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MELISSA MARTZ NURSING JUNIOR

"Bush, he'll make his decisions based on his Christian faith. Bush comes off more as a family man ... a good ole boy."



NEESHA SHAH MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY SOPHOMORE

"Kerry, because of the war thing and the economy went down. [Bush] set the economy back 10 years. Also because he has John Edwards."



NATASHA RICE NURSING FRESMAN

"Kerry, becuase I don't like the war situation. I don't believe we should have gone to war. Also, because people are tired of the war and being lied to."

# Grant to promote HIV/Aids awareness

Programs organized to educate students

STAFF WRITER

The American College Health Association recently awarded a \$4,000 grant to ECU to increase the education and awareness of HIV and Aids.

Hope McPhatter, teaching graduate assistant in the department of health and human performance and Tywanna Jeffries, assistant director of wellness education received the grant.

The grant, entitled "Building Healthy Campus Communities," is being used to educate students about HIV and AIDS. McPhatter and Jeffries said they received the grant because of their innovative and creative HIV/AIDS events that affect large numbers of students. They said they applied for the grant because they feel ECU students do not understand the seriousness of the disease, which is increasing among college students, and they want to remind college

students the disease is important. The grant they received will be used to plan and implement two events per semester to educate students on the disease. The first program will take place Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. in Hendrix Theater. The program is called "Confessions," which will consist of true stories of people with the virus acted out by ECU students. McPhatter and Jeffries are working with Iota Phi Beta fraternity. A raffle will also be hosted on the night of the program. The winner of the raffle will receive a book by J.L. Kings

called Men on the Downlow.

The next event, entitled HIV/
Aids Prevention Gala, is being
held in the spring semester. This

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## Young voters favor Kerry, find Bush more likable

Jobs, economy top factors influencing youth

NICK HENNE NEWS EDITOR

According to a release issued by the Center of Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement on Sept. 21, Americans in the 18-29 year old age group favor Senator Kerry but find President Bush more likeable.

Thirty-five percent of this age group cited jobs and economy as the top concerns influencing

their vote. This issue exceeds the foreign issues such as the war in Iraq and terrorism to these voters.

Carrie Donovan, youth director at CIRCLE, said she thinks the likeability of the candidates are difficult to measure because of the way things have been shifting within the polls and the closeness of the election.

"I think young people will vote more on issues rather than likeability," said Donovan.

She said in the polls conducted, young people said issues would be the top determining factor influencing their vote, and the fact that more said they would support Kerry's policies

but like Bush more reinforces policies are the main determining factor.

"They're still willing to vote for someone who they don't like personally, so they must be basing it on issues," Donovan said.

Donovan said presidents running for re-election have the advantage in elections, especially with events like the war taking place.

Donovan said it is important for students to cast their vote.

"The more students turn out

the greater impact it will have,"
Donovan said.

Carmine Scavo, associate

professor and director of the MPA program in the department of political science at ECU said it has always been difficult to predict the voting patterns of young people. While it is not uncommon for someone to say they like a candidate, but support opposing candidate based on policy issues, likeability is usually a good indicator as to who

Scavo said determining factors influencing young voter's decisions may include who their parents voted for, what they hear in classes, what their peers are saying, research done and media coverage.

the person will end up voting for.

"The votes of young people are very hard to predict," said Scavo.

The first time 18 year olds were given the right to vote was in 1972. The government predicted there would be 12 million new 18-21 year old voters but by the end of the election, there were only 9 million voters.

Scavo said the two questions are whether or not young people are going to vote, and who are they going to vote for. While this study indicated a large number of young people are going to vote, that is not necessarily the

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## Bicycle theft on the rise



Increase in ECU student bicycle larceny a common result of students improperly securing bicycles or using improper locks.

## Securing, registering bicycles prevent theft

KATIE SHACKLEFORD STAFF WRITER

An increased number of student bicycles have been reported stolen from campus this year due primarily to bicycles which are not properly secured.

Janel Drake, ECU police officer, said bicycle larceny has been up this year with approximately 25-28 reported stolen from

25-28 reported stolen from campus since early September.

"Last year, the number of stolen bikes was much lower and I don't know why they [bicycle

thieves] are hitting us harder this year," said Drake.

Drake said the main reason for the recent incidents of theft has been bicycles not being properly secured. Drake said U-bolt

bicycle locks are the most secure type of lock if used properly.

"If you have the U-bolt lock, you need to lock it to the frame of the bicycle. A lot of people just lock it around the tire, but most bikes today have quick release, so they [bicycle thieves] can take the bike and leave the tires on the "Other people have cable locks and do secure them around the frame of the bike, but these locks can be cut with cable cutters."

economics major and employee of the Bicycle Post bicycle shop in Greenville agreed the hard steel U-locks are the best measure to prevent bicycle theft and these locks are worth the additional expense.

The U-locks generally start around \$31, which is slightly pricier than a regular cable lock, but you get a lot more security out of it Barreiro said. While U-locks are generally superior, it is a good

"I would suggest using a cable lock with it to go through the wheels because a lot of people on campus have their wheels stolen off the front of the

Running the cable through the wheels and the U-lock should give the bike the most security.

It is a requirement for ECU students to register their bikes with ECU. Drake said registering bicycles with the ECU police enhances the probability of the bicycle being found and

returned to the owner if stolen.

Registration of bicycles gives ECU police a record of the serial number, model and description of the bike ensuring stolen bikes are returned

"It is university policy to register bikes parked on campus but it is very difficult to enforce," Drake said.

to the proper owner if located.

Students can either go to the ECU Police Station or ECU Parking and Transit office to register their bicycles. Registering a bicycle provides the ECU police with the serial number, color, make, type of frame and the student's address is needed. This information is also needed when reporting a bicycle stolen, along with the location and time when

Matt Waymack, senior construction management major, said he feels his bike is safe during the daytime, but would not park his bike on campus at night because of the reduced lighting and reduced campus patrol. Waymack said he normally uses both a U-Lock and cable when locking his bicycle on campus.

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## Sports degree receives national accreditation

## Recognition opens doors for department

COLE WAHAB STAFF WRITER

The ECU graduate degree in sports management received national recognition, making greater opportunities available to students.

While several colleges in North Carolina have received this recognition at the undergraduate level, ECU is the first school to receive it for the graduate program.

Stacey Altman, assistant professor and degree director for sports management, said this is an important step in the right direction for the program.

"Hopefully, we'll recruit a higher caliber of students, give us a little bit more visibility across the state and the region," said Altman.

"I'd also like to see it enable us to reach across campus to various departments."

Altman said the sports management program is one that educates people in the marketing aspect of sports in the school setting. Their faculty interests and curriculum have shifted to the professional and community perspective to better prepare stu-

dents for their futures.

Peter Farrell, chairman of the exercise and sport science department, said the accreditation will

"It really is an important thing for the department, certainly an area I see growing in terms of student interest," said Farrell. The governing body that makes final decisions regarding national approval, Sport Management Program Review Council, approves the undergraduate, masters and doctoral levels for the United States and Canada. Those who graduate from approved programs may buy a certificate stating their graduation from a nationally recognized program, which would look good

Despite recognition of other schools on the undergraduate level, Altman said he hopes ECU's recognition will make students more marketable in the area. She said numerous other departments here at ECU have been very cooperative in getting the curriculum together to provide students with the most opportunities possible.

"We're preparing people for interscholastic and intercollegiate athletic administration and professional sport management as well," Altman said.

Amanda Duffy, sports management major and graduate student, feels the accreditation will draw more attention to the program

"I think it's going to bring more opportunities. I think it's going to bring more recognition to the program and to ECU

itself," said Duffy.

Duffy said the program has grown in the past few years and it is on its way to being one of the

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top programs in the nation.

## ECU political parties offer voter registration



The ECU College Democrat and Republican parties are holding voter registration drives in the Wright Plaza Thursday and Friday of this week. Friday is the final day anyone is eligible to register to vote.



## Social Security reform on debate agenda

Privatizing social security under question

CHRIS MUNIER STAFF WRITER

rack," Drake said.

Privatizing Social Security and allowing workers to invest part of their earnings into mutual funds for use after retirement, will be an issue considered in the upcoming presidential election.

According to ontheissues.
org Web site, privatizing Social
Security is the approach President
Bush wants to take in an attempt
to remedy the system, while Senator Kerry does not want to privatize or cut Social Security benefits.

"We will always keep the promise of Social Security for our older workers. We must strengthen Social Security by allowing younger workers to save some of their taxes in a personal account, a nest egg you can call your own, and government can never take away," said Bush on Sept. 2 in his Republican Convention acceptance speech.

Kerry has a different opin-

Kerry has a different opinion on what is best for America regarding the issue.

"You don't value families by denying real prescription drug coverage to seniors, so big drug companies can get another windfall. As 'president, I will not privatize Social Security. I will not cut benefits," said Kerry on July 29, in his acceptance speech at the Democratic National Convention.

Nancy Spalding, associate professor of political science, said the biggest problem with the Social Security program is the ratio of workers paying taxes into the program compared to the number of recipients receiving ben-

efits. This number has gone from 30:1 early on, to 3:1 now. Spalding favors the idea of allowing people to invest a portion of their paycheck into the stock market.

"Even with the bursting

"Even with the bursting of the tech bubble, the 1989 market crash, even the 1929 market crash, the stock market has done better in any given ten year period in this last century. People would be fairly well assured a good return, but in addition to a good return, they would own it," s a i d S p a l d i n g.

Jonathan Morris, assistant professor of political science, is more skeptical of the privatization method. He suggests raising the age required to receive benefits, protecting the trust fund and not diverting money from

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#### **Campus News**

#### Candidates' Forum

A forum is taking place tonight featuring various United States congressional and North Carolina Senate candidates. The candidates will speak and answer questions presented to them. The event is taking place tonight at 7:30 at ECU's Willis Building located on the corner of First and Reade streets.

#### Student Union film series

Hendrix Theatre in Mendenhall Student Center will be showing the following movies free with an ECU ID:

Oct. 7 - 10 Baadassss/ The Notebook

(No screenings on Wednesday, Oct. 16 and Friday, Oct. 8 at midnight)

Oct. 7 - 8 Psycho Beach Party (Homecoming '04)

#### ECU Homecoming '04 Mark your calendars and catch

Mark your calendars and catc the wave from Oct. 4 - 9.

#### Scuba diving at Minges

Wednesday, Oct. 13 will be the final opportunity for students to dive at the Coliseum pool. Diving will take place in both the diving well and the lap pool. The events are open to all ECU students and participants must sign up three days in advance. Contact Jason Wright if interested at Jason1wright@gmail.com.

#### Senior choreography

Oct. 9 - 10, the senior dance majors bring their choreography to life through different styles including tap, jazz, modern and ballet. For ticket information contact 328-6829.

#### Adult commuter students

Coffee, juice and continental breakfast foods will be served several times a semester at various locations throughout the campus as a way to let students know they matter. The first Good Morning Commuter breakfast will be in the lower level of Mendenhall on Oct. 7 from 8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Contact 328-6881 for more information.

#### ECU Homecoming

On The Hill on Oct. 7 from 4:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. Join us at College Hill for a "spirited" ECU afternoon featuring live entertainment, food and fun. At 6:30 p.m. meet coach Thompson and our ECU cheerleaders, dance team and pep band. ECU meal plan will be honored. Those not on meal plan can purchase a dinner ticket for \$7 at the Central Ticket Office in Mendenhall Student Center.

#### Piratefest

Come and enjoy a fun day of special events featuring sand art and pirate treasure giveaways on the MSC Brickyard Oct. 8 from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

#### October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

#### ECU Readers' Theater

The Medical Readers' Theater of the Brody School of Medicine at ECU will present its rendition of the novella, *The Death of Ivan llych*, Oct. 10 and 19. The Oct. 10 performance will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 131 Oakmont Drive.

The Oct. 19 performance will begin at 7 p.m. at Arendell Parrott Academy, 1901 Dobbs Farm Road, Kinston. For more information contact 744-2797.

#### Salsa Dance

The Folk Arts Society of Greenville and ECU Folk and Country Dancers are holding dance lessons at the Willis Building at 7:30 p.m. The dance will begin at 8 p.m. Contact 752-7350

#### Gospel Concert

A 'Haven On Earth Tribute Gospel Concert is taking place on Oct. 15 at the Hendrix Theater at 7:30 p.m.

#### Walk to cure diabetes

The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation is holding a 5-kilometer walk at the County Fairgrounds at 10 a.m. Participants will be treated to lunch and a t-shirt design contest. Contact 431-8330

## News Briefs

#### LOCAL

#### Burr votes against FDA regulation of tobacco in buyout bill

RALEIGH, NC (AP) - Rep. Richard Burr, the Republican candidate for Senate in North Carolina, voted Tuesday against a provision in a proposed tobacco-quota buyout that would have allowed the FDA to regulate tobacco products and paid farmers billions of dollars more for their holdings.

Burr, a negotiator on a conference committee trying to resolve differences in the House and Senate versions of a corporate tax bill that includes the buyout, had said he was willing to compromise on regulation by the Food and Drug Administration to get a buyout. He said he didn't believe FDA regulation was necessary for the proposal to survive.

Elimination of the provision is expected to make passage of the bill more difficult since some senators have suggested they might mount a

filibuster to block its passage.

A Burr aide declined to comment on the vote Tuesday.

"As long as this conference is still open, we're not really discussing anything," aide Chris Joyner said. "Once we wrap this thing up, we'll be happy to talk to you."

The Senate version of the buyout offered farmers \$12 billion for their tobacco allotments, the amount of tobacco they're allowed to grow under a Depression-era federal price support system that sets quotas based on buyers' intentions and the

amount of tobacco in reserve.

The House has passed a \$9.6 billion buyout bill that doesn't include FDA regulation.

The Senate plan would be paid for by an assessment on cigarette companies. The House approach would pay farmers with taxpayer money.

Cheney and Edwards square off CLEVELAND (AP) - Vice President Dick Cheney accused the Democratic presidential ticket Tuesday night of turning against the Iraq war for political

gain. "We need a fresh start" countered Sen. John Edwards in campaign debate, accusing the administration of mismanaging the conflict. In a clash at close quarters, the Democratic vice presidential candidate accused Cheney of "not being straight" with the public about a war that has claimed more than 1,000 American lives. He said casualties are rising monthly and the United States is bearing 90 percent of the cost of the conflict as well as suffering 90 percent of the dead and wounded. Cheney challenged that, saying the Iraqi security forces had taken nearly half of the casualties. "For you to demean their sacrifice is beyond the pale," he said to Edwards, seated practically at his elbow.

**NICK HENNE** News Editor

The vice president also criticized Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry for taking "the wrong side" on defense issues over the past ree decades.

"I'm saying specifically that I don't believe he has the qualities we need in a commander in chief," he said. The two men debated exactly four weeks before Election Day in a race for the White House that has drawn closer in recent days. The debate format encouraged give-and-take, and neither the Bush administration's powerful second-in-command nor Kerry's running mate from North Carolina shrunk from the task in their only encounter.

#### NATIONAL

#### U.S. flu vaccine supply

halved; voluntary rationing urged WASHINGTON (AP) – Federal health officials are urging doctors to restrict flu shots to those patients at highest risk from influenza, an appeal for voluntary rationing after the nation's vaccine supply was abruptly cut in half. British regulators unexpectedly shut down a major flu-shot supplier Tuesday, citing manufacturing problems at the Chiron Corp. factory in England where roughly 46 million doses destined for the United States had been made.

That means only about 54 million flu shots will be available this year from a competing firm and the government decided Tuesday that most healthy adults should delay or skip them to leave enough vaccine for the elderly and other high-risk patients.

Vaccine should be reserved for babies and toddlers ages 6-23 months, people 65 or older, anyone with a chronic condition such as heart or lung disease, pregnant women, nursing home residents, children on aspirin therapy, health care workers who care for high-risk groups and anyone who cares for or lives with babies younger than 6 months.

For everyone else, "Take a deep breath. This is not an emergency," said Dr. Julie Gerberding, head of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. "We don't want people to rush out and look for a vaccine today."

The government has urged voluntary rationing before, during a shortage in 2000. This year, however, will mark a record shortage just before flu season begins.

## Final U.S. Inspection report expected to undercut key Bush rationale for war

WASHINGTON (AP) - The final report of the chief U.S. arms inspector for Iraq was expected to undercut a principal Bush administration rationale for removing Saddam Hussein, that Saddam's Iraqi government had weapons of mass destruction.

In drafts, weapons hunter Charles Duelfer concluded Saddam's Iraq had no stockpiles of the banned weapons but said he found signs of idle programs that Saddam could have revived once international attention waned.

Duelfer, head of the Iraq Survey Group, was providing his findings Wednesday to the Senate Armed Services Committee. His team has compiled a 1,500-page report; it is unclear how much will be made public. Duelfer's predecessor, David Kay, who quit last December, also found no

evidence of weapons stockpiles. White House spokesman Scott McClellan said Tuesday the report will conclude "that Saddam Hussein had the intent and the capability, that he was pursuing an aggressive strategy to bring down the sanctions, the international sanctions, imposed by the United Nations through illegal financing procurement schemes."

#### WORLD

#### Sharon adviser says Israel's plan meant to freeze statehood

JERUSALEM (AP) – The real objective of Ariel Sharon's offer to withdraw from the Gaza Strip and parts of the West Bank is to freeze Palestinian statehood indefinitely, with U.S. blessing, the prime minister's point man with the Bush administration acknowledged in an interview published Wednesday.

The adviser, Dov Weisglass, also said Israel is avoiding negotiations with the Palestinians because it does not want to be forced into concessions on issues such as the future of Jerusalem and the fate of millions of Palestinian refugees.

The unusually frank comments, published in the Haaretz daily, contradicted the Israeli government's assurances that it remains committed to the U.S.-backed "road map" and its vision of Palestinian statehood, and that Israelis ready to resume peace negotiations once there is a change in Palestinian leadership.

Last month, Sharon said in an interview that Israel is no longer following the road map. However, his adviser's comments were the most detailed so far on Sharon's intentions.

Weisglass said Sharon's plan of "unilateral disengagement" from the Palestinians, to be carried out next year, is meant to prevent a resumption of negotiations. "It (the plan) supplies the amount of formaldehyde that is necessary so there will not be a political process with the Palestinians," he told Haaretz.

Palestinian Cabinet minister Saeb Erekat said "it's very obvious (Sharon's) plan was designed to undermine the road map." 10-07

## Iranian nuclear official says Iran has produced gas that is a step toward nuclear enrichment

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) – Iran has produced "a few tons" of the gas needed to enrich uranium, a top nuclear official said Wednesday, confirming the country has defied international demands and taken a necessary step toward producing nuclear fuel or nuclear weapons.

Uranium hexafluoride gas is the material that, in the next stage, is fed into centrifuges used to enrich uranium. Uranium enriched to a low level is used to produce nuclear fuel to generate electricity and enriched further can be used to manufacture atomic bomb.

Iran said last month that it has started converting about 40 tons of raw uranium being mined for enrichment, plans the international community specifically said it found alarming. Iran maintains its intentions are peaceful energy purposes.

"We have converted part of the raw uranium we had and produced a few tons of uranium hexafluoride gas," Hossein Mousavian, Iran's chief delegate to the International Atomic Energy Agency told The Associated Press in an interview. He would not specify how much.

A few tons of raw uranium would produce nearly the same amount of hexafluoride gas.

"We are not in a hurry to do it. The few tons of uranium gas we've produced is an experimental process, not industrial production," Mousavian said. Mousavian, who also heads the Foreign Policy Committee at Iran's powerful Supreme National Security Council, said the process was under full IAEA supervision.

"Every stage of the process is under full IAEA supervision. The agency knows of every milligram of uranium converted," he said.

## Ex-Enron assistant treasurer pleads guilty to conspiracy



Former Enron Treasurer Ben Glisan Jr. arrives in custody at the federal courthouse to testify in trial of to ex-Enron workers.

HOUSTON (AP) — A former assistant treasurer at toppled energy giant Enron pleaded guilty to conspiracy Tuesday for his role in making Enron's financial picture appear rosier

Timothy DeSpain, 39, admitted lying to or keeping pertinent financial information from credit rating agencies so Enron could maintain an investment ranking critical to its ability to borrow money and support its volatile trading operation. He agreed to cooperate with the government

DeSpain told U.S. District Judge Ewing Werlein he was directed by treasurers who were his bosses, Jeffrey McMahon in 1999 and early 2000 and then Ben Glisan Jr. through November 2001, not to discuss the extent

in ongoing Enron investigations.

of some shady financing, and he

He told the judge a 1999 deal in which Enron wrongly counted a sale of treasury securities as cash flow was known to the chief accounting officer, who at that time was Richard Causey.

Glisan pleaded guilty to conspiracy a year ago and is serving a five-year sentence. Causey has pleaded innocent to more than 30 counts of fraud, conspiracy, money laundering and insider trading and is awaiting trial. McMahon has not been charged.

The government said DeSpain, the 15th person to plead guilty in the Enron investigation, was in charge of keeping Enron in touch with credit rating agencies.

cooperation, he will not be

In exchange for DeSpain's

have committed with Enron or his subsequent employer, Halliburton, the agreement said. He no longer works for

charged with crimes he may

He no longer works for Halliburton, and the cooperation agreement doesn't refer to any wrongdoing there. Company spokeswoman Wendy Hall would not say when DeSpain worked at Halliburton, only that he no longer works there and his case has nothing to do with the energy services conglomerate.

DeSpain, who worked at Enron from 1998 to 2002, could receive up to five years in prison and up to a \$250,000 fine on the single count of conspiracy to commit securities fraud. His sentencing was scheduled for Feb. 18 but is likely to be postponed.

According to DeSpain's statement, he helped hide the true nature of a year-end 1999 deal in which Enron allegedly wrongly reported \$500 million raised from a sale of treasury securities as cash flow from operations. At the time, Enron was seeking, and eventually got, an upgrade in its credit rating.

Also, DeSpain said he participated in so-called "prepay" schemes, in which loans from banks were treated as income or cash flow for upfront payment for later delivery of commodities.

"Enron's obligations under the 'prepay' transactions grew to approximately \$5 billion," DeSpain said in the statement.

DeSpain answered to three treasurers during his tenure at Enron: McMahon, Glisan and Raymond Bowen. When the judge asked who directed him not to tell credit rating agencies about the shady prepays, he identified McMahon and Glisan, but not Bowen.

Bowen resigned Friday as Enron's treasurer and chief financial officer. He has not been charged with any crimes.

Glisan replaced McMahon in March 2000 and is a key witness in the ongoing fraud and conspiracy trial in Houston of four former Merrill Lynch & Co. executives and two former midlevel Enron executives.

That trial centers on an alleged sham sale of three electricity-producing barges to Merrill Lynch at the end of 1999 to help Enron appear to have met earnings targets.

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likelihood of voting is whether or not people have voted in the past. With this young age group of voters being polled, there is often not a significant voting history to determine their likelihood of voting.

Scavo said he is not sure of why either candidate would appeal more to younger voters. While former President Clinton had a stronger appeal to younger voters being a fairly young guy himself and making appearances on MTV where he played saxophone, neither Kerry or Bush are going after the young people in this style.

Every new group that gets the right to vote, including women in the early part of the 20th century, freed slaves after the civil war, blacks in the south in the 1960s have all started out with a low voting percentage.

"Voting is a habit, people need to build up the habit of voting, and if they build it up over a period of time they'll vote in every election. The people who just newly got the right to vote... have a low propensity to vote," Scavo said.

"The one group every year who is a new voter, are 18 year olds, and they start out with a low propensity to vote. Over time, this propensity increases as they take part in various elections."

The individual benefit with voting is the probability that you will cast the deciding vote in an election which is extremely low and any cost involved in voting is going to outweigh this low probability.

"From a societal perspective, if everyone made this decision not to vote, our society would fall apart, we're engaging in irrational individualistic acts to keep society from falling apart," Scavo said.

With the state of Florida was decided on less than 100 votes

in the last presidential election, people are left thinking the probability is higher.

The key reason why people vote is to have some sense of civic duty, which is good for the country as a whole.

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Release from CIRCLE indicates:

49 percent of young people disapprove of Bush's performance as president and 44 percent approve.

80 percent of registered 18-29 year olds say they will definitely vote on Nov. 2.

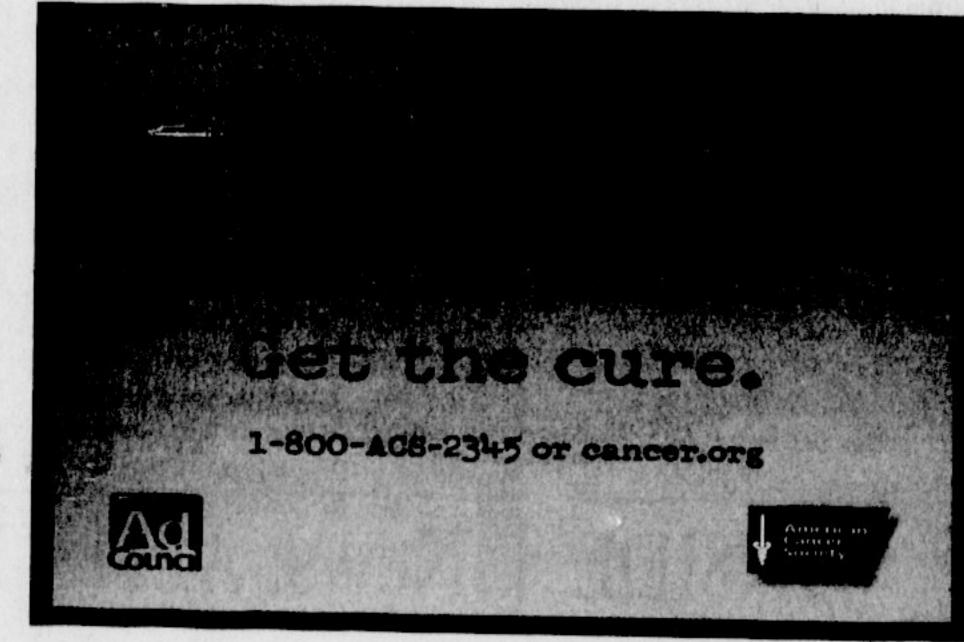
74 percent of all young people say this is one of the most important elections, if not the most important election of their lifetime.

58 percent of younger voters think the country has seriously gone off track, compared to 52 percent of Americans of all ages.

54 percent of registered voters say President Bush does not share their priorities compared to 40 percent for Kerry

41 percent of all young people say they would like to hang out with Bush for a day, compared to 28 percent who say they would like to hang out with Kerry

35 percent say they would like to have Kerry as a teacher compared to 22 percent for Bush.



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Social Security.

"If the follies of the last few years in corporate America have taught us anything, it is that we can't trust large, private investors with our savings. The lesson of Enron is that these types of follies are possible," said Morris.

The Social Security issue, in general, has been ignored and met with much apathy from the public, especially young people. Both Morris and Spalding said it is necessary for some type of adjustment to Social Security to be made promptly.

"It (Social Security) has been very badly treated in the past. People who have suggested responsible reform have been accused of trying to destroy the lives of the elderly," Spalding said.

Dina Iles, double major in criminal justice and psychology, agreed Social Security is an important issue, and she would support the idea of having a privatized Social Security account in place for retirement.

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event will be included with the annual ECU Health Fair. Others that will be participating Include the Healthy Pirates and the Greek community for a step show.

Christine Darius, freshman criminal justice major, said she thinks the disease is only a problem to college students that make it a threat with careless sexual activity or drug use. Darius said she thinks the program will increase student awareness about the issue and make people think before participating in risky behavior.

An anonymous senior elementary education major, said college students are at a larger risk of getting the virus due to the large amount of sexual activity which is commonly associated with the activities of college students, such as drinking and attending parties. She said she feels the programs sound good, but she feels most students already have a general knowledge about the disease or a least have an idea about it.

Tierra Adams, senior design major, said he thinks college students are going to do what they want. However, he thinks the program will make students cherish their lives and think twice before acting.

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## Reform from page A1 Iran has 'a few tons' of uranium gas



Iran chief delegate speaks to The Associated Press.

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran has produced "a few tons" of the gas needed to enrich uranium, a top nuclear official said Wednesday, confirming the country has defied international demands and taken a necessary step toward producing nuclear fuel, or nuclear weapons.

Uranium hexafluoride gas is the material that, in the next stage, is fed into centrifuges used to enrich uranium. Uranium enriched to a low level is used to produce nuclear fuel to generate electricity and enriched further can be used to manufacture atomic bomb.

Iran said last month that it has started converting about 40 tons of raw uranium being mined for enrichment - plans the international community specifically said it found alarming. Iran maintains its intentions are peaceful energy purposes.

"We have converted part of the raw uranium we had

and produced a few tons of uranium hexafluoride gas," Hossein Mousavian, Iran's chief delegate to the International Atomic Energy Agency told The Associated Press in an interview. He would not specify how much.

A few tons of raw uranium would produce nearly the same amount of hexafluoride gas.

"We are not in a hurry to do it. The few tons of uranium gas we've produced is an experimental process, not industrial production," Mousavian said.

Mousavian, who also

heads the Foreign Policy Committee at Iran's powerful Supreme National Security Council, said the process was under full IAEA supervision. "Every stage of the process is

under full IAEA supervision. The agency knows of every milligram of uranium converted," he said.

Iran has thus far said it is honoring a pledge not to put uranium hexafluoride gas into centrifuges, spin it and make enriched uranium.

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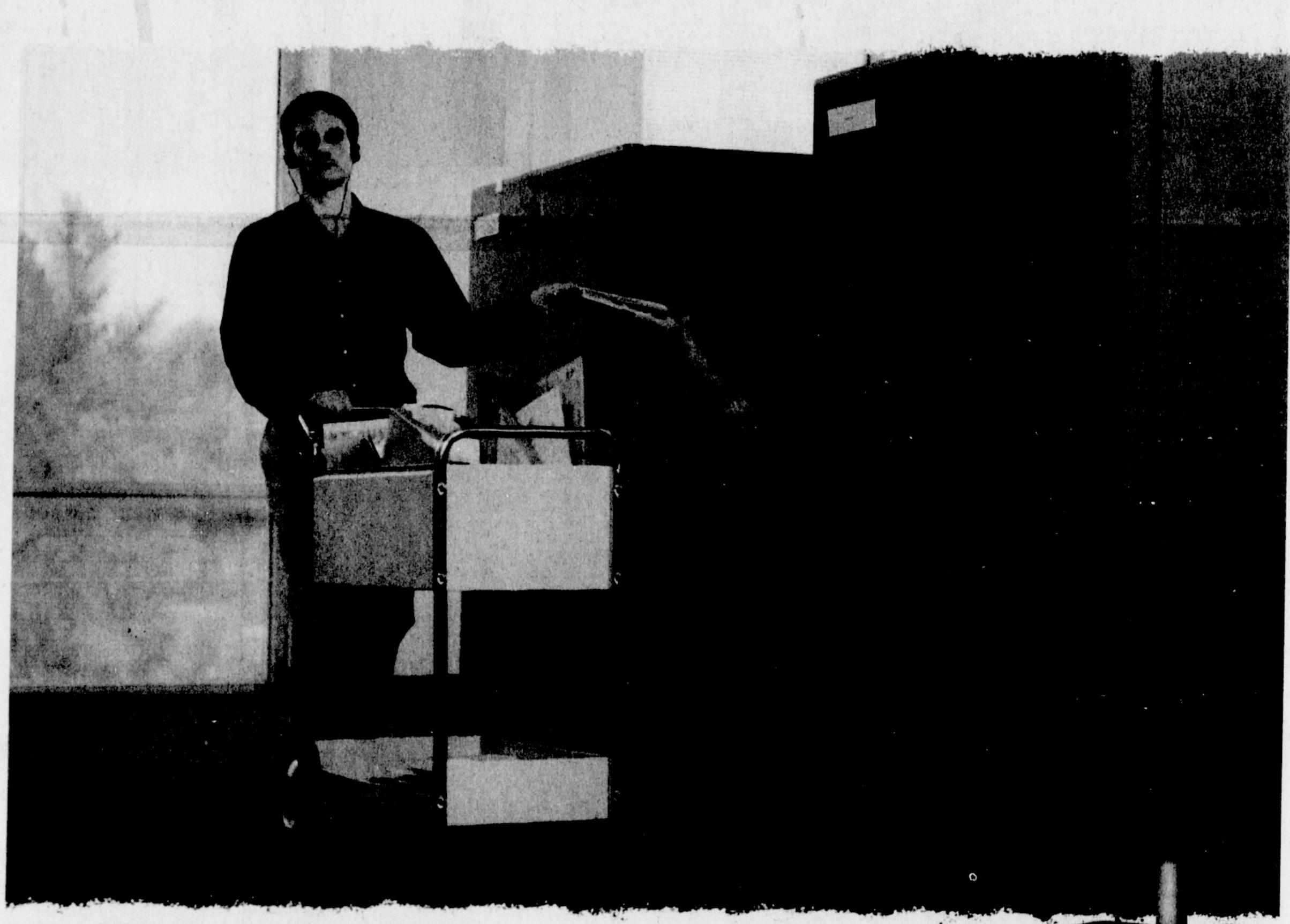
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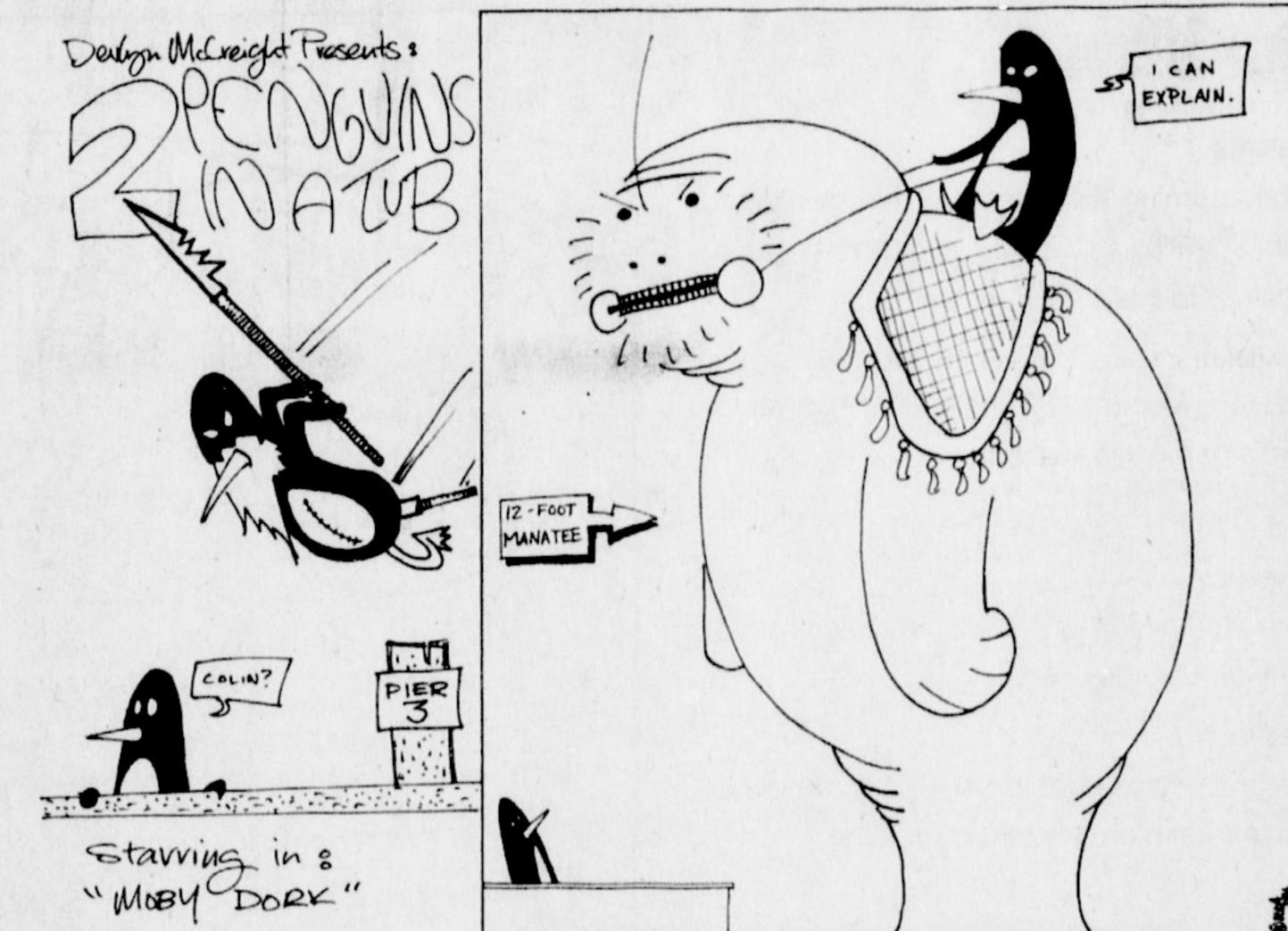
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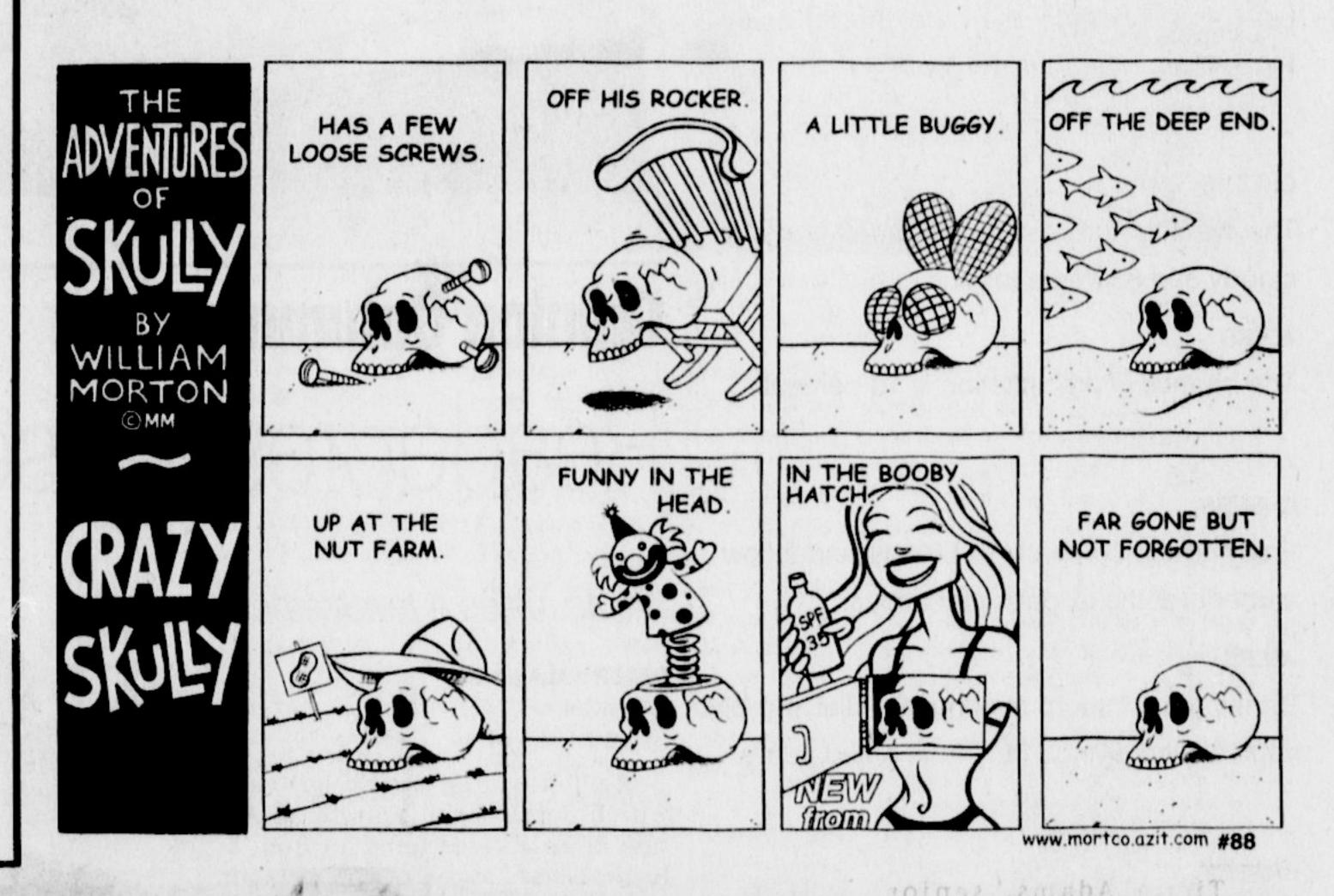
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#### **Our View**

#### CHEERS

Homecoming festivities are this weekend, with activities culminating in a football game against Tulane.

#### **JEERS**

Tulane's record is 1-2, while ECU has yet to win a game this season.

#### CHEERS

The Homecoming Parade will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

#### **JEERS**

It's going to be hard to get ECU students up before noon on a Saturday morning.

#### CHEERS

Kickoff time for the Homecoming game is at 2 p.m.

#### **JEERS**

Tailgating fields open at 10 a.m., making a beer and a hotdog the breakfast of many Pirate fans.

#### CHEERS

The weather forecast for Saturday is partly cloudy and 83 degrees.

#### **JEERS**

The chance of precipitation is 10 percent.

#### CHEERS

Enjoying the company of friends and fellow students at the tailgating locations.

#### **JEERS**

Drinking too much, making an idiot out of yourself and giving Pirate fans a bad name.

#### CHEERS

Rooting for your team until the end of the game, no matter what the score.

#### **JEERS**

Giving up on your team and leaving before the game is over

#### CHEERS

Cheering loudly for the Pirates in hopes of a Homecoming victory.

#### **JEERS**

Screaming obscenities at the other team, or worse yet, our own team.

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### **Opinion Columnist**

## Reader response is the whole idea

Article ruffles a few feathers

PETER KALAJIAN **OPINION WRITER** 

I published an article last week which decried the graphic depiction of an aborted fetus, in front of Joyner Library, as part of a presentation by a local minister here on campus. Norman Morris joined us once again to spread his idea of what Christianity should be, and hopefully entice some college students into his "organization," which is to say Fundamental Christianity as a whole. It seemed a reasonable topic for an opinion article, so I wrote one. Soon after Thursday's issue of TEC entered circulation, I began receiving responses from my loyal readers. They were split about evenly in support or disagreement, and a number of them had some fascinating comments. Numerous accusations were made (against me, naturally) and I would herein like to address a few, if you will permit me.

referring to me as "Peter Kalajihad." I understand that my last name is not Smith or Jones, and some people have some trouble pronouncing it, but I had never before come across this specific variation. For the record, I don't find it terribly funny. Sure, it's clever, insightful and very imaginative, just not particularly funny. But all personal offense aside, I assume this contributor, who shall for the purposes of this article remain nameless, was implying that I am sympathetic to Al-Qaeda and Osama Bin Laden, and therefore to the cause of Islamic Fundamentalists. I can certainly understand your point. I HAVE written that I think the U.S. government should seriously reconsider its activities and policies in regards to the Muslim world, and I HAVE insinuated that the United States has brought a great deal of this

One reader began his response by



trouble on itself. Both statements are absolutely true, and I stand behind

them 100 percent. I understand that it is easy to be blindly patriotic, or blindly faithful to a particular religious doctrine, but this blindness is what got us here in the first place. International relations and historical hindsight are just not black and white. There is not one good (America) and one great, looming evil (anyone who would attack the United States, i.e. Islamic Fundamentalists). That is as extreme an oversimplification as I have ever run across, but unfortunately an oversimplification which our commander-in-chief insists on propagating to the American public on an almost daily basis with phrases like "evil doer" and "access of evil."

I am not a Muslim, for that matter I do not ascribe to any religious doctrine, so there goes the "Jihad" part of the criticism. The U.S. government DID provide billions in aid to the Afghan mujahadeen (a group which eventually morphed into one with a much more commonly known name, Al-Qaeda), and it DID supply weapons of mass destruction to a desert dictator by the name of Saddam Hussein. These are facts. The reason we never hear about this is that it is a terrible embarrassment to the Bush Administration (they did not provide the weapons, of course, but Bush was head of the CIA during

much of the 1970s and early 1980s and helped move the process along). Bush does not want to tell us of the mistakes of the past, even though understanding those mistakes could help us avoid similar ones in the future. If thinking beyond Bush administration press conference information and Republican propaganda makes me a terrorist or a terrorist sympathizer, than I guess I am (I hope the FBI doesn't read that. Under the Patriot Act, they may pay me a little visit for suspicion of terrorist activities).

The other rather alarming accusation hurled against me by my beloved readers was that of hypocrisy, that I write about promoting free speech, but yet I tried to suppress the First Amendment rights of Norman Morris. I see where you are coming from. If not wanting to be subjected to, or see my fellow students subjected to, graphic depictions of abortion on our way to class, then a hypocrite I am. Proudly. I have no quarrel with this man, who I was also accosted for calling a "small minded fool" and "simple minded jacka\*\*," and I recognize and endorse his ability to visit this campus and spew his hatred all day long. The imagery was what I objected to, nothing more. My personal objections are irrelevant. And by the way, I am sure that Mr. Morris thinks I am a liberal, bleedingheart, atheist fag lover who is on my way to hell as we speak, so I fully stand by my "simple-minded jacka\*\*" and "small-minded fool" statements. In my opinion, he is precisely that. Nothing more. If the name calling is offensive to you, I sincerely apologize. It is not my intention to offend. I just can't think 'of a better way to say it. Oh, wait, how about this one: hate-mongering ignoramus. How's that? Better? Great. I do what I can.

By the way, all disagreements aside, I loved reading the responses. Most were thoughtful and well written. Keep them coming.

### **Letters to the Editor**

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to Wednesday's "Letters to the Editor" section of the Opinion page. Several readers wrote in their thoughts on Peter Kalajian's "Firebrand preacher visits campus" article. While there were some opinions I did agree with, others made me laugh out loud.

While I respect Mr. Kalajian for sharing his opinion on the preacher, and while I know that this year's freshmen have no idea who this preacher is, I just don't understand why this man still invokes such a response from this campus.

I have been a student at this university for a few years, and I see this guy every single year. He comes to campus and spews his upsetting beliefs all over the steps of Joyner Library. He insults us as we walk by, and argues with us when we say something in kind. He takes the liberty to damn us all to hell by guilt of association.

This year was different. This year,

this "man of God" used a horrific visual device to catch our attention. While it did disturb me, and while I was upset at having to look at a bloody fetus right before lunch, the preacher's message did not accurately transmit. I did not feel like my views toward the "woman's choice" were being thrown back in my face. I did not suddenly have a change of heart at seeing this poster-sized postabortion photograph. All I saw that day was a man who is slowly beginning to realize that his words are not as effective as he would like them to believe. So, what is the preacher's solution?

Tasteless visual aids. It's pathetic. Mr. Kalajian, thanks for the response to the preacher's demonstration. You have voiced out loud what many of us have been thinking for some time. To some of my fellow responders, your

words were a little unnerving. It is always nice to see a Christian believer who speaks their mind and heart, but keeps the offensive comments to a minimum. I respect those beliefs, however, one responder said,

"Either way, seeing it large and close up has to be damaging and the result of viewing such material should cause action against such cruel acts don't you think?" Yes, it was damaging to those of us who were forced to witness, but what cruel act are you talking about? The cruel act of enlarging a photo of a dead fetus and displaying it to the public, or the "cruel act" of abortion? Because the former is pretty much a given, and the latter is still up for debate last time I checked.

Overall, I respect anyone's right to voice their opinions, whatever they may be, regardless of whether or not I agree. So should anyone else that attends this school. This is a public university with a population that includes people from all walks of life. It's really past time that we, as well as visitors to this esteemed campus, started recognizing and respecting that fact.

> Gene Freeman **ECU Student**

#### **Pirate Rant**

As a student I am fully aware that we are all busy and that many of us eat on the go. When choosing a snack to eat or drink in class please be considerate of your professor and classmates and choose something quiet instead of a noisy bag of chips. Also, when eating or chewing gum, have some manners and close your mouth. We go to class to learn something, not listen to each other smack and chomp!

Holding doors for the person behind you is respectful, but if you do so while going into a residence hall, you'd better be sure the person behind you lives there - it can be dangerous.

I have seen some of ECU's athletes act like they are in second grade. By the way, cursing and saying "yo, check this out" makes you sound like an uneducated fool.

The other day I saw two girls coming out of a class. They pulled out their cigarettes and said, "cancer time!" Now, if you acknowledge this fact, why continue to harm yourself, and everyone one else around you for that matter?

Guys, stop thinking with the little head!

Halloween is slowing approaching. Please start planning your costumes now people. I am sick of seeing the same ole dry a\*\* costumes.

Sometimes I can not believe what some people are thinking on campus. We are all like herded sheep-guys wearing the khaki shorts and Abercrombie t-shirts and girls wearing some shirt with the ruffle skirt. Please be individualistic ECU, my generation depends on it. Or maybe better put "Like, wear something, like different or something..."

What's with all the channels broadcasting the debate last night? I wanted to see anything other than Cheney and Edwards barking back and forth with each

Mullets are not in style, so get a hair cut!

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 submitted anonymously online at www.theeastcarolinian.com, or emailed to editor@theeastcarolinian. com. The editor reserves the right to edit opinions for content and brevity.



"When I put the shades on, it all kind of came together. And then it was a matter of finding the nuance ... When we met each other, the things I'd take from [Charles] were when he was just sitting there."

- Actor Jamie Foxx on playing Ray Charles in his upcoming film, "Ray."

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#### **Announcements:**

The ECU Homecoming Pirate Pep Rally and Cookout, on College Hill is from 4:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7. There will be live entertainment, food and fun. At 6:30 p.m., students are invited to meet coach Thompson, the ECU Cheerleaders, Dance Team and the Pep Band. The ECU meal plan will be honored but those who do not have a meal plan can purchase a dinner ticket for \$7 at the Central Ticket Office, located in Mendenhall Student Center.

Psycho Beach Party will take place in Hendrix Theater at midnight on Thursday, Oct. 7. "ECU Goes to the Beach" for Homecoming. This event is free to students and is sponsored by the Student Union Films Committee.

ECU Piratefest will take place in Mendenhall Student Center Brickyard from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 8. There will be special events featuring sand art and pirate treasure giveaways.

The annual Step Show will be taking place in Wright Auditorium at 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 8. This exciting show will feature a step performance like no other. For more information, contact the Office of Greek Affairs.

#### **Weekly Recipe:**

#### **Chicken Curry**

Ingredients: Chicken Spices (cayenne pepper, pepper) Curry powder 1/2 cup onion Garlic 1 cup chicken boullion Butter vegetables (carrots, mushrooms, greens)

Directions: This curry can be made as hot as you like it by adding more or less red pepper. The curry powder only gives the curry flavor and does not add to the "temperature" of the food. Clean, then cut chicken into bite size pieces. Saute chicken in some butter, chopped onions and garlic. After chicken is cooked, add some chicken boullion. Add vegetables, spices and curry powder. Cook until the vegetables are ready (about another 10 minutes). Serve over rice.

**Macho Nachos** As a main course or snack, macho nachos are always great.

Ingredients: 1/2 lb. ground beef 1 large bag tortilla chips 1 cup cheese - sliced or grated Toppings - olives, tomatoes, green peppers, chopped onions Dips - hot sauce, guacamole, sour cream

Directions: Brown ground beef and drain Spread tortilla chips over tin foil. Spread cooked meat over chips, then add other ingredients. Add cheese to the top. Bake in oven at 350 degrees for about 10 min. When cheese melts, nachos are ready to eat. Use hot sauce, sour cream or

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guacamole for dipping.

**Healthy Hints:** 

Your skin will feel smoother and softer if you drink enough water as it prevents tissues and cells from drying out and losing elasticity.

A little known fact will start us off, so that you don't go over the top. If your urine turns absolutely clear, you may be drinking too much. When clear, there is very little waste product, so your body may not have absorbed vital nutrients such as sodium.

You need plenty of water to help get rid of toxins from the kidneys as well as help your immune system to fight infection.

## Homecoming floats prove to be big undertaking for many clubs

Campus organizations compete for top honors

MARTHA HILL STAFF WRITER

Everybody loves a parade and the homecoming parade is one tradition where students, faculty and alumni can come together to celebrate. The homecoming court, marching bands and floats will be on display through the streets of Greenville.

People gather to see the spectacle but most people don't think about the time and effort many of the organizations have put in to building these floats. What exactly is involved?

Did you know that in big parades like the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and the Rose Bowl Parade that professional float building companies are contracted out to build the floats and the construction takes nearly a year. These floats are built and designed by skilled craftsmen, engineers and animators. The first step in building one of & these floats is deciding what to build and then drawing a two-dimensional sketch. Once the sketch is approved, a three dimensional model is constructed. Construction begins on the framework to give a float its shape. Then figures are molded and props are created to give the float dimension. All types of material can be used: wood, metal, fabric, paper mache and fiberglass. In the Rose Bowl Parade, the floats have to be covered entirely with natural plant substances. They will use flowers, seeds, nuts, grasses and vegetables to give their floats the color and texture that you see. Pretty amazing. If there is any animation on the float it has to



Many organizations have participated in previous homecoming festivities, which included a float making competition.

be wired up so it can move once the float is in place.

Obviously our student organizations don't have that kind of time or money but there are steps to take to get floats completed and ready for competition. So, how does one go about building a float for homecoming?

Every year the Student Government Association decides on a theme for homecoming. Interested organizations have to fill out paperwork to enter any or all the events involved for homecoming week. There are cash prizes to the winner of the spirit cup, the best banner, skit and, of course, the best float. Why enter? First place for the best float can win \$350. If that organization also wins the spirit cup they could walk with \$1,100 to go toward their organization.

The ECU Student Union has won the float competition for four consecutive years. The group gets together to brainstorm what will be put on the float and a rough sketch is drawn out. This year the Student Union has decided on a 1950s and 1960s

beach theme. The group then breaks up the task of building the float between the different organizations within the Union. Popular entertainment, marketing, barefoot on the mall, spectrum, cultural awareness, visual arts and films all have a hand in the construction of the float. The Student Union has a repeat donor who allows them access to a trailer where the construction can begin. Generally, the Student Union spends a month to three

weeks on the float. What is the secret to winning?

"It's about dedication to do great programming," said Thomas Doyle, president of the ECU Student Union.

"It gives us an edge over other organizations." The SGA will also have a float in the parade. Although they are unable to enter in the float competition the SGA wanted to

take part in the spirit of homecoming. The SGA sat down to conceptualize an idea and were able to

see PARADE page A8

## Pre-game activities take center stage this homecoming



ECU students are die-hard supporters of our athletics.

Tailgating, face painting all part of Pirate Pride

KATHERINE DAY STAFF WRITER

The crisp weather and beautiful foliage doesn't just mark the beginning of autumn: it's football season. A time of year when the fanatics can roam the streets of their favorite football town painted in team colors and wearing nothing but a g-string with pride. Football gives meaning for many people. Full support and dedication are given to the local heroes of the gridiron. This pride can be interpreted in many different ways. Some heighten the excitement of the game by betting on their team. The willingness to sacrifice dignity by being painted head to toe in team colors is another way to prove devotion. Enjoying and participating in this popular past time are becoming more and more common among Americans.

Almost as exciting as the game itself, are pre-game preparations. Friends get together and share pregame anticipation in what is known. as tailgating. Gaining popularity over the years, tailgating is especially common among ECU students. Everything from accessories to handbooks can be purchased to enhance the tailgating experience.

Essentially, tailgating is a time for friends to get together before the game, but it is much more than that. Senior Chad Joyner, a geography major and avid football fan finds it to be a great way to meet new people and socialize.

"Sports are a common way

to form a foundation with new people and you can all relate, especially since it's our school that's playing. So you have at least one

thing in common," said Joyner. Reminiscing on football memories and highlighting special moments for the team is also a way to start conversations with new people.

"When we beat Miami in 1999 at North Carolina State since we couldn't play here because of the hurricane. After we won the game, we tore their goal posts down," Joyner said.

A great way to relieve the pressure of school, the pre-football game ritual is really just a

way to kickoff the weekend. The game is what everyone is there for, but without tailgating, the game wouldn't be nearly as fun. It's a way to kick back on the weekend, you're relaxing and hanging out. No one worries about school or any other pressures students face.

Football aficionado, Gary McCabe, a junior communication major relishes the opportunity to share a common interest with friends and fans alike.

"Tailgating gives a real sense of community. Among things it's a time where you can meet other people and just have a really great time. You can share food, you can share stories. Even if it's someone I've never met in my life, if they're wearing purple and gold, I'll gladly share a hotdog or toss a football with them," said McCabe

It can be said that the right food really enhances the thrill of the game. Chicken, cheeseburgers and hotdogs are among popular choices for your typical football fan. A grill is a necessity for any

pre-game get together. Cheering for your team is always much more satisfying on a full stomach.

Greenville in particular shows a great deal of support for ECU's football team.

"Greenville is not that big, but there's still a pretty decent turnout for games. The city really backs the football team. It's easy to take for granted the fact we have a football team," Joyner said.

Wearing the school colors is expected, but senior dance education major Amanda Edwards finds her own unique way of

showing spirit for the team. "For the game I show my school spirit with my pom-poms, football beads, Pirate stickers and of course, a necessity for every game: my keys," said Edwards.

Pre-game is a time where ECU and Greenville citizens alike get together and share their love of football and the team.

"It really is great," Joyner said.

"It makes the game much more interesting. Sometimes people don't leave the field until

the first quarter is over." On campus are several areas that fans frequent before the game. The most crowded tends to be the Frisbee field. People of all ages can enjoy tailgating or any other pre-game activities. Listening to the radio to hear scores of other college football games as well as throwing the ball around are good ways to pass the time before the game. It's about a fondness for the sport that gives communities a common ground

to bond and socialize. Through the years, with the growing popularity of football among the national and collegiate levels, people have found different and more exuberate methods for showing their love of football. It is all too common to see a two-toned man in 20 degree weather wearing nothing but his team's colors. Emphasis is being placed on what happens before the game almost as much as the game itself. Above all, pre-game provides a chance for students and community to get together on a weekend and cheer their team onto victory.

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## Events for alumni



ECU alumni and their families take an active role in the festivities.

#### Alumni will have plenty to attend

**JESSICA CRESON** SENIOR WRITER

For homecoming this year, ECU has a variety of events for students, parents and mainly the alumni. It all starts Friday, Oct. 8 with the annual ECU Alumni Scholarship Classic Golf Tournament at Brook Valley Country Club with the honorary tournament chair George Koonce. Freeboot Friday is some-

thing the whole family can

enjoy together. In downtown Greenville, on the corner of Fifth Street and Evans Street, there will be live entertainment, from Lil Brian and Zydeco Travelers, to good food and good times. The Hilton in Greenville will be holding an Outstanding Alumni Awards Ceremony beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be a reception and dinner celebrating William "Carl" Ealy, William "Phil" Hodges, R. Samuel Hunt, III and Lucy Irving Roberts. The ceremony costs \$25 per person. The Taylor-Slaughter Alumni Center has been renovated and it's time to show it off. Alumni are invited to breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 9 at 9 a.m. and to watch the Homecoming Parade that starts at 10 a.m. from front yard seats. The parade's theme this year is "ECU goes to the Beach." Some sororities and fraternities will have a float in the parade. Alumni Association Tailgating starts at 11:30 a.m. p.m. and there will be food by ARAMARK, Pee Dee the Pirate, ECU cheerleaders and a chance to win door prizes. This tailgating goes on at every home game and costs \$15 per person and free for children. If someone decides they

don't feel like tailgating for the millionth time or grandma is in town, there will be a show at the Wright Auditorium on Saturday at 11:30 a.m. by ECU's Storybook Theatre. It is called Tales from around the World that will include a Native American tale, an African tale and a Mexican tale. This is another event that the family can enjoy.

The main event of the weekend is the ECU game against Tulane. The game starts at 2 p.m. and people can begin tailgating three hours prior to game time. Everyone should come out and support ECU's football team and all the other people involved with the game events.

There will be an East Carolina Teacher's College and East Carolina College reunion and post game dinner and dance at City Hotel and Bistro.

Fraternities and sororities will each have their own celebration as well. The Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity will be celebrating early on Friday at Ham's and on Saturday morning, they are tailgating.

And of course, there will be a post-celebration that night. The Alpha Phi sorority will also be tailgating with Phi Kappa Tau and having an alumni social at Element downtown game night.

ECU's colleges, departments, chapters and societies are also holding special events of their own for their alumni, including the Black Alumni Chapter, college of education, college of human ecology, department of chemistry, department of occupational therapy, department of physics, department of political science, Physician Assistants Alumni Society and the department of recreational services.

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## Big Sweep transforms Greenville



ECU students aided the Greenville community by picking up debris from the Tar River.

#### American Fisheries Society cleanup area

**ASHLEY WHEDBEE** STAFF WRITER

The ECU subunit of the American Fisheries Society, founded in 1998, swept through Greenville Saturday, Oct. 2. The Big Sweep is a worldwide event where the AFS's members and other volunteers clean up the waterways. ity." Green Mill Run is the waterway focused on in Greenville and because it runs through campus and other populated areas, dumping into the Tar River, it makes for some interesting findings.

The organization started the cleanup at 7 a.m. and continued until 11 a.m. They provided doughnuts and orange juice at the registration table for the 18 volunteers, and of course, waders, gloves and trash bags. Every single piece of trash collected by the volunteers is recorded on a data sheet, which is then called in to Raleigh which tallies the trash statewide and then the information is finally recorded nationally. The Big Sweep is a worldwide effort. It extends across the U.S. and across the world, to places

like India and Bangladesh.

The president of this ECU organization, Chad Smith, is also the organization's web master. He has already completed a Bachelor's of Science degree from ECU and is currently a graduate student in the department of biology.

With 25 active members and lots to accomplish, "the cleanup goes by pretty quick,' said Smith.

"It's a really good social activ-

To no surprise, there were some pretty amazing findings. These included the more common items such as plastic bags and styrofoam cups, to the more extraordinary items, including a tire and an empty safety deposit box.

There have also been stop signs and shopping carts found in Greenville's waterways. Stephen Hugues, a biology major at ECU, is one volunteer who recommends taking part in an

organization such as this one. "I got involved because I'm a biology major. I recommend it because you get lots of experience," said Hugues.

The organization's faculty advisor, Roger Rulifson, also recommends doing something

to get involved in keeping the waterways clean.

"We urge people not to throw things in our waterways," said Rulifson.

"Green Mill Run is an important asset of ECU because it's right across the street."

This is also the waterway that is prone to flooding, so it's not hard for it to accumulate stray trash and debris.

According to Rulifson, when the organization first started this cleanup years ago, they were collecting more than two tons of trash.

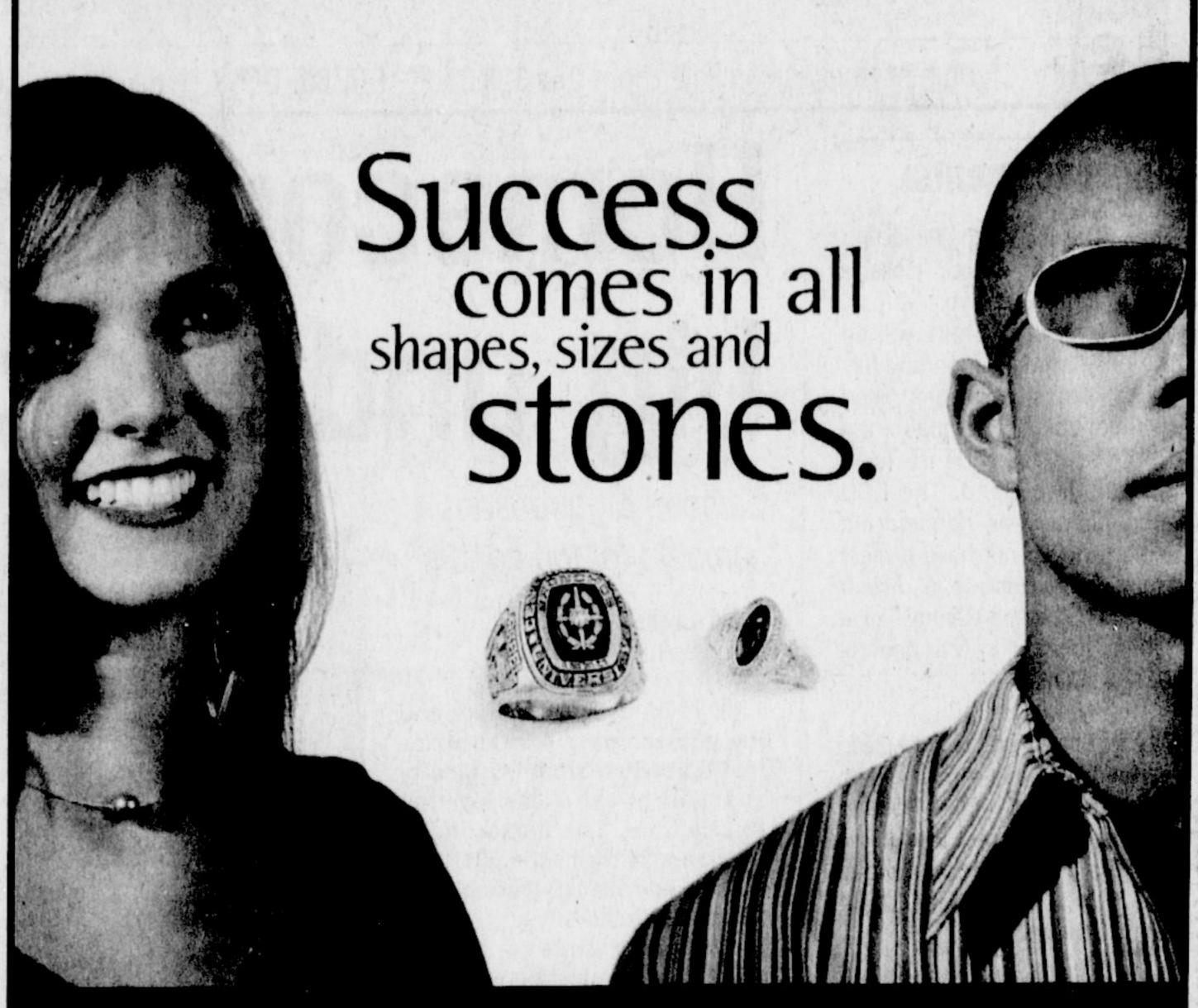
"Once, we found an old ladies's purse with glasses in it from the 1980s," Rulifson said.

Theamountoftrashcollectednow is significantly less, but still harmful. Volunteers were awarded free

lunch and the opportunity to win door prizes at the River Fest at Town Commons Park following the cleanup.

This annual event was a success, collecting 2,017 items of trash. This included one tire, 101 cigarette filters, 258 beverage cans, 402 bags and 433 food wrappers/containers.

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"The SGA hall is beaming with school spirit and pride," said Shannon O'Donnell, SGA president. "Everyone is behind the float and having so much fun."

Judges for the float competition are chosen from around the community and will have score sheets to mark points for creativity, theme and showmanship.

On Saturday, Oct. 9 at 10 a.m. the grand marshal will kick off

the ECU Hom ecoming Parade. The streets will be lined with purple and gold pirate pride. Get there early because parking is at a premium. If you can't make it to the parade it will be televised on WITN Channel 7.

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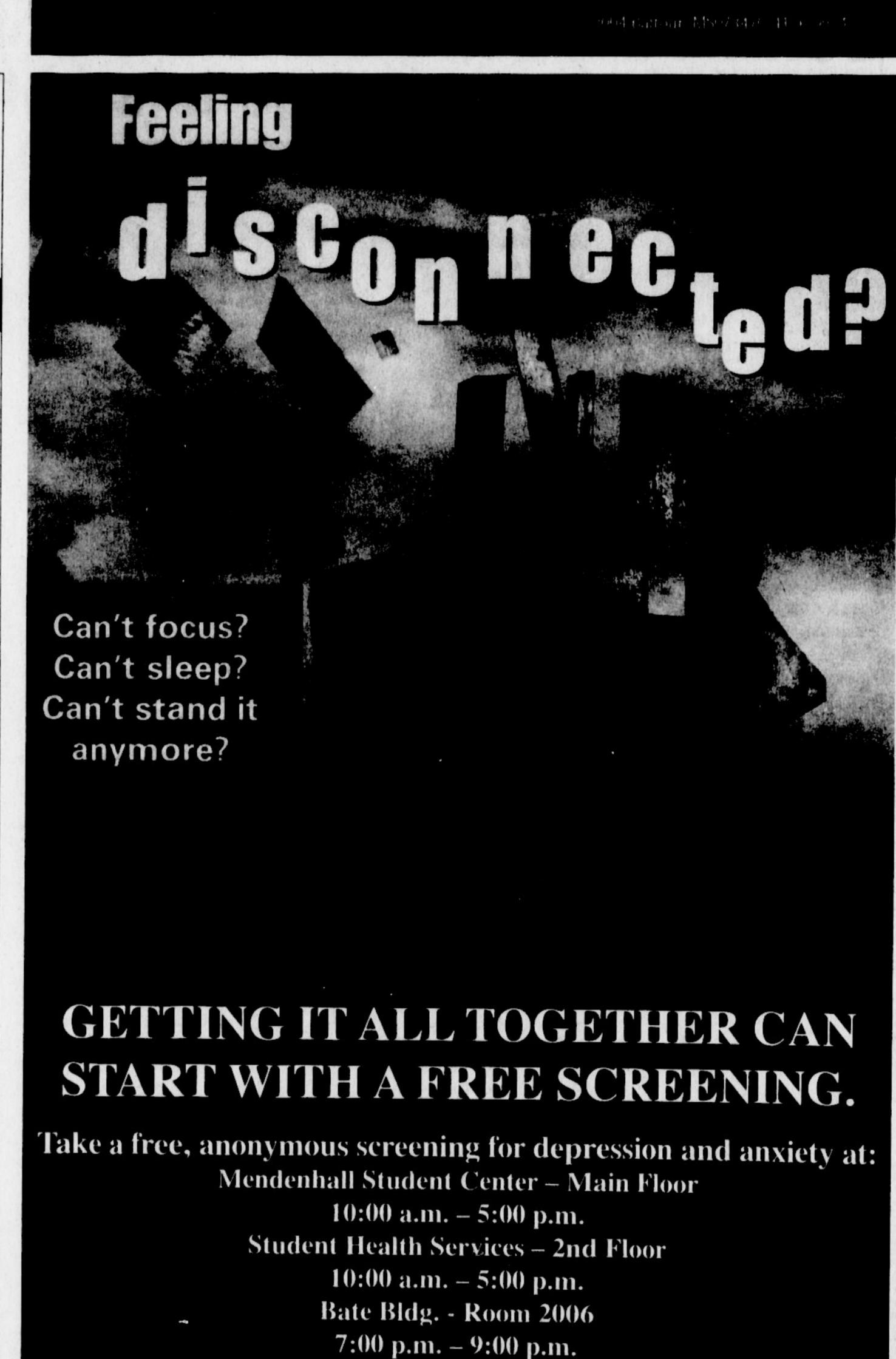


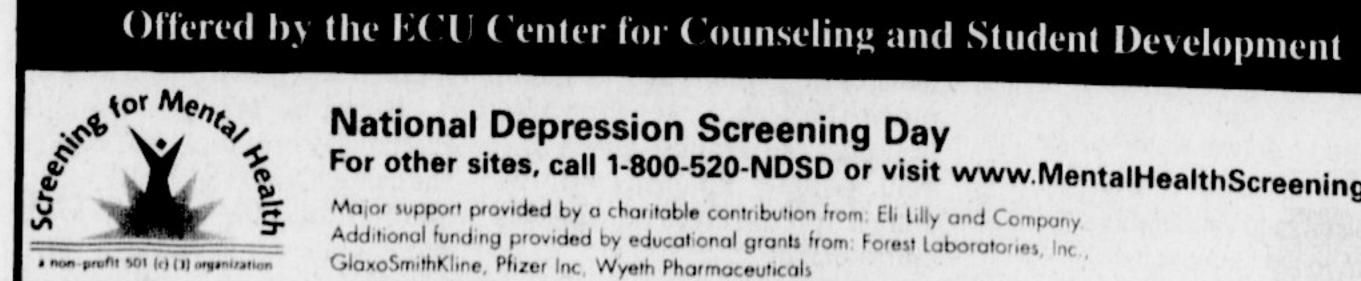
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Yes, in 1969, thanks to Sputnik, the Cold War and even Superman comic books, the world's first computer network took a baby step toward changing the world. Today it's all too easy to take the Net for granted. A few keystrokes here, the push of a button there and you have • the globe at your fingertips.

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No one person. Numerous researchers in government and academia developed and refined

technology. the How did it start? The groundwork was laid during the Cold War.

After the Soviet Union United States established the Advanced Research Projects Agency, or ARPA. The agency united some of the country's brightest minds to develop the country's first successful satellite. Then in the early 1960s, seeking a way to ensure stable communications in an unstable age, the researchers turned their attention to computer networking that could transfer data even if power lines were down or equipment disabled.

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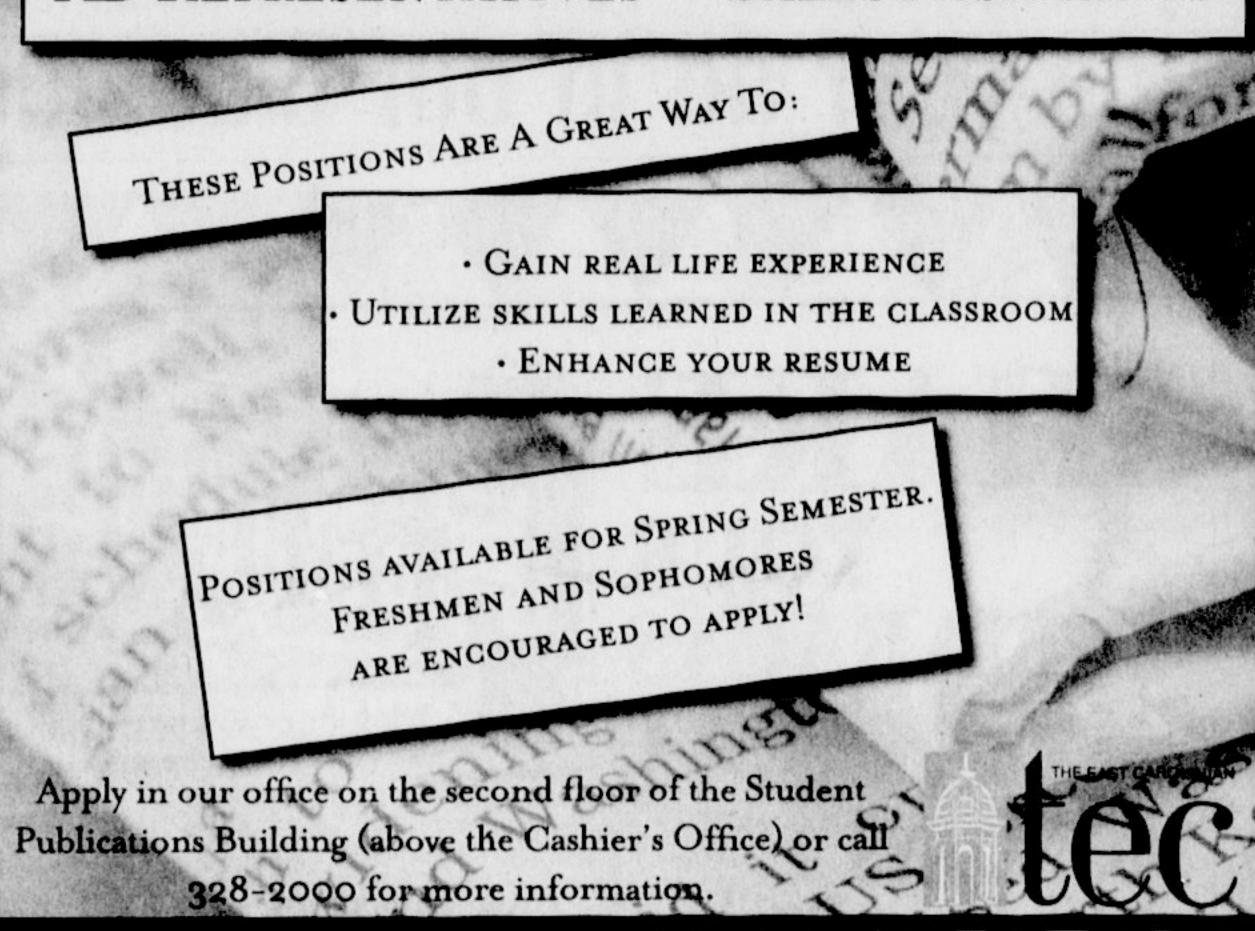


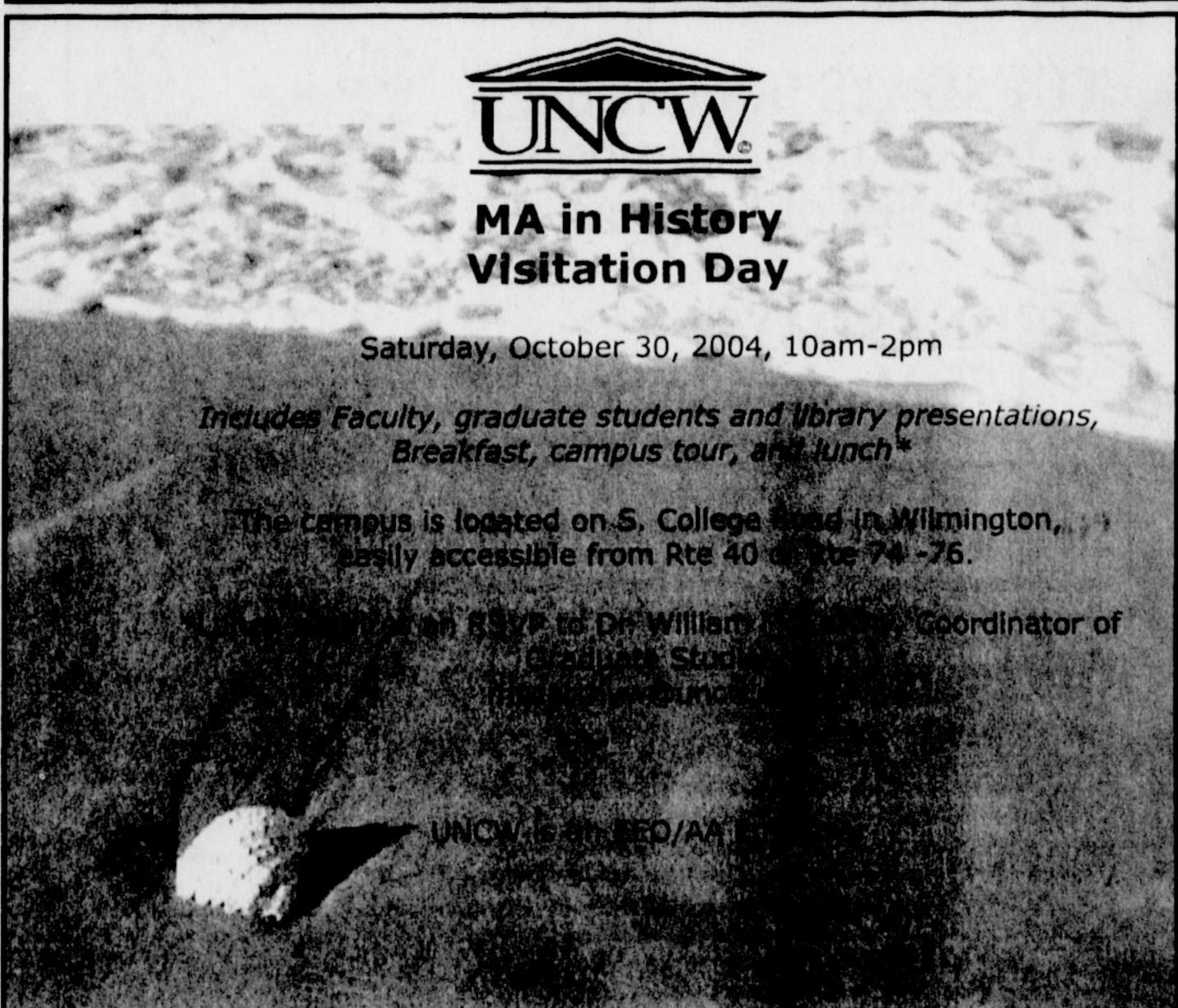
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## Interview with a 'shopaholic'

(AP) — Sophie Kinsella was sitting in a cafe in Wimbledon village, talking about dropping off her young son for his first day at school. She seemed a world away from Becky Bloomwood, the somewhat self-centered fashion addict of Kinsella's wildly successful "Shopaholic" novels.

But then she leaned across the table to confess: "You know, this area is great for shopping. It's very dangerous for me."

As Becky would note, Kinsella was wearing a flowered summer Cacharel frock, Jasper Conran kitten heel shoes and fondling a light pink leather holdall "picked up on a European holiday."

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She knows how to shop. Kinsella also knows how to tell a good tale. Her three accounts of the travails of the budget-deficient big spender Becky Bloomwood are best sellers around the world, translated into some 34 languages - including Latvian, Thai, Japanese and Dutch, which

Kinsella laughingly notes comes

under the title "Shopalicious." The Washington Post has called her writing "sharp ... well drawn ... very funny," USA Today says she provides "hijinks worthy of classic 'I Love Lucy' episodes" and Entertainment Weekly says she stay home from the mall."

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the series a neat trilogy. "But I kept getting letters from readers asking, 'Where's Becky?' 'What's she doing?' 'How's her honeymoon going?' It was like being asked about a mutual friend," Kinsella said. "So "gives chick lit lovers a reason to I started thinking, 'How is she? How's the honeymoon going?"

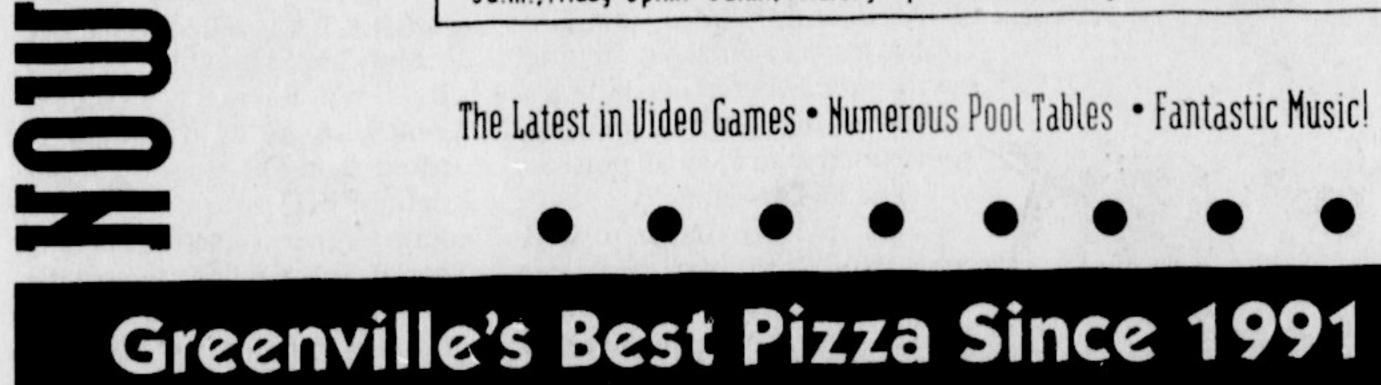
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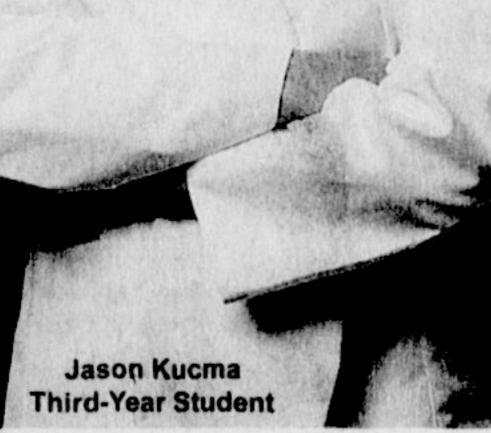
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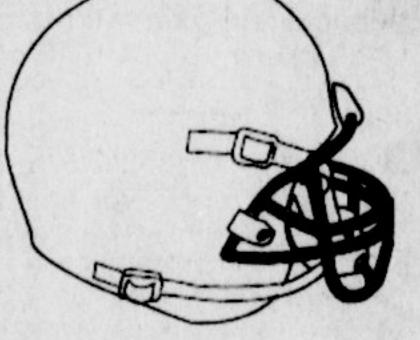
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#### Pirates favored by staff

**BRANDON HUGHES** ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Following three weeks of TEC predictions, everyone should be rounding into mid-season form. Brandi Renfro led the staff with an impressive 9-1 record last week, but I still hold a slim advantage over David Waskiewicz and Matthew Foster thanks to a Chiefs win over the Ravens on Monday night.

Above are this week's selections and each writer's season record.

Texas vs. Oklahoma No game is bigger this week than the Red River Shootout. The Longhorns are ranked No. 5 in the nation with the Sooners at No. 2. The winner of this game could be the favorite to make a national championship run. Texas running back Cedric Benson should give Oklahoma trouble, but I like the Sooners in

a close one, 30-27. Minnesota vs. Michigan Minnesota rolls into Michigan, sporting an undefeated record with the Wolverines looking shaky so far this season. I'm predicting Michigan to dominate the Golden Gophers at home and take a 31-17 win.

California vs. USC

The Trojans have been forced to come from behind to win twice this season and they may have to do it again this weekend against Cal. I'm almost compelled to take the upset in this match-up, but I like the Trojans at home. USC stays at No. 1 with

a 27-20 victory. Wisconsin vs. Ohio State Ohio State has never been known for a powerful offense, but it was their defense that struggled at times in an embarrassing loss to Northwestern last weekend. Meanwhile, Wisconsin has been cruising and look for them to add insult to injury against the Buckeyes, pulling out

a 23-19 win. Tulane vs. ECU

For the first time this season, the majority of the staff picked the Pirates. However, it won't be an easy task to beat the Green Wave on Homecoming. Receiver Damarcus Fox was suspended and

several key Pirates are injured. But if ECU gets that first win anytime soon, it must be on Saturday. ECU wins 27-21 against Tulane.

Giants vs. Cowboys These two NFL teams are much better than expected.

Kurt Warner and Vinny Testaverde have been solid and the Cowboys defense has continued to impress. I'll take Dallas in this match-up 20-13. Cardinals vs. 49ers San Francisco is the worst

team in the league in my opinion, while Arizona is slowly on the way up. Head Coach Dennis Green has brought excitement and Emmitt Smith looks rejuvenated. Meanwhile, the quarterback carousel of Tim Rattay and Ken Dorsey awaits

the eager opposing secondary. Cardinals win 17-12.

#### Ravens vs. Redskins

Head Coach Joe Gibbs has fans wishing Steve Spurrier was back running the show. OK, not quite, but Gibbs and the Redskins need to do some soul searching to salvage the season. Gibbs is one of the greatest of all-time and he will coach like it, beginning against Baltimore. I'm taking Washington in a 23-

13 upset.

Panthers vs. Broncos Carolina is in danger of falling into a hole to start the season. I knew the Panthers weren't Super Bowl bound again this season, but they need to start winning to make a run at the playoffs. The defense needs

to play up to their potential and I think they will against Broncos running back Quentin Griffin. Carolina shuts down the run and quarterback Jake Delhomme does just enough not to lose as Denver falls 21-15 to the Panthers.

Titans vs. Packers

If Tennessee quarterback Steve McNair doesn't play this week, the Titans don't have a shot. Brett Favre won't miss this one despite suffering a concussion last week. Favre is at his best wounded and cornered and I expect him to explode for a 300-yard outing as the Packers get back on track with a 27-17 victory.

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#### Heartbreaking loss puts Pirates under .500

TONY ZOPPO SPORTS EDITOR

Coming off of a huge win against Conference USA and national power St. Louis, The Charlotte 49ers (5-3-1, 2-3) came into Greenville Wednesday afternoon and handed the ECU Pirates (5-6-1, 1-2) a gut-wrenching loss as 49ers junior midfielder Floyd Franks scored the game-winning goal with just 28 seconds left to

Pirates' Head Coach Michael Benn felt the team played well overall but missed out on some key opportunities.

"I thought we played well enough to get a win today but they made one more play than we did and at the end of the day, that's what it comes down to," said Benn.

"I thought we played OK in the first half, we just didn't play with enough energy. I thought we were a much better team in the second half. I take nothing away from Charlotte; they're a good team. But we have to take advantage of our opportunities when they present themselves; that's the difference in the win/ loss column in this conference because every team can beat

anybody." Many of those missed opportunities came in the first half of play. ECU looked a little lethargic on both sides of the ball and within the first five minutes of the contest there were several defensive breakdowns for the Pirates.

One of those lapses came a little more than 15 minutes into the game when ECU junior midfielder Matt Kowalski mis- the Dolphins," Thomas pre- of the league drug program. also the \$3.5 million salary he handled the ball just 15 yards from his own net. Charlotte junior forward Adam Ruud, who earned Co-Offensive C-USA player of the week last week with two goals against St. Louis, took advantage of Kowalski's miscue and blasted a shot into the low right corner of the net behind ECU goalkeeper Chris Hicks. The goal was Ruud's sixth of the

The Pirates went into halftime down 1-0 but came out rejuvenated in the second half. Chris Hicks came up with a few outstanding saves, including two blistering shots by Ruud from 45 and 30 yards out. Pirates' senior midfielder Michael Logan played particularly well, passing the ball very well and even coming up with a shot of his own early in the second half.

ECU's hard work paid off as two Pirate seniors hooked up in the 56th minute of action for ECU's first goal. Midfielder Reed Avren lofted one of the Pirates' five corner kicks into the box and defenseman Rob Cann headed the ball toward the net where it ricocheted off of Charlotte keeper Josh Beachum for Cann's third goal of the season.

Hicks came up with a few more saves for the Pirates while his teammates in front of him put two more corner and free kicks on net but couldn't come up with the go-ahead goal.

After holding the 49ers scoreless for 74 minutes, the Pirates gave up what proved to be the game-winning goal when Franks pounded a leftfooted shot into the right side of the net.

The Pirates finished with a 12-11 lead in shots and a 5-3 lead in corner kicks. They will play again this Sunday against conference opponent Marquette at 12 p.m. at Bunting Field.

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## ECU falls ECU Women's soccer team to to 49ers face tough test this weekend

ECU to play St. Louis, Memphis

ROBERT LEONARD STAFF WRITER

Success is defined in different ways. Some teams go a whole season and only lose once, yet feel they are unsuccessful. After a six game winless streak, the women's soccer team rebounded and picked up a win and a tie this past weekend. The successful weekend for the Pirates may be just what they need to turn their season around.

"Last weekend was a big weekend for us and for our confidence," said Head Coach Rob Donnenwirth.

"We were able to get better chances. The main thing though is everyone needs to compete. That doesn't necessarily mean being physical, but being smart. That was our Achilles heel for the beginning of the season - mental play. Hopefully we can keep the ball rolling, it's a big weekend; every conference game is a big game. We have to prove we can win on the road because that's a big part of Conference USA. We need to get some points on the road."

Their next tests come this weekend against two of the best teams in C-USA, St. Louis and Memphis.

Both of these games will be played on the road, where the Pirates are winless this season.

St. Louis comes into the game with a 6-3-1 record and 2-0-0 in conference play. The Billikens have not been scored on in conference play in two 2-0 wins against TCU and Houston. St. Louis has only dropped one game at home this season and is outscoring their opponents this season 16-6.

"They are the team to beat in the conference," Donnenwirth said of the Billikens.

"They are at the top of the conference every year. They're solid, fast and real technical.



The ECU women are coming off of a tremendous 4-0 shutout of the Lady Blue Demons and a 2-2 tie against Marquette.

ship on the team and are well coached. But we have always performed well against them and right now we're the only team in the C-USA they have not beaten. The environment we are going into is tough and they have great crowds. It should be an exciting

The Billikens start a trio of scorers up front. The three, Jamie Perry, Maureen Hughes and Dee Guempel, have a total of 31 points on the young season. Perry is a two time All-Conference first team performer and a two time All-Region second team member. Hughes is the surprise of the group. Just a sophomore, Hughes stepped in a starting role this season after just nine starts her freshman year. Guempel, another sophomore, earned C-USA All-Freshman team last season.

She made her breakthrough during the conference tournament last season where she

They have great senior leader- earned All-Tournament team

After the match with St. Louis, the Pirates head closer to home to take on the Memphis Tigers. The Tigers are 8-3-0 on the season and 1-1-0 in the conference. Memphis has outscored the opposition 15-7 this season and has posted six shutouts.

The first goal of the Pirate defense will be to stop Yuiko Konno, a senior from Japan. In her first season as a Tiger last year, she led the team and the conference in goals with 12. Her three assists along with her 12 goals led her to lead the conference in points also with 27. She was also an All-Conference first team selection as well as the All-Central Region team.

The Pirates will return home on Oct. 15 for a conference game with Tulane.

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## Thomas doubtful of Ricky's return

(AP) — With running back Ricky Williams ready to reverse directions and come out of retirement, his former Miami Dolphins teammates were mixed in their

reaction Wednesday. Defensive end David Bowens said he would like to see Williams rejoin the Dolphins, in part because they're 0-4. But Pro Bowl linebacker Zach Thomas said he doubted that help from Williams is on the way.

"He will not be playing for dicted. "He's got too many things The Dolphins say their under- has done without while traveling

the media, and that's the reason he ran from it in the first place. He wouldn't come back here."

Thomas might be right. Gary Ostrow, an attorney who has represented Williams, said the 2002 NFL rushing champion hopes to receive clearance from the league to play again before the Oct. 19 trade deadline so he can be dealt by Miami.

Williams asked the NFL for a hearing to clarify his status following repeated violations with the fans and too much with standing is he must serve a the world.

suspension for the rest of this season, and the NFL has declined to comment. "It's very murky water, and

Ricky has asked for a clarification," Ostrow said. "He would like the option to

play for another team." Contributing to Williams' change of heart about playing was an arbitration ruling Sept. 24 that he must repay more than \$8.6 million to the Dolphins for breaching his contract. There's COME HELP ECU MAKE THE



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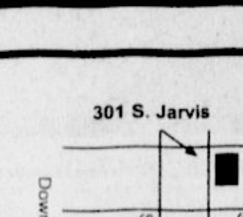
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## ECU Men's Golf team travels to Chapel Hill

ECU to play in Franklin St. Partners Invitational

MATTHEW SAUNDERS STAFF WRITER

ECU's golf program got a big boost last week when the women won the Beacon Woods Invitational in Tampa. The men will try to produce similar results when they head up to Chapel Hill on Friday to compete in the Franklin Street Partners Invitational.

So far, the men have done a solid job this season, and they hope to build on that in this tournament. Head Coach Kevin Williams feels this will be a good test for the team.

"We will be playing some good teams in this tournament," said Williams.

"I think that this will be a good experience, and I believe we can compete."

In this tournament the men will be facing ACC schools UNC-Chapel Hill, Virginia and Virginia Tech. They will also be facing other North Carolina foes UNC Charlotte and UNC Greensboro. Georgia Southern, East Tennessee State and Tulsa round up the nine-team field.

"I would say that this is the toughest tournament field in the fall," Williams said.

"This tournament, in par-

"This tournament, in particular, is a good measuring stick for us, and the fall season, in general, is a good measuring stick for the team's progress."

The men hope for continued strong play from senior Adam Howell, who finished 23rd at the Adams Cup of Newport, the team's previous tournament, as well as freshmen Ryan Solan and Martin Nicholls.

UNC-Chapel Hill will be playing host of this event from Finley Golf Club, a course that saw a major renovation a few years back. Williams finds this course to be especially impressive.

"Finley Golf Club has a great layout, but it's very tough." Williams said.

"Ever since its major renovation a few years back, it has been a great, challenging course to play on.

Finley Golf Club is a par 72, 6,580-yard course that was re-designed by legendary golf architect Tom Fazio. The course, originally built in 1949, features bent grass greens and Bermuda grass fairways.

After this tournament the men will be hosting their first home tournament of the season, the Pirate Fall Intercollegiate from Bradford Creek Golf Club. The tournament will be held on the Oct. 18 and 19. This coming Monday the women will be hosting the Taco Bell Invitational, also at Bradford Creek.

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## Lady Pirates ready to host Houston, TCU

Volleyball hoping to continue win streak

DAVID WASKIEWICZ STAFF WRITER

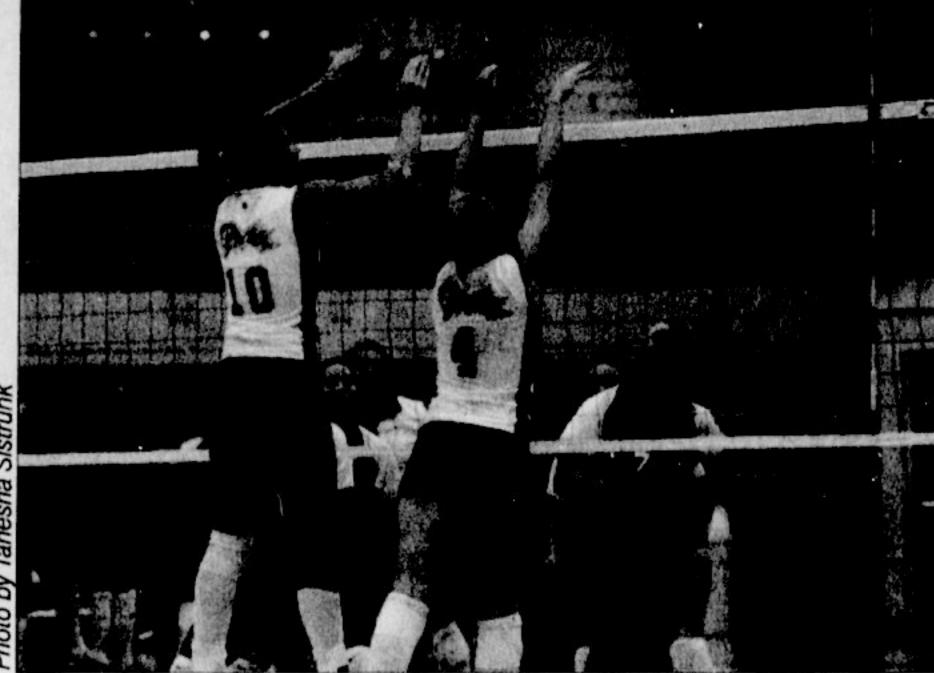
The ECU Volleyball team will be looking to improve off their two-game winning streak this weekend when they face Houston and TCU. The Lady Pirates are currently 8-9 after coming off last weekend's defeat against UAB and USF. The two wins marked the first time ECU has defeated their first two Conference USA opponents, since joining the conference in 2001. With wins against Houston and TCU, the Lady Pirates would not only increase their conference record to an impressive 4-0, but it will also bring their record above .500.

Houston comes into the match-up against ECU after being on an 11-game losing streak. The Lady Cougars are

currently 2-12, but are 1-1 in the conference. Sophomore Kelly McAnelly leads the team with 233 kills, averaging 4.40 a game. Junior libero Jaci Gonzalez provides support for the defense with her 309 digs this season. Overall, Houston has an average hitting percentage of .141.

TCU will be the Lady Pirates' first big test in the conference. The Lady Horned Frogs are 11-5 and 2-0 in the conference. Senior Ellen Rehme leads the team with 246 kills while senior Dominika Szabo isn't far behind with 198. Freshman Talaya Whitfield leads the team with 271 digs averaging 4.91 a game. As a team, TCU has an average hitting percentage of .250 this season.

The Lady Pirates are going to try and ride the momentum from their previous wins into this weekend's games. Juniors Erica Wilson and Paige Howell, along with sophomore Jaime Bevan are currently leading ECU in kills. Together, they have a



The Lady Pirates are looking for their second Conference USA win against the Houston Lady Cougars and TCU.

combined total of 533. Much of the kills come from the assists of sophomore Heidi Krug who leads the team with 724. As a team, the Lady Pirates are hitting .204.

Play will begin against Houston this Friday at 7 p.m. in Wil-

liams Arena at Minges Coliseum.
Play will then continue the following Saturday as ECU hosts
Parent's Night against TCU.

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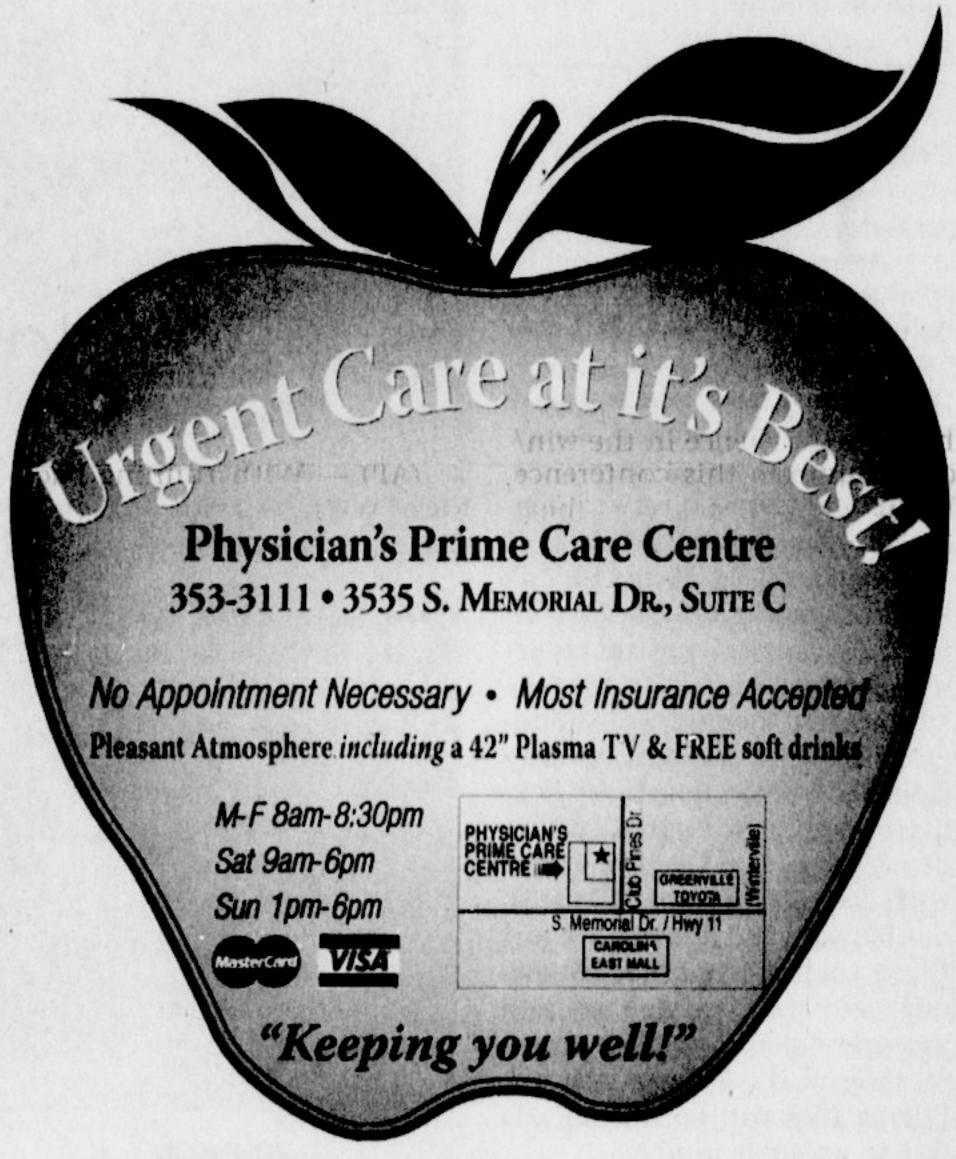


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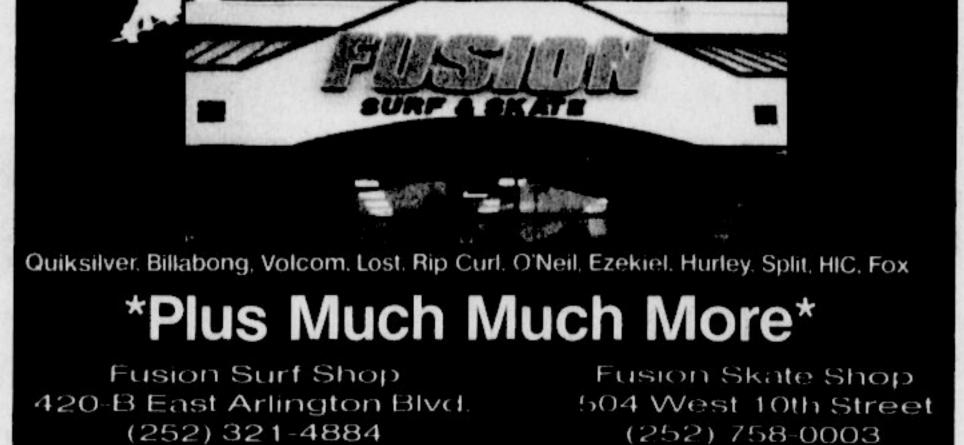
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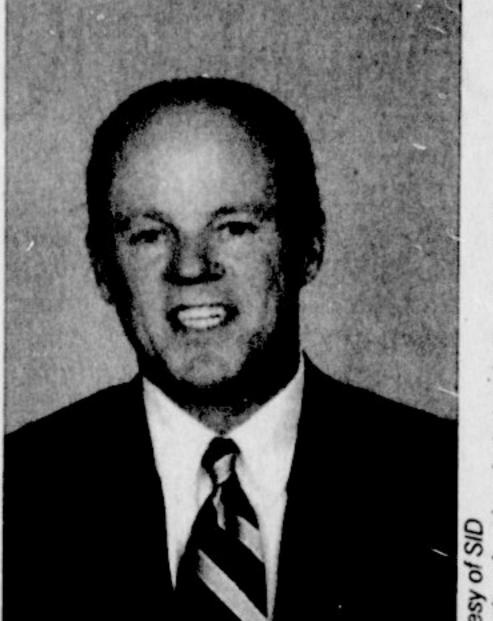
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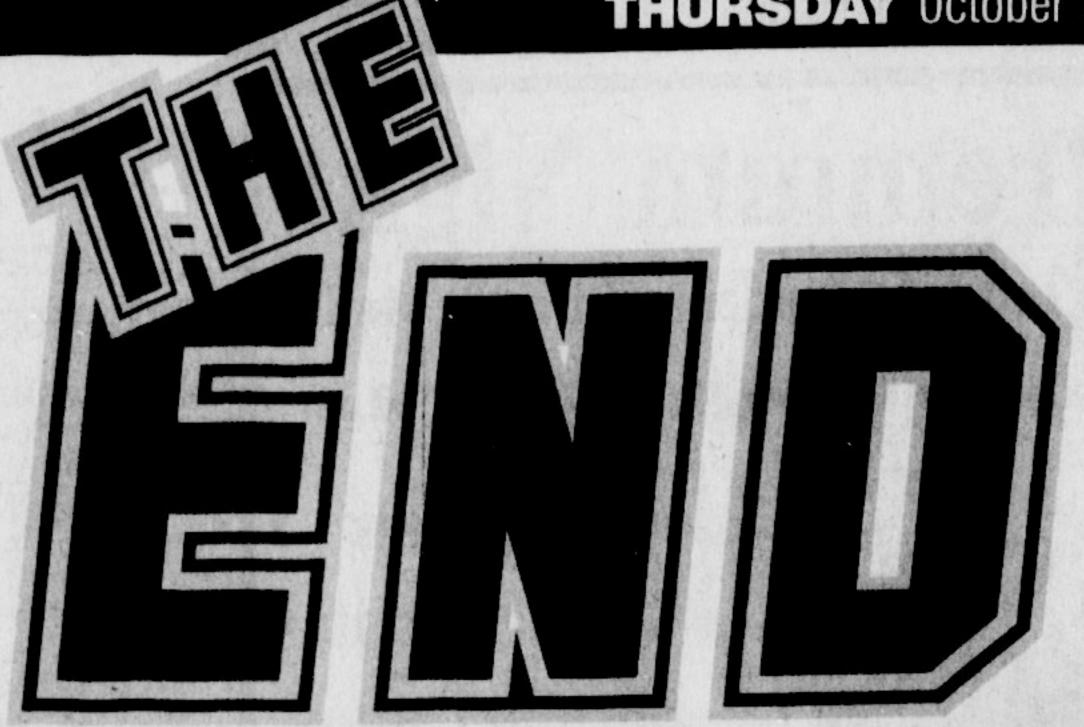
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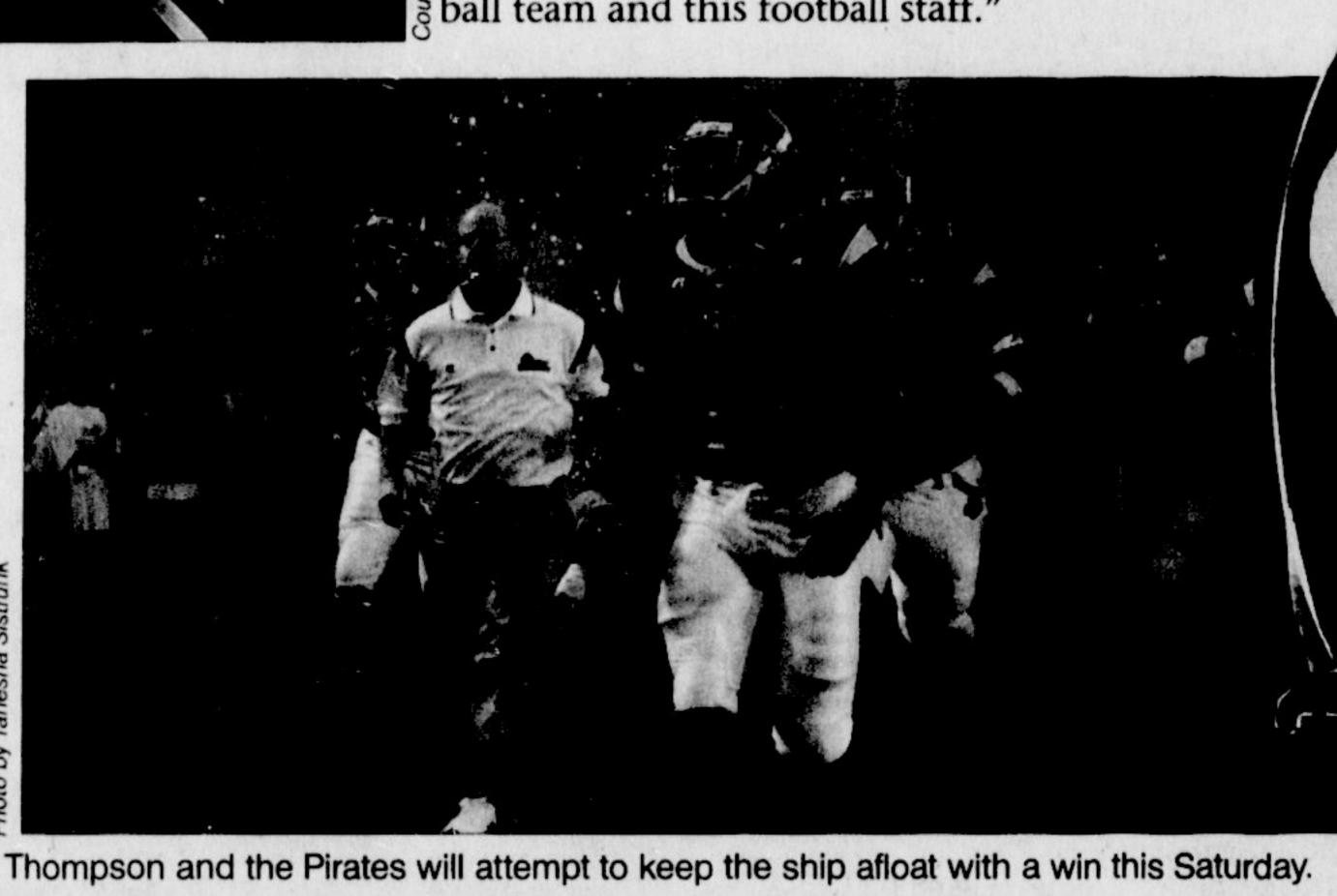




## John Thompson

"We are in a struggle right now. We are fighting. We are in a struggle, but we will persevere. This team will persevere. I really believe this and our coaches and players all understand that the lessons that we are going through right now may be some of the most valuable lessons that we will ever learn. As a coach, it is my responsibility to teach those lessons. As players, it is their responsibility to learn the right lessons as we go through this. We have developed a very good plan for this week in what our guys will be able to do and will be able to accomplish and correct so many of the errors that we had last week. That is where we are and I am looking forward to that. In everything that we do, failure is not an option for this footaball team and this football staff."





## Pirates need to establish run

**BRANDON HUGHES** 

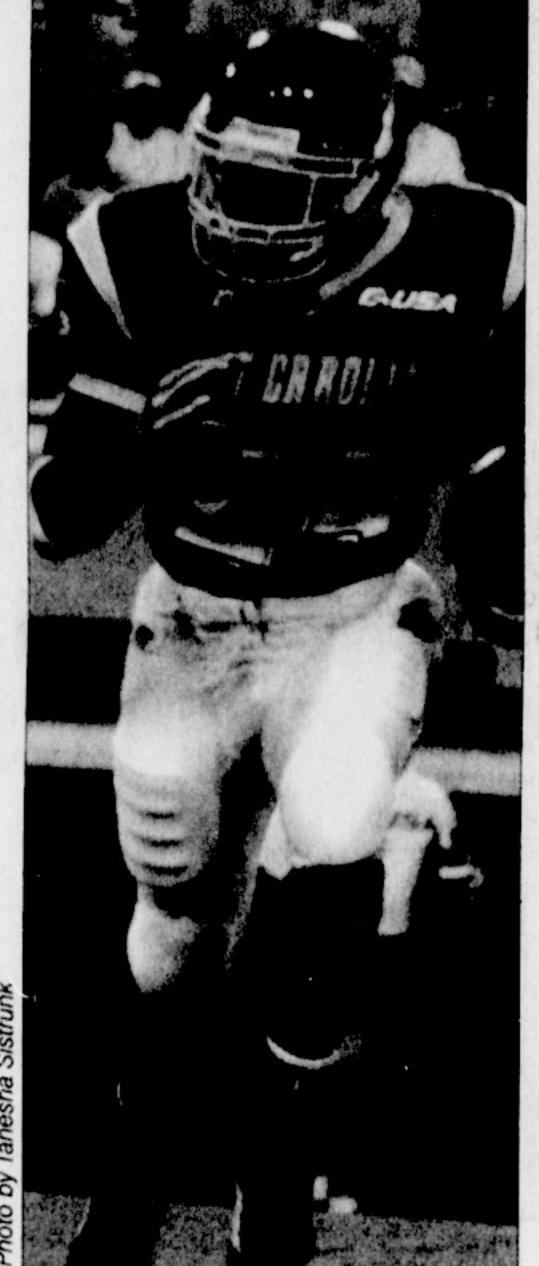
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

ECU is still recovering from a 59-7 debacle at Louisville as Tulane (1-2) rolls into Greenville to face the Pirates on Saturday. ECU holds a 5-2 series

match-up over the Green Wave and if the Pirates are to notch their first victory, no time would be better than Homecoming at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. ECU should hold several advantages, beginning on offense.

The Pirates will be without top receiver Damarcus Fox against Tulane and quarterback James Pinkney will have to find other targets to focus on.

Fox was suspended from the team indefinitely on Tuesday for violating team rules. Fox missed the opener against West Virginia, but came up big against Cincinnati, catching six passes for 161 yards, including a 75-yard touchdown. Several wide receivers will get an opportunity to make a name for themselves. Sophomores Brian Howard, Bobby Good and Kevin Roach are next in line under the Pirates' current \* depth chart. Good leads the team with 20 receptions for 210 yards, 🕉 but Howard and Roach have just three catches combined. Someone will need to step up and provide a constant deep threat to stretch the Tulane defense. Edwin Rios will be unavailable due to an ankle injury.



**JOHNSON** 

To say freshman tailback Chris

Johnson has been a pleasant sur-

prise would be an understatement.

Johnson, arguably one of the fastest

players in the nation, leap-frogged 1,000-yard rush-

ers Art Brown and Marvin Townes to first on the

depth chart. Johnson has responded, leading the

team with 208 yards on the ground, including a

6.0 yards per carry average. Johnson has also made

his mark on special teams, averaging 20.5 yards per

kick return. The speedster will have to continue

his solid play against a shaky Tulane defense. The

Pirate running backs have to take the pressure off

Pinkney, who has been knocked down constantly,

in order to give him time in offensive coordinator

Noah Brindise's pass-oriented attack.

Punter Ryan Dougherty gives the Pirates • a field position advantage every time he steps on the field. However, the sophomore punter is averaging less than 40 yards per kick. Dougherty needs to be able to pin Tulane deeper in their own territory and improve upon that average to live up to his First Team All Conference USA selection. The special teams unit has been a bright area for most of the season. Placekicker Cameron Broadwell has connected on 6-of-7 field goal attempts and Chris Johnson has been solid returning kicks. Demetrius Hodges has seven punt returns for 76 yards but will take a backseat to true freshman Travis Williams. Williams, from Daytona Beach, Fla., was clocked at 4.3 seconds in the 40. Hodges suffered an ankle injury against Louisville.

ECU's muchmaligned defense has been inconsistent to say the least. But for the first time this season, they may actually have a slight advantage. Tulane quarterback Lester Ricard has completed 34-of-62 passes for only 364 yards and four touchdowns.

Ricard has also tossed five interceptions and isn't a threat to tuck the ball and run. Hopefully the Pirates can stack the line of scrimmage and force Ricard to beat them through the air. The ECU secondary must do their part and pick off at least two or three Green Wave passes. Junior linebacker Jamar Flournoy leads the squad with 37 tackles this season and safety Kyle Chase is second with 36 stops. Chris Moore, who was named to the Butkus Award and Lombardi Award Watch List's, hasn't lived up to the preseason hype. The junior linebacker should break out soon and start to rack up on tackles.

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Q & A with ECU quarterback, James Pinkney

TRENT WYNNE STAFF WRITER

to play.

Coming off a couple of heartbreakers in a row, the ECU football tea past Saturday looking to pick up their first win on the young seaso were quickly disposed of in the second half by the nationally rank Pirate quarterback, James Pinkney, connected on a 20-yard touc knotting the game up at 7-7 early in the second quarter. That would be all the Pirates could muster up but the young gun-s

ment. Pinkney called an audible on several occasions, one being the Here is what he has to say about the season thus far and the P

Tulane.

TEC: First of all, you got banged up a little this weekend. How are JP: Physically I feel fine, I just have a few bumps and bru gone by Wednesday and I will be 100 percent.

TEC: What is the team morale like right now?

JP: Right now, it is just work hard and do what we have t back on track. Everybody is sticking together and not tions.

JP: What we took away from that game was that we kep But right now we are not even thinking about it and was as we stepped on the practice field today (Monday).

TEC: Were you guys able to take away any positives from last Satur

TEC: What does the offensive line need to do to ensure that you ha

to get the ball off and make the right decisions? JP: We just have to stay together and keep up our protect to pick up and block. But this is not just on the offensive

sometimes it is the running backs, it is on the whole offe

TEC: What adjustments will you make for this weekend's affair?

JP: Sit in the pocket more and stop having happy feet. I bit and that causes me to get a little jittery. But I need to pocket and throw the ball like I know I can.

TEC: Tulane has only scored a combined 13 points this season in the ing they are slow coming out of the locker room.

How will you guys be able to use this stat to your advantage?

JP: We have to come out strong and attack. That is something to do ourselves, but coming out strong is something we as

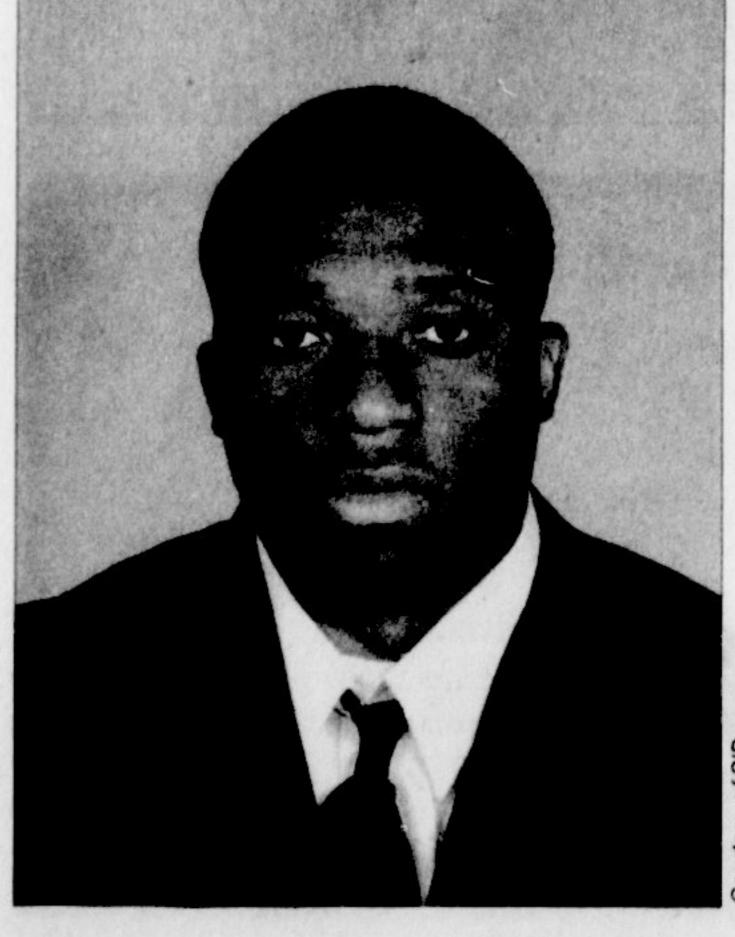
TEC: Is this game viewed any differently by the players being that JP: It is a little different since it is homecoming and you

school. That is why we prepare harder and we want to g win streak.

TEC: Who in particular needs to step up the most this weekend to away with their first victory? JP: I think the team in general. The whole team needs to j

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## Flournoy brings intensity to ECU defense

When Art Kaufman was scanning the nation's junior colleges, he was looking for diamonds in the

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rough. He knew he found one at **Hutchinson Community College** in Jamar Flournoy.

In fact, it wasn't easy bringing Flournoy in. He had originally verbally committed to Troy University. Luckily, Kaufman turned

him on to the purple and gold. All Flournoy has done since joining the Pirates this past summer is produce. It was evident he would be a star after his first Division I-A game where he recorded 13 tackles.

Flournoy leads the team in tackles with 37 through four games from his weak side linebacker position. The transfer is tied for ninth in the conference

averaging 9.2 tackles per game. "He has brought a lot of

energy," said sophomore cornerback Erode Jean.

"When Jamar is in the game, you know we are going to be up. He changes every play 100 percent. He brings heart and spirit to the defense."

Those are kind words for someone who didn't play linebacker in junior college. Flournoy was rated the fifth best junior college safety by collegefootballnews.com. The Alabama native didn't complain when the coaching staff

asked him to play linebacker. Flournoy is going to have a Yeoman's job in front of him to stop the high-octane Tulane offense. Yet, the converted linebacker will do what he can to terrorize the Green Wave.

## Chris Scelfo

"Last week's practice, I thought we made progress in some critical areas that we need to. Our defensive line I think got a little bit better and if we continue to improve there that is going to be a critical unit. Quarterback, both those guys [Lester Ricard and Richard Irvin] operated efficiently and we are going to have another week to get that done. We really went back to basics last week and concentrated on Tulane University and what we need to do to become a better football team. I say this, I think this group right here has ability, it is the injury factor that we need to overcome and we need to continue to improve.





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erback, James Pinkney

rtbreakers in a row, the ECU football team traveled to Louisville, Ky. this ck up their first win on the young season. The Pirates hung in early, but the second half by the nationally ranked Cardinals.

Pinkney, connected on a 20-yard touchdown pass with Sean Harmon 7 early in the second quarter.

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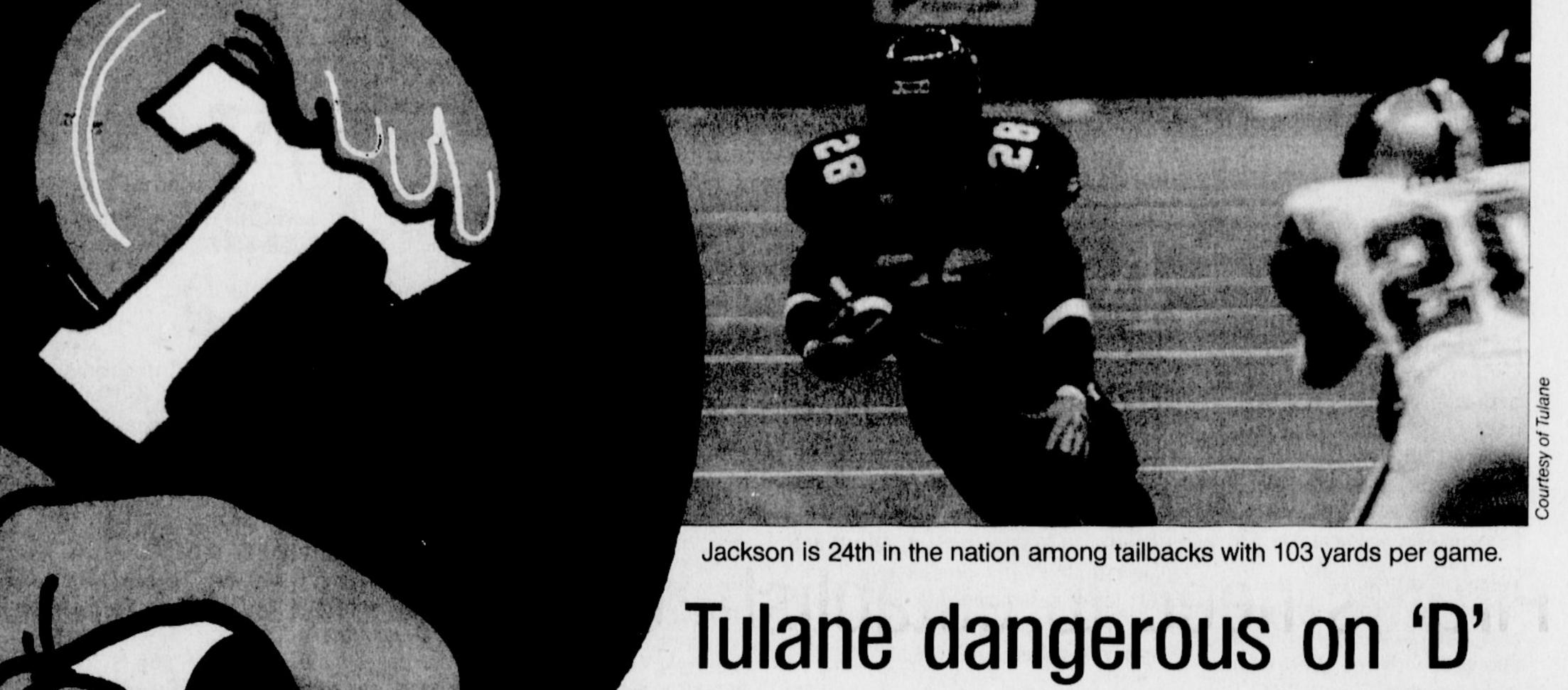
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**BRENT WYNNE** SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Tulane has had a bye week to think about their crushing 32-14 home loss to Southern Miss and to prepare for a winless Pirate club. The Green this season with an average of 43.1 and six punts

Wave will be hungry to run their. record even in Conference USA play and get back on the winning track. Here's what they have to do in order to leave Greenville victorious:

The Green Wave's scoring average per • contest, 20, may be a bit misleading considering their 39 point effort against a weak Florida A & M club. However, the running game has been steady for the Wave throughout their three contests. The team has to tallied 481 rushing yards with an average of 4.6

yards/carry, and will

look to junior Jovon

Jackson to continue to carry the load in the backfield. Jackson has gained 311 yards on 56 carries and three touchdowns so far this season. His average of 5.6 yards per carry is among the leaders in C-USA. Capable backup Ray Boudreaux has shown flashes of brilliance in the young season. The freshman touched the ball once against Southern Miss and scampered for a 25 yard score. Quarterback Lester Ricard, who hasn't been

**BOGER** 

hugely effective in the Wave's three contests, will look to senior receiver Carl Davis, when throwing up the field. Davis leads the receptions and yards team in witheight and 90 respectively, chalking up two touchdowns along the way. The Pirates haven't shown they are capable of stopping the run yet, so Ricard and Davis may not have to worry much about the passing game in Saturday's contest.

> The Pirates have had a tough time with the field position game thus far with subpar punting from Ray Guy award candidate, Ryan

Dougherty, and even if Dougherty steps up on Saturday, Tulane's Chris Beckman has a strong enough foot to change the entire complexion of the game. The red shirt sophomore, who is making his case for the Guy Award, has punted 14 times inside the 20.

Tulane will rely heavily on Beckman's foot to potentially bail them out of bad field positions and stalled drives. If Beckman is effective, the Pirates will likely have a long field every time they touch the ball.

Eleven sacks should say it all. Although the Tulane defense has given up their fair share of points, they have also shown they will blitz relentlessly. Relentlessly may even be an understatement as that number, 11, represents the number of sacks the Green Wave had in one

James Pinkney has been looking at the stars on his back all season and it likely won't get any better because

Tulane loves to bring the heat and the hurt. One player, William Avery, who had 2.5 sacks in one contest, may be a thorn in Pinkney's side throughout the game. The Excedrin bottle better be close by, because the pressure will be coming from everywhere. Anthony Cannon, Blake Baker and Joey Dawson lead the team in tackles with 32, 29 and 23, respectively. The tackle count may be high, but Tulane's front seven has allowed a lot of rushing yards in the first three games, notably their last game against Southern Miss in which the Golden Eagles ran all over them for 305 yards. Tulane has had two weeks to fix that problem, so don't expect them to give up another game on the ground like that.

Intangibles. Tulane has been effective in the red zone so far this season. They have been in the crimson district seven times and converted on six occasions. Third down conversions have also been a key in the Green Wave drives. An 18 for 41 performance in the first three games is good for a 44 percent success rate and is around the top of the conference in that category.

The most important intangible key to the game may be the fact that Tulane will come into Greenville with a win under their collective

They know what it's like to be in the winner's circle and that experience may help them down the stretch against a Pirate team that lacks confidence and hasn't posted a win since the middle of last season.

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## Tulane Game Breaker

## Jackson is a 100-yard threat every game

It seems like the Pirates have heard this story time and time again. The script seems to be that an opposing team has a running back among the best in the nation. This week is no different with junior Jovon Jackson waiting to wreak havoc on the ECU defense.

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Jackson has done more than an ample job taking over the reigns for departed back Mewelde Moore. Jackson is 24th nationally and third in the conference in rushing at 103.7 yards per game. In fact, Jackson has gone over the 100-yard plateau twice this season. He had just one career 100-yard game before the 2004 campaign.

Jackson set a career-high in rushing in 2003 when he exploded for 183 yards against

UAB. He can also find pay dirt. He scored three touchdowns against Florida A&M this season.

The junior running back is familiar with the Pirates. Jackson carried the ball 21 times for 85 yards in the 2003 season finale.

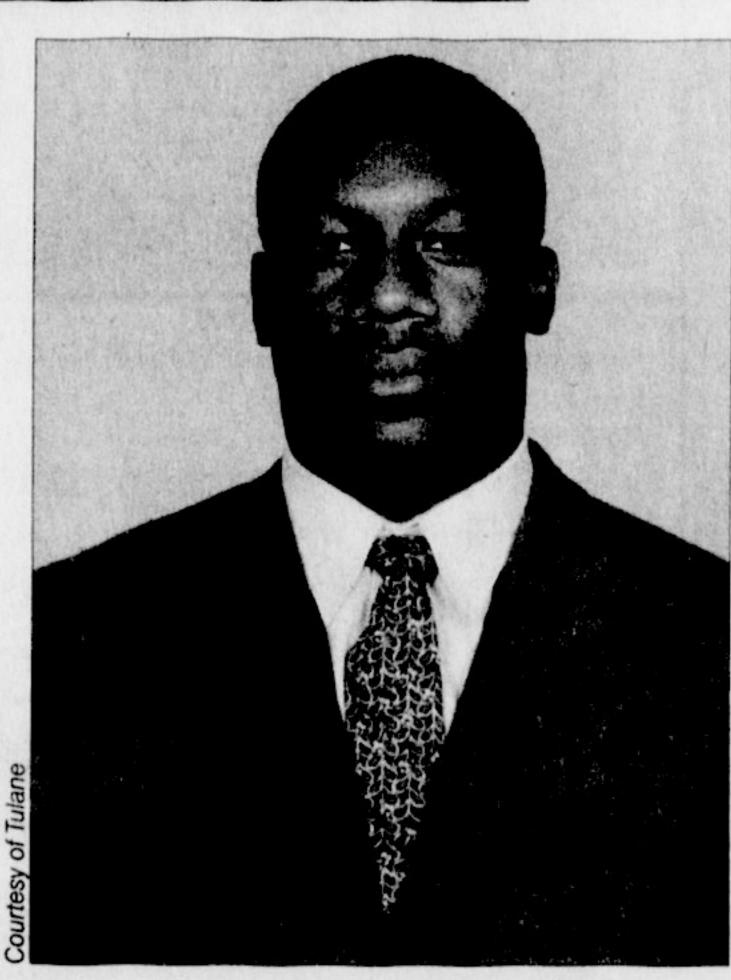
"They have a good running back in Jovon Jackson who played against us last year." said ECU Head Coach John Thompson. "Defensively, we know what we have to do. We can't give up the big play."

The speedster is also capable of catching the ball from the backfield. Jackson has recorded seven catches for 55 yards thus far this season. The Florida native accounts for 122 all-purpose yards per game ranking him 47th nationally.

Height Weight 206

Classification Junior

Hometown St. Petersburg, Fla. **High School** Gibbs High School



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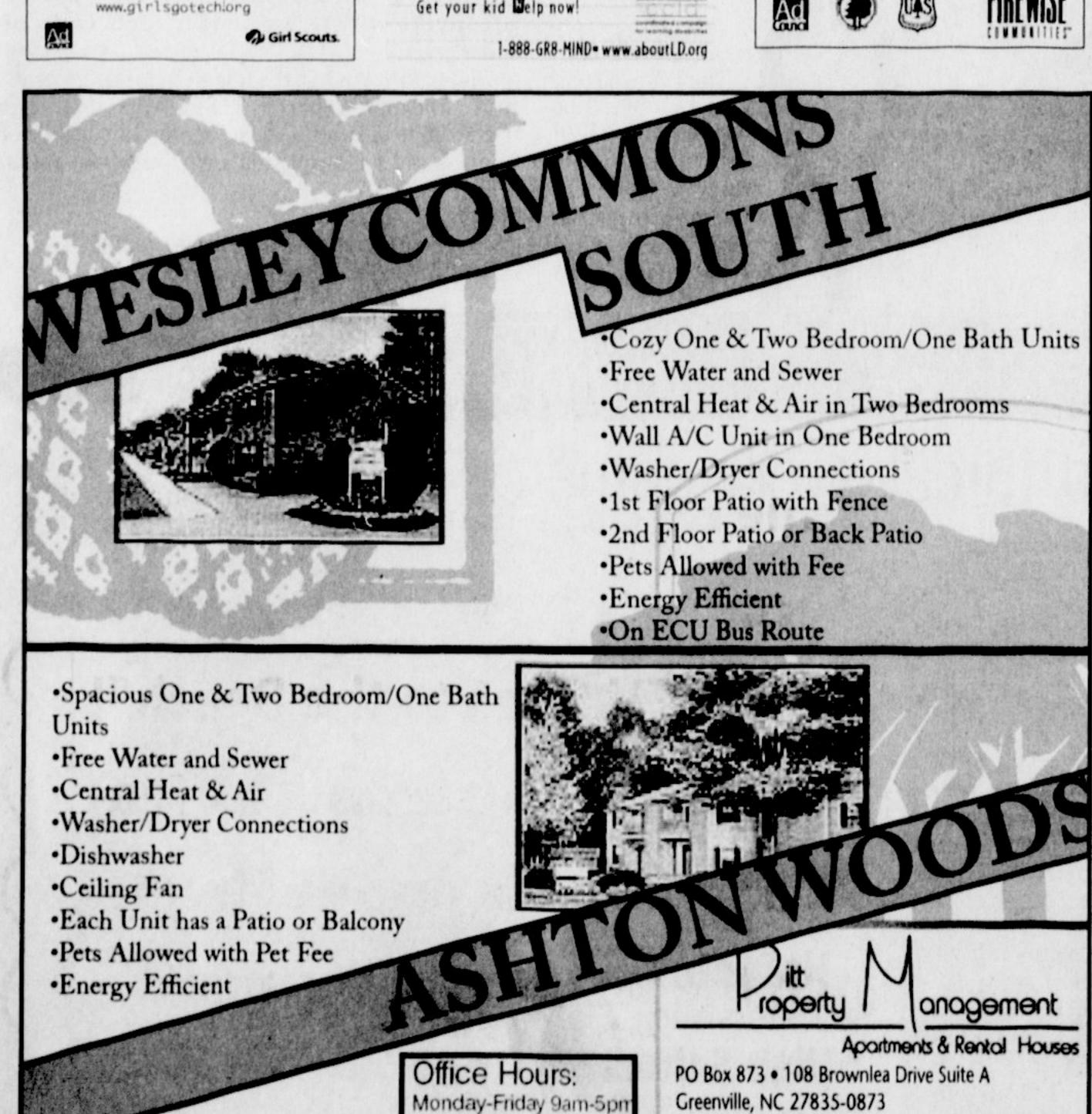


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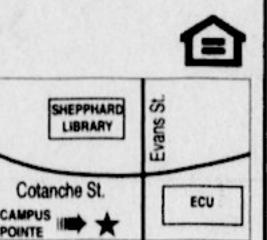


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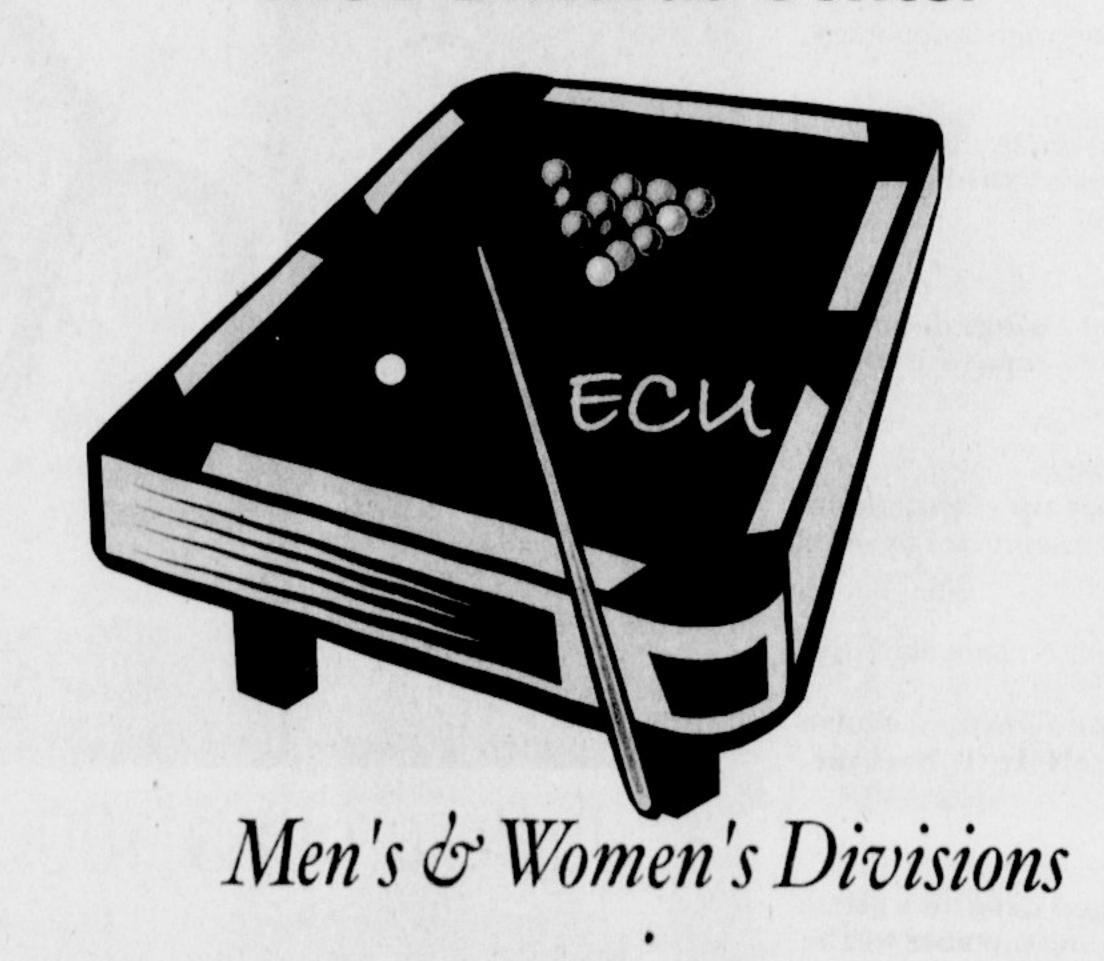
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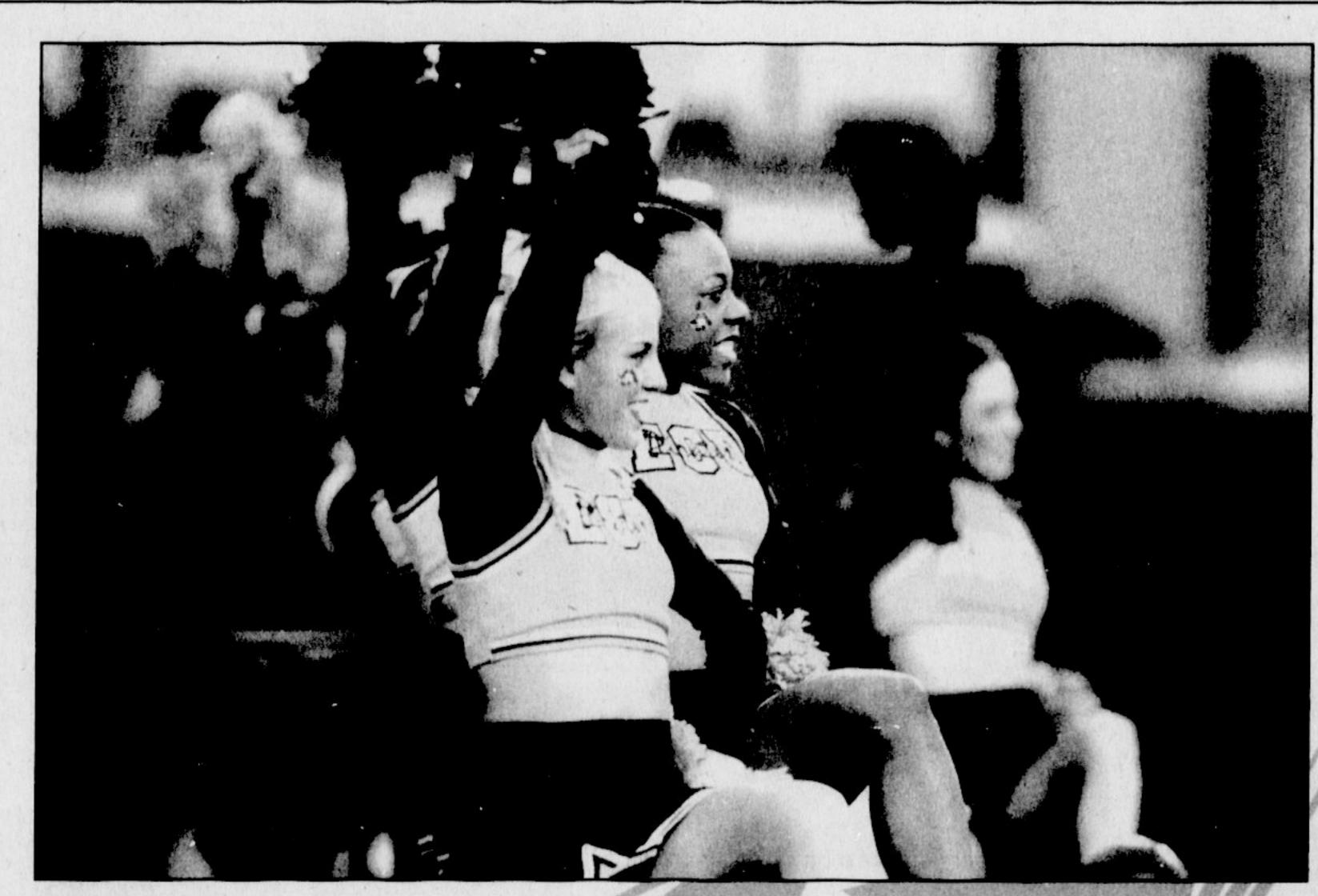


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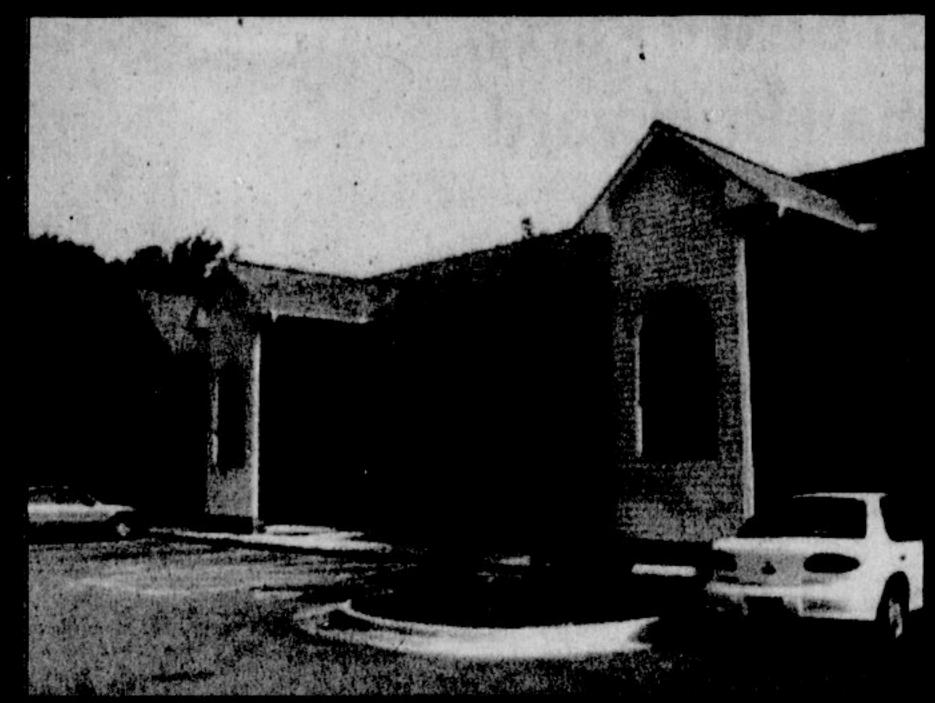
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