

# ECU holds annual family weekend

Activities open to all family members

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ECU's annual family weekend is being held Sept. 10-12 and is offering a variety of activities for anybody within the ECU community and their family members.

Joanna Iwata, director of student involvement and chair of family weekend, said family weekend is open to the entire campus community and is a great opportunity for both students and their families.

"Every year we try to enhance the event," said Iwata.

New events being featured this year include the art exhibit, adventure extravaganza, ECU family fun night, Student Union foam party, student union movies and the Saturday activities at the SRC. The modifications of the event each year tie in from the feedback students and family members give each year.

"Every year, we try to present some different events, outside of our standard events that the event revolves around including the meal, concert and game," Iwata said.

Another new element this year is having faculty members present and helping host events. Iwata said this started last year

and received positive response. "What we discovered is that families want to know who their sons' or daughters' instructors are," Iwata said.

The event is meant to be inclusive and include anyone from families of ECU students. Iwata said the event was originally called "parents weekend," it has been changed to "family weekend" in an effort to make the event more inclusive and not restricted to only parents.

"Generally, from year to year, we get close to about 2,000 attendees... families come from all over... New York, New Jersey, Virginia and North Carolina," Iwata said.

The event also gives the parents the chance to reconnect with their children.

"I think the students benefit from having their families here for various reasons," Iwata said.

Iwata said students and their families also get to do other activities outside of ECU including dining and shopping together.

Iwata said the event is over-all well received each year by students, family members and ECU.

"People appreciate the fact that the university presents an event like this that is family-oriented and gives them a chance to interact with the university faculty and staff," Iwata said.

"We encourage all of our

campus community to get involved... this is a collective endeavor. Even students who don't have their family visiting this weekend, these activities are open to everybody."

Cody Squibb, freshman undecided major, said he feels the event is a great opportunity and his family is more than likely coming.

"I think it's a great way for the family to see what their kids are involved with in college life... I think it allows everyone to have a little fun, get away from the homework and be able to interact with other people," said Squibb.

Squibb said the main event he is looking forward to is the football game.

Amanda Smith, freshman nursing major said she is unsure if her parents are going to make it for the event, but she thinks they will benefit if they do attend. Smith said she feels the event is important because it allows parents to learn more about ECU if they were unable to attend orientation.

"It also gets the students and parents together... unites them within the school. The parents should be involved in the child's education and know what is going on with them," said Smith.

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## East Carolina University



### Family Weekend

A Pirate Tradition: September 10-12, 2004

Pee Dee the Pirate welcomes students and their families in ECU's family weekend game.

## Family Weekend

Friday, Sept. 10

- Art exhibit gallery exhibit opening in Mendenhall at 4 p.m.
- Pirate pep rally at 6 p.m. with coach Thompson, cheerleaders and marching band at 6 p.m.
- Jazz concert - new this year, in Hendrix Theater at 7 p.m. \$5/student
- Free bowling and billiards from 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
- From 9 p.m. - 11 p.m. in

Mendenhall there is an open mic night and bingo in Mendenhall Dining Hall.

- Student Union is hosting a foam dance party outside from 9 p.m. - 12 p.m.
- Midnight movie in Hendrix Theater

Saturday, Sept. 11

- At 9:30 p.m. the SRC is offering a free family pass and is holding various events including a power walk, an aerobic workout and aqua fitness training

- Open house from 10 a.m. to noon at both the SRC, Student Professional Development and the Science and Technology building. Each different location provides different information about different parts of campus.
- From 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. there is a pirate buffet hosted by faculty and staff of ECU. Tickets must be purchased in advance
- At 6:30 there is a pirate spirit rally before the game.
- ECU v. Wake Forest at 7 p.m.

## Brody surgeon receives two national awards

Accomplishments get recognition for ECU

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Dr. W. Randolph Chitwood, president of the Society for Heart Valve Disease, founder of the University Medical Health Center and senior associate vice chancellor, received several prominent national awards this past summer.

His first award is called the Harken Award and presented by Mended Hearts, a nonprofit organization affiliated with the American Heart Association.

Tim Elsner, director of marketing and communications for Mended Hearts, said the Harken Award is their most prestigious award and is only presented every two years. The award is presented in honor of the

founder of Mended Hearts and cardiovascular surgery pioneer, Dr. Dwight Harken.

"Chitwood was chosen because of his dedication to cardiovascular health and his expertise in complex valvular surgery," said Elsner.

According to Mended Hearts' biography on Chitwood, he is one of the nation's preeminent cardiothoracic surgeons and a noted researcher in the field of cardiac surgery.

Chitwood also received the Phi Kappa Phi National Scholar award in Albuquerque.

Dr. Ronald Nowaczky, president of ECU's Phi Kappa Phi chapter, said this award is only given out every three years. The recipients must demonstrate the ideals of the society through their activities, achievements and scholarship.

"These awards really come

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## Fraternity Rush at ECU begins



Banner displays fraternities participating in this week's rush.

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STAFF WRITER

Rush for social fraternities is being held this week from Tuesday, Sept. 7 - 10 and is offering membership opportunity to all male ECU students.

Jim Stricker, recruitment director of this year's fall semes-

ter fraternity rush, said a number of changes have taken place in the process which he hopes will improve the overall recruitment process. During the first two nights, all of the men interested in rushing are meeting at the Wright Auditorium at 7 p.m., where they will hear several different speakers including

Stricker, Terry Gore, president of the Interfraternity Council and Jon Outterbridge, the director of Greek Life.

The group will also view a slide show and numerous photographs educating them about rush and Greek life in general at ECU.

They will then be broken up into several groups, and taken to all of the different rush locations of each fraternity over the course of the two nights. This will allow each person to see what each organization has to offer, Stricker said. ECU buses are providing transportation for these nights.

During Thursday and Friday nights, a more informal rush is taking place, where students interested are free to travel to any fraternity's rush location they choose. Students can begin the rush process on these nights if they did not attend the formal rush nights.

Transportation during these nights is up to each individual fraternity. Stricker said he

encourages every male student to participate in this year's fall rush and take advantage of what Greek life has to offer. He said he feels people should look beyond the stereotypes that exist today about fraternities and give the Greek system a chance.

"Every group of people has its stereotypes... a lot of the stereotypes of fraternities that exist come from the 1970s and 1980s and no longer hold true today," Stricker said.

Gore agreed with Stricker and said fraternities offer numerous benefits for any individual looking to seek them.

"Greek life gives you networking experience, academic experience and the ability to utilize your strong leadership skills," Gore said.

Gore said the leadership skills of the Greek system are prevalent among ECU's campus, with many of the past Student Government Association presidents being

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## Project HEART receives federal grant, looks to expand

Program helps at risk teens in local counties

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Project HEART, a program designed to help at risk teenagers who are struggling with their schoolwork, recently received a \$578,000 grant from the federal government to broaden its service.

Project HEART (High Expectations for At Risk Teens) is a tutoring program incorporated within ECU's College of Education.

When local schools discover a student is having difficulty, they advise Project HEART and match the student with a tutor. Each tutor works with an average of 10 students.

AmeriCorps, a program approved by former President Bill Clinton in 1993 to help support projects in education, health, environment and safety, provided the grant.

Betty Beacham, director of Project HEART, said the additional funding would allow for more staff and members to help as many children as possible.

"The increase in funding is really to put as many tutors out in the field to make a difference," said Beacham.

College student members are required to complete 900 hours of community service to receive a \$5,000 non-taxable living allowance. They are also eligible for an extra \$2,363 once they complete all the hours and other components of the program.

High school students must complete 300 hours and receive a \$1,000 scholarship. They also are eligible to receive credit for an elective class while they tutor during the day.

Aside from the scholarship money, members and staff have other reasons for joining Project HEART. Yolanda Mitchell currently attends ECU, but has been a member since she was in high school.

"I felt that this would be good exposure for my future goals of being a teacher," said Mitchell.

"I wanted to make a difference in the lives of young children, especially those at risk."

Some students begin the program with different career plans, but leave wanting to pursue a career in teaching.

"We have had some of

our members who never even thought about teaching, after being involved in this program, have gone back or changed their majors and now they are getting a degree to go back in the classroom," Beacham said.

Amanda Hodges, program coordinator for AmeriCorps Project HEART, decided to work with the program because she has a history of community service and liked the ideals of Project HEART.

"Community service has been a large part of my life," said Hodges.

"This position gave me an opportunity to do work with students and work with others in education."

Quanteria Cooper, a member of Project HEART, said she has gained much more respect for teachers since she began tutoring.

"I used to think that it was so easy and that they took their jobs for granted," said Cooper.

"Trying to steer kids into the right path and to help them to become more academically successful is not an easy task, and it takes a lot of time, love and patience."

Beacham said Project HEART is a win-win situation for both the children and the ECU community.

However, Cooper said that working for Project HEART is not always easy.

"Anytime you work with kids, you're going to have those rough times," Cooper said.

"Most of the time, if you're in it for the right reasons, it will always turn out to be very rewarding for both the project member and the tutee."

Any person over age 17 is eli-

gible to apply for Project HEART, but there is no age limit on who can become a member. Each applicant must complete an interview, and if they have enough time and fit a certain profile, they can be chosen to participate.

Project HEART works with Pitt County, as well as local areas such as Beaufort and Rocky Mount. The program is always expanding. Beacham said she has received calls from schools in Clinton and Wilson who are interested in joining the program.

"My goal... if we continue to be funded, is to provide this kind of service to every child in eastern North Carolina," Beacham said.

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## CAMPUS NEWS

### Fraternity Rush

Fraternity Rush will be Tuesday, Sept. 7 - Friday, Sept. 10. ECU busses will provide any person interested in joining a fraternity transportation to each fraternity's rush location on Tuesday and Wednesday. Busses will stay at all of the 17 locations for 20 minutes. On Thursday and Friday, students are free to go to whatever fraternity they like. Fraternities will provide transport for these dates. Rush begins at 7 p.m. each night.

### Bingo

Evening of bingo is taking place sponsored by the Student Union in Mendenhall Dining Hall at 9:30 p.m. Free food and drink. Grand prize is \$100.

### Art Exhibit

Artist/sculptor Kahil Bendib from Berkeley, Calif. is putting on an exhibit on campus in the Mendenhall Student Center Friday, Sept. 10 from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

### Sorority Rush

Sorority Rush is taking place on Sept. 12 - 18. Buses will transport anyone interested to each sorority house. For more information, contact Amanda Lewis. Late registration for sorority recruitment is Sept. 11 from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. at 224 at the Greek office in Mendenhall 224.

### Pirate Pop Rally

The ECU Marching Band, Cheerleaders and Coach Thompson are conducting a rally at Mendenhall Student Center at 6 p.m. (Event is cancelled if it rains)

### Screenings provided

The college of education is conducting screenings in the ECU Speech and Hearing Clinic at Belk Annex 1 at the School of Allied Health Sciences, near the intersection of Charles Street and the 264 bypass. No appointment is needed. Sign in begins at 4:45 p.m. and ends at 5:45 p.m. at the west entrance of the clinic. Must sign up prior to 5:45.

### Campus Safety Week

Campus safety week is taking place next week put on by the Student Government Association. A table is going to be set up in the Wright Place all week conducting surveys, a Campus safety walk is being held Wednesday night looking for areas of campus that could use improved security and a self defense class is being held Thursday in Mendenhall.

### Get a Clue

Get a Clue, a student organizational fair, will be Wednesday, Sept. 15 from 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Wright Place. Various student organizations and activities are taking place at this event enabling students to learn more about activities going on and become more involved.

### Try Scuba Event

The ECU Scuba Club is offering an opportunity for all ECU students or faculty to "Try Scuba" at Minges dive pool. Event dates are Thurs. Sept. 16, Wed. Sept. 29 and Oct. 13 from 8:30 p.m. - 10 p.m. All equipment provided. Cost is \$10. Sign up is required at least 3 days prior to event. Contact Jason Wright at JasonLWright@gmail.com or 328-7271 for more information. [www.ecu.edu/org/diveclub](http://www.ecu.edu/org/diveclub)

### Chamber Music Festival

The Brentano String Quartet will come to campus for their second appearance in the Four Seasons Chamber Music Festival on Friday, Sept. 24 in the A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall.

### Film Series

The Travel-Adventure Film & Theme Dinner Series opens at Hendrix Theater on the main floor of Mendenhall Student Center, with *Bavaria and the Black Forest* by Fran Reidelberger on Sunday, Oct. 3 at 3 p.m.

## News Briefs

### Local:

#### Kerry takes attack against outsourcing to North Carolina

GREENSBORO, NC - John Kerry is promising North Carolina workers he will fight the forces sending U.S. jobs overseas, a timely topic in a state losing jobs to the manufacturing slump and international competition.

"Because of George Bush's wrong choices, this country is continuing to ship good jobs overseas - jobs with good wages and good benefits," Kerry said in remarks prepared for delivery at town hall meeting Tuesday. "All across America, companies have shut their doors, putting hardworking people out of a job, leaving entire communities without help or hope."

Kerry was taking his message about jobs and outsourcing to a state with industries vulnerable to international competition, like textiles and apparel. North Carolina is also a state that the campaign sees as competitive territory that could be tipped in Kerry's direction, helped by having North Carolina Sen. John Edwards as his running mate.

Kerry hopes to capitalize on statements made by Bush administration officials to portray the president as unsympathetic to job losses caused by international competition.

Labor Secretary Elaine Chao said during the Republican convention that "the anxiety belies the numbers" that she said show foreign companies create more jobs in the United States than the number lost to foreign workers. Treasury Secretary John Snow has said job outsourcing is an aspect of trade that "makes the economy stronger." Bush won North Carolina easily four years ago, yet with manufacturing employment in the state down more than 20 percent since 2001, economic woes have eaten

into Bush's popularity in the state.

#### NC voters still say economy, jobs key concern in the state

RALEIGH, NC (AP) - While the war on terrorism is the top national concern, economy and jobs are the top priority among North Carolina's voters, according to a statewide poll.

The economy and outsourcing of jobs topped the list when 600 likely voters were asked, "What is the most important issue facing North Carolina?" according to the poll, conducted by the Maryland-based polling firm Research 2000 for *The News & Observer* of Raleigh, WRAL-TV in Raleigh and WUNC radio in Chapel Hill.

Thirty-five percent of those polled said the economy and jobs were the most important issue in the state. Taxes and state spending (23 percent), health care (19 percent) and education (18 percent) were the other key issues in the poll, which was conducted statewide Monday through Wednesday of last week. The poll has a margin of sampling error of no more than plus or minus 4 percentage points.

North Carolina has lost thousands of jobs during a downturn in the technology sector that began about three years ago. Thousands more jobs have been lost as textile mills closed or laid off workers. Still, August was North Carolina's sixth consecutive month of job growth and the state has added 57,300 jobs this year, sixth best in the nation. The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 5 percent in July from a high of 7.0 percent in April 2002, according to the state Employment Security Commission.

### Nation:

#### Kerry says Bush broke promises, set wrong course in Iraq

CINCINNATI (AP) - John Kerry, at the site where President Bush described Iraq as a threat to the United States, was arguing the president left a trail

of broken promises on the path to war and squandered money that could be put to better use at home.

"George W. Bush's wrong choices have led America in the wrong direction on Iraq and left America without the resources we need here at home," the Democratic presidential candidate said in remarks prepared for delivery Wednesday. "I would not have made the wrong choices that are forcing us to pay nearly the entire cost of this war - more than \$200 billion that we're not investing in education, health care and job creation here at home."

The speech showed Kerry shifting from a defensive stance, fending off charges of inconsistencies on the war, to an aggressive challenge of Bush's decisions in the run-up and aftermath of war.

Linking the choice to go to war with its budgetary consequences, Kerry sought to tie Iraq to health care, education, jobs and other areas where Kerry says the administration followed a misguided path.

"While we've spent that \$200 billion in Iraq, 8 million Americans are looking for work - 2 million more than when George W. Bush took office - and we're told that we can't afford to invest in job training and job creation here at home," Kerry said.

"He doesn't believe that America can be strong in the world while we also make progress here at home. He believes we have to choose one or the other. That's a false choice, and I reject it."

#### Cheney says 'wrong choice' on Election Day would risk terrorist attack

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - Vice President Dick Cheney says the United States will risk another terrorist attack if voters make the wrong choice on Election Day, suggesting Sen. John Kerry would follow a pre-Sept. 11 policy of reacting defensively. "It's absolutely essential that eight weeks from today, on Nov. 2, we make the right choice, because if we make

the wrong choice then the danger is that we'll get hit again and we'll be hit in a way that will be devastating from the standpoint of the United States," Cheney told supporters at a town-hall meeting Tuesday.

Democrats reacted quickly. "Dick Cheney's scare tactics crossed the line today, showing once again that he and George Bush will do anything and say anything to save their jobs," said a statement issued by vice presidential candidate John Edwards. "Protecting America from vicious terrorists is not a Democratic or Republican issue and Dick Cheney and George Bush should know that. John Kerry and I will keep America safe, and we will not divide the American people to do it."

If Kerry were elected president, Cheney said the nation would risk falling back into a "pre-9/11 mind-set" that terrorist attacks are criminal acts that require a reactive approach. Instead, he said Bush's offensive approach works to root out terrorists where they plan and train, and pressure countries that harbor terrorists.

Cheney pointed to Afghanistan as a success story in pursuing terrorists although the Sept. 11 mastermind, Osama bin Laden, remains at large. In Iraq, the vice president said, the United States has taken out a leader who used weapons of mass destruction against his own people and harbored other terrorists.

"Saddam Hussein today is in jail, which is exactly where he belongs," Cheney said.

Bush on Tuesday accused Kerry of changing positions on the Iraq war by adopting the language of one-time presidential candidate Howard Dean when Kerry called the conflict "the wrong war in the wrong place at the wrong time."

### World:

**Southwestern China begins cleanup from floods that killed at least 161**  
SHANGHAI, China (AP) - Rain-soaked

residents of southwestern China began digging out Wednesday after floods and landslides that killed at least 161 people, while authorities warned of further rains over parts of the disaster area.

Days-long showers had stopped over Sichuan province's hard-hit Dazhou area, where the death toll stood at 89, with 41 missing and about 10,000 people sick and injured, said He Rongjun, a spokesman for the provincial disaster relief office.

In sprawling Chongqing municipality just east of Sichuan, 72 people were dead and 23 missing, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

However, he said meteorologists have warned at least three major storms will strike in coming weeks, and that authorities were alert for further damage.

"Even though the rain has stopped, we will not be moving any rescue workers from the front line so soon," he said by telephone from Sichuan's capital, Chengdu.

Authorities put the enormous Three Gorges hydroelectric project on alert as flood crests passed through the swollen Yangtze River. Navigation through the dam's locks was suspended, although Xinhua said traffic would be restored on Thursday.

Summer rains wreak havoc across the flood-prone Yangtze practically every year, with torrents rushing down denuded slopes to menace low lying plains in central China.

Residents of Chongqing's mountainous Kaixian county were being allowed back to homes devastated by the floods and mudslides, Xinhua said. The area accounted for 54 of Chongqing's deaths. More than 200 medical workers were disinfecting the area and 18 disease monitoring stations were being set up to guard against outbreaks, Xinhua said. Electricity was expected to be restored to the entire county by Wednesday.

# California wild fires out of control



Los Angeles County firefighters work to control the blaze.

GEYSERVILLE, Calif. (AP) - Firefighters were hampered by erratic wind and low humidity Monday as they made slow progress against a fire that had

burned nearly 12,000 acres and four homes in the Northern California wine country.

The fire, which started Friday northeast of Sonoma County,

had been 20 percent contained, and full containment was not expected until Wednesday, said Janet Marshall, spokeswoman for the state Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

The unpredictable wind and dry vegetation, compounded by uneven and often steep terrain, made the situation dangerous for the 1,875 firefighters, Marshall said.

"These are very erratic winds, which can be blowing perpendicular to one another," she said. "You never know where they're coming from, and that's a huge safety concern for firefighters."

A layer of moist air was expected in the area Tuesday morning, Marshall said. "If we get through the dry night, we

can exhale tomorrow morning," she said.

Six firefighters had been injured, but none critically.

In addition to the four homes, eight outbuildings and 12 cars had been destroyed. About 40 residents had been evacuated from the area, about 60 miles north of San Francisco, including occupants of six homes ordered evacuated Monday morning, Marshall said.

Others living in the area were urged to have evacuation plans ready because the blaze was threatening 200 other houses and five businesses.

The fire also threatened major power lines from 21 generating plants in the Geysers, the world's largest geothermal power

facility.

On Saturday, two-thirds of the plants and two transmission lines were shut down, said Kent Robertson, a spokesman for Calpine Corp., which owns the lines. The company rerouted electricity from other plants, and no outages were reported.

The Geysers has major power lines from 21 generating plants crossing over rugged terrain near the fire, and that creates the possibility of blackouts, said Kent Robertson, a spokesman for Calpine Corp.

In San Diego County, firefighters put out a brush fire that consumed 65 acres in the San Pasqual Valley. Several homes had been threatened, but no structures were damaged.

## Accidental explosion started panic that led to end of hostage situation

MOSCOW (AP) - The militants who raided a school in southern Russia last week were led by a man dubbed the Colonel, who enforced obedience by killing three fellow attackers - two by detonating the explosives they had strapped to their bodies.

Two days later, the attackers were moving the explosives they rigged around the gym where hundreds of hostages were held, and a bomb went off accidentally. That began the spiral of panic that led to the bloody conclusion of the standoff, in which more than 320 people were killed.

Those details were among several disclosed by Prosecutor-General Vladimir Ustinov on Wednesday, in the government's first formal attempt to account for the tragedy last week. It came as Russia offered more than \$10 million for information that helps "neutralize" two well-known rebel leaders from breakaway Chechnya accused of planning the attack.

Ustinov, who met with President Vladimir Putin, said 326 hostages had been killed and 727 wounded in the attack, which ended Friday in a wave of explosions and gunfire as hostages tried to flee, and special forces and armed civilians tried to help them. He said 210 of the bodies had been identified, and forensic workers were also trying to identify 32 body fragments. The

death toll could rise, said Ustinov. Various officials had previously leaked some details of the investigation, but the government had not set out its own version of events until now.

The approximately 30 attackers, including two women, had gathered in a forest early on the morning of Sept. 1 and arrived at School No. 1 in Beslan in a military-type truck and two jeeps, packed with weapons and ammunition, Ustinov said.

They herded people who had gathered to mark the first day of school to the gym. Some of the militants objected to seizing a school, and their leader, who went by the name Colonel, shot one of them. He said he would do the same to any other militants or hostages who did not show "unconditional obedience."

Later that day, he detonated the explosives worn by two female attackers, killing them, to enforce the lesson, Ustinov said.

One of the militants was stationed with his foot on a button that would set off the explosives, Ustinov said. If he lifted his foot, the bombs strung up around the school gymnasium would detonate, he said.

On Friday, the militants decided for unknown reasons to reposition the explosives, and apparently set off one bomb by mistake, Ustinov said. That sparked panic, as hostages tried

to flee, and the attackers opened fire.

That led Russian forces to storm the building.

Ustinov said his information was based on interviews with witnesses and the one alleged attacker who has been confirmed detained, identified as Nur-Pashi Kulayev. Officials believe the attack in the city of Beslan was orchestrated by militants from breakaway Chechnya.

Ustinov's deputy, Sergei Fridinsky, said that the bodies of 12 of the attackers had been identified, and that some of them had taken part in a June attack in the neighboring Russian republic of Ingushetia that targeted police and killed 88 people.

Some 1,200 hostages had been taken at the school, Ustinov said. It was the first official admission that the number of hostages had been so high - initially, the government said about 350 people had been seized, and over the weekend, a regional official said the number had been 1,181.

Ustinov's report came as the Federal Security Service, the main successor to the KGB, offered more than \$10 million for information leading to the arrests of Shamil Basayev and Aslan Maskhadov.

The FSB said they had been responsible for "inhuman terrorist acts on the territory of the Russian Federation."



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Greek members.

Ion Outterbridge, director of Greek life, said Greek organizations are strong academically holding a 90 percent graduation rate. In the spring of 2004, the average GPA for Greek members was at 2.773, which is higher than average of ECU's general population of students.

Another benefit of involvement in Greek organizations is the opportunity to apply for various scholarships.

Each Greek organization, whether classified as social or service, is very much the same. They all like to have parties and meet new friends, but they also like to volunteer and raise money for various non-profit organizations throughout Greenville and Pitt County, Outterbridge said.

According to Outterbridge, each organization has its own set

requirements from its National Office on the number of service hours that must be completed each term.

There are also those benefits that people on the outside world do not see; the bonds that are built, the brothers that are made for life and the chance to learn responsibility and leadership skills for the many years beyond college, Outterbridge said.

Nick Genty, president of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, said he agrees there is much available to students who choose to participate in Greek life.

While pledging, each organization wants to make sure their members keep their grades up and put schooling first, Genty said. Academic assistance and tutors are available to any student who is struggling.

"[Being Greek] gives you

many connections in the corporate world ... it gives you a chance to get involved in intramurals, homecoming ... extracurricular activities," Genty said.

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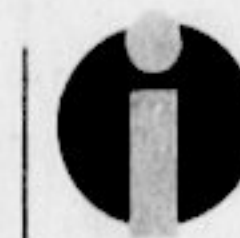


### Fraternity Rush

Approximately 80 students registered for formal recruitment.

Fraternities may give "snap bids," granting students membership after the formal recruitment period.

Students with questions can call the Interfraternity Council at 328-4706.



### Fraternity Rush

Rush Schedule:

Tues, Sept. 7 through Fri. Sept. 10  
Formal Recruitment was held on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Rushees met at Wright Auditorium at 7 p.m. to view slide show of all fraternities and be introduced to Ion Outterbridge, Terry Gore and other Executive board members of the Interfraternity Council.

Afterwards, rushees began to visit fraternity rush locations by provided transportation. Buses will

visit houses on Fifth St. and Tenth St. These will be split up between Tuesday and Wednesday. Rush will end at approximately 11 p.m.

Informal Recruitment is taking place Thursday and Friday nights. On these nights, rushees will be free to visit any house of their choosing to learn more. Transportation will be provided by the individual organizations. To learn more about Rush or any Greek organization, visit [www.greek.ecu.edu](http://www.greek.ecu.edu)

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to the institution, not the individual," said Chitwood.

Chitwood is currently a faculty member of Phi Kappa Phi and won the 2003 Southeast Region Scholars Awards. He said he won mainly due to his work with the da Vinci Surgical System.

Chitwood said da Vinci is a development in robotic surgery that began in the 1990s. Under this surgery system, instead of making a large incision and leaving the patient with what he calls a "zipper" down his chest, da Vinci enables the surgeon to make a small incision under the breast and work with robotic instruments to operate.

Nowaczyk said it was an

easy decision to nominate Chitwood again for the national award. Chitwood was selected unanimously by the chapter's executive committee.

"Dr. Chitwood is an academic and clinical superstar ... his level of scholarly productivity is even more impressive in the light of his extensive administrative responsibilities," Nowaczyk said in the nomination letter.

Chitwood accepted the award at the 2004 Phi Kappa Phi National Convention. Nowaczyk said that out of all the presenters, Chitwood received the only standing ovation.

As the National Scholars Award recipient, Chitwood also receives \$5,000.

He said the money will probably go toward research, but the award is not about money - it's about the recognition.

"He has brought recognition and prestige to the university," Nowaczyk said.

"Simply put, [The Eastern Carolina Cardiovascular Center] would not even be on the table except for Dr. Chitwood's efforts."

Phi Kappa Phi is the oldest honor society open to all academic disciplines. According to the society's Web site, about 34,000 people are initiated each year.

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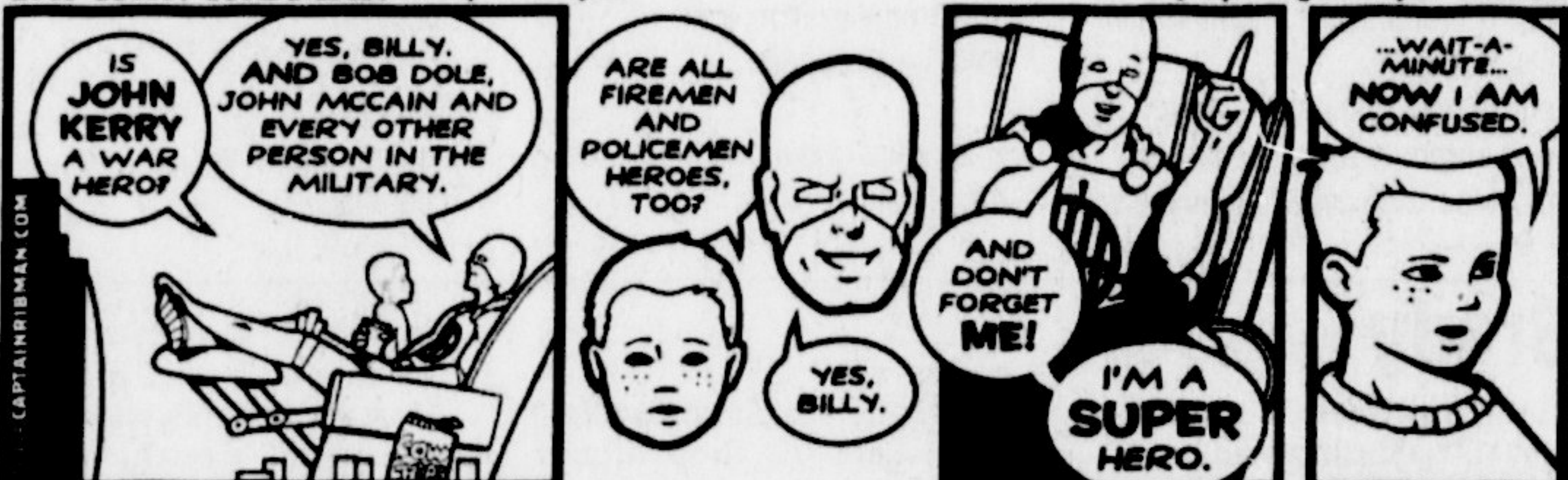
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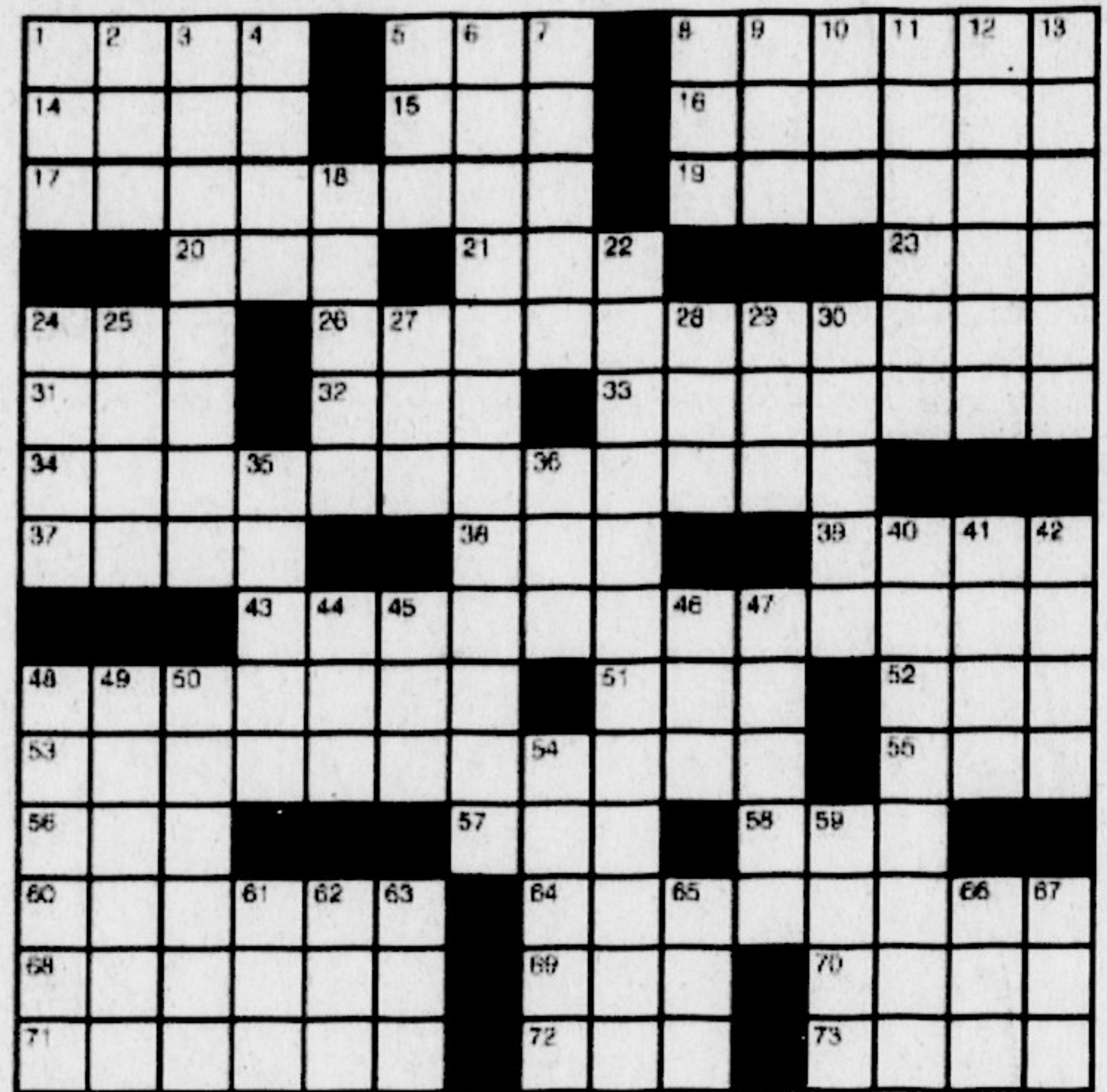


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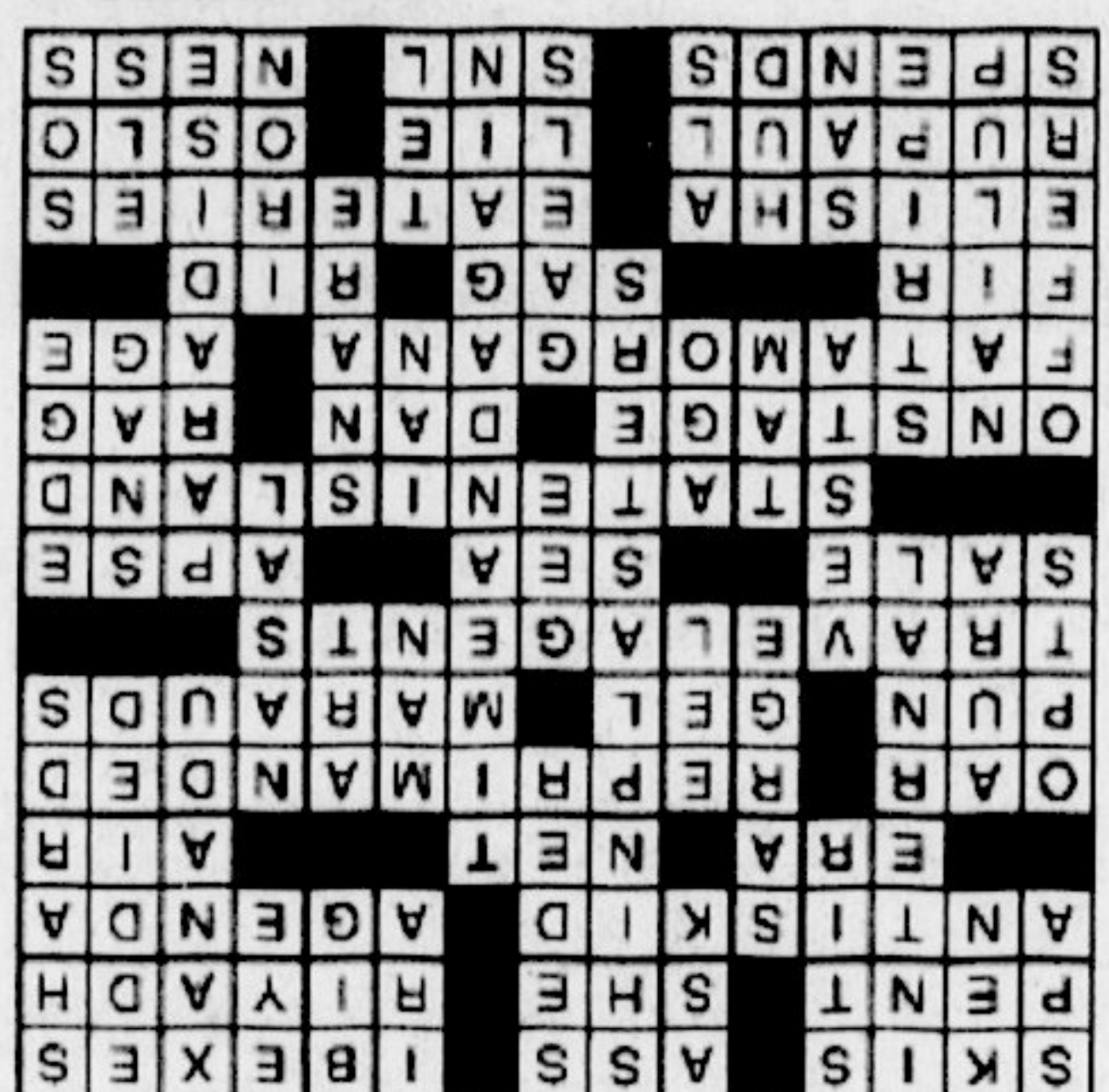
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  - Pose questions
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  - Passover dinner
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  - Willickers!
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  - Hidden obstacle
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## Our View

Saturday, two men were shot and killed while they were tailgating before a North Carolina State University football game, reinforcing just what can happen when a situation becomes out of control.

According to eyewitnesses, Kevin McCann of Chicago and 2nd Lt. Brett Harman, a Camp Lejeune Marine, noticed two men recklessly driving around the tailgating field. McCann and Harman approached the drivers, brothers Timothy Johnson and Tony Johnson, and a fight ensued.

Eyewitnesses said about a half hour later, the Johnson brothers came back looking for McCann and Harman, armed with a gun.

The Johnson brothers are currently being held in jail without bond. Each faces two counts of first-degree murder.

Wednesday, two more arrests were made in conjunction with the murders. Ashley Brown of Tarboro and Rachel Louise French of Apex were both charged with accessory after the fact to murder, for attempting to help the Johnson brothers escape arrest.

Both the suspects and the families of the deceased are continuing to dispute the exact events of the day, however there is no escaping the facts. Because of this incident, two men are dead, four people are being held in jail, families are destroyed, and the security of a once carefree public event has now forever been compromised.

A situation like this could have occurred on any tailgating field, on any given game day. Granted, this was one isolated incident, but it reminds us that we can never be too careful – even during tailgating, a ritual enjoyed by many here at ECU.

With the first home game approaching in a few short days, TEC would like to remind students, faculty, staff and Pirate fans alike to be aware of your surroundings and to stay as safe as possible. If you notice conflict arising or something suspicious happening, please notify the police patrolling the tailgating fields.

We regret that a tradition as simple and as innocent as tailgating has turned into yet another reason to be jaded and cautious, however the incident at NCSU proves that we need to become more aware of our surroundings.

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## Opinion Columnist

# Bush: War on Terror is unwinnable

### Admission or Freudian slip?

PETER KALAJIAN  
OPINION WRITER

Last week, in an interview with Matt Lauer, President Bush stated that the current War on Terror is an unwinnable proposition. Now, the last thing that President Bush wants to look like is a flip-flopper, considering the national Republican campaign to paint the Presidents Democratic rival, John Kerry, as precisely that. Heading off a looming press nightmare before the quote hit the AP and was transmitted all over the country, Bush's top handlers were quick to assert that the President had misspoken, a Freudian slip. These same political Svengalis were also quick to point out there would be no major shift in U.S. policies concerning the international War on Terrorism, despite what the leader of the free world had said on camera to a respected member of the journalistic community. The entire quote was a mistake.

Mistake? Pish Posh. The man has finally come to his senses. Perhaps not entirely, but I think that Matt Lauer was lucky enough to be present during one of Bush's rare and shocking moments of thoughtfulness, or as alcoholics refer to them, moments of clarity. For one amazing moment, the skies opened up; the Earth came into perfect alignment with Jupiter, and Bush thought before he spoke. Since it contradicts everything that the War on Terror



has come to mean in this country, his advisors quickly wrote the comment off as another one of Bush's grammatical mistakes (a perfectly reasonable explanation, considering the President's penchant for butchering the English language beyond recognition during speeches and interviews), and changed the subject. Call it what you like: Allegorical mistake, slip of the tongue, whatever. Deep inside the President's psyche, at that very moment, I witnessed an awakening. Subconsciously, the man finally admitted to himself that his much lauded "international War to stamp out terror" was a failure before its inception. The U.S. military could just as easily succeed in stamping out evil, mean people, bad fashion or Carrot top. Just like international terrorism, these things exist as long as the cultures which support them exist.

With the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan dragging the United States

economy deeper into debt by the day, and with no foreseeable end to either situation in sight, Bush will do his best over the course of the next few months to convince us that these problems are getting better. He will try and tell us that by being vigilant, and never giving up, and plodding forward regardless of the cost, both internationally and domestically, that Iraq will soon be a shining democratic republic amidst a sea of tyrannical Islamic dictatorships. That the people of Afghanistan will be as free as Americans and the fundamentalist social structures of these countries will come crashing down, replaced instead with good, old fashioned American freedom.

Nonsense. If President Bush had more than a cursory understanding of international politics and foreign relations, or bothered to open his eyes and for a moment glance about the world in which we live, he would see that as well. And I think that his little slip up on Matt Lauer was nothing less than the accidental verbalization of a fact that everyone except the President and Vice President seem to realize.

There is no way to win the War on Terror, at least not by hitting it with the sledge hammer that is the U.S. military. Perhaps now that the president has finally verbalized the reality of the situation we will be able to explore new options for approaching the worldwide struggle against anti-Americanism and the cancer of international terrorism.

## In My Opinion

# Political facts get fuzzier as Election Day nears

(KRT) — In last year's movie *Something's Gotta Give*, Jack Nicholson tries to explain his errant behavior as a suitor to Diane Keaton:

"I've never lied to you. I've always told you some version of the truth," he offers, weakly.

But, she protests: "Truth doesn't have versions."

Ah, Diane, wish you were right. But sorry, in love, as many people know, the truth often does have versions. And people choose to believe what they want to believe about what a lover is saying or doing. It's a human foible connected to being in love.

Unfortunately, politics is a lot like love in this regard, and people act much the same. Best example to date: The different versions of Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry's Vietnam War record.

Another fresh example: two versions about the ability of this country to win the war on terrorism – both from the mouth of President Bush, one day apart.

It's an election year, and Americans know what that means. Voters have been subjected through advertising and campaign rhetoric to the usual non issues, side issues, misstatements and outright distortions. Most are some version of the truth, loosely defined.

Whom can voters trust? Who speaks the true truth? And how can voters ever possibly know?

Absent guarantees, it seems most Americans are choosing what to believe based on their personal views of the candidates themselves. Public opinion polls show us to be an already polarized country concerning our choices in the presidential election, and the

Republicans haven't even finished their nominating convention yet.

Some say that Kerry asked for a dissection of his war record by making his veteran status part of his resume to serve as president.

Yet, the dissection that occurred – by a GOP-connected veterans group – has been countered by a claim of inaccuracy that is backed up by official records.

The Swift Boat Veterans for Truth, a misnamed group if ever there was one, bought air time to present their version of the Democratic nominee's record.

They basically claimed Kerry was a liar and a coward and did not deserve the medals and honors he received for valor in combat.

The Swift Boat Veterans for Truth discredited the stories of other veterans who actually served with Kerry in the war, including one who says Kerry saved his life by plucking him out of the water under enemy fire.

In fact, one of Kerry's chief detractors on the war issue received a Bronze Star for the very same action that he now says Kerry fabricated. The military's official version of what happened is incorrect, he says. I'm sure his memory hasn't faded in all these years.

Further, many Republicans now say, the issue of military service isn't important in choosing a president. That isn't what they said when Bill Clinton ran for president, of course.

Clinton, a Democrat, was denounced for eight years for choosing to evade military service during the Vietnam years.

So now the Democrats have a candidate who fits the requirements of

volunteering, showing up and putting his life on the line. And Republicans – all of a sudden – put down that service as unimportant. Which version of that doublespeak do Americans choose to believe?

Speaking of Bush, this week he confused Americans with his comments on winning the terrorism war. First, he says we can't and then he says we can.

One of these statements probably was a misstatement, and I am guessing the first one. But it might have been the most honest one, if you look at the war on terrorism in the big picture. We likely will be fighting against terrorism for many decades to come.

But I figure those who support the president do not want him going around saying that the war on terrorism can't be won. So Bush's handlers got to him, plotted a new statement, and on Tuesday, the president reversed course.

The election is not until November, and it is just September. Lots more time for "facts" and "records" to show up.

But because most Americans seem to have made up their minds about whom to believe and what to believe, it is likely that we will just continue battling "facts" back and forth. Likely most voters won't be dislodged from their favorite fellow.

That leaves the minority of undecideds in key states to determine which way this election will go. And the campaign spinmeisters are going to be very busy trying to appeal to them in the coming weeks.

Hold your ears, cover your eyes, and wait for incoming. More versions of the truth are on the way.

## Pirate Rant

Editor's note: The Pirate Rant is an anonymous way for students and staff in the ECU community to voice their opinions. Submissions can be sent to editor@theeastcarolinian.com. The editor reserves the right to edit opinions for content and brevity.

Everyone's always got something to say – why? If you don't like the way things are, get off your lazy a\*\* and do something about it.

Bush/Cheney '04: Over a billion whoppers served.

President George W. Bush is currently trying to get himself and his party re-elected for the 2004-2008 term. Sorry, G.W., but I don't think a Presidency promoting lies, exaggerations and propaganda constitutes the quality deserving a "President of the United States" nod again.

Explain to me why men like the idea of just being "friends" (and you know what I mean), as long as they suggest it and as long as the woman wants more. If you can't handle a woman dictating to you when she wants you the same way you do her, then don't suggest being friends.

If STDs are cool, ECU is the place to be.

What's up with everyone and their huge gold umbrellas? Every time it rains I feel like it is more of a challenge to dodge the big umbrellas than it is to try and keep dry.

What is it with the men in eastern North Carolina? Most don't speak unless spoken to and half of them seem easily intimidated by strong-willed women. What is it? Is every man around here so used to the woman being the one in control that they can't think for themselves? Let me give those men that fall in this category a little advice – open your mouth, and get a little aggressive. Some of us appreciate a man that knows what he wants and doesn't mind saying it.

To the sorority on the corner of Elm and 10th Streets, I understand that watering your new lawn is important, but when the sprinklers are hitting the cars on the road instead of the lawn, I don't think they are doing much good. If I wanted to wash my car I would have taken my car to a car wash.

Yay! "The Apprentice" is back for a second season! More chances to see Donald Trump's wacky hair!

Am I the only one, or does anyone else think that the dismissal of the Kobe Bryant case is just a little too convenient? In my opinion, Bryant never raped the defendant but she saw an opportunity to say so and get some big bucks. Athletes get in trouble often enough but no more than anyone else. And let's not forget that they can be victims too.



"It ain't normal  
– and it's most men's  
fantasy. I ain't ever  
really got a kick out  
of two women being  
together at the same  
time."

– Pop star Usher, on  
having a threesome



## National Election Day is Nov 2, 2004:

President and Vice President for a four year term  
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Identify "hidden sugars" in your diet in an attempt to cut calories. These "hidden sugars" such as mayonnaise, mustard and ketchup add calories that often are not enjoyed enough to justify the calories.

You should drink plenty of water before, during and after exercising. If you are dehydrated, you will not be able to exercise as effectively and your muscles will fatigue earlier.

Alcohol affects the sleep cycle, resulting in impaired learning and memory.

Two to four cigarettes in a row increase blood fats 200-400 percent. The average smoker (30 cigarettes per day) has four to six times the chance of having heart disease.

## Peanut Butter Swirl Brownies

### Brownie:

- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine (1 stick)
- 4 ounces unsweetened chocolate
- 4 ounces semisweet chocolate
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 4 large eggs, lightly beaten

### Peanut Butter Swirl:

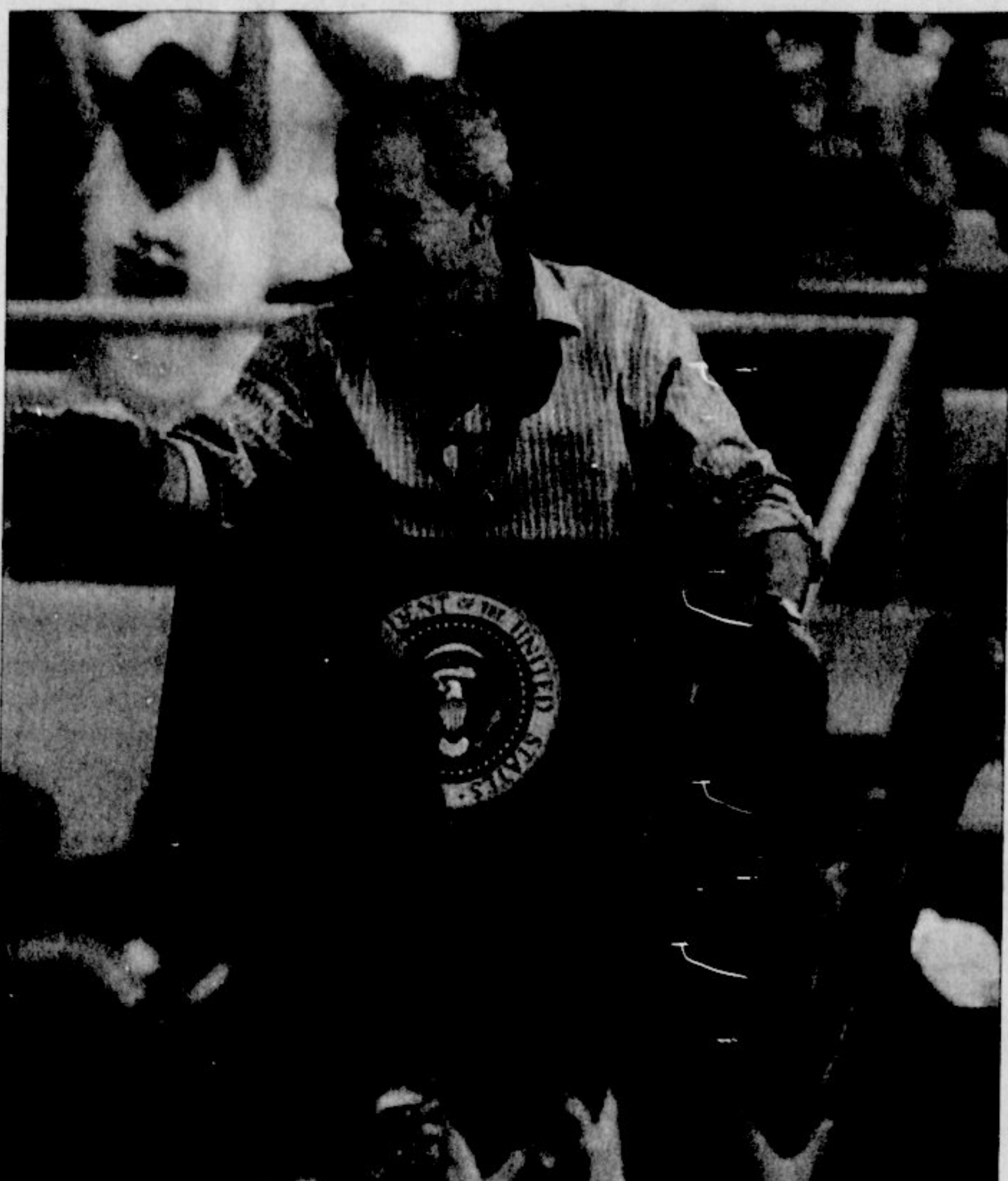
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 4 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 large egg

### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease 13" by 9" metal baking pan.
2. Prepare Brownie: On waxed paper, combine flour, baking powder, and salt. In 3-quart saucepan, heat butter and chocolates over low heat until melted, stirring frequently. Remove saucepan from heat: stir in sugar. Add vanilla and eggs; stir until well mixed. Stir flour mixture into chocolate mixture until blended.
3. Prepare Peanut Butter Swirl: In medium bowl, with mixer at medium speed, beat peanut butter, sugar, butter, flour, vanilla and egg until well blended.
4. Spread 2 cups chocolate batter in pan; top with 6 large dollops of peanut butter mixture. Spoon remaining chocolate batter over and between peanut butter in 6 large dollops. With tip of knife, cut and twist through mixtures to create swirled effect.
5. Bake brownie 30 to 35 minutes or until toothpick inserted 2 inches from edge comes out almost clean. Cool in pan on wire rack.
6. When cool, cut brownie lengthwise into 4 strips, then cut each strip crosswise into 6 pieces.

Recipe from Good Housekeeping at [www.magazines.ivillage.com/goodhousekeeping](http://www.magazines.ivillage.com/goodhousekeeping)

# 2004 Election: Important or insignificant?



President Bush addresses a group of supporters at a rally.



Presidential candidate John Kerry poses in front of fans and well wishers at a rally.

## Ways for students to get involved in this year's election

AMANDA WINAR  
STAFF WRITER

Are you going to vote in the upcoming Presidential Election?

According to the U.S. Census Bureau 2000 Report, 68 percent of 18 to 24 year old citizens did not vote in the last Presidential Election.

This statistic is the reason many students like junior Maggie O'Neill feel the upcoming Presidential Election is important.

As a Chief of Staff of the SGA, O'Neill said that "It is very

important for people (especially young people) to vote because all of the issues that are important in this election will directly effect how students get a job, what social security each person will get and who is going to war."

Bonnie G. Mani, Ph.D., of the political science department agrees that students need to vote because the government affects almost every aspect of a student's life. Mani said things as simple as buying gas and cigarettes from a gas station could be changed depending on the governmental leader.

Although students know how much the government affects them, Mani said the reason many 18-24 year olds do not vote or even register is because they are

"cynical about government in general." Mani notes that young, eligible voters are at the age where they have a driver's license, can buy cigarettes and vote, yet can not do things like buy the liquor they want to drink. Mani also said that many students simply have a lack of information so don't feel they are even informed enough to vote.

Sophomore Julierent Lewis said "I am not against voting for our new president. I know it is our civic duty, but I don't even know that much about either of the candidates. If I voted, I would probably vote without really knowing who I was voting for."

Getting young voters informed is one of the biggest

obstacles political leaders, educators and others face during this Presidential Election. Peter L. Francia, Ph.D., of the political science department said there are many unbiased sources that contain excellent information about the candidates and presidential election.

Web sites like Project Vote Smart at [www.Vote-smart.org](http://www.Vote-smart.org), and The Center for Responsive Politics at [www.Opensecrets.org](http://www.Opensecrets.org) are two excellent Web sites Francia recommends for students wanting more information.

Television sources like MTV and CNN have also begun to devote more time and effort to get eligible voters registered and informed. There are currently

many news broadcasts and specials on television that can be very informative for those students who are looking for more information on the candidates and their platforms.

ECU's SGA is also doing its part to get students informed and registered to vote.

"Student Government Association is planning on registering 2004 voters by having voter registration booths at different events on campus," O'Neill said.

The last day to register to vote for the Nov. 2, 2004 Presidential Election is Oct. 8. If students are interested in finding out how they can register to vote, they

see VOTE page A8

# Choose or Lose is going strong

## MTV's 20 Million Loud campaign

CAROLYN SCANDURA  
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The United States is one of the few countries in the world in which every gender and race have the right to vote. Once a person is legally 18 years old, registering to vote is their right as an American. MTV, or Music Television, has decided that not enough people between the ages of 18 and 30 are voting. During the last presidential election, only 18 million young adults voted. Choose or Lose 2004: Twenty Million Loud is MTV's campaign which is promoting political awareness and voter mobilization.

Launched in 1992, the Choose or Lose campaign is MTV's pro-social approach to making young people aware of the political process and shows them that it is possible to have their most urgent political concerns voiced to thousands of people. MTV is confident that if 20 million young people would vote, the nation would realize that the 18-30 age group does care about the democratic process. The opinion of MTV is well stated by EVP, News and Production at MTV, Dave Sirulnick. "Our campaign will actively work to dispel a number of misconceptions about young people in America."

"Twenty Million Loud will serve as a call to action to prove that young people are not apathetic and actually vote in large

numbers for candidates from both parties. This is a group of voters that can swing elections and must be taken seriously in 2004," said Sirulnick.

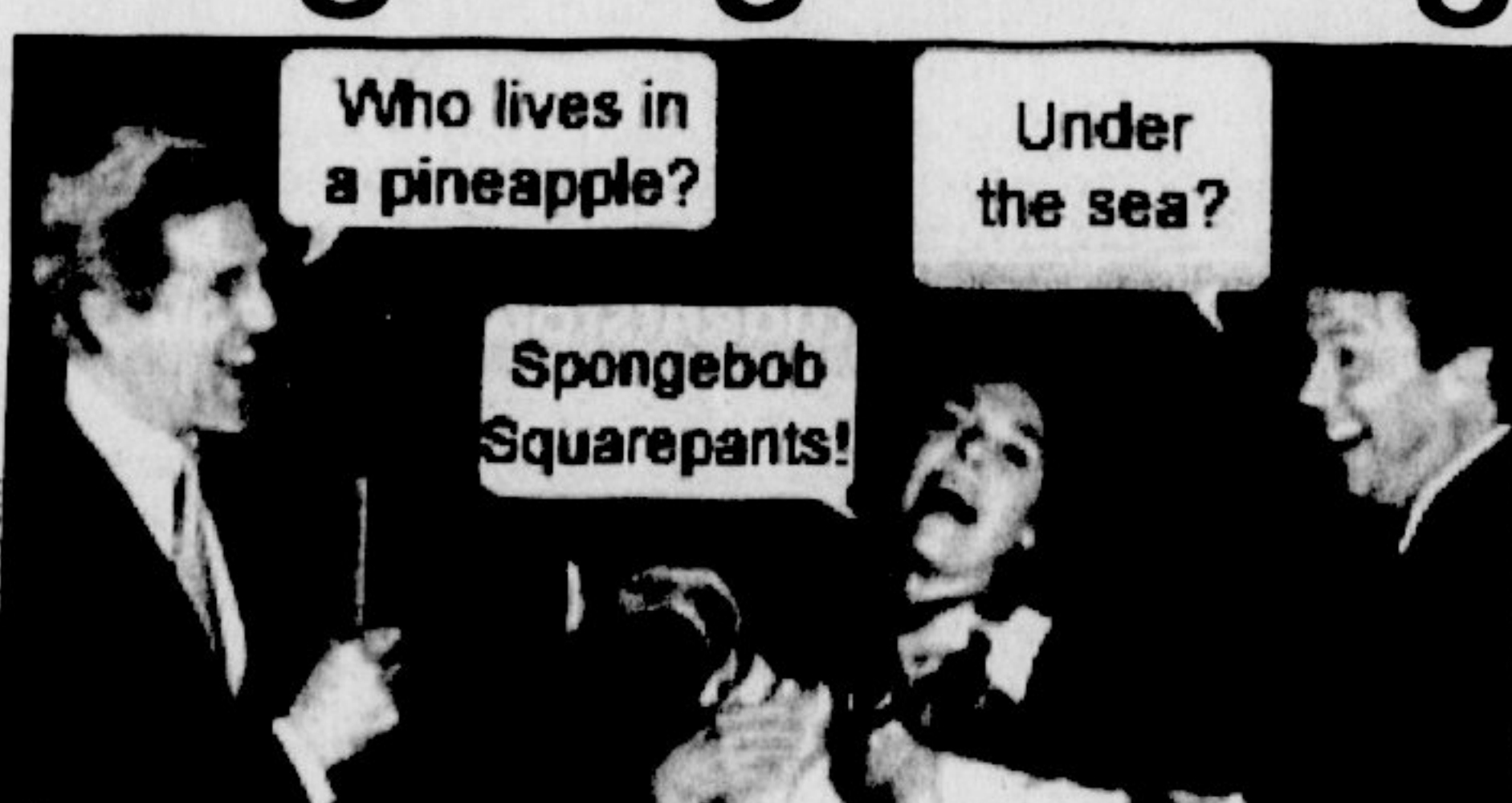
President of MTV and MTV2, Van Toffler is very passionate about Choose or Lose 2004.

"The goal of Choose or Lose 2004 and 20 Million Loud is to give this enormous pool of potential voters the tools they need to make informed choices, get involved in the political process and become motivated to make the ultimate choice in our democracy," said Toffler.

Toffler understands that young people are becoming much more politically aware every day because of how the dynamics of the United States has changed recently.

"The political and social environment of the past three years has created an amazingly active and informed group of young voters with issues ranging from the war on terror and the US involvement in Iraq to education and the economy," Toffler said.

MTV.com has many features to offer the young adult interested in voting this election year. Users can register to vote in their home state, get unbiased information about the candidates and join discussion forums to actively discuss issues that plague young people. The "vote smart" tab of the MTV Choose or Lose 2004 Web site has information about each candidate, issues from the public agenda and links to an election guide. Issues that the "vote smart" tab address are: the



Students can go on the Choose or Lose Web site and voice their opinions about the two candidates by adding their captions to pictures found on the Web site like the picture above.

environment, gay rights, health care, higher education, terrorism and many other important topics.

MTV's Choose or Lose 2004 is the first ever national campaign that will offer an Online "Pre-Lecture" where young people can cast their votes for president in a simulated national election. Along with being able to simulate an election, anyone who registers for the "Pre-Lecture" can also gain exclusive access to music and videos.

Those who have registered for "Pre-Lecture" can also win a chance to be on TRL, hang out with an MTV VJ in New York City and win CDs/MTV gear. "Pre-Lecture" voting starts on Sept. 20, which allows young people to be heard like never before.

MTV's Choose or Lose 2004 campaign slogan "20 Million Loud" helps to represent a coalition of youth organizations. MTV's partners in Choose or Lose

2004 include Youth Vote Coalition, the Hip-Hop Team Vote, WWE's Smackdown Your Vote!, Meetup.com, Project Vote Smart, National Council of La Raza, Black Youth Vote, Youth Service America, the New Voters Project, Youth Venture, CIRCLE Research, the NAACP and Harvard University Institute of Politics.

Roger Green, a junior at ECU has seen commercials on MTV

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On the Web:

- [www.mtv.com/chooseorlose](http://www.mtv.com/chooseorlose)
- Register to Vote
- Learn about the candidates
- Learn about the issues
- Register for the "Pre-Lecture"

## Fall fashions are here to stay

Styles students can wear to school or downtown

MARTHA HILL  
STAFF WRITER

Unlike our friends to the north, who have had nighttime temperatures drop into the sixties, we still have a few more weeks of warm temperatures. Even so, it is time to think about fall fashions, as they are already in most stores. So what are the "must haves" of fall? Apparently the fashion gurus state it is the Manolo Blahnik pumps for the reasonable price of \$485. Now I am sure many of you are asking yourselves, "what is a Manolo Blahnik pump?" Perhaps some of you that watched "Sex and the City" on HBO would know that Manolo's are shoes. But what college student could afford \$485 for one pair of shoes? I can only think of two, the Olsen twins, who will be attending NYU this fall. So, what can ECU students wear, while on a budget, and still look fashionable?

On the runways, many women will see embellishments on everything. Sweaters, belts, shoes and purses will sparkle with sequins and other ornamental elements. Brooches are another glittering accent. You can buy them new, but you may want to ask your grandmother or mother if they have any you can use. The Salvation Army and thrift stores are a wonderful place to find these things for a discounted price.

The main colors this season are hues of purple or green. Women will also see animal prints and, believe it or not, paisley is making a comeback.

Many new styles of skirts are found in tweed and plaid fabrics. The cut is penciled or flared. These are worn with fitted knit tops. Pant styles haven't changed much. They can be found in tweeds, plaids and monochromatic colors.

To keep warm, fashion designers have made many styles of Shearling vests and coats. Ponchos and pullovers have already been seen on campus. Belted coats are another consideration. If you can't afford to buy a new coat, many fashion designers suggest updating fitted coats you

# Are you feeling heavy burdens of stress?

## Stress vs. stress management

REID DORSETT  
STAFF WRITER

A study done by the Health Resource Network shows that 75 percent of the population feels stress weekly. Of those people, half have said to feel moderate to high levels of stress.

What is stress? I am sure you have felt it before, but could you define it? The counseling center of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign defines stress as "the 'wear and tear' our bodies experience as we adjust to our continually changing environment."

Stress affects everyone on a daily basis. Chances are you are feeling some sort of stress as you read this article, possibly from a

quiz or a project. Not all stress is bad, though. It can motivate you to do well in school or other daily activities.

"I feel that I do my best work when I am under pressure or a little bit of stress," said Danny Stiling, junior design and drafting major.

The problem is when stress becomes more overwhelming. Symptoms of overwhelming stress may be physical, such as headaches, irritability, skin problems, fatigue, sleeping problems, muscle tension and eating problems. Symptoms may also be emotional, such as lack of motivation, inability to focus, nervousness and uncontrollable crying. I am sure you have felt some of these symptoms before. Everyone feels stress differently, though. Some feel tired and can't eat, while some can't sleep and feel no motivation for school.

It is important that when you are feeling stressed that you learn to manage and reduce that stress. If you don't, stress will build up and lead to worse problems, such as emotional breakdowns and even heart disease and strokes caused from raised blood pressure.

"Manage your time wisely, don't study 24/7. You could study some, then socialize a while, and a planner definitely helps," said Tywana Jeffries, assistant director for wellness education.

There are many ways to relieve stress. The same way that everyone feels stress differently, everyone finds relief from stress differently. This takes time and finding what works for you. Experiment with exercise and programs offered around campus.

"Knowing your own body and knowing what your signs



of stress are can help you know the things you need to do to relax," said Valerie Kisler-Van Reede, licensed psychologist for

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Tetanus, diphtheria booster	Every 10 years
Pelvic exam	Annually
Pap smear	Annually
Breast exam	Annually
<b>35 and over</b>	
Kidney functions (routine urinalysis)	Every 5 years
Total cholesterol	1-5 years
<b>40 and over</b>	
Vision test, glaucoma*	Every 3 years
Digital rectal**	Annually
Hearing test	Every 3 years
Mammogram*	Annually
Resting electrocardiogram (EKG stress test for adults with heart disease risk factors)	Once

\*Some medical organizations recommend testing to begin at age 50.

\*\*Examination of rectum and, in men, the prostate.

Source: U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

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#### More tests or fewer?

These may warrant additional screening and more or less frequent testing:

- Lifestyle (drinking, smoking, diet, unsafe behavior, etc.)
- Occupation
- Family's medical history
- Advice of doctor

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about Choose or Lose 2004.

"The commercials make you think but did not really influence me because I was going to vote regardless. Hopefully the commercials and the campaign will make people who never thought about registering [to vote] just go out and do it," said Green.

MTV reaches more than 85 million homes across the U.S. and was rated the number one network for young adults, ages 18-34 last year. MTV Networks also own and operate many other popular cable stations such as Nickelodeon/Nick at Night, TV

Land, VH1, CMT and Spike TV.

Visit [www.mtv.com/chooseorlose](http://www.mtv.com/chooseorlose) for more about registering to vote, the "Pre-Lecture" or for information about the candidates. Americans who are not part of the 18-30 crowd do not expect young people to vote. Prove them wrong by being informed about the candidates and taking advantage of your right to vote. Register to vote on Nov. 2, Choose or Lose.

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the Center for Counseling and Student Development.

Activities that are recommended by both the Counseling Center and the Wellness Education Center are things like meditation, exercise and spending time relaxing. It is important to eat right and have good sleeping habits. Eating and sleeping well helps your body physically and emotionally adjust to stress.

What are your stressors? Find out what causes you to feel stress. Don't ignore it. Confront it and find out ways to manage through. Slow breathing is an effective way to bring your heart rate down and help focus. It can also help in reducing muscle tension around the neck and shoulders. Journaling may also help by giving you an outlet to express feelings. Find a way to laugh. Watch a funny movie or spend time with friends. Studies show that laughter is one of the most effective ways to reduce stress.

It is also important for you not to turn to nicotine and other stimulants, alcohol or sex to relieve stress. You may feel that they reduce stress, but they lead to other stresses that may make things worse in the future. Stresses such as addiction, binge drinking and sexually transmitted diseases can raise stress levels even higher. If you are feeling stressed to where you can't handle it or feel you don't know how to deal with stress in general, please feel free to contact the Center for Counseling at 328-6661 or Wellness Education at 328-6794. They offer brochures on stress management and counseling. Don't let stress get you down. Lead a healthy, safe lifestyle.

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## Fashion from page A6



already own with a sparkly belt. For the fashion conscious men on campus, the colors for shirts are a combination of browns and blues. These come in diamond prints, stripes and checks. Many men will be wearing narrow ties with stripes or patterns. Very ornate ties will be seen in stores and can second as a conversation piece at your next formal. Cargo pants and khakis are always popular, but it is suggested to not use the side pockets in those cargo pants. They are more for decoration and don't hang well when bulging with "cargo." Lastly, for the guys, many of you will use denim jackets and cardigans to stay warm. Fashion designers stress it is a cardinal sin to wear a denim jacket with ... jeans. So gentlemen, don't be a fashion victim.

Have ECU students really given much thought to buying clothes for this fall?

"No, not really," said Derek Hurdle, senior in finance.

"I like the polo's at Ambergrombie and Fitch and J.Crew."

Interestingly enough, he commented that he does like to shop but usually will go to the bigger cities like Raleigh or Norfolk, Va.

Courtney Johnson, a senior in child life studies agreed. She will often go to Raleigh.

"They have a bigger selection," said Johnson.

Where can one shop in Greenville? The Gap at Colonial Mall is a good start. The Gap is promoting individual styles and how you wear it. Much of what is

found at the Gap is contemporary basic styles that one can wear with their own personal flare by accessorizing or layering. Sarah Jessica Parker, their new spokes model, can be seen donning several styles of jeans that she had altered to fit her personal style; from racing stripes down the side of one pair of jeans to bows on another. So, anything goes.

Women can find layering tees, which were popular this summer and smart blazers with a form fitting cut. These blazers are extremely versatile because they can be dressed up with a pair of pants or dressed down with a pair of jeans. The two biggest sellers in women's jeans are the Long and Lean and the Ultra Low Rider.

"Don't let the name Long and Lean fool you. This pair of jeans is named so because of the look it gives you, not necessarily how it fits," said Eric Batemen, assistant manager of the Gap.

Women can also expect to see denim or cord skirts and pants with a flare, boot or modern cut. The jeans and pants have variations on the washes or pinstripes.

There are also many accessories to choose from at the Gap. Scarf belts can be worn around the waist or the neck. Flower pins and broaches can be used as embellishments.

For the guys, the Gap is promoting "stress free" items for men. What does this mean? Two wonderful words: spill resistant. The relaxed and classic fit pants and many styles of button down shirts and polo's are pretreated

## Fashion Tips

### Ideas for women:

Glittering accents - vintage broaches, sparkly belts, sequined sweaters  
Swap a belt for a bow  
Green is the new shoe hue  
Women's blazers with a form fitting cut are extremely versatile  
Ideas for men:  
Spill resistant clothes  
Jean jackets and cardigans  
Narrow ties

to help resist stains. These items come in many different colors and styles.

The Gap is running a great promotion: buy five regular priced items and receive a 20 percent discount. This offer will run until Sept. 22.

American Eagle Outfitters, also found at Colonial Mall, is promoting many of the same styles. Denim skirts, blazers, and ponchos for the gals. Polo's, button down shirts, jeans and cargo pants for the guys. Geared toward college kids, price ranges from \$29.50 and up.

If you are on a really tight budget you can always check out the discount stores like the Catalog Connection, TJMaxx or Ross. You have to look but you can find some incredible stuff.

Happy shopping.

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may want to go to the Federal Election Commission Web site, [www.Fec.gov](http://www.Fec.gov), or the North Carolina Board of Elections at [www.Sboe.state.nc.us](http://www.Sboe.state.nc.us). Students may also go directly to the Pitt County Government Board of Elections Office at 201 E 2nd St.

If a student is registered in another state, they can obtain what is called an absentee ballot. An absentee ballot is a ballot that is mailed to the out-of-state person from the state they registered in. Absentee ballots must be returned by Nov. 1 at 5 p.m., and

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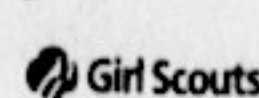
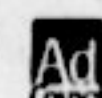
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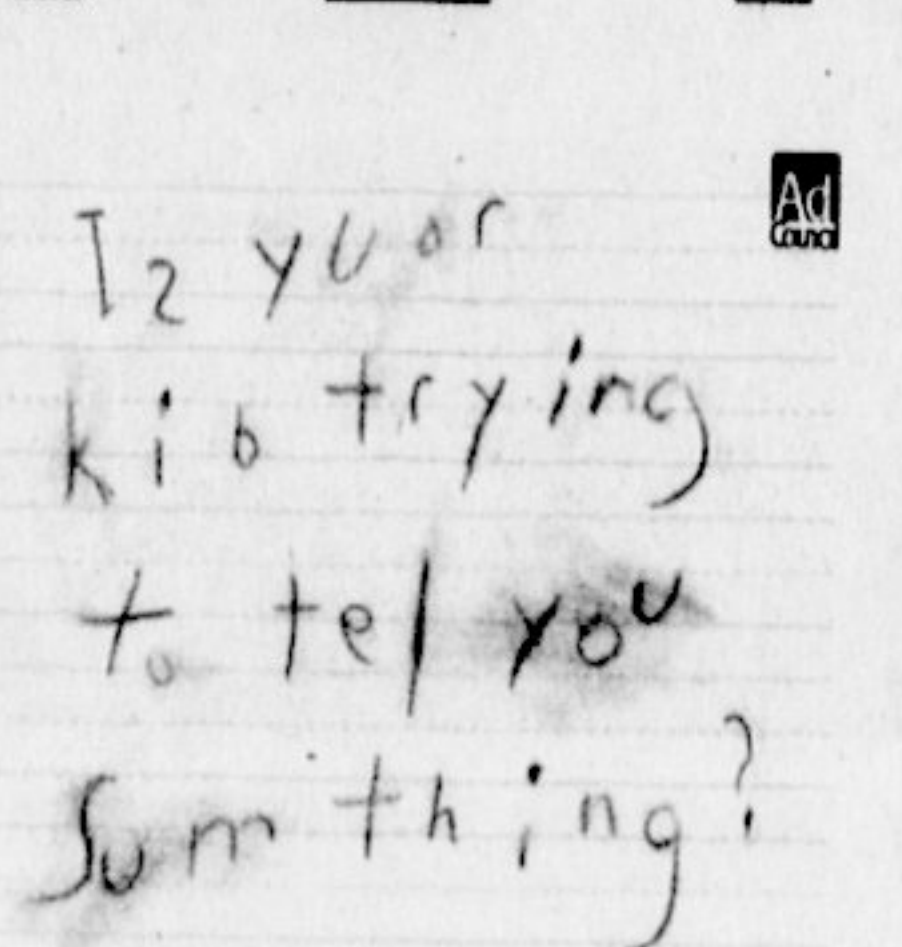
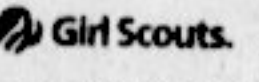
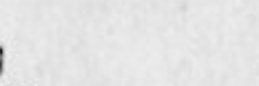
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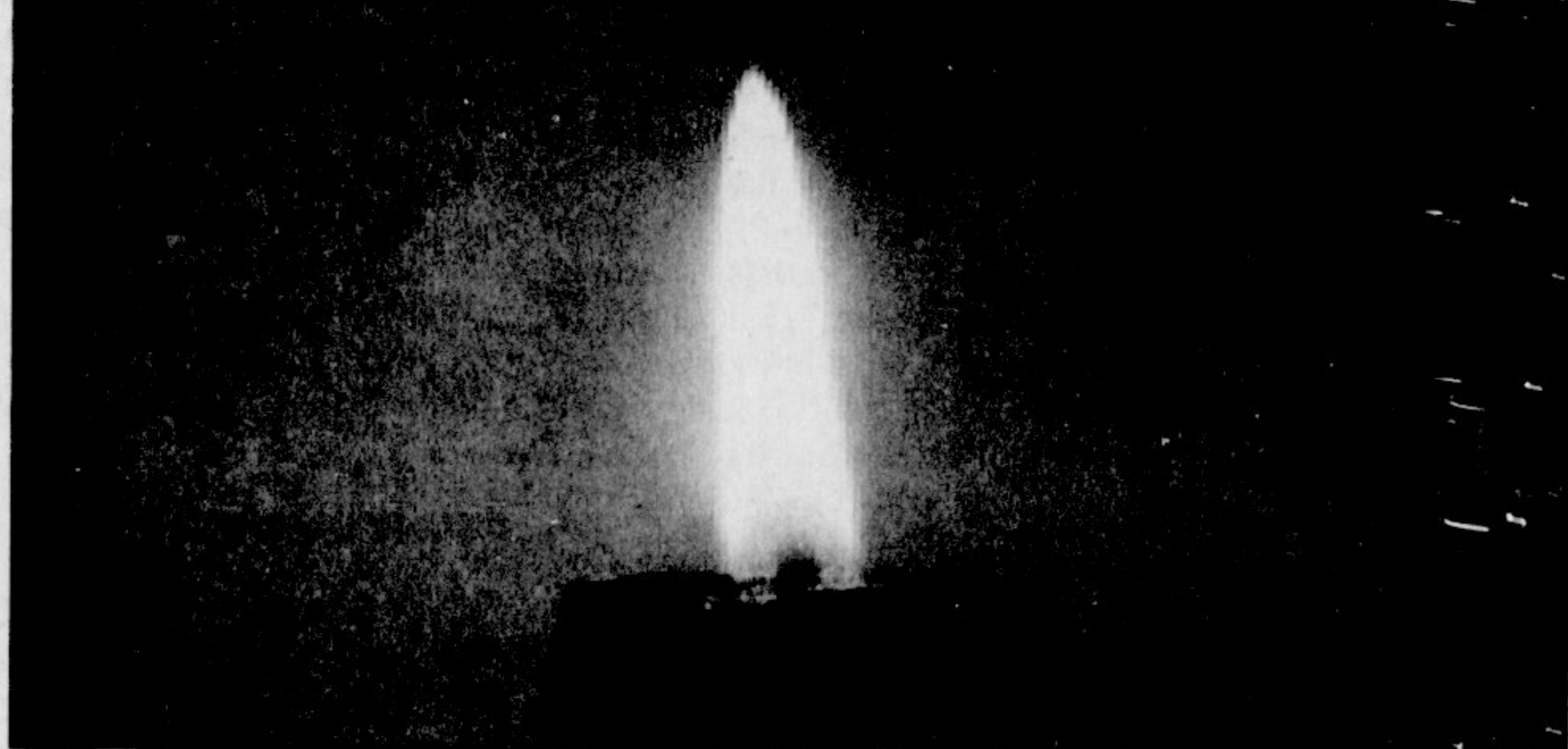
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**Sunday, September 19** - Dances for Universal Peace, 4-6pm, Mendenhall 244. FREE. Sponsored by the ECU Student Involvement Team.

**Tuesday, September 21** - ECU World Peace Vigil/United Nations International Day of Peace, Joyner Library (steps facing the mall), 7pm. FREE. Sponsored by the ECU Student Involvement Team.

**Wednesday, September 22** - Social Justice Institute: Speaker (Topic: "What Have We Come To? Wars Between the Generations", 7:30pm, Murphy Center. FREE. Sponsored by the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center/Office of Intercultural Affairs.

**Thursday, September 23** - The Rumi concert: A Turning Night of Stars with Coleman Barks (Internationally renowned poet and translator of Rumi), David Darling (cello), Glen Velez (percussion), Zuleika (dance), 8:00pm, Wright Auditorium. Free for ECU students w/One Card/\$5.00 for ECU faculty/staff/\$10.00 public.

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### FAMILY WEEKEND CALENDAR

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

4PM-6PM

SU ART EXHIBIT OPENING/RECEPTION (NEW)

MENDENHALL  
STUDENT CENTER (MSC)

ARTIST/SCULPTOR KAHIL BENDIB FROM BERKELEY, CA WILL BE ON CAMPUS TO MEET WITH STUDENTS AND FAMILIES AT HIS EXHIBIT OPENING IN MENDENHALL STUDENT CENTER. BENDIB GREW UP IN MORROCO AND ALGERIA AND CAME TO CALIFORNIA TO PURSUE HIS MASTER'S DEGREE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IN 1980. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER FIRST AS A POLITICAL CARTOONIST AND LATER AS A PROFESSIONAL SCULPTOR. HIS WORK HAS BEEN COLLECTED AND EXHIBITED BOTH IN THE US AND ABROAD. SPONSORED BY SU VISUAL ARTS COMMITTEE.

6PM

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6PM-11PM

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LOCATION: CLIMBING WALL

7:00

BASIC KAYAK PADDLING TECHNIQUE

LOCATION: OUTDOOR POOL

BASIC CANOE PADDLING TECHNIQUE

LOCATION: SOUTH LAP

8:00

KAYAK ROLLING TECHNIQUE

LOCATION: OUTDOOR POOL/SO.LAP

9:00

WEST TRIP MULTI-MEDIA PREVIEW

LOCATION: SRC CLASSROOM

10:00

CLIMBING TECHNIQUE SEMINAR

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7PM

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#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:30AM

STUDENT RECREATION CENTER (NEXT TO MENDENHALL): NEW!!!  
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- JOYNER LIBRARY (11AM: LIBRARY TOUR)
- SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
- STUDENT RECREATION CENTER

#### 4:00PM-6:30PM ECU PIRATE BUFFET (TICKETED)

WILLIAMS ARENA (MINGES)

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7:00PM

ECU PIRATES VS WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY DEAMON DEACONS

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THURSDAY September 9, 2004

NCAA  
defends  
decisionHoward discusses  
recent controversy

NCAA

## OPINION

TONY ZOPPO  
SPORTS EDITOR

I expected there would be both positive and negative feedback for the piece I wrote last week entitled "Hypocrisy now spelled N-C-A-A." I imagined that any and all comments on the article would come from ECU students and staff. What I did not expect was a call from the NCAA.

Jeff Howard, director of PR and media relations for the NCAA, called me on Thursday of last week at noon. After we introduced ourselves, Howard jumped into the deep end of the Mike Williams and Jeremy Bloom pool with me. Due to the fact that this call was completely unexpected, I was not able to record Howard's comments. However, I will do my best to paraphrase our conversation.

The first thing Howard and I argued on was Mike Williams and his academic eligibility. Howard stated that Williams, in fact, did not sufficiently fulfill his academic requirements to become eligible for football again. Howard did not specify why, as information on grades and such is strictly private. However, he also stated that completing classes in summer sessions does not count toward athletic eligibility. Williams would have had to acquire six hours of class credit during the spring of 2004, the semester in which he dropped out of school to enter the NFL Draft.

Howard also continued to say that Williams had not paid back any monies and benefits received from agent Mike Azarelli. Howard stated that the USC receiver had severed ties with Azarelli but was waiting to pay the money back if he was reinstated. Since the NCAA had denied Williams, he decided to keep whatever benefits he had received during his short relationship with Azarelli.

My argument for Williams remained where it has been for the last several weeks. I concede that Williams did not complete the academic requirements for reinstatement if the rule states that he has to complete his credits in the spring rather than the summer. However, why should the summer not count toward his academic eligibility? I would be six credits closer to graduation if I took six course hours during the summer here at ECU. What makes me different from Mike Williams? Athletically speaking - about five inches, 50 pounds and several million dollars staring me in the face a year from now. Academically? There isn't a single difference.

I also defended Williams' stipulation that he would make the decision to pay back any benefits he gained from Azarelli by comparing his case to Tim Dwight's in 1998. As explained in my last piece, Dwight finished his football eligibility in 1998 and signed a contract with the Atlanta Falcons that carried a fat \$1.4 million signing bonus. However, he was allowed to run track at Iowa because it was a different sport. But what I didn't know last week, was that Dwight had to pay back money that he had received before he signed the contract if he wanted to run track for the Hawkeyes.

The NCAA made a conditional deal with him stating that if he paid the money back, he would be allowed to run track. In Williams' case, he stated he would pay the

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## Pirates to host Wake Forest



The Pirates will have their hands full this Saturday as they will have to contain a Wake Forest offense that put up 30 points against Clemson last weekend.

ECU looks to rebound  
from blowout lossBRANDON HUGHES  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Pirates will head into Saturday's home opener against the Demon Deacons in an attempt to rid the foul taste West Virginia left in their mouth guards following a 56-23 drubbing last week.

The Deacs roll into Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium in the wake of a disappointing 37-30 double overtime loss to Clemson.

Wake Forest vs. Clemson  
Recap

Wake Forest was on the verge of pulling off an ACC upset over the No. 16 ranked Tigers before Clemson forced overtime with a touchdown and two-point conversion with less than two minutes remaining in regulation.

Clemson quarterback Charlie Whitehurst found Kyle Browning for an 11-yard scoring strike in the second extra period and the Tiger defense preserved the 37-30 victory.

Wake's standout tailback

Chris Barclay racked up 179 yards on 29 carries, but Whitehurst came through in the clutch and finished the game 20-of-41 passing for 288 yards.

## Last Meeting

Five turnovers doomed the Pirates' chances at pulling out their first win of the 2003 season Sept. 20, 2003 at Wake Forest.

Wake held a 17-3 lead at halftime before cruising to a 34-16 victory. ECU out-gained the Demon Deacons in total yardage 391-324, but Desmond Robinson tossed three interceptions and the

Pirate offense fumbled six times, losing two.

ECU running back Marvin Townes was held to 49 yards rushing on 22 carries as Chris Barclay, D'Angelo Bryant and Willie Idlette all scored touchdowns for the Deacons.

## Players to Watch

OFFENSE: Chris Barclay may be the most eager running back in the country this week. After witnessing West Virginia's Kay-Jay Harris record-setting performance, the junior is primed for a big game.

Harris racked up 337 yards

on the ground with four touchdowns and Barclay, who led the ACC in rushing last season, will be the focus of the Pirates' defensive schemes.

Junior quarterback Cory Randolph is slated to start under center following a poor opener against the Tigers. Randolph completed just 7-of-21 passes last week for 55 yards, but expect a better showing from the mobile signal-caller. Randolph was a dual threat in 2003, throwing for 1,773 yards and rushing

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Baker brings extra  
intensity to Pirates

Pirates' safety Zach Baker.

Hard-hitting defender  
looks to make impactERIC GILMORE  
STAFF WRITER

If you have no food in your pantry, then it's obvious that you need some food. Head football coach John Thompson knew that he inherited a bare cupboard in terms of talent when he took the reins. Thompson needed immediate help in order to upgrade the talent and restock his shelves. Enter Zach Baker.

Thompson has spent the last two seasons scouring the country in order to find players that will provide that immediate help. That includes Pima College in Tucson, Ariz.

Baker received many accolades at the small two-year school. He was an honorable mention junior college All-American with 62 tackles and six interceptions last season.

Baker's story is one often told by junior college transfers.

"[Playing at Pima College] was a good experience. I got to stay at home for two years and got to play where my family and friends got to see me," said Baker.

"I needed to grow physically and mature more so I would be better fit to play Division I-A football."

The 6-foot, 1-inch, 215-pound junior college transfer has provided some size and speed at the free safety position.

"Everybody has to leave home some time," Baker said.

"I felt like it was time for me to leave and do some different things. I decided that this was the best situation to come into."

The hard-hitting safety enrolled in the spring so that he could adjust to a new scheme while also learning the coaches and teammates.

"[Spring] was real helpful," Baker said.

"I came in a semester early so I could establish a bond with teammates and learn the system. I feel like I got a step up."

Another reason why Baker traveled across the country to play for the Pirates is defensive coordinator and safety coach Jerry Odom.

"As far as football goes, coach Odom has taught me the most," Baker said.

"He taught me how to do a lot of different things that I didn't know before."

In Morgantown, Baker was one of four players who started for the first time. He was also one of the 14 new players that donned an ECU uniform for the first time. The biggest thing Baker could tell was the difference in the speed of the game.

"The pace and speed of the game is a lot faster so I have to get used to that," Baker said.

"It was quite an experience up there to see how fast the game was going."

The starting free safety recorded six tackles in his first game, all of which were assisted. Baker and the secondary were forced to tackle the larger Kay-Jay Harris numerous times.

"You can't arm tackle a guy that big unless you wrap him up and drag your feet," Baker said.

"He didn't go down very easily. It was extremely disappointing."

The Pirates will have their home opener against Wake Forest this Saturday at 7 p.m. Baker and his defense are ready to prove last week was a fluke.

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ECU Women's track excels  
both on field, in classroomLady Pirates display  
brains, brawnBRENT WYNNE  
SENIOR WRITER

For their outstanding performance in the classroom, the United States Track Coaches Association has recognized the ECU Women's Track and Field team as an All-Academic team. The team compiled a cumulative GPA of 3.08 for the spring season of 2004.

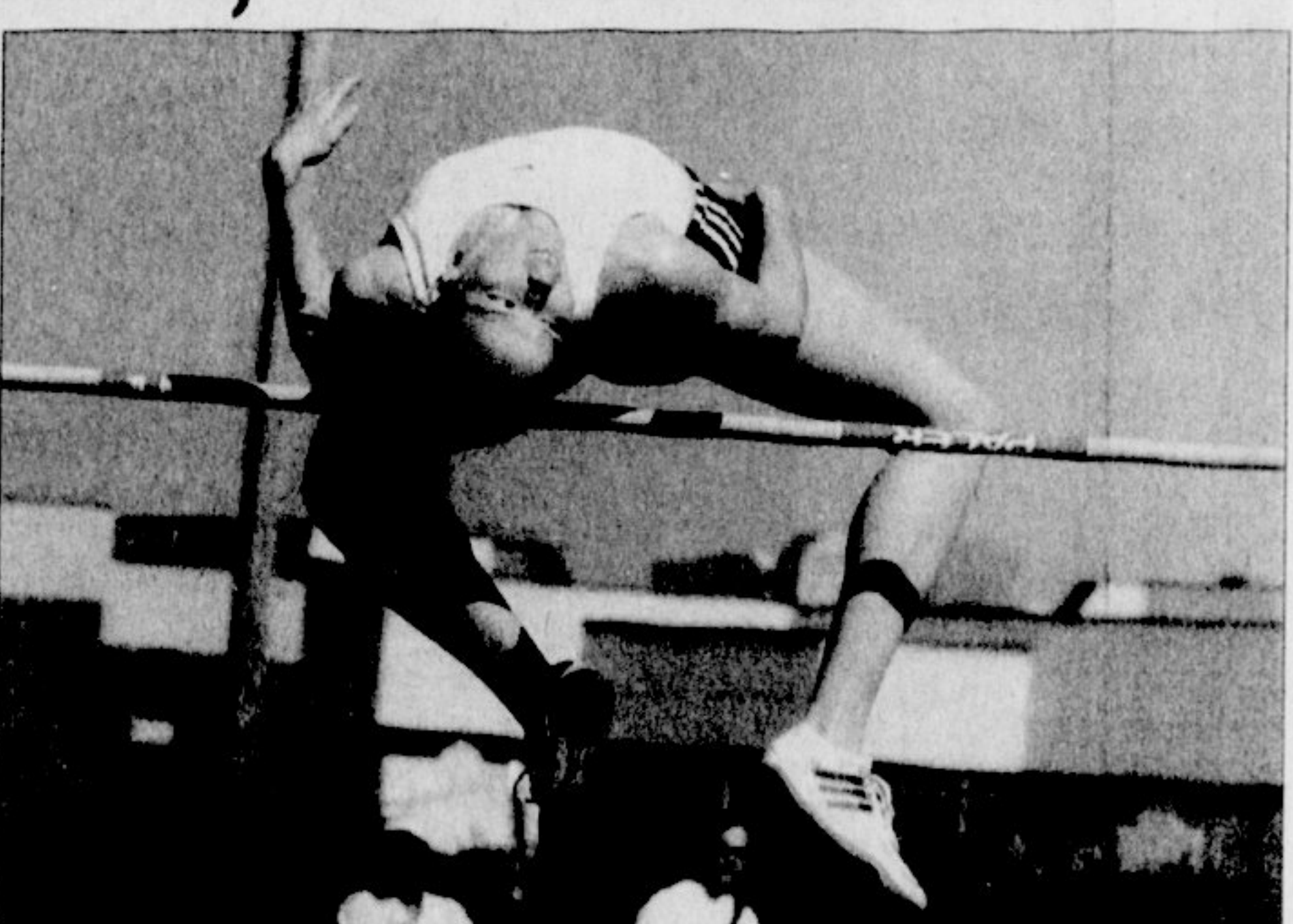
A team record has shown nine of the 40 women on the roster made the Chancellor's List, which requires a minimum GPA of 4.0.

Adding to the list of accomplishments, three women were named to the All-Academic team for their top notch academic and athletic achievement. Colleen McGinn, who has since graduated from ECU, led the trio with a GPA of 3.55. McGinn was Conference USA's high jump champion as well as the runner-up at the indoor ECAC Championships. Throughout the course of her career, she was undefeated in outdoor conference championships, winning the CAA title in 2000, as well as C-USA titles in 2002 and 2004. She also left the Pirates as the school record holder in the high jump with a personal best jump of 5 feet, 8 3/4-inches.

With a GPA of 3.50, junior Tammie Mentzel also earned All-Academic honors. Mentzel won bronze at the C-USA outdoor championships for her efforts in the pole vault, as well as earning All-East honors for her fourth place finish at the ECAC Indoor Championships. Like McGinn, Mentzel holds both outdoor and indoor school records in the pole vault, setting her personal best by clearing 12-feet, 3-inches in 2004.

Excelling in the classroom is something that Mentzel has always done. Although she admittedly "slacked off" in high school, school still came as second nature to the track and field star.

Now, as a student athlete at the collegiate level, she disregards



Colleen McGinn (top) was an outstanding high jumper during her career at ECU while Tara DeBrielle (bottom left) and Tammie Mentzel (right) will enjoy a year or two more with the Pirates.



the cliché that one must balance school and sport.

"It's not really that I have to balance academics and athletics," said Mentzel.

"They kind of just run into a daily schedule."

A day in the life of Mentzel unfolds like this: class during the day, which is followed by practice in the afternoon, then a little free time for dinner and finally back to the books for homework. And what if she finishes early?

"I usually hang around the house with my roommates and friends," Mentzel said.

One of those friends is likely teammate Tara DeBrielle, who joined Mentzel on the All-Academic squad with a GPA of 3.34. DeBrielle, who will return for a fifth season of eligibility in 2005, captured the C-USA 800 meters outdoor title with a time of



2:12.84. Her school record indoor time of 2:10.51 earned her All-East honors at the ECAC Indoor Championships. DeBrielle also ranks second on the ECU all-time outdoor performer list with her season best of 2:10.61.

Like in athletic accomplishments, the comparisons off the track between Mentzel and DeBrielle are few and far between.

While Mentzel does a lot of last minute studying that includes reading over chapters and highlighting key information, DeBrielle takes a more traditional approach to her studies.

"I am constantly in my room studying away from my roommates and other distractions," said DeBrielle.

"I work really hard for the grades that I make."

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## ESPN The Truck to visit Greenville

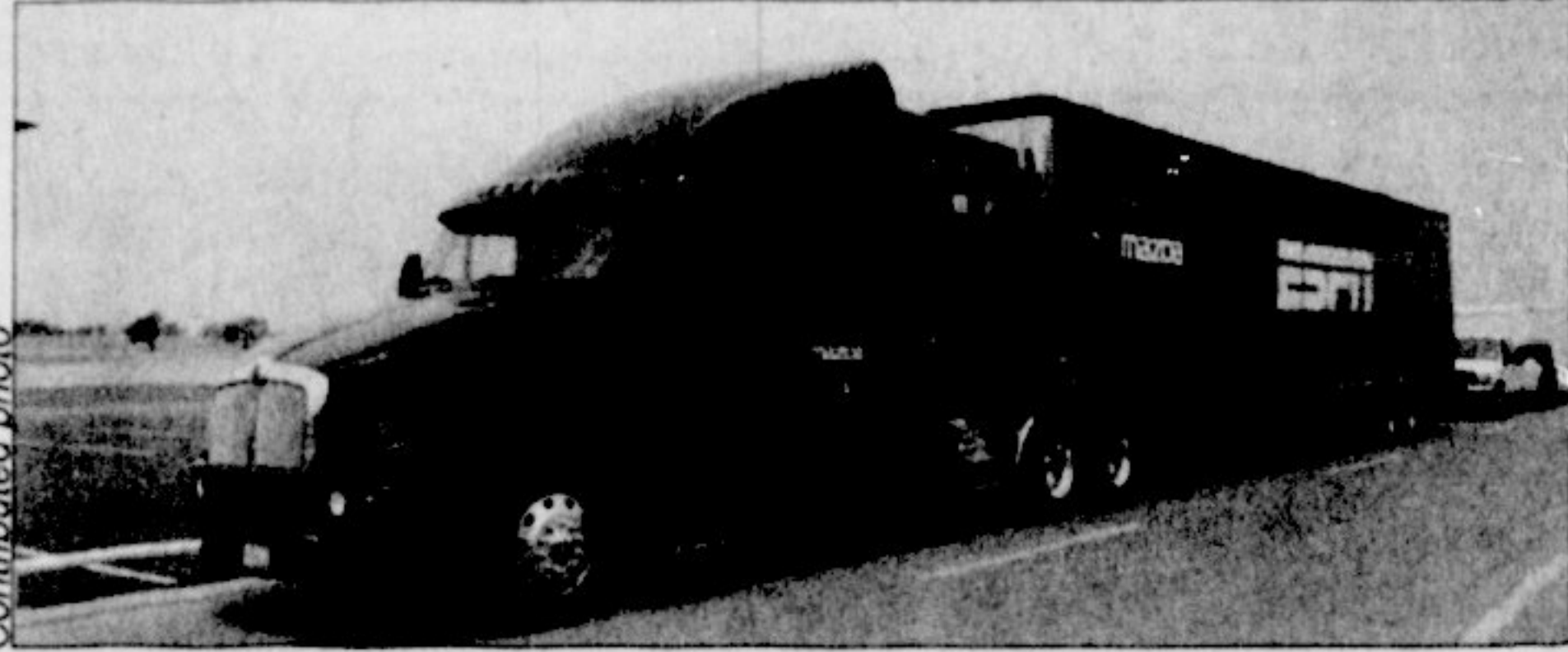
Public invited to  
interactive sports tour

TONY ZOPPO  
SPORTS EDITOR

Cox Communications will host ESPN The Truck at Wachovia Freeboot Friday on Sept. 10 from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Sixth Street Parking Lot.

Contained within a 53-foot trailer and adjacent home theater tent, ESPN The Truck's interactive exhibits give sports fans the opportunity to experience ESPN HD, take home their photo on the cover of *ESPN The Magazine*, play the latest motor sports video games, download ESPN interactive programs and much more. The Truck is also free of charge and wheel chair accessible.

"As a corporate partner with our communities in eastern North Carolina, we are proud to be involved in this Uptown Greenville event," said Phil Ahlschlager, vice president and



general manager of Cox Communications North Carolina.

"Thanks to our relationships with programmers like ESPN, we are able to give back to the communities we serve in a variety of different ways."

"This Alive-at-Five style concert series has become a signature event for Uptown Greenville with Freeboot Friday now beginning in its fifth annual event series," said Debbie Vargas, chairperson for the uptown promotions organization committee of the event.

"We are thrilled to team with Cox Communications to bring ESPN The Truck to Greenville for Freeboot Friday, a great com-

munity event," said James Brown, senior vice president, field sales and marketing for ESPN.

"ESPN The Truck is a demonstration of the cutting edge products and services that ESPN is constantly developing to better serve the sports fan, our affiliates and advertisers. It is truly a hands-on experience that no sports fan should miss."

ECU Pirate fans will also be able to visit the sports attraction on Saturday Sept. 11, prior to kick-off of the ECU Home Football season. ESPN The Truck will remain at the Sixth Street Parking Lot and will be open to the public from 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.



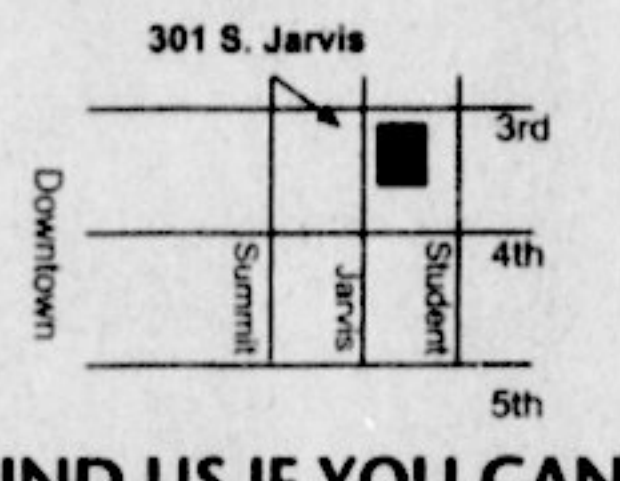
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# Tragedy strikes at NC State football game

Two men shot to death at Carter-Finley

BRENT WYNNE  
SENIOR WRITER

Authorities have arrested two brothers following an altercation in which shots were fired, leading to the death of two young men at a tailgate party before the NC State football game on Saturday.

The victims, who were identified as Kevin M. McCann, 23, of Chicago, and Marine 2nd Lt. Brett Johnson Harman, 23, of Park Ridge, Ill., were tailgating before the game. Neither McCann or Johnson were students at the university.

Brian Smith, another tailgater who was in the area of the two Chicago natives, said the victims were tossing a football around when a car drove recklessly in a parking lot full of other football fans tailgating as well. According to Smith, the men pulled the blond-haired driver from his car, and beat him badly, pushing his head into the dirt.

Shouting obscenities and threatening revenge, the blond man left his car said Smith. He returned some time later and asked Smith if he knew where the men who beat him were, saying he had "a .38 Smith and Wesson for them."

Smith, without thinking, pointed him in the direction of the victims and heard the gunshots a short while later.

"My reaction is that I got two guys killed," said Smith in an interview with the Associated Press.

After running to the shooting scene to find one victim wounded in the face and the other in the upper torso, Smith said the second suspect arrived to carry the gunman away from the scene of the incident.

Tony Harrell Johnson, 20, of Raleigh, and his brother, Timothy Wayne Johnson, 22, an NCSU student were arrested a short time later and charged with two counts of first-degree murder, said sheriff's department spokeswoman Phyllis Stephens.

A second witness to the crime, 32-year-old Jason Seaton, said he was less than 30 feet away from the victims' tailgate area when he



Fans gather around the crime scene in Raleigh on Saturday. The two young men got out of their car and approach a small group of tailgaters.

Seaton then saw a puff of smoke and heard a series of what he called a "bottle-rocket" sound.

"I saw the two guys, and they weren't sprinting out of there," said Seaton.

"They were all nonchalant jogging out of there."

Seaton found the victims on the ground and tried to use two of his shirts to stop the bleeding. Although it helped for one, it was too late for the other.


**Baker** from page B1

"We are going to focus all our emotion on getting better," Baker said.

"We have to start coming up with victories. It's going to be real exciting playing my first game

here at Dowdy-Ficklen. I think it's going to be a huge advantage playing at home."

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## Men's Soccer falls to High Point, 5-3



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ECU put out another disappointing performance Wednesday against High Point.

*Pirates lose composure early, fail to recover*

**KYLE ROGERSON**  
STAFF WRITER

The High Point Panthers stunned the ECU Pirates with three goals in the first twenty minutes of play on Wednesday afternoon at Bunting Field. The relentless attacks made by the Panthers early in the contest pinned ECU to the ground and the pirates could not get up for the remainder of the game.

"We cannot afford to put ourselves in holes like we did," said Head Coach Michael Benn.

"This is the second Wednesday in a row that we have come out flat. I'm embarrassed; it was a bad showing."

The onslaught began within eight minutes of the starting whistle when Panther defender Blake Roth took a throw on High Point's side of midfield. The throw flew over twenty-five yards into the Panthers' offensive third of the field. After a Pirate miscue, the ball glanced out of bounds across the end line and the Panthers received a corner kick.

Luke Lemanski charged down the right side of the field awaiting the delivery from his teammate, Patrick Althoff. Lemanski

used his height to rise above a fighting defender and steer the ball into the corner of the goal with his forehead.

The initial blow was bearable, and the Pirates did not lose their hope, nor were they willing to lay down at this point in the game.

However, the next two strikes proved to be too much for ECU.

A shot that was deflected by a Pirate defender got a lucky bounce and found its way into the goal after being crossed on a corner kick opportunity. The next goal came only three minutes later courtesy of Patrick Althoff, who earned the assist on Lemaanski's goal earlier in the game. The Pirates were under tremendous pressure at such a deficit.

Amos may have felt the pressure but he did what leaders do—find ways to keep their team alive.

Danny Lundquist battled with an opposing midfielder to keep the ball in play on the Pirate's half of the field. Eventually the ball skipped on the wet playing surface through two High Point defenders and Amos found himself face to face with the keeper. He collected himself and smashed the ball passed a stumbling keeper who was unable to keep his balance during the point blank encounter.

Amos spoke modestly of his performance and gave credit to the players around him.

"They have created a lot of chances for me," said Amos.

One teammate who has connected with Amos as a striker is J.W. Gallagher. They continued their tag team antics in the second half with the help of Matt Kowalski, a strong ECU mid-fielder. Kowalski played a through ball to Gallagher who dribbled swiftly toward the end line. Gallagher looked to the center of the box for his favorite target, and he found him. Amos received the pass and finessed a shot around the goalkeeper into the far side netting.

Two goals were scored late in the match, but they had little effect on the outcome of the game. Fatigue and carelessness seemed to be the cause of the late letdown by each defense.

For the Pirates it was the early letdown that was the reason for the inability of the team to reach their goal on Wednesday.

"At this level, you cannot expect to win games if in the first fifteen minutes you are not mentally prepared," Amos said.

The Pirates will take to the field next against Georgia Southern at 1 p.m. Saturday in Statesboro, Ga. ECU will return home to Bunting field to square off with Elon next Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 p.m.

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for 496.

Senior Jason Anderson will be Randolph's primary receiver. Anderson led the Deacs with 44 receptions, 751 yards receiving and six touchdowns last season. The 6-foot-3 receiver hauled in seven receptions for 139 yards and a score last week.

DEFENSE: Wake Forest

returns eight starters on defense from 2003 and will implement a four-man front in addition to the 3-3-5 nickel package the Deacs have used for the past three seasons.

Senior cornerback Eric King anchors the secondary. King was a first-team All-ACC performer and team MVP a season

ago and is joined by fellow seniors Marcus McGruder and Warren Braxton.

Linebackers Caron Bracy and Brad White return for their senior campaigns and finished first and third on the team in tackles as juniors.

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money back upon the NCAA's actions.

The guys in Indianapolis must have not taken that one too well. I have a funny feeling they don't like to be the "demand-ee" and an athlete the demander.

Moving onto Jeremy Bloom. Howard had three main points about the decision the NCAA made to deny Bloom's request to accept endorsements.

Number one: Bloom could ask the department that governs world skiing for assistance in funding his training for the 2006 Winter Games. However, the amount of money they can give him and whether it is sufficient to help him train is not of the NCAA's concern, which means if that is the only money he can get, he still can't train for Turino.

Number two: He went against court and NCAA advice by following through with accepting endorsements.

Number three: contrary to

popular belief, Bloom is allowed to accept prize money during Olympic competition.

I made a mistake last week by grouping together endorsements and prize money. I stated that Bloom could accept neither when in fact he can accept the latter. I tip my hat to the NCAA for that. However, I have just one (rhetorical) question for all three of the previously mentioned points. If Bloom cannot properly fund his training for the Turino Olympics, how can he therefore compete, win and accept prize money?

The last thing that Howard said to me, rather passionately, was that there was one thing lost in all of this controversy - the most important thing. That most important thing is the fact that Williams and Bloom are student athletes, not just athletes.

I agree. However, I don't believe that Williams and Bloom being student-athletes has much

to do with this at all.

This is about amateurism, professionalism and the NCAA supposedly making decisions on what they say is a "case to case" basis.

Though Williams went against NFL and USC warnings about the ruling that allowed him to enter the draft could be overturned, he did have every intention to regain amateur status. The fact that summer courses wouldn't count toward eligibility for an athlete like Williams but do for graduation for a guy like me is ludicrous. The NCAA could use a refresher course in compromise, as Williams' case is not very different at all from Tim Dwight's. With all the money the USC wide receiver could make for the NCAA, one would think they'd welcome him back with open arms.

As for Jeremy Bloom, there's not much more I can say. He isn't Chris Wienke, who had a \$1 million minor league baseball con-

tract while he was quarterbacking FSU. Bloom isn't Tim Dwight. But he does have something in common with them - he wants money from playing a different sport than he is eligible for, or rather was eligible for, with the University of Colorado.

Bloom is not only an extraordinary case, but he has several similar precedents dealing with accepting money outside of his NCAA Division I sport. The only difference is that the money is in endorsements rather than contracts. I think they could cut the kid a break, considering the fact that he's looking to represent his country on the highest athletic level in the world.

That's just one man's opinion though. For all of you readers out there, as Huggy said in Starsky and Hutch, "I just lay it out for ya'll to play it out."

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## Holland introduced as new AD Wednesday

Former Virginia AD addresses media

BRANDON HUGHES  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Donning a white Pirates cap, new athletic director Terry Holland was introduced during a press conference held at the Murphy Center Wednesday morning.

Chancellor Steve Ballard was among the speakers amid the flurry of reporters and television crews that witnessed the dawning of a new age in Pirate athletics.

"It is a great day for ECU as I think everybody recognizes," said Ballard.

"People make all the differ-

ence and we're committed at ECU to hiring great people."

Holland was selected after an extensive search culminated, which included a search committee involving Ballard and football Head Coach John Thompson. Interim AD Nick Floyd was also on hand and received an ovation for his commitment and service to the university. Floyd stepped in for Mike Hamrick, who departed in August of last year to take over as the AD at UNLV.

"We would not be here today without the strong leadership of Nick Floyd," said Ballard.

"We have five-year contracts for both Mr. Holland and Mr. Floyd. I believe we have as strong a leadership in

the athletic department as any public or private university."

Shortly after, Holland took the podium for the first time.

"Let me say the pleasure is all mine because what you folks have done here in the Greenville community and at ECU is something very special and you should be proud of it," said Holland.


"I'm embarrassed that I've been up and down I-95 probably 200 times the last five years and I didn't know what was happening here. I should have been able to hear the humming noise as hard as you folks have been working. This is a great university that is probably one of the best kept secrets on the East Coast."

The former athletic director

at the University of Virginia will begin his duties Oct. 1. Holland served as AD at Virginia from 1995-2001 before becoming a special assistant to the president at Virginia. Holland coached men's basketball in 1974, quickly becoming the most successful coach in Cavalier history, compiling a 326-173 career record.

"The main attraction of ECU is the spirit, pride and determination of its students, faculty, alumni and fans. Even though the latest conference realignments have disadvantaged the ECU sports programs, everyone seems determined to rise above these setbacks," Holland said.

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"I gave up a lot of things to make sure that I stayed on track with school."

DeBrielle said that she has basically given up a social life because school and track are so important to her and that "there's just not enough time to do everything and still get the results I want on the track and in the classroom."

A normal day for DeBrielle starts off with class all day followed by practice in the afternoon.

"When I finally get a chance to go home, I have a few hours to eat and study before I'm completely exhausted," DeBrielle said.

Mentzel and DeBrielle are closest to the people they spend most of their time with - their teammates. While time doesn't allow them to hang out and relax every night, both will admit that having friends that understand the stresses of college athletics really helps them.

"It's nice having friends on the

team because they have the same agenda as you," Mentzel said.

"They feel your pain, joys and understand your hard work, and don't question you when you say 'I have to be in bed early this week because we have a big meet coming up.'"

"Since we are typically 'in-season' all year round, my teammates have become my best friends and family here," DeBrielle said.

"We try to get together outside of practice so we can feel like we have a small social life."

This lifestyle isn't for everyone and can be very hard to adjust to, especially for incoming freshmen, to whom Mentzel offers some very priceless advice. "Take it as it comes. Let athletics and academics fall into that daily routine and your life will balance itself out. If you get all worked up about being on such a tight schedule, you will just get yourself more overwhelmed and stressed out," Mentzel said.

"Just relax, breathe and take

things one at a time!"

DeBrielle explains that it is really easy to get lost in the "college life," but that if you can start good study habits from day one, you will exceed more times than not.

Although being an efficient student athlete may seem easy coming from Mentzel and DeBrielle, let's not take anything away from them. These girls absolutely dedicate themselves to the university, not just for the sake of academics, but also for the good of the team. The fact that these girls took time out of their insanely busy schedules to cooperate in this story only adds to their personas.

Tammie Mentzel and Tara DeBrielle epitomize the word "student athlete" and ECU is fortunate to have women such as these two representing them not only in the classroom, but on the field of play as well.

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A native of Clinton, NC, Holland is also a member of the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame.

"The problems that ECU must overcome to restore this tradition exist to some degree in every athletic program in the country," Holland said.

"Our immediate goal will be to join with the university to provide a first class academic and athletic environment so that every student and every athlete from eastern North Carolina will find that they do not have to leave the area in order to succeed at the highest levels academically and athletically."

To achieve that goal, Holland said the university must set performance benchmarks for everything that affects ECU's ability to field competitive teams. He also stressed that coaches need to minimize missed class time and allow athletes to participate in campus activities.

"The goals are achievable, the spirit and pride are in place, and the future is ours to determine," Holland said.

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## Davenport makes quick work of Asagoe

NEW YORK - Lindsay Davenport is two victories from a second U.S. Open title and the No. 1 ranking.

After waiting out a day of rain, Davenport beat Shinobu Asagoe of Japan 6-1, 6-1 in just 46 minutes Wednesday night to reach the Open's semifinals in a match that began with about 100 people in the seats at 9,645-capacity Louis Armstrong Stadium.

They were supposed to start at 11 a.m. in Arthur Ashe Stadium, but steady showers delayed the beginning until 7:29 p.m. That forced organizers to shift the schedule, with four quarterfinals - two men's and two women's - in action simultaneously around the National Tennis Center.

"It's not a total shock to tennis players that we have to go through this," Davenport said. "At this point, I just didn't care if there were 100 people there or 10 people, I just wanted to play."

Davenport's semifinal opponent will be No. 9 Svetlana Kuznetsova, who defeated No. 14 Nadia Petrova 7-6 (4), 6-3. It means both women's semifinals will be United States vs. Russia: No. 8 Jennifer Capriati meets No. 6 Elena Dementieva in the other.

"I don't have much publicity, I am not Sharapova," Kuznetsova said, referring to Wimbledon champion Maria. "People do not know me as much. They look in the paper and see Kuznetsova and say, 'She's seeded, she must be good.'"

The biggest showdown of the day, between two-time champion Andre Agassi and No. 1 Roger Federer, began with only about a third of the 23,239 seats filled by fans with parkas, hats and umbrellas. Federer was leading 6-3, 2-6, 7-5 when rain returned and halted play as Agassi served at deuce in the first game of the fourth set.

No. 5 Tim Henman led No. 22 Dominik Hrbaty 6-1, 7-5, 4-5 and was serving at love-15 when their match was interrupted.

Only two dozen fans made the trek across the grounds to Court 11 for the start of the quarterfinal between Kuznetsova and Petrova. It was so empty that when Petrova slapped the strings of her racket after a missed shot, it sounded like a violin - it was that easy to hear.

Stan Kasten, the former president of the Atlanta Braves, Hawks and Thrashers, was among those watching the two Russian women play.

"It's like when you go scout a kid at a high school game or in the summer leagues, there aren't a whole lot of people there," he said. "It's an interesting environment to see a match that means so much."

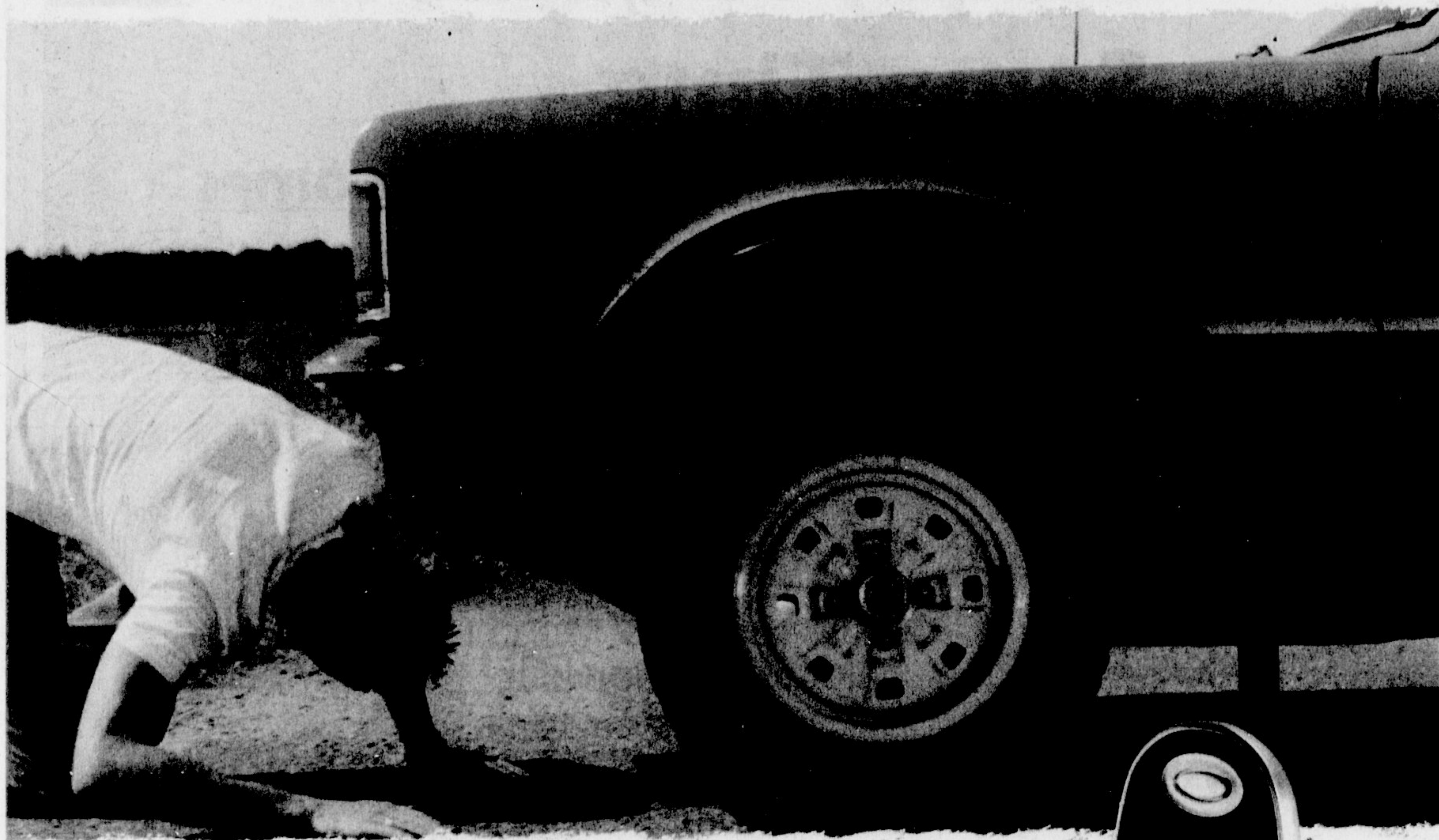
Davenport got to the grounds around 9 a.m. She spent the day trying to sleep, doing crossword puzzles, visiting with family and eating.

And when it was time to play, she was ready.

Davenport won the first four games of the match, then went ahead 3-0 in the second set. She finished with a 16-3 edge in winners and never faced a break point while extending her winning streak to 22 matches.

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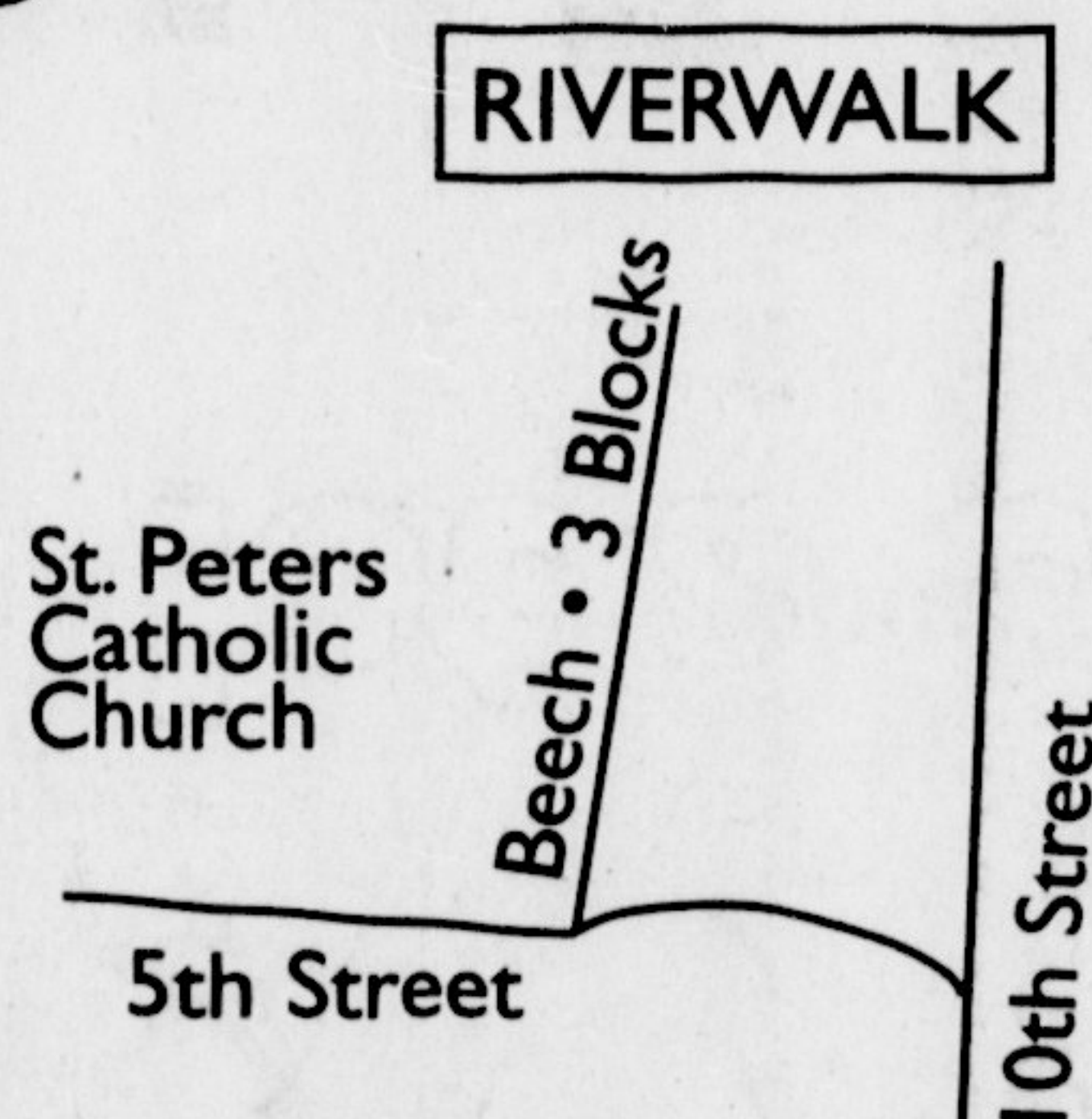
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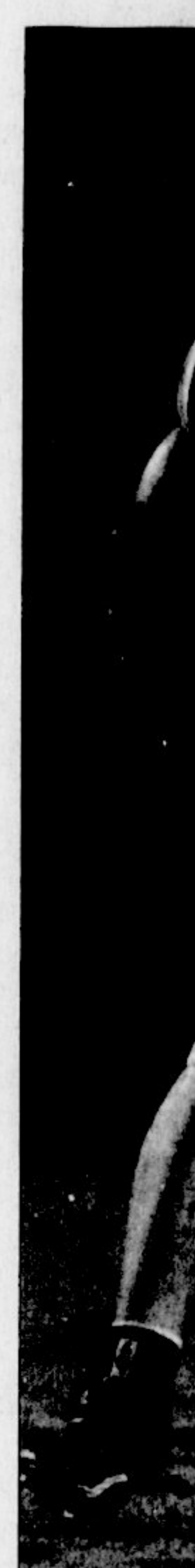


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