you know.

**Leo**  
There are a few chores that you simply haven't had time to do. They'll seem like a comfortable, familiar routine now. Relax and enjoy them.

**Virgo**  
Continue your search. You're not on the trail of a fascinating answer. Even if it takes years to get there, this is a great time to start.

**Libra**  
A lot of what you need you already have, if you can just find it. Don't go out and buy new, that's a waste of good money. Recycle.

**Scorpio**  
You've worked hard, and it's OK to acknowledge your success. Let your team know you're proud of them, too. You're all hot.

**Sagittarius**  
Pay attention to what's going on behind as well as in front of you. Use the eyes in the back of your head, without letting on.

**Capricorn**  
OK, you can party hearty now, as if you needed permission. Don't waste this opportunity, though. Get your friends to help you achieve your objective, and help them achieve theirs.

**Aquarius**  
It's a tough situation but you're up to the challenge. You're asked to be accurate above and beyond the call of duty, to the nth degree. Be ready and willing to prove anything you assert.

**Pisces**  
Keep the big picture in mind. Let somebody else do the details. Explain what you're going to accomplish, let somebody else tell them how.

**Campus Events**

**Tuesday, Nov. 14**  
Dialogue on Diversity  
Ledonia Wright Cultural Center  
6-7 p.m.

**ACHIEVE: Saving Time**  
Researching Your Paper in Your Room  
Tyler Hall Lobby at 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, Nov. 15**  
Russian Film Series  
"Good Bye, Lenin"  
Bate 2011 at 6:30 p.m.  
Pulitzer Nominated Bernd Debusmann  
Mendenhall at 10 a.m.

**Thursday, Nov. 16**  
"Breaking Down the Walls of Silence with Nancy Hulse"  
Mendenhall Multipurpose Room  
7-9 p.m.

**Friday, Nov. 17**  
Jazz at Night  
Mendenhall Great Room at 8 p.m.

**Mendenhall Movies**

**Snakes on a Plane**  
Wednesday 11/15 at 7 p.m.  
Thursday 11/16 at 9:30 p.m.  
Friday 11/17 at 7 p.m. and midnight  
Saturday 11/18 at 9:30 p.m.  
Sunday 11/19 at 7 p.m.

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Wednesday 11/15 at 9:30 p.m.  
Thursday 11/16 at 7 p.m.  
Friday 11/17 at 9:30 p.m.  
Saturday 11/18 at 7 p.m. and midnight  
Sunday 11/19 at 9:30 p.m.

## MTV journalist offers cultural lessons

What you missed from Gideon Yago's appearance

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Despite a hearty advertising push from the student union and university publications, a dismal crowd filled the seats of Mendenhall for MTV journalist Gideon Yago.

Expecting to be packed into the auditorium like sardines with girls waving posters (or possibly underwear) at the undeniably handsome on-air personality, I was quite stunned that there were more people clamoring outside for the start of whatever movie Mendenhall was presenting that night.

As a communication student who is deeply concerned with media and its relation to the war and current events, I was expecting an open-ended discussion on journalists' coverage of the current Bush administration and the role of 24-hour news channels in public opinion.

Instead, I received a slightly patronizing lecture on how the "echo boom generation" (us) is disenfranchised and how the necessity of voting could change all of that.

Clad in jeans and a blazer, the unshaven Yago delivered his message from a sleek iBook, a necessity for all badass reporters. It would be petty of me not to note Yago's coverage of 9/11, the 2004 presidential election and his documentaries in Kuwait and Baghdad and his ability to appeal to younger viewers.

Presented in the format of "True Life" and "Diary," viewers were "tricked into watching



Yago offered students an entertaining, informative look at journalism.

something" that seemed familiar but was also educating the public.

Yago also conveyed his dissatisfaction with MTV and its programming choices. Following 9/11, the network had broadcasted pieces involving key players in the tragedy including Osama bin Laden and American relationships with the Middle East. However, as time passed and America longed "to care about meaningless bullshit again," MTV resumed its programming of shows like "Laguna Beach" and "Jackass."

At the conclusion of Prophet Yago's speech, he delivered his hope that our generation would soon become enfranchised. Citing our use of technology and the ability to connect with each other, Yago posed the question, "What will spark the change from passivity and insulation to actual participation?"

He continued by saying that there are 59 million of us in America, outnumbering the baby boomer generation by five million. Trying to inspire change, he remarked on our dedication to products and consumerism while hoping we'd find another issue more important.

Despite Yago's thinly veiled arrogance and barely tolerable attitude of those in attendance, the evening was not a total loss. It is clear that Yago has good intentions and wishes to rally his generation into caring about something other than material things. I just hope that next time there will be more discussion and less of a rehashing of all the great things Yago has accomplished.

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Ledonia Wright Cultural Center offers a variety of opportunities to appreciate and understand cultural differences.

## Dialogue about diversity

Roundtable discussions help educate students about cultural issues

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With all the talk about racism and discrimination going on around ECU's campus these days, the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center has decided to step out hate by educating students about different cultural issues on a monthly basis.

This month, the topic that will be discussed is Native American culture. Students and faculty, some of whom are Native Americans, will be discussing Native American history as well as the things that this culture faces in today's society and on our campus.

The event will be held this Thursday from 6-7 p.m., at the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center. Students are encouraged to come out, learn and discuss Native American culture.

"We are really excited about this event. Basically we want students to really embrace the cultures on this campus and to know that the cultural center is

here for everyone, and they are all invited to come out and learn," said Shannon Mulvaney, graduate assistant at the center.

"Dialogue on Diversity" is the name of the series that the cultural center will be featuring each month. Last month's topic focused on international students and how they adapted to changes upon arriving at ECU.

The event will be set up like a roundtable discussion where students will have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss anything related to culture or, in the case of this month, Native American current news and history.

The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center also took part in ECU's recent Hate Out Week, which showed students the importance of being tolerant and understanding of different races and cultures.

During this week's discussion, events from Hate Out week will be tied in and discussed specifically among Native American life on our campus and community.

The center first opened on ECU's campus in 1995 and was named after Ledonia Wright, a popular professor among students and faculty

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## This week in health: Mononucleosis



Mono can be contracted from everyday places such as a water fountain.

Not just a kissing disease

SHANNON DAVIS  
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Mononucleosis, also known as "mono," is an infection caused by the Epstein-Barr virus. Mono is not spread as easily as some other viruses, such as the common cold. The mono virus is found in saliva and mucus. One common way to catch mono is by kissing someone who has been infected, which is how the illness got its nickname. If a person has never been infected with the Epstein-Barr virus, then intimate kissing with someone who is infected can put him or her at greater risk for contracting the disease.

Mononucleosis can be transferred through other types of direct contact with saliva from someone infected with the virus, such as by sharing a straw or an eating utensil. A harmless cough can also transmit the virus, which means you can contract it from a complete stranger. Some people

who have the virus in their bodies never have any symptoms, but it is still possible to contract the virus from them.

Signs of mono usually develop four to six weeks after a person has been exposed to the virus. Mono is most common among people 15 to 35 years old because this age bracket is typically the most active with kissing more than one partner.

Signs of mono include fever, sore throat, headaches, white patches on the back of your throat, swollen glands in your neck, feeling tired and loss of appetite.

The most serious concern with mono is that the spleen will enlarge and even rupture. The spleen is a large gland, which is located in the upper left side of the abdomen. The major function of the spleen is to filter blood through the body.

Though a ruptured spleen is rare in people with mono, it is important to be aware of the signs because internal bleeding can lead to death. Signs of a ruptured spleen include pain in the

see MDND page A5

## Mix it up at lunch, dine with someone new

Take a seat initiative

SHANNON DAVIS  
STAFF WRITER

On Thursday, Nov. 16, students across America are going to "take a new seat" during their lunch breaks in celebration of the fifth annual Mix It Up At Lunch Day. This project was designed to foster respect and understanding in schools and communities.

The purpose of the event is to encourage students to meet new people in different categories or cliques, and to get to know them better.

Students across the U.S. are urged to have lunch with other students outside their immedi-

ate circle of friends. The event is designed to break down social boundaries at schools. Nowhere on college campuses are the boundaries of group membership more obvious than in and around the dining halls.

"Our country is still divided along lines of race, ethnicity, class and the like," said Mix It Up Director Taken English. She went on to say that, "Schools are actually the third most common venue for hate crimes."

People are prejudiced to cultures they are not familiar with or do not understand. This day provides a chance for students to learn about customs and ethnicities different from their own.

Mix It Up at Lunch Day pro-



vides students with an opportunity to bring down the walls in their schools and get to know people they may not otherwise interact with.

Four million students throughout the country are expected to participate in this event in hopes of

diminishing social boundaries.

The labeling and grouping on most campuses tend to put people in one group and keep others out. As juvenile as this behavior may seem, it still occurs on college campuses. Mix It Up believes in the power of youth to create and sustain real change. They want to provide ideas and tools to help break the walls of division in schools and various communities.

After last year's event, organizers overwhelmingly reported that Mix It Up Day successfully encouraged students to cross group lines and meet new people.

This national event began in 2001 by the Southern Poverty Law Center and Teaching Tolerance magazine. This is a wonderful

opportunity for ECU's campus community to have fun while meeting new people from different backgrounds and cultures.

The objective is simple - invite someone new to join you and your friends for lunch. You can mix it up by yourself or encourage campus organizations, student groups, faculty and friends to join you.

This is a positive outlet to enjoy the differences of students who wander the ECU campus. Before sitting down at a table to enjoy your meal, look around you in search of someone new to join you. It is possible that a complete stranger can be your new best friend.

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## DIVERSITY continued from A4

who started ECU's first African American student organization. "Dialogue on Diversity," as well as past and future events, will help students become aware of the cultural diversity that exists on our campus, as well as give them an idea of how important understanding culture is not just on campus, but in all areas of life.

The center is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and on Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Students interested in learning more about "Dialogue on Diversity" or those who are interested in volunteering with the center are encouraged to go check it out. The center also offers math tutors, a computer lab and many

other services for students. Don't miss the many opportunities available and don't forget to take advantage of the Dialogue on Diversity session that will be held on Thursday from 6-7 p.m. at the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center. This writer can be contacted at [pulse@theeastcarolinian.com](mailto:pulse@theeastcarolinian.com).

## MONO continued from A4

left upper part of your abdomen, feeling light-headed, having a fast heartbeat, bleeding more easily than usual and having trouble breathing. Mono cannot be cured but it will go away on its own usually within four weeks. The main point of treatment is to alleviate the symptoms. Resting and drinking plenty of fluids are two key factors to relieve many of the ailments caused by mono.

Avoiding sports, activities or exercise of any kind will lead to a faster recovery because if the spleen is bumped, serious damage can occur. Physical contact with others should be avoided for three to four weeks after the infection begins because it does not take much for others to become infected with the virus.

College campuses are breeding grounds for mono because of the close contact students have with one another in classrooms and dormitories. Be careful sharing drinks with other people or making out with others because you may walk away with more than you bargained for.

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## Glandular fever: The "kissing disease"

Glandular fever, also called infectious mononucleosis, is caused by the Epstein-Barr virus - a virus of the herpes family.

**What is infectious mononucleosis?**

- Infection**  
Virus only infects B-lymphocytes, which are bigger than normal white blood cells with one kidney-shaped nucleus (hence name of disease, infectious mononucleosis).
- EBV spreads through contact with saliva of infected person (kiss). Virus remains latent after primary infection.
- Symptoms**  
Incubation period: 5-7 days  
Fever  
Sore throat  
Swollen glands (mostly neck, armpits)  
Tiredness, headache  
Enlarged spleen
- Dangers**  
Infection of brain can rupture  
Liver affected, causing hepatitis  
Treatment  
Bed rest, several weeks

Epstein-Barr virus will infect more than 90% of worldwide population during their lifetime - mostly without showing symptoms.

SOURCES: Family Medical Guide, The Dorland Medical Dictionary, "Kurbuch Gesundheit," "Famfam's Store Laegewilker," research by JUTTA SCHBEE



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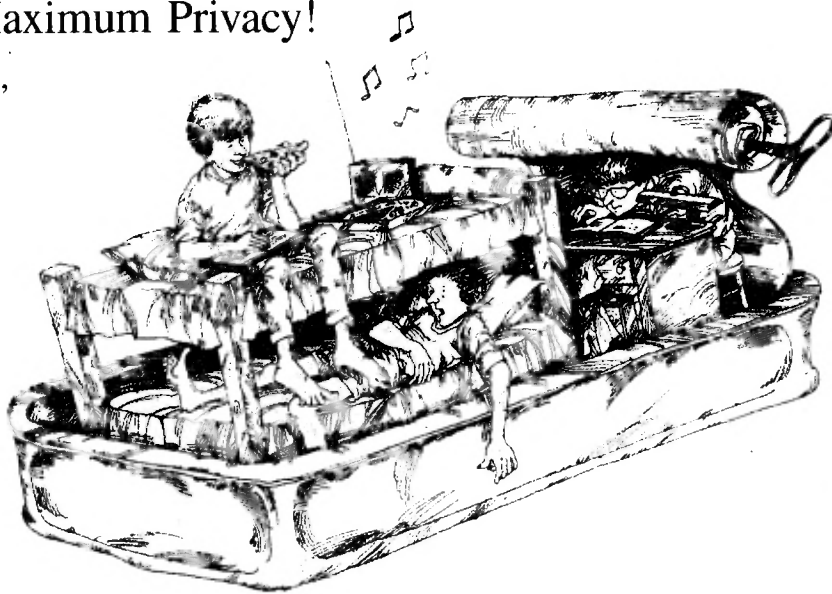
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# Sports

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BY THE NUMBERS

**7 P.M.**

New kickoff time for the ECU-N.C. State game; the game was moved back from 1 p.m. to cater to a live ESPN television broadcast

**22**

Number of 200-plus yard passing games in James Pinkney's career, setting a new school record; Pinkney threw for 270 yards, completing 21-of-27 passes with one touchdown against Marshall

**223,006**

Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium season attendance, setting a new single-season record; the previous high was 217,742, set in 2000; attendance at the ECU-Marshall game (41,572) was the fifth-largest attendance in school history

**26**

Rushing yards for Marshall running back Ahmad Bradshaw on 10 carries against the ECU defense, a season low for the back; Bradshaw ranks first in C-USA in rushing yards, averaging 115.2 a game

**7**

Number of consecutive years the ECU men's basketball team has opened the season with a win; the Pirates beat Morgan State 86-67 behind Darrell Jenkins' game-high 22 points and 12 assists

**6TH**

Seed the ECU women's volleyball team (19-11 overall, 10-6 in C-USA) earned in the Conference USA Championship tournament; the Lady Pirates will face 11th-seeded UTEP in the opening round Thursday

## A special day for the seniors

Pirates become bowl-eligible for the first time in five years

RON CLEMENTS  
SENIOR WRITER

ECU beat Marshall on Saturday, 33-20, to become bowl-eligible for the first time since 2001. For the seniors, earning the victory in the final home game of their tumultuous careers is a 'special' mark on their time in Greenville. "It was very special for all of the seniors, especially the ones who have been here for five years," said senior quarterback James Pinkney, who was 21-of-27 for 270 yards and a touchdown. "We've been through the highs and the lows, and we're just going to keep riding this high right now. We're bowl-eligible right now, but we're not done yet. We're still hungry."

For the fifth-year seniors, Skip Holtz is the third head coach of their careers. Some players chose ECU because of the winning tradition they thought was being built under former Steve Logan. With Logan's departure following a 4-8 campaign in 2002, the ECU program suffered through two of the worst years in its history, going 3-20 in two years under John Thompson.

Last year's 5-6 season in Holtz's first year at the helm created a buzz that the Pirates' ship had been turned around in the right direction. Saturday's win on Senior Day cemented that idea and moved the Pirates one step closer to clinching the East Division of Conference USA. ECU (6-4, 5-2 C-USA) needs to win at Rice next week to clinch the division.

"This is the last time I get to wear the purple jersey at home," senior offensive tackle Eric Graham said after the game. "It might get emotional in the locker room. Those one and two-win seasons were something that you want to get out of your head. To finish off and be bowl-eligible and get this win overshadows all of that. It feels great to be in the position we are in right now."

Holtz said his team will enjoy the possible bowl game when it arrives.

"It's great, love it, and it's kind of a monkey off your back," Holtz said. "But, we just gotta stay focused with two games left to play. We're gonna have time to celebrate the accomplishments of what this team has done, and celebrate the seniors and everything they've brought to this program. Just today's not the day."

The Pirates are on the precipice of a bowl bid thanks to a smothering defense that held C-USA's leading rushing to just 26 yards. Bradshaw

entered the game averaging 125 yards per game. ECU allowed Marshall just 35 rushing yards as a team, the third time in four games that the Pirates held their opponents to under 100 yards rushing.

A blocked punt and a pair of turnovers gave ECU a 20-7 halftime lead over the Thundering Herd, which did not allow Marshall to use its vaunted run game.

"They took us out of our game plan," Marshall head coach Mark Snyder said. "They did a good job of whipping us up front and taking away running lanes and that hurt us."

Marshall, which entered the game leading C-USA in rushing, used its opening possession to go to the air, throwing passes on four of its first five plays to get the ball deep inside ECU territory as Jimmy Skinner completed three of those four pass attempts. The defense stiffened and held Marshall to a 41-yard field goal attempt, which was missed by Anthony Binswanger.

Marshall forced a three-and-out on ECU's first possession, and Ryan Dougherty booted a 52-yard punt to push the Herd back at their own 26. Dougherty had three punts for 140 yards on the day, which made the senior from Orlando C-USA's all-time leader in punt yards.

Marshall's next three possessions resulted in a blocked punt and two Ahmad Bradshaw fumbles. The blocked punt by sophomore defensive end Zach Slate was ECU's first in three years and led to the game's first score, a one-yard plunge by senior running back Brandon Fractious.

Slate realized the importance of the win and its impact on the seniors.

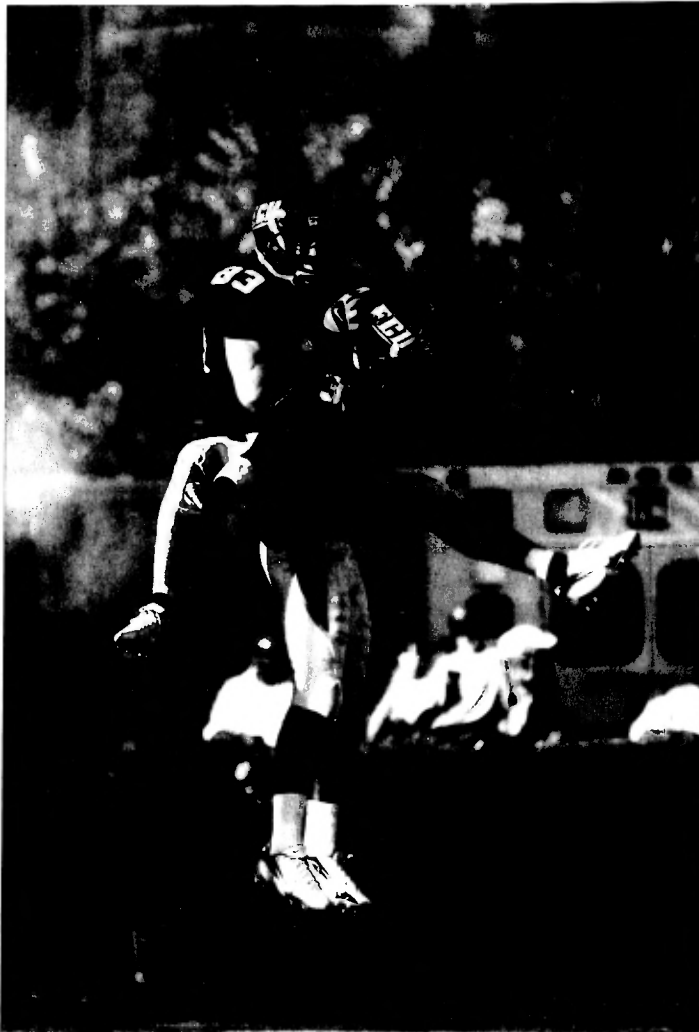
"It's a tough day for them, but we owed it to them," Slate said. "Emotionally, they get caught up in remembering four or five years ago what they came through and, we as the younger players needed to step up and carry them a little bit."

After the two teams traded fumbles inside Marshall territory, Kyle Chase stripped Bradshaw, which led to a Robert Lee chip shot from 21 yards to put the Pirates up by 10.

"Our coaches have been telling us that if we get a chance to strip the ball, go ahead and get a strip on it," said Chase, a senior from Atlanta. "Somebody was making the tackle and holding him up and I just happened to get it loose."

A 43-yard pass from Pinkney to Phillip Henry early in the second had the Pirates poised to strike again. Another Lee field goal, this time from 23 yards, put ECU up by 13, and they would never trail.

"It's great to win," Holtz said. "I'm really proud of this team and



Steven Rogers jumps with Phillip Henry after Rogers' first career touchdown reception from Aundrea Allison.

the way they keep competing and stay focused. We had an awful lot to distract us. I was a little worried about Senior Day. They get out there and get all emotional, and don't play very well, but I'm just really proud of this team."

The Herd was able to get on the board following a second Pinkney fumble. The turnover set up a four-yard scamper by Bradshaw, his 12th rushing touchdown of the season.

The Pirates responded quickly, marching 79 yards on seven plays in just over two and a half minutes, culminating in a 29-yard touchdown pass from Pinkney to Henry to take a 20-7 halftime lead.

The Pirates got a 38-yard Lee field goal late in the third quarter to cap a 45-yard drive. Lee, who would add a 42-yarder in the fourth quarter to put ECU up 33-14, made four field goals on the

day. It was the ninth multi-field goal game of his career, and the senior's first four field-goal game.

The Herd answered two minutes later on a Skinner-to-Cody Slate-41-yard pass. Slate led all receivers with nine grabs for 140 yards.

ECU used some trickery to push the lead back to 16. A pitch and

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## Pirates rout Morgan State

Darrell Jenkins records double-double in debut

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SENIOR WRITER

With a nearly brand new roster, the ECU men's basketball team got a game-high 22 points and 12 assists from junior college transfer Darrell Jenkins to earn an 86-67 win over Morgan State Saturday night inside Minges Coliseum in the season-opener for both teams.

With the Pirates clinging to a 44-42 lead at halftime, ECU out-scored Morgan State, 42-25, in the final 20 minutes while forcing 13 second-half turnovers and holding the Bears to 38 percent shooting in the second half.

"I thought we made a nice adjustment in the second half," said ECU Head Coach Ricky Stokes. "Our defense and rebounding got better in the second half. Good teams, winning teams, don't give up 42 points in a half."

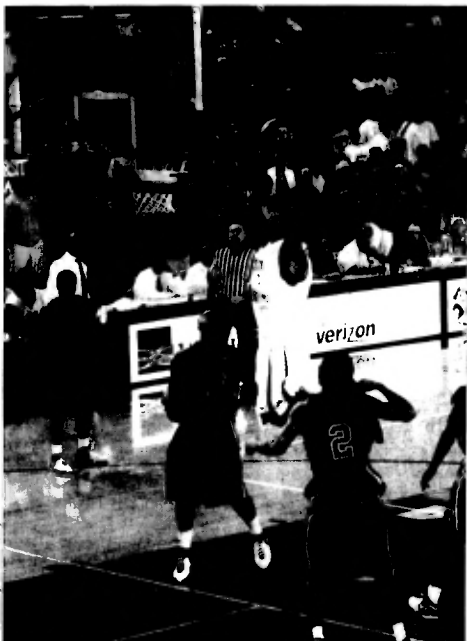
The Pirates were out-rebounded in the first half, 22-20, but turned the stat the other way in the second half — crashing the boards for 17 rebounds to Morgan State's 14.

With seven freshmen, Jenkins said nerves may have played a part in the team's lackluster defensive start.

"We were nervous at first, but after we calmed down and went to the locker room, Coach Stokes told us that if we wanted to win the second half had to be our half," Jenkins said.

The teams traded buckets and leads to begin the second half. The game saw three lead changes in the first nine minutes before an Ingram jumper made it a two-possession game, at 59-54.

Behind the shooting of Jenkins



Jeremy Ingram slams home two of his 13 points in the season opener. Five Pirates scored in double-digits with Jenkins totaling a game-high 22.

and Ingram, and an electrifying dunk by the 6-3 junior from Kinston, ECU built a 14-point lead with just under five minutes remaining.

Jenkins, who led all scorers with 22 points and 12 assists, said Ingram's dunk was the momentum-swinging play of the game.

"We needed big plays like that, especially from him," Jenkins said

## Men's basketball signs four in early period

(SID) — ECU basketball coach Ricky Stokes announced the signing of four players to National Letters of Intent Monday, including 6-foot-5 guard Jamar Abrams, Richmond, Va., 6-3 guard Jonate Sherrod, Tarboro, N.C., 5-11 guard Brock Young, Raleigh, N.C., and 6-6 forward Daquan Joyner, Goldsboro, N.C.

"Overall this class is very versatile and athletic which will help greatly improve our program," said Stokes. "We are delighted with the decision of each of these young men to attend East Carolina. Each player was a top priority for me and I know our fans will enjoy watching them play and getting to know them."

Abrams averaged 14.7 points per game at Highland Springs High School last season to earn second-team All-Metro honors. As a junior, he spent time playing both shooting guard and small forward and ranked second on the team in rebounding and 3-point field goal shooting, while he was the team's third leading assist distributor.

Jamar is a splendid shooter that gives us additional size in the backcourt," stated Stokes. "He is an athletic player that can play a variety of positions. He has the ability to go inside, but his shooting range is his biggest strength."

Sherrod elected to stay close to home by signing with the Pirates. As a junior at Tarboro High School, which is about a half-hour drive from Greenville, Sherrod averaged 25 points last season.

"Jonate is another athletic and versatile player that can score and play both guard positions," explained Stokes. "He attended our team camp this summer and made a great impression upon us."

Young is regarded by numerous recruiting services as one of the top prep prospects in the state. He led



Ricky Stokes thinks Brock Young is the best point guard in the state.

Broughton High School in scoring each of the last three seasons, including last season when he averaged 21 points per game and led the Capitals into the second round of the state playoffs. Regarded as an excellent ball-handler, Young handed out an average of 3.7 assists and recorded 3.4 steals per game, while making 44.3-pointers during the season.

"We are thrilled to have who we believe is the top point guard in the state," Stokes said. "He is a hard worker and a tremendous competitor with a great basketball IQ. He is also very fast and will help us create a more up-tempo style of play."

Joyner is the tallest of the Pirates signees at 6-6. As a junior at Goldsboro High School last season, Joyner averaged a double-double with 18.1 points and 12.2 rebounds per game with nearly five blocks per game.

After opening the season with an 86-67 victory over Morgan State on Saturday, ECU returns to action Tuesday night at Richmond. Tip-off is slated for 7 p.m.

### They said it

"Well there's no doubt that it's special to be at home right now. There's no doubt, I've sat here and talked about what it means to us and how grateful we are to the Pirate Nation for the way they've supported the program; the way they've come out in droves. The way the student body... they're vocal, they're into it, they're active. And there's just a big time atmosphere in that stadium when we come home and play. I can't say thank you enough, and I don't think anyone has any idea how big a difference it makes; not only to every player on the field, but to every recruit that comes here that's looking at East Carolina, and saying you know what, I want to be part of this. This is something special, it's important here."

-Skip Holtz, ECU head coach

"For the younger guys, this was the first actual big game they've ever played in. We were nervous at first, but after we calmed down, went to the locker room, talked to coach Stokes. We came out relaxed and played harder... We feel really good right now. It feels great to win."

-Darrell Jenkins, ECU point guard

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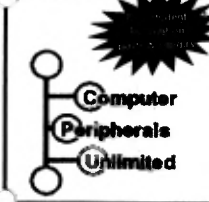
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missing on four straight shots on three possessions in the first half. Morgan State used the cold spell to jump out to a 31-25 lead.

The Pirates fell behind by seven, 34-27, before going on a 16-5 run to regain the lead with 38 seconds remaining in the first half on a Jeremy Ingram 3-pointer. The seven-point margin was the largest lead of the game for the Bears. ECU led at the break, 44-42.

Morgan State, after a well-played first half, was sloppy in the second half. The Bears were called for several traveling violations and even an illegal in-bounds pass with 3:21 remaining on their way to committing 13 second-half turnovers.

ECU turned over the ball nine times in the first half. The Pirates had 12 assists in the first half, with

Jenkins having six on his way to finishing with a game-high 12.

"I think Darrell does an excellent job advancing the basketball," Stokes said. "He's also sharing the ball. Anytime when your point guard has 12 assists, good things will happen. Twelve assists is a good night for any point guard."

With seven freshmen and Jenkins and Cory Farmer as JuCo transfers, the Pirates have a lot of new players and Stokes said he was pleased with the way his team played.

"I didn't sleep well last night, but I'll sleep better tonight," Stokes said. "They play hard and they love East Carolina and they're gonna get better. We're nowhere where we need to be defensively, but we'll get there."

Both teams entered the contest

with 10 new players on their respective rosters, and each coach said they were not sure what to expect from the other.

"When I spoke before the game, I viewed the game as a blind date because neither one of us knew a lot about the other," Morgan State Head Coach Todd Bozeman said. "Obviously, for us, the blind date turned out bad."

The Pirates shot 51-percent from the floor for the game, had five players score in double digits, and 6-10 freshman Gabe Blair hauled in eight rebounds while 6-foot-9 freshman John Fields had four blocks and 12 points. Ingram scored 13 while Farmer added 11.

Bozeman said he was surprised at how well the ECU freshmen played. "I thought [ECU's] freshmen

did a good job," Bozeman said. "To have freshmen step up and play like that was big for them. Freshmen are gonna have good games, and they're gonna have bad games. That's just a given."

Bozeman knew about ECU's scoring ability from the perimeter with Jenkins.

"I knew they were strong perimeter-wise," said Bozeman. "Our inability to guard them at the perimeter, we just kind of broke down."

ECU will travel to Richmond today before an intra-state matchup at UNC Greensboro on Saturday, and Stokes said he is eager to take his young team on the road for the first time to his hometown.

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a reverse to Allison fooled the Herd defense as they left Rogers wide open at the two. Allison heaved the ball downfield for the 94-yard touchdown pass and the first career touchdown reception for Rogers.

"It was amazing," Rogers said of the catch. "It felt like it was up."

The play came on the heels of a third-and-19 conversion as Pinkney found senior Kevin Roach

for a 22-yard pickup and the first down. The senior from Williamson finished with two catches for 50 yards, and both for first downs, in his final game at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

"We've come full circle," Roach said. "It just felt great to come out as a senior and get a win. The excitement's great around here and we're just trying to stay focused. We've got two more games left


on the road, tough games, so we just gotta stay focused and go 1-0 each week. It's hard to stay focused because we haven't had this type of emotion around here for awhile, but the coaches do a good job of keeping our heads on straight."

With the game in hand, Holtz pulled some of his starters to get some younger players in the game. Allison said he used that time to savor the moment and reflect on

his two years in Greenville.

Before the game, a plaque honoring the deceased in the 1970 Marshall plane crash was unveiled at the visitor's gate of the stadium. The crowd of 41,972 was the fifth-largest crowd ever at Dowdy-Ficklen and helped the Pirates set a single-season attendance record.

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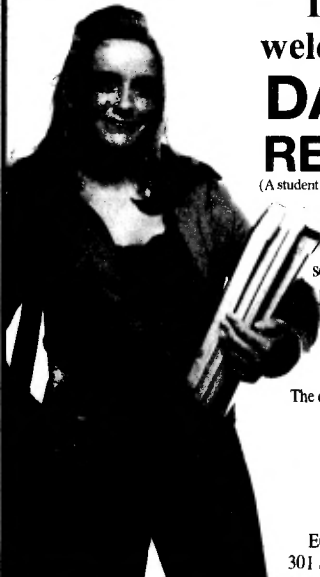
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