



Weeks of Welcome program kicks off the school year



Staff Photo

Last year's winner pictured above, this year's Idol will be held in Wright Auditorium beginning at 8 p.m. tonight.

Opportunities for newcomers to get involved

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Freshman and transfer students will have multiple opportunities to become familiar with the life of a Pirate during the Weeks of Welcome [WOW] eight-week program.

The program started on August 15 and will continue throughout September and October.

This program offers students alternatives to being bored in their dorms or trying to find recreational activities to do off campus.

"At least we know the students are here at ECU and not downtown or getting in trouble," said Carol Woodruff, chair of the WOW committee.

Some of the major events that will take place during August include Student Leadership Day, Honors Induction Ceremony, Pirate Palooza, Late Night Art Institute and Comedy Central's Mike Birbiglia's Secret Public Tour.

Activities such as fitness classes, luncheons, symposiums, cookouts, concerts, orientations, meet and greets, job fairs and interest meetings will occur during the first month of the program as well.

A separate brochure will be printed out each month that will give a schedule of events for

that particular month.

One of the events scheduled for September is the Get-a-Clue program sponsored by the Student Organization Center.

"It's a great opportunity for the freshman students to learn about most of the student organizations on campus," said Alex Davis, assistant director for the Student Organization Center.

"It's the largest organization fair of the year."

These activities will introduce the incoming students to college life and give them the chance to become an active part in the campus community.

"WOW is a wonderful opportunity for students to get involved early on in the semester," said Stephanie Dicken, marketing chair for WOW.

"This helps them make friends and feel connected to the university."

To spread the word about WOW, a marketing campaign was initiated which involved launching a Web site, directly mailing information to faculty, freshman and transfer students, advertising and using promotional materials.

Some of the promotional materials used to market the program include T-shirts, slap bracelets, brochures, scratchpads and stickers.

"I worked closely with Carol Woodruff to plan and implement the marketing strategy for this year's Weeks of Welcome," Dicken said.

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Students provided with numerous safety precautions

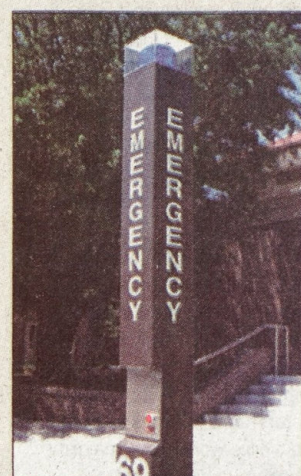


Photo by Liz Wells

Blue lights are one of the many safety precautions on campus.

Tips for newcomers

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ECU Alert pop-ups are well known among students on campus, serving as a reminder that crime can be a problem in any environment. However, many steps can be taken to counter possible dangerous situations that can arise.

ECU has many such safety measures in place to help keep students, faculty and staff safe.

A stroll through campus will lead past several of the many blue light emergency phones.

"They are strategically placed throughout campus so that staff, faculty and students can report an emergency to us," said Captain Beth Watkins of the ECU police department.

The phones dial directly to the ECU police station.

"They are classified as emergency phones, but we still encourage their use to call for an escort. We just don't want people misusing them," Watkins said.

If a student does desire an escort, it will be provided by a Student Patrol Officer [SPO]. Though they are not sworn officers, they perform various duties around campus and help act as the "eyes and ears" of the campus police, according to Watkins.

"Students often think it's bothersome to use them for an escort, but it's what they're there for," Watkins said. "They're a great asset to our department."

Another useful tool in ensuring a safe campus and student population is SAFE Ride, which is now under the direction of campus safety.

According to a pamphlet entitled "Campus Safety and Security," published by the ECU police department, the service is intended to provide "convenient, dependable and safe transportation to your house or apartment from any campus location or from one campus location to another."

SPO as well as on-duty officers also spend a great deal of time patrolling the areas around the residence halls, especially those located at the West-End, due to the amount of traffic resulting from the downtown scene.

In addition to general campus safety, there is an effort for continuous improvement in the safety of the residence halls, according to Aaron Lucier, assistant director of campus living.

Those efforts include more time spent covering information about residence hall safety during orientation, as well as several videos provided to all students living on campus.

"The residents are important in maintaining security in the halls," Lucier said. "The students have to be participating."

Theft is the biggest problem, whether in the residence halls or in Joyner Library.

Watkins advises that students lock their residence hall doors, even if they're only leaving for a moment.

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Onestop undergoes transition phase

Switch to Banner creates change

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Onestop is a valuable resource to students here at ECU, offering access to important student information such as billing statements, schedules and even employment information around campus.

As the university has grown, the system has become outdated and difficult to manage.

In light of this, a new system has been implemented that is designed to supply students with access to information easier: Banner.

Banner has become a familiar word around campus. Most students and faculty have seen the advertisements of confused-looking students marketing the new database system.

The information from Onestop is being transferred to navigational tools on Banner.

To ease this transition, the programmers and developers are using the same Onestop interface to allow students to have access to Banner.

The largest additional feature that has been added to Onestop by Banner thus far has been the Self Service Access, according to Kim Thornburn, lead project database manager for Banner.

This allows students to access all of their personal information on Banner through a series of links. The Self Service feature is accessible under the tools page of Onestop.

Through this feature, students can easily access things that used to be primarily supplied by Onestop, such as schedules, adding or dropping classes, checking for any holds on their records and even altering their mailing information.

Some students feel that these changes came at the wrong time and are finding it difficult to make the transition.

"I don't think they should have done it [switched to Banner]"

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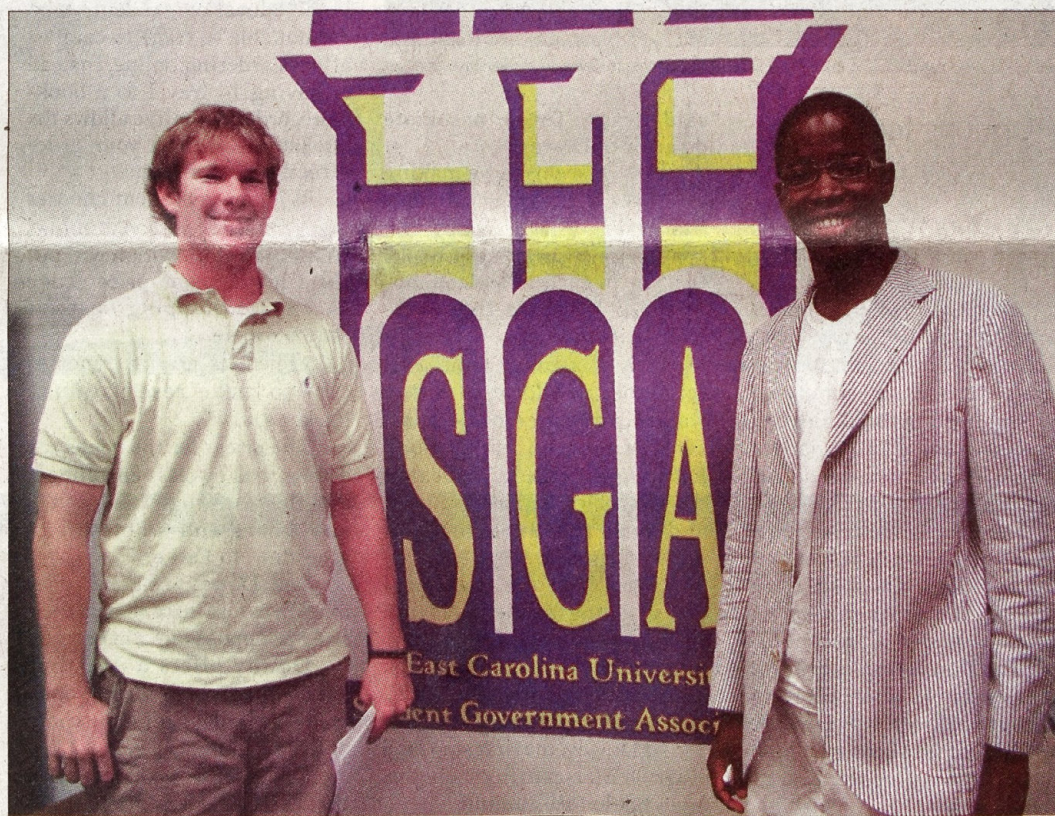


Photo by Liz Wells

SGA officers Andrew Griffin, interim vice president and Guillaume Bagal, treasurer prepare for another year.

SGA faces changes in leadership and sets plans for the future

Platform goals and elections

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SGA has spent the summer going through leadership changes in the executive branch and working on goals for the fall semester.

While SGA president Keri Brockett and SGA treasurer Guillaume Bagal still hold the positions the student body voted them to, two new officers were appointed.

Dena Mazie, former SGA secretary, and Phillip Kendall, former SGA vice president, both resigned this summer.

They each had other commitments that prevented them from fully devoting their attention to the responsibilities of their positions, according to Brockett.

"It is somewhat difficult having two positions resign but they had other obligations to attend to," Brockett said.

Interims have been selected by Brockett to fill the vacancies for the summer until elections occurred in the fall.

Andrew Griffin was appointed as the interim vice president and James Wagner was

selected as the interim secretary.

Ironically, Wagner ran for the position as secretary in the spring elections and was defeated by Mazie.

"James is the chief of staff currently and is a very strong young leader. He knew what was expected for the role as secretary," Brockett said.

Brockett will nominate two candidates for each position. Congress will vote on the candidates at the September 12 congress meeting.

The class officer elections as well as the congress members-at-large will also have elections this fall.

Filing for the elections will be on August 28, followed by a compulsory meeting on August 29.

Students will be able to cast their votes for these positions on September 4 and 5 in Wright Plaza or online on Onestop.

In the midst of making these transitions in leadership this summer, the executive branch worked on platform goals for the fall with four main incentives: student welfare, safety and security, university to community relations and student government reform.

"These are four elements that directly effect students and what we want to accomplish

for the student body," Brockett said.

Student welfare involves health awareness, which will focus on promoting a healthy lifestyle for students and faculty by working with the Student Health Services.

Student welfare also involves issues dealing with academic affairs and student affairs.

Safety and security will encourage a safer university community while university to community relations will focus on ways students can donate their time to helping the community.

Student government reform will work on familiarizing the student body with what SGA does and how SGA can help them.

Several other things that SGA accomplished over the summer included planning events for the fall.

Some of these events include Relay for Life, collaborating with Colleges Against Cancer, Weeks of Kindness and homecoming.

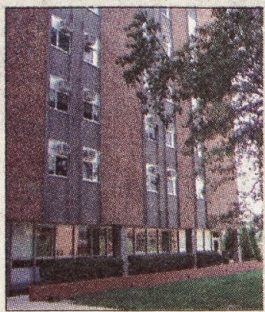
The cabinet was also reconstructed to include 14 new positions under the chief of staff.

The judicial branch has been working on various projects this summer for the fall semester as well.

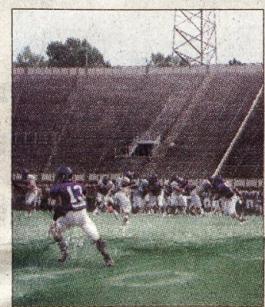
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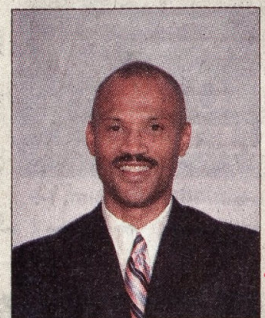
Ledonia Wright Cultural Center, located across from Mendenhall, will be offering a myriad of events to promote diversity on campus this fall.....Page B1



Moving into a new residence oftentimes signifies a new roommate, which could equal bliss or headache. Find out how to deal with tough situations.....Page B6



The ECU football team opens up the season on an emotion filled day in one of the toughest stadiums in the country. Check out the sports section for a full preview of the Virginia Tech match-up.....Page B9



There's been a huge shake-up in the ECU men's basketball program. Turn to the sports section to find out what experienced coach will be taking over the reins and what this means for Ricky Stokes.....Page B14

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PIRATE HAPPENINGS

ECU Idol
Monday, August 20 – 8 p.m.
Wright Auditorium
Are you the next ECU Idol? Looking for TALENTED freshmen and transfer students to participate in the second annual ECU Idol contest. Winner receives various prizes AND a chance to perform, live, at Pirate Palooza! To register as a contestant or for more information, call Dr. Lathan Turner at 252-328-4350 or call the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center at 252-328-6495.

Part-Time Job Fair
Tuesday, August 21, 11 am-2 pm
Mendenhall Student Center
Need a part-time job? Looking to earn some extra money? Then don't miss the Part-Time Job Fair! A variety of campus departments along with some local employers will be on hand to hire students for part-time work. The majority of campus positions are Federal Work Study (students must be qualified for these positions by Financial Aid based on their financial need), however, some Self-Help and Graduate Assistant positions may also be available. For more information on this and other activities, visit the Career Center Web site at ecu.edu/e3careers/forstudents.careerfairs.asp or call 252-328-6050.

Pirate Palooza
Tuesday, August 21, 7-11 p.m.
Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium
A jam-packed night full of activities including live bands, the annual Walk the Plank, Slide for Tuition, Velcro Wall, Sports Arena, Mini Hoops, Mini Golf, Bungee Run, Bouncy Boxing, Human Spheres, and Sand Candy!! Enjoy pictures with Pee Dee, food, prizes, t-shirts and more. Students must present their ECU ID for admission. For more information on this and other activities, visit the Student Activities and Major Events Web site at ecu.edu/Student_Union or call 252-328-4715.

WCC Welcome Back Cook-Out
Thursday, August 23, 4-6 PM.
WCC Yard
The fourth annual Welcome Back cook-out will be on the patio of the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center. All students are welcomed to attend, especially freshmen. Free food- first come, first served! For more information on this and other activities, visit the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center Web site at ecu.edu/wcc or call 252-328-6495.

Late Night at Mendenhall—featuring The Brand
Friday, August 24, 7pm-2am
Free bowling, billiards, movies, munchies, and more plus The Brand—from New York—live in the Pirate Underground from 10am-midnight. www.thebrandmusic.com For more information on this and other activities, visit the Student Activities and Major Events Web site at ecu.edu/Student_Union or call 252-328-4715.

CAMPUS 31

This semester students can look forward to an exciting new addition to the ECU's Student Media. Channel 31 will serve as the campus television station, providing students with a variety of entertainment from National Lampoon and Zilo networks. These networks provide a variety of comedy shows, interviews and spoofs on current events. The long-term goal of Channel 31 is to provide students with an outlet in which to submit work and gain experience. Students are encouraged to submit digital copies for consideration to be aired at the station's office located in Uptown Greenville on Evans St. in the Self Help Building, office 203 A. Those interested in learning more about Channel 31 can e-mail Matthew Parker, general manager, at channel31@ecu.edu.

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Sorority Meet & Greet Day
11am-5pm

WCC Orientation
3pm-5:30pm
WCC/MS

Sorority House Tour Day
9am-7pm

Part-Time Job Fair
11am-2pm
Multi-Purpose Room (MSC)

Pirate Palooza
7pm-11pm
Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium

Healthy Pirates Welcome
10am-2pm

SRC Pool Party
1pm-4pm
SRC Outdoor pool

Sports Officials Interest Sessions
5pm
SRC 202

First Generation College Students Program
4pm-5pm
MSC 15

Sports Officials Interest Sessions
5pm
SRC 202

WCC Welcome Back Cook-Out
4pm-6pm
WCC

Sorority Philanthropy Day
3pm-8pm

Late Night @ MSC—featuring The Brand in concert.
7pm-2am

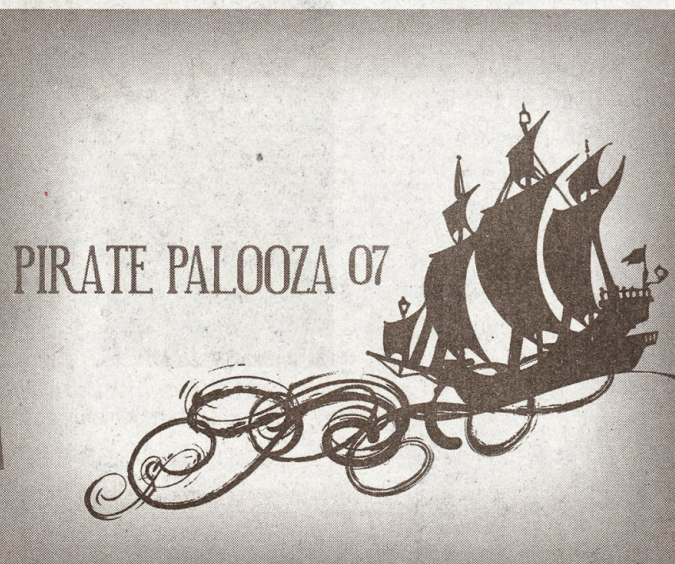
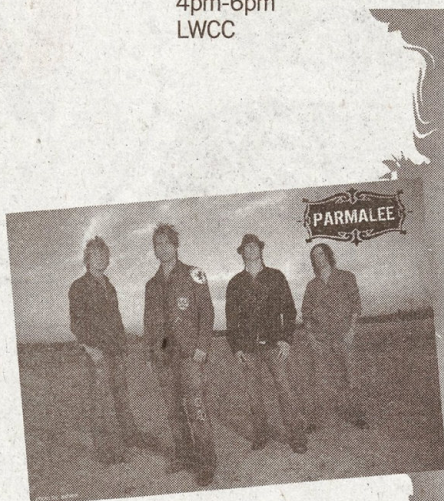
Fitness Area Orientation
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SRC Customer Service

Sorority Preference Day
2pm-5pm

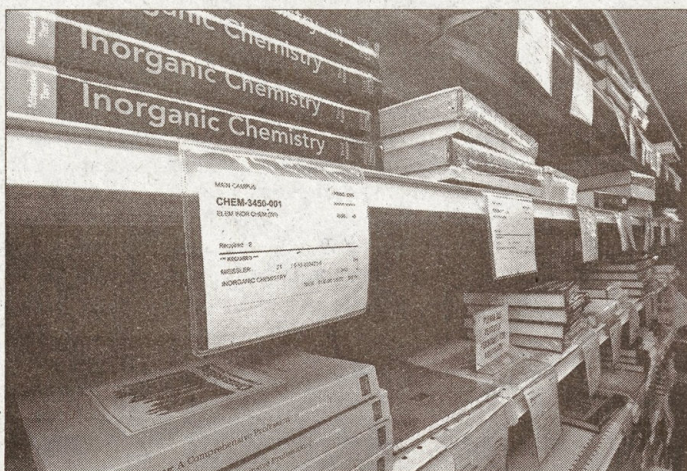
Sorority Bid Day
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Fraternity Rush Kick-Off

* Featured Event

Pirate Palooza
7pm-11pm
Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium
Featuring Parmalee, Moossa and MTV's DJ D-Wrek



Textbooks don't have to empty your wallet



Staff photo Lizz Wells

Multiple options can be found online and in local bookstores to save you money on textbooks.

Options for buying your books

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Unlike high school, students and parents have to pay for the required textbooks, course packs and/or lab manuals for classes. Buying textbooks can be expensive for a full-time student, with each course requiring an average of one to two books. Fortunately, multiple options are available when it comes to buying books. There are stores on and off campus that offer a range in prices for textbooks. The Dowdy Student Store is a convenient location where one can buy books. Dowdy is located in Wright Plaza across from the Rawl Building, in the heart of main campus.

As this is a well-known place for buying books, Dowdy receives a large number of students during the first few weeks of school.

"Some people come in multiple times to buy books and to check on the status of books,"

said Bryan Tuten, associate director of Dowdy.

Dowdy seems to be making an extra effort to put customers first and save them money.

"We're trying to get books to come in earlier to accommodate people for tax-free weekend," Tuten said.

Other stores that sell textbooks are located within walking distance of campus, such as the University Book Exchange [U.B.E.], located on 516 South Cotanche Street and Beat the Bookstore, on 1011 Charles Boulevard.

Other than the traditional way of going to the bookstore to purchase a book, one can also order online or make a textbook reservation. Dowdy and U.B.E. offer both options.

At Dowdy, the first step for a reservation is putting money in one's bookstore account.

A staff member then pulls the schedule and required books and processes the order.

Students can pick up their book at one of two locations on campus on move-in weekend and charge the books to their account, according to Tuten.

This is a popular method when it comes to buying books.

"We get about 3,000 textbook reservations," Tuten said. To reserve books at U.B.E., a student can go to the store or fill out a reservation form online. The form asks information such as one's name, phone number and contact information. Instead of going to campus to pick-up the books, you go to U.B.E., according to Tony Parker, textbooks manager at U.B.E.

A popular choice for distance education students who are not able to come to campus often is ordering online. Instead of having to travel to a bookstore, ordering online allows the bookstores to send your order directly to your home.

Whether a student chooses to reserve or order books online, either bookstore option will put them in the same price range except for shipping cost for online orders.

"There is no difference in cost to make reservations," Parker said.

The prices for the books are determined by class enrollment and the price suggested by the publishers and wholesalers, according to Parker.

Both Dowdy and U.B.E. offer incentives for you to shop at their store as opposed to other stores. Dowdy offers a one-time use coupon, which allows you to take five dollars off a purchase of \$75 or more.

U.B.E. offers an incentive that can be used multiple times throughout the year.

"We have a supersaver card which is very popular," Parker said. "If you purchase at least \$75, you receive a supersaver card."

The supersaver card includes local merchants such as Domino's Pizza, Pita Pitt, Chico's

Mexican Restaurant, Boli's, Cubbies and others, according to Myra Hamlett, textbooks manager at U.B.E.

"We will start handing those [supersaver cards] out the weekend the dorms open," Hamlett said.

If you're still not convinced that you want to purchase your textbooks from one of these businesses, you can browse the Internet for your books.

Web sites such as Amazon.com and Half.com are great

resources for finding your textbooks at a reasonable cost.

Another helpful tip would be to ask questions about where to find the best buy on books.

Some students wait until classes have started before purchasing books to make sure that there haven't been any changes in the required material for that class.

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Gain essential experience at the Volunteer & Service-Learning Center

How to reap the benefits of volunteering

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In 1990, the Volunteer & Service-Learning Center, then the Student Volunteer Program, opened its doors to provide ECU students with volunteer opportunities at 5 partnering non-profits.

Today the center is thriving, with more than 125 partnering agencies, 5 staff and 10 student staff members.

The number of service hours provided by ECU students is growing. The current annual average of donated hours is 139,000.

Those service hours provide an economic benefit of more than 2 million dollars to counties across Eastern North Carolina.

During the next 10

months, chances are high that you will give some amount of time to a worthy cause.

It may be for a class, a student organization, or perhaps you serve to make yourself and others happy.

Whatever the reason, consider doing so through the Volunteer & Service-Learning Center. Here are three easy steps that you can follow to volunteer:

Step 1- register with the Center. By completing a registration, students begin a service record and are covered under a free liability insurance plan.

Step 2 - select a volunteer activity or site. The Service Opportunities Guide helps students decide where to volunteer, gives tips on contacting agencies to schedule service and highlights the center's programs of interest. The online Calendar of Events lists one-time activities in the community that need volunteers.

Step 3 - record your service

hours. It's important! Use a Volunteer Time Sheet, located in the center and on-line. The timesheets you turn in will allow the center's staff to write you personal references for scholarships, professional school or job applications based on your personal service record.

In general, people who volunteer are healthier, have less stress and live longer. Additionally, student volunteers tend to have higher GPAs, acquire transferable skills, and build strong networks.

To find out more information visit the center in the Old Cafeteria Complex or check out the Service Opportunities Fair on Wednesday, September 12, from 10 am - 1 pm in the Bate Lobby.

You can also visit the Volunteer & Service-Learning Center's Web site at ecu.edu/volunteer to register, print time sheets, or explore volunteer opportunities like ECU~Reads, Fall & Spring Break trips and the schedule of campus Blood Drives.

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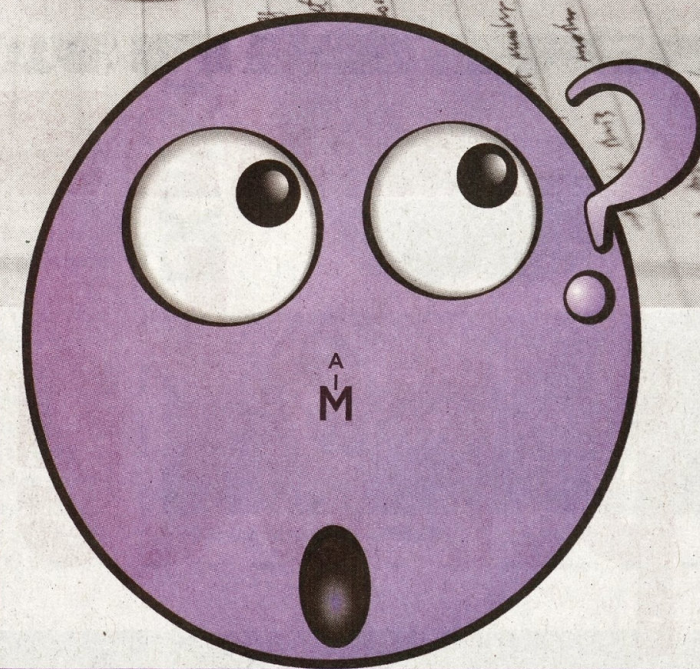
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Letter from the Editor:

Within the next few days, classes will begin again and many of you may wonder what you have to look forward to this semester besides the long lectures, hours of homework and mind-numbing study sessions.

The East Carolinian can always be counted on as a source for campus news. This year, we are aiming to combine our dedication to news with further consideration of the needs and wants of students.

We will be striving to give all students a voice by providing a more campus-oriented newspaper. Each issue will be filled with the news you need to know as well as information regarding campus events and organizations.

By turning the focus back to the campus community, we hope that more students will take the initiative to become involved in organizations. This is not only a chance to be a part of the ECU legacy; being active in campus organizations is a valuable asset when searching for a job after graduation, not to mention it is a great way to meet and connect with new people.

Along with the shift in focus back to the campus community, there is another improvement in the works. We are excited to bring to life a fresh, contemporary publication that ECU students can turn to for all of the latest arts and entertainment information throughout campus as well as around Greenville.

In previous years, The East Carolinian has published issues every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. After much consideration, we decided that our audience would be best served with the creation of a new publication.

Last year you may have noticed that our Features section was entitled Pulse. Ideas that are born in the features section will now be expanded into a more detailed presentation in a new magazine entitled Pulse.

Pulse magazine will feature content fused solely with an arts and entertainment edge and will be available on stands the third Wednesday of the month..

The first issue of Pulse will hit newsstands on September 19. The premiere issue will be jam-packed with entertaining and useful information geared directly towards students seeking new experiences in Greenville.

The issue will feature the themes of tailgating and fall fashion, while including a calendar of events and a listing of area locales.

The new publication will also offer more opportunities for students to contribute their voices to student media.

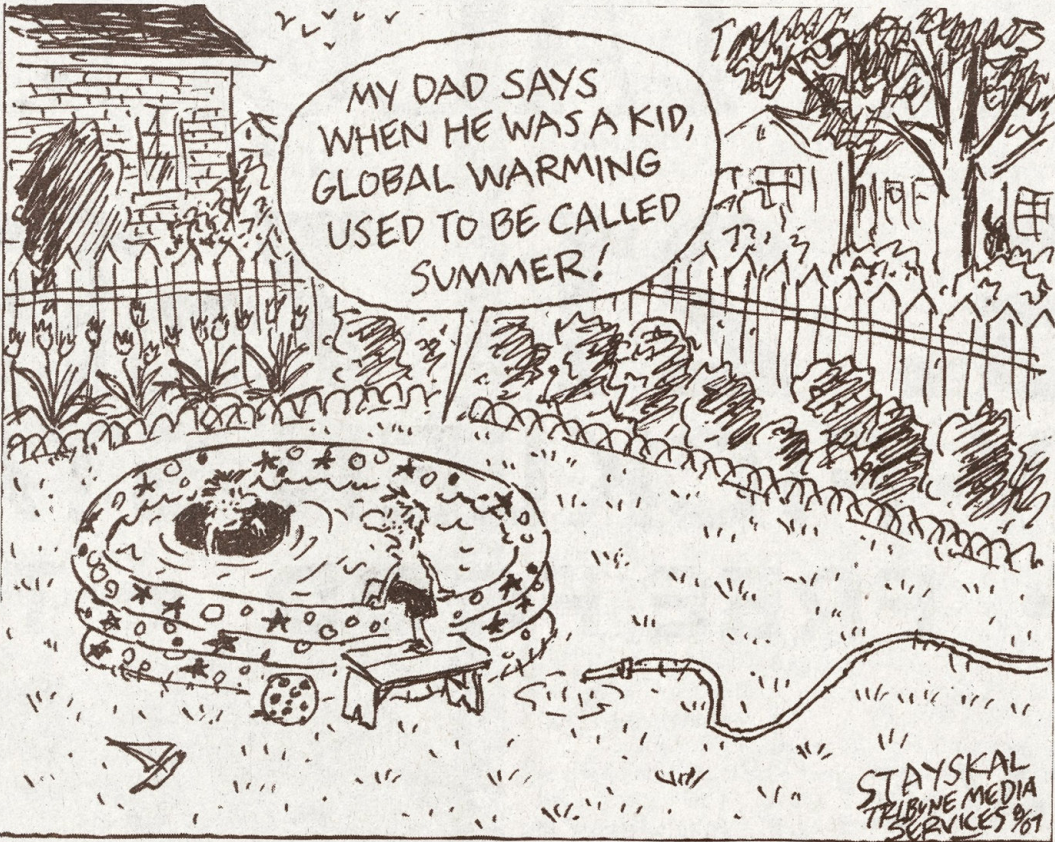
As opposed to meeting hectic weekly deadlines associated with The East Carolinian, Pulse will allow students to take on a more flexible schedule.

We urge you to seize this chance to be a part of student media, and welcome you to stop by our office and apply.

This semester be sure to check your Pulse the third Wednesday of every month for the latest in arts and entertainment, and pick up a copy of The East Carolinian from newsstands every Tuesday and Thursday to stay covered on news and information around campus.

Sarah Campbell
Editor in Chief

Check
your
PULSE on
September
19th!



PIRATE RANTS

The *East Carolinian* does not endorse statements made in Pirate Rants. Questions regarding Rants can be directed to Rachel King, Opinion Page Editor, at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com. Log onto theeastcarolinian.com to submit a Rant of your own.

ECU should change its motto to "Come to ECU, where you will get four wonderful years of the perpetual run-around."

Only 17 more days until I am living the Pirate life again!! Oh, the happiness!!

ECU making the Disc Golf field only available to Student Pirate Club members: If that doesn't make you want to donate alumni money, then I don't know what else does. No really. Good idea there, guys. Thanks for looking out for the rest of us.

Sorry, but I only leave a good tip if the server deserves it. I'm not going to pay you for doing your job. That's what your employer is for.

Hey, where did you get that sexy hat?

My milkshake brings all the boys to the yard.

I know you wish that you could be one of those girls that makes everyone's head turn when they walk by? Well too bad, there's only one for me.

I have fallen for someone I work with, what should I tell my boyfriend???

My roommate comes from a town where gas stations get awards.

Pee Dee is going to rip the horns off Rams on Sept. 8th!!!

I am sitting here practically right in front of you and you still don't seem to notice me.

Just ask me out already because if you don't somebody else will.

I am in love with my roommate's girlfriend. Even though he is my fellow brother and roommate, but I am still crazy about her.

I thought that moving into an apartment with you was a good idea, but now that I've lived with you for a week, I'm really beginning to despise you.

How do they make the food on the Food Network Channel look so delicious?

Why can't you ever get through to Financial Aid, and when you do get through you're on hold for an hour.

The real world is a lot more fun than school.

I haven't talked to my one of my best friends in over 3 months.

Some hook-ups are not meant to go further than one night.

I love redheads, they are so hot

I hate these Pirate Rants. I write so many good ones and they never print them. Only they'll probably print this one just to spite me.

I still love her.

Math is for cool people, English is for nerds.

God bless everyone who tips the pizza guy!

I hit all the buttons in the elevator when I get out.

I'm a guy and I use a straw because I'm greedy and want every bit of whatever I am drinking.

If there are any classy guys at this school who do not only care about hooking up, could somebody please tell me where to find them because it's obviously not downtown.

Go listen to The Doors!!

That's what I love about freshman girls, man. I get older, they stay the same age.

To the obsessive away message checker, I am clearly out living my life, while you are home reading about it!

Why would you randomly add me as your friend on Facebook, don't act like I "know" you.

Chuck Norris doesn't wear a watch; he decides what time it is.

Skip Holtz is so much cooler than Butch Davis!

Here's an idea for you geniuses: When it's over ninety degrees outside, how about you turn on the air conditioning on the bus!

What happened to the local music? This time last year there were shows left and right each with at least two bands. It better not be this boring during autumn.

Does the mulch on campus come with the cigarette butts? It looks like the outside of R.J.R. in front of the Joyner bus stop.

Attention drivers: The left lane is called the fast lane for a reason.

I'm tired of the Whichard Building and I don't think I am going in there anymore.

I really wish my phone had a spell check button while I text.

Many thanks to the person that leaves the latest issue of TEC in the bathroom stall some mornings - I always forget to bring my own!

Whoever thought Banner was a good idea should be fired and banned from campus for life.

Whichard doesn't need signs. The right side of the hall is the Registrar's Office, the left side is Admissions and upstairs you have the First Year Office and the Business Advisors. How hard is that to remember?

I'm so glad to be in Greenville!

Welcome back, Pirates.

Why do my socks always develop holes on the big toes before anywhere else?

Boy, I can't wait to stand in line at Dowdy and U.B.E. for my books, most of which will be out of stock before I can even get to them.

My boyfriend holds the car door for me. Chivalry is not dead.

So much for the summer; it was fun while it lasted.

What would we do without the iPod?

I can't wait to see my roommate again!

I don't know exactly what to expect, but this year, I am expecting big things.

Pirate Rants: One way to get away with (moral) murder.

I almost hate to walk outside in this heat. God has put Greenville under His magnifying glass.

No one likes to hear your dog barking all night. Please shut that noise up.

There's a good reason beer is cheaper than my textbooks.

I can't wait for the football games and the cooler weather!

What can Evangelicals do for you?

More than you may think...

YAZID FINN
STAFF WRITER

School is back and with it, I have a lot to look forward to. New classes, new faces and a lot more capture the flag. But with the return of school comes another seasonal event I look forward to almost religiously.

I will give you a hint: it involves the "free speech" zone of our campus and normally ends with police idly standing around. That's right! The Evangelicals are back!

I'm not lying when I say this is quality free entertainment. Just think, it does not cost one cent and does not involve late night drama on Fifth Street. If you consider their presence anything other than a spectacle of basic human nature, you are wasting your time.

Attempting to label these encounters as discussions and debates is simply a misnomer. By the time you take a moment to backtrack the fallacious arguments posed by everyone in attendance, things will have already turned into a shouting match.

All parties involved seem to steal their tactics from Bill O'Reilly, assuming the louder you scream your retort, the more correct your side appears to be.

Knowing this, I search for these visitors. I walk past the mall area and pan my eyes as if I am looking for a parking space.

When I hear the shouts of distressed students or a Pentecostal Holiness Christian, I look around as if someone has blown a dog whistle. I mean seriously, who cares about English class or Political Science when there are Evangelicals on campus!

Sure the topic of "religion" seems to carry a taboo-ish stigma when presented in a public form, but it is no worse than politics. With this in mind, I will yield that our campus visitors are good for one other thing, for both theists and atheists alike. They do get students talking and involved. Now, granted, I may be too much of a people person when it comes to religion, going as far as inviting the preachers to lunch for actual conversations. Or grabbing them a cup of hot chocolate on those cold November Fridays.

However, do not be fooled, as it is these lunches and warm handfuls of cocoa that fuel their passion to continue to do what they do best on our campus: cause students to stop walking outside the library and give them something to watch for an hour.

Hope to see you guys out there as I know I will be.

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An inexplicable fascination

Greek life remains a mystery to many

JESSICA DUNLOW
STAFF WRITER

It is the beginning of school, which means the beginning of classes, but more importantly, the grand "Fall Rush" for the Greek organizations on campus. Personally, I have never had the guts to rush because I have heard the so-called horror stories. However, fair amounts of my friends are Greek, and I cannot help but to unsuccessfully attempt to pry into the secrets surrounding these associations.

In the past few months, Kay Christian, the head of the Greek Life department at East Carolina, fielded a few of my questions and explained the council, Pan-Hellenic and National Pan-Hellenic, and rules thing to me. This is definitely more complicated than parties, drunken nights and hazing.

I am not going to lie; I used to view the Greek system as a way for people with lackluster personalities to buy themselves some decent friends who are also somewhat boring. This was definitely wrong (I am blaming society). People who are able to survive the commitment of rush and pledging (a period of being "accepted" as a member) have gall.

I mean, there is a whole week of learning all about these specific organizations, designated meet and greets and philanthropy education. I think this is what changed my mind, the fact that all of

these Greek men and women help the community and larger causes (cancer research, etc).

The only thing I do not understand is the extreme disdain for hazing; this is definitely the most interesting secret of Greek Life. One: who comes up with these horrible ideas (if they really do happen), and two: if one signs up for it, why complain? Yes, I get that there have to be limits, mostly you know, stopping somewhere before fatal injury or extreme mental abuse. However, if you are going to join, you have to "prove your worth," right? Plus, from what I have heard, a lot of it focuses on learning information about the history of the organization, and how is that bad?

How is that any different from any other organization? The "hazing" may not be as blatant, but there is a test period for everything; we have to be worth our salt to walk in the light.

Therefore, no matter what happens, the Greek system will have my respect, because how can I be down on something that promotes life-long friendships and genuinely challenges people? In addition, think of the networking potential through alumni, fellows and the Pan-Hellenic councils.

Sometimes I wonder if I am missing out on a really important experience (especially on Wednesdays when all the Greeks wear their pins/t-shirts and things). Greek Life is not for all of us, but kudos for those brave enough to take the plunge. When you do, will you fill me in on some secrets?

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Career Center provides students with essential tools to land a job

How to utilize valuable resources

KIMBERLY BELLAMY
NEWS EDITOR

The Career Center offers multiple tools to assist students in finding work after graduation. Unfortunately, a majority of students don't use their resources until senior year.

Many times, students do not realize that they should begin preparing for future careers as early as possible.

"Students should get work experience as early as the summer of freshman year," said Bruce Maxwell, associate director at the career center.

One of the first steps to getting this experience is figuring out what type of degree and career you want to do.

"If a student focuses on a certain job title, that's helpful. If not, that turns out to be overwhelming," Maxwell said.

"Undergrads should use

Career GPS to help them identify careers they want to be in and what degree they want to earn."

Career GPS is a program created by ECU to help you identify what's best for you. It lets choose what you like, dislike or feel neutral about different workplace settings.

Another way to gain information needed to acquire a job is by using Reference USA, which is provided by Joyner Library.

Reference USA is an electronic database that gives you a list of 14 million companies nationwide. This database gives students contact information to network and search for jobs.

Students could also use one of the Career Center services online, which happens to be one of about 12 in the U.S., according to Maxwell.

One of the best ways to get information about career exploration is to talk to one of the professional staff members face-to-face.

"Information about opportunities is found

through faculty who encourage students to participate in career and professional development opportunities," said Catrina Davis, assistant director at the Career Center.

The Career Center offers services such as class or organizational presentations by request, or in the event that a faculty member needs to cancel class.

"Many faculty invite us to speak to their classes on numerous career topics," Davis said.

To inform faculty of these services, the center sends out an email to the faculty on their distribution list at the beginning of the semester, according to Maxwell.

Some events the center has planned for the fall include the Part Time Job Fair on August 21 and the Fall Career Fair on October 4.

To find out more about the Career Center, call them at 328-6050 or visit their Web site at ecu.edu/e3careers.

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Multiple university departments were involved in contributing their ideas and resources to this program.

The Honors program, Housing, Dining, Campus Ministry, Student Recreation Center and Ledonia Wright Cultural Center are just a few of the university departments that are involved in WOW.

Planning for WOW started in the early part of the 2007 spring semester.

"The first introductory meetings was held in February," Woodruff said.

Some activities are being discussed to add to the schedule of events that students can participate in.

To develop a sense of ECU tradition and pride, the option of getting a big vinyl copy of the university creed for student's signatures is being discussed.

To find out more about this program, you can visit their Web site at ecu.edu/wow.

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TRANSITION

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before everyone was trying to enroll in classes," said Jason Glisson, junior anthropology major.

Several students are attempting to avoid Banner all together. "I actually had my advisor take care of it [class schedule]," said Jimmy Heritage, graduate sports management student.

Additional changes include the use of the Banner ID instead of one's social security number and changes in the class registration.

More changes will be made in the future that will slowly decrease student's and faculty's need to use Onestop.

The ITCS department plans to integrate the system piece-by-piece so that the changes will not become overwhelming.

Further alterations to Onestop by Banner are straightforward. Most of the additions are planned for Banner Self Service, rather than to Onestop.

The only confirmed change to Onestop will be the subtraction of links and services that are no longer necessary and will be offered by Banner sometime in the near future, according to Thornburn.

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"Larceny is top on campus," Watkins said. "People leave things unattended and then they're gone."

Statistics from the U.S. Department of Education support this statement, showing that burglaries on ECU's campus have doubled from 2004 to 2005, though a note on the ECU police department Web site states "the increase in burglaries reflects the changes in the Clery Act reporting requirements. In previous years, some of these would have been classified as larcenies."

Though no one would like

to think that larceny could happen to them, students should write down serial numbers of important possessions so that they can be identified if recovered.

The police department offers Operation I.D., in which identification such as driver's license numbers are engraved on valuable items like computers so that they can be returned later if stolen.

In the end, common sense is the easiest way to help keep the campus safe.

"Be mindful of your surroundings. If something

looks suspicious, it probably is," Watkins said.

Watkins encouraged students to report any suspicious activity. The police department Web site has an area that provides anonymous tips.

"Campus safety and security is everybody's responsibility," Watkins said.

In order to reach a member of the SAFE Ride staff call 328-7433, or reach the ECU Police Department by dialing 328-6787.

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SGA

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The judicial branch will work on promoting the Code of Conduct, informing the students about the judicial process and policies on campus and what rights students have, according to Abey Dessie, attorney general.

"The biggest thing is educating the student body," Dessie said.

The judicial branch has also been working on planning a retreat that will train members on the code of conduct, how to be good board members and decision making as a group.

Dessie and Thomas S. Myers, advocate for accused students, were both elected in the spring for these positions.

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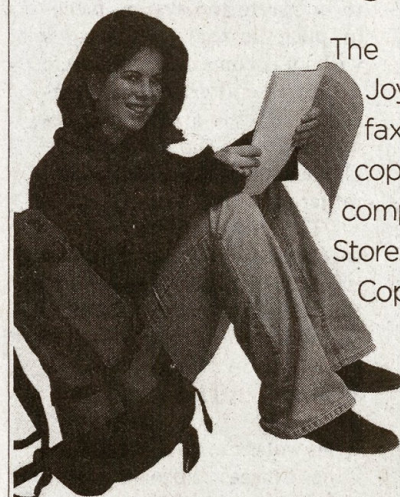
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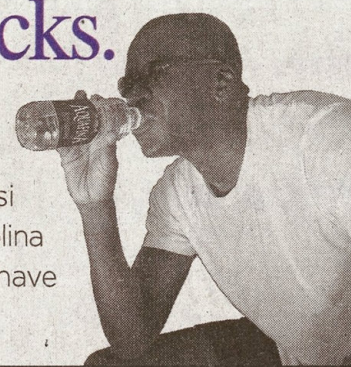
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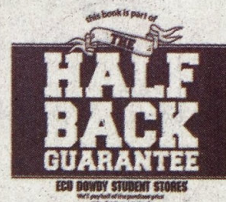
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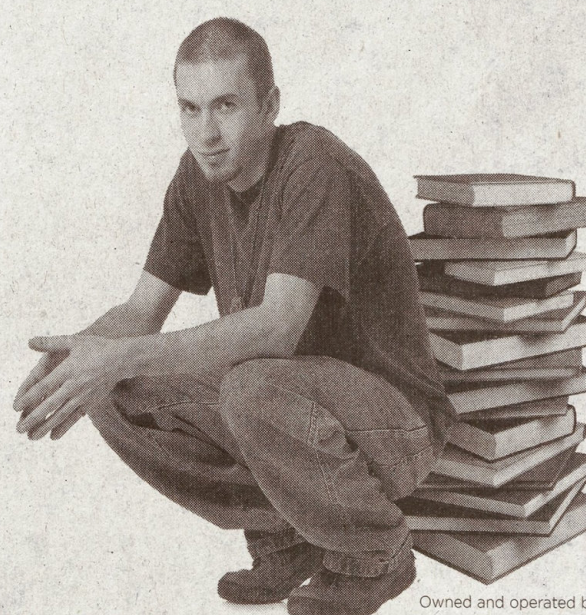
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Fall Gold Rush (Aug 15-Sept 5) (SRC)
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FRIDAY AUGUST 17

9a Intercultural Student Leaders Symposium (Bate 1030 & 1032)
12n Student Leaders Luncheon (MSC 244)
3-5p LWCC Orientation (Bate)
7p-2a Late Night @ MSC

SATURDAY AUGUST 18

5-7p Cookout on the Brickyard (MSC)
6:30-11:30p Concert in the Brickyard (MSC)
6:30-8:30p Honors Induction Ceremony (MSC Great Rooms)
7p-2a Late Night @ MSC featuring The Late Night Art Institute

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7p What is a Chancellor? (Wright)
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8:30a-4:00p EC Scholars Ropes Course
11a-5p Sorority Meet & Greet Day
3-5:30p LWCC Orientation (LWCC/ MSC)
5:30p Engineering Cookout (Slay and Umstead Courtyard)
7-9p EC Scholars Dinner (MSC MPR)
8p ECU Idol (Wright)



TUESDAY AUGUST 21

9-7p Sorority House Tour Day
Mini Orientation
10a-12:30p University Honors (Bate Bldg 1031)
11a-2p Part-time Job Fair (MSC MPR)
7-11p Pirate Palooza (Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium)

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 22

10a-2p Healthy Pirates Welcome Day (Wright Plaza)
5p Sports Officials interest Sessions (SRC 202)

THURSDAY AUGUST 23

4p First Generation College Students Program (MSC 15)
5p Sport Official interest Sessions (SRC 202)
4-6p LWCC Welcome Back Cook Out (LWCC yard)

FRIDAY AUGUST 24

3-8p Sorority Philanthropy Day
7p-2a Late Night @ MSC featuring "The Brand" in concert

SATURDAY AUGUST 25

10a Fitness Area Orientation (SRC Customer Service)
2-5p Sorority Preference Day
7p-2a Late Night @ MSC featuring The Late Night Art Institute

SUNDAY AUGUST 26

12p Sorority Bid Day
Fraternity Rush Kick-Off

MONDAY AUGUST 27

5p Flag Football Captain meeting (MSC MPR)
Volleyball Captain meeting (MSC MPR)
Wiffleball Captain meeting (MSC MPR)

Fraternity Rush

TUESDAY AUGUST 28

10:30-2p Campus Recreation & Wellness Demo Days (Wright Plaza)
2p "Relationships" (MSC Great Room 1)
2p "Identity Shock" (MSC 221)
4:30-6:30p Campus Recreation & Wellness Demo Day (West End Dining Hall)
Fraternity Rush

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 29

10:30-2p Campus Recreation & Wellness Demo Days Activities throughout the day
11:30-1p Off Campus and Transfer Student Luncheon (MSC MPR)
7p Body Attack (SRC Sport Forum)
7-9p Meet the Greeks (MSC MPR)
8p Campus Ministries Association & ECU Cultural Awareness Committee Multi Faith Service (Joyner Library Steps)
Fraternity Rush

THURSDAY AUGUST 30

11:30-1p Off Campus and Transfer Student Luncheon (MSC MPR)
4p "First Year Jitters" (MSC 221)
NFL Pick'Em Begins (SRC 207)
Fraternity Rush

FRIDAY AUGUST 31

7p-2a Late Night @ MSC featuring Sunset Greet the Moon
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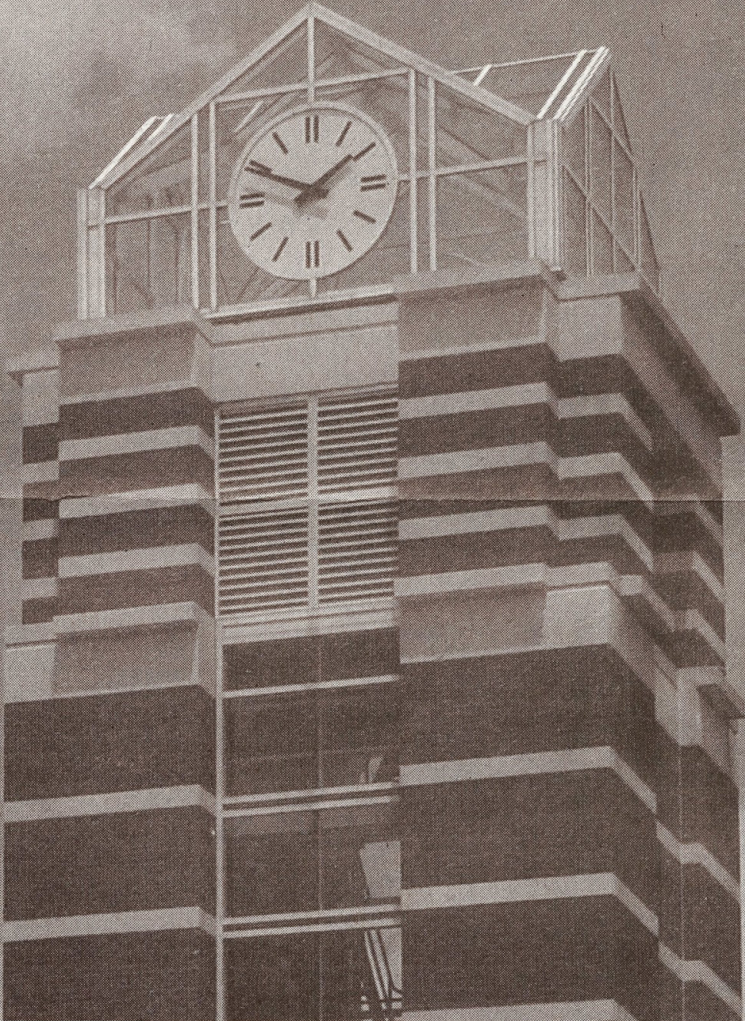
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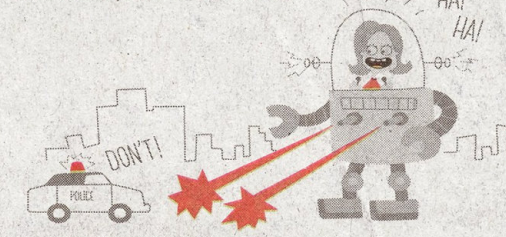
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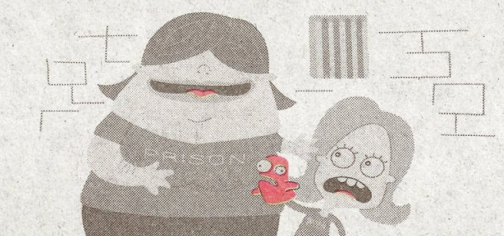
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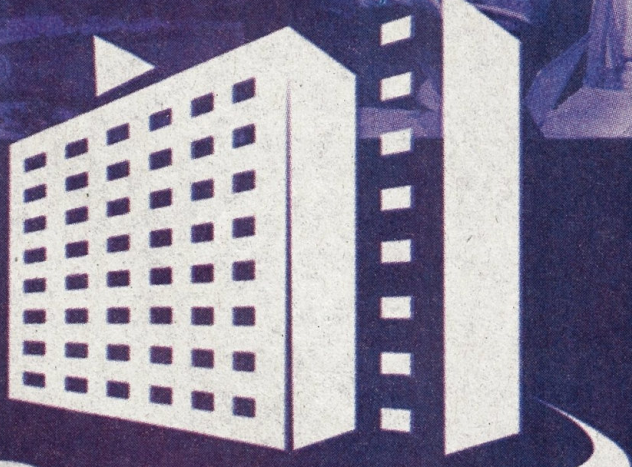
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It's OK to relax with people who want to make a fuss over you. You take care of them all the time. Relax and enjoy it.

Taurus
Talking over old times with people you love has a calming influence. You may not agree on everything but you value each other's opinions. This may only be true if you don't talk about politics.

Gemini
Discuss your plans with your partner, so each of you knows your part. You'll put on a great performance because this is the real thing.

Cancer
You should be proud of all you've accomplished and how much fun it's been. Now you know it's possible to do what you love and make money.

Leo
You're a strong personality but you're not the only one. Somebody else is determined to achieve a different result than yours. Adapt and defend; don't melt down.

Virgo
You might want to hide out today and catch up on your reading. The Internet will also provide lots of useful data, if you're into that.

Libra
This is a good day for buying, selling and finding magnificent bargains. Don't do it all for yourself. Do it for somebody else.

Scorpio
Let a person you love talk you into doing something ridiculous, in private. Or if it's not happening that way, you make the silly suggestion.

Sagittarius
Enjoy yourself and have a great time enjoying all your friends, too. It does look like something's coming up that has to be done by tomorrow. Don't drop that out.

Capricorn
Just because you don't say much doesn't mean you're stupid. Just the opposite is true in this situation.

Aquarius
Once you start asking questions, it's hard for you to stop. This is good, since there are a lot of questions left unanswered. You'll see one will lead to others.

Pisces
You're making lots of progress and you should be feeling better. You're starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel and it's not a train.

Drink Recipes

Cool Cow

2 cups milk
1/2 tsp almond extract
4 tsp honey

Place all ingredients into a blender jar. Cover, and whiz on medium speed until well blended. Pour into a Collins glass, and serve.

Good Morning to You My Love

Scale ingredients to servings
1/2 orange
1/2 lime
1/2 apple
1 dash orange juice
1 dash apple juice
1 dash whipping cream
ice

Mix all ingredients in a mixer with ice. Serve in a small bowl garnished with strawberries or grapes and a straw.

Orange Sherbet Slushy

3/8 cup orange juice concentrate
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup water
2 tablespoons sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
6 to 8 ice cubes

Throw the orange juice, milk, water, sugar and vanilla in the blender and blend. Add the ice cubes 1 at a time, blending to a frothy drink.

Papaya-Banana Smoothie

1 cup milk
1/4 cup Greek yogurt
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1 small ripe banana, peeled and sliced
1/2 large, ripe papaya, peeled, seeded and chopped
1 cup ice cubes

Combine the milk, yogurt, vanilla, banana, papaya and ice cubes in a blender and blend until smooth. Pour into a large glass.

Staying healthy throughout the upcoming year

BEN HARRIS
STAFF WRITER

Nearly all college students have dealt with the dreaded "freshman 15" at some point during our first years. Couple that with a mountain of stress and the weakened immune system that usually comes with it and you are in for one ghastly school year.

Thankfully, ECU has plenty of helpful options when it comes to battling this ominous triple threat.

The Student Recreation Center, located on the west end of campus, is the first line of defense when it comes to avoiding or getting rid of the "freshman 15." The SRC offers many ways to keep students healthy, from exercise to a variety of nutritional programs.

Karen Warren, Director of Campus Wellness, has worked hard to develop many programs that are designed to keep Pirates healthy.

"We have nutritional programs focused on avoiding the 'freshman 15,'" said Warren. "We also have fitness classes such as aerobics, dance classes and other health-oriented classes dealing with various topics such as sexual health and alcohol awareness."

The SRC has a nutritionist on staff that offers nutritional advice as well as very helpful cooking demos. However, the SRC doesn't just stop at teaching nutritional eating habits. The wellness educators at the SRC also help students make informed choices by stressing the need to think about the consequences that come with college life, not just on campus,



ECU's Student Health Center is free to all students, and offers services to keep them healthy, prevent disease, and to educate about nutrition.

but around the community.

"We have outreach programs that go out to residence halls, Greek houses and various other places that teach students about becoming and staying healthy," Warren said.

To get a more hands-on approach to what the SRC has to offer, students can work out on one of the center's many state-of-the-art machines or join a club sports team or the adventure program. The SRC offers many club sports such as frisbee, golf, baseball, basketball, fencing and many more. The adventure program allows students to go backpacking, rock climbing, mountain biking, surfing and

more. Students can use the SRC without cost, but involvement in the adventure club costs extra depending on the activity.

For immune system health, students are always free to make use of the student health center. Shante McMillian, health educator, says that two of the health centers main goals are to educate students on both sexual health and about drugs and alcohol. "We have many programs coming up this fall," McMillian said, "We have [sexually transmitted infection] education programs coming up in which we will be able to do free testing for Chlamydia and free rapid HIV tests."

The health center is also conducting programs dealing with sexual assault awareness. Besides sexual health, the center focuses on installing healthy eating habits in students. In September, students will be able to get free tastes of healthy snacks at the health center thanks to their ongoing campaign to get students to eat healthier. Also, the center works with other departments to help students manage stress. Because stress control is a major factor in staying healthy, the center "is committed to maintaining a minimal stress environment for the ECU campus" McMillian said.

Like the SRC, the health

center has various outreach programs that go through campus and beyond to educate students about health issues.

"I go out to different residences as well as individual classrooms to educate students on health issues," McMillian said.

Basic services at the health center are free for any full-time student. Students can find out more information about the student health service by visiting ecu.edu/studenthealth.

For more information about the SRC, visit their Web site at ecu.edu/cs-studentlife/crw.

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Ledonia Wright Cultural Center celebrates diversity

Students can look forward to events all semester long

DAVID PUCKETT
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The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center will host many events this fall to educate others on cultural differences and to promote unity.

"We build ourselves as a hub of cultural activity on campus," said Lathan Turner, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Intercultural Student Affairs for the center. "We do workshops, programs, sponsored speakers and events to try to educate the broader community here."

To kick off the new school year, LWCC will be hosting a cookout on Aug. 23. The cookout will be held at 4 p.m. on LWCC's patio and all students are welcome to attend.

In September, the cultural center along with several student organizations will collaborate to host the "BLACKOUT Party with Purpose." "BLACKOUT," which is an acronym for Blacks, Latinos, Asians, Caucasians, Keeping Out AIDS In Our Community, is a four hour event dedicated to create awareness of HIV and AIDS.

Also in September, Hispanic

Heritage Month will be celebrated with a fiesta on Wednesday, Sept. 19 and guest speaker Cristina Garcia, who will give a speech in Hendrix Theater the following evening.

Some other events in September include "Night on the Prowl," hosted by the Office of Student Victims Advocate and Student Health and the second annual Minority Student Leadership Conference.

"Hate Out Week" will also be taking place. Last year, some students wrote prejudiced and discriminatory slurs on a wooden board between Mendenhall and LWCC. The display, now known as the "Wall of Hate," represents oppression of others throughout human history. The wall is part of a week-long program called "Hate Out Week," which consists of different events each day that will promote unity, tolerance and the understanding of differences on ECU's campus. That Friday, "the wall is symbolically broken down, which signifies tearing down oppression," Turner said.

The day after the destruction of the "Wall of Hate," an Academic Recognition Ceremony will take place to honor students of color with outstanding grade point averages.

The Cultural Awareness committee will celebrate Native



The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center offers events to get all ECU students involved and promote diversity.

American History Month with the showing of the film, "Edge of America." The movie will be shown in the Mendenhall Student Center on Nov. 7, at 6 p.m.

Also, the LWCC is planning a trip to New York City in December. All the details have not been confirmed, but for those interested, contact the center for

updates on the activities that will take place.

LWCC is located in the Bloxton House across from Mendenhall, and contains two computer labs, an art gallery, library and a multipurpose room.

Students who are not familiar with the center are urged to visit.

"A lot is in here that... a lot

of students do not know about," says Turner. "It's a student fee-funded office, so we want students to know that we are here."

For more information on programs and events, visit LWCC's Web site at ecu.edu/lwcc, or call (252) 328-6495.

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BSU kicks off semester with annual Black Top Party

Proceeds to benefit ECU organizations

CAT POTTER
STAFF WRITER

Summer vacation is almost over and for college students, its back to hitting the books and getting back into that school routine.

Fortunately for students still looking for a bit of lingering summer fun, ECU's Black Student Union organization will be hosting its annual Black Top Party on Saturday, Aug.

25 from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. in Mendenhall Student Center's great rooms.

"It's our first party of the school year," said Brittany Mack, BSU vice president.

Though the event costs money (\$4 with student ID, \$8 without student ID, \$2 for the first fifty ladies in black tops and one dollar off with can food contributions), all fees are used for various causes, beneficial not only to the campus community but to the greater community as a whole.

According to BSU president

Patrick Dixon, partial proceeds go toward the BSU scholarship fund and canned food donations are given to local homeless shelters.

The Black Top party was cleverly given its name because those in attendance are encouraged to wear a black dress or shirt.

This event has been very successful in years past for BSU, which is the largest registered organization on campus.

"Around 700 people came out to the event [last year] but some were turned away because the room capacity was filled. The

party was so well attended that we had to close doors after about one hour of opening," said Dixon.

This year's party highlights include music from ECU alumni DJ Nauta as well as a plentiful supply of water for those working up a sweat on the dance floor.

For students who are unable to attend the party, there will be an alternative event held through BSU the following Sunday.

"The day after the party BSU members will be attending a local church service as an organization for those who choose not to participate in the party

and simply for those who want to be a part of another great event. Free food will be immediately following the church service," Dixon said.

Other scheduled events to look forward to this year hosted by BSU include a free cookout on Aug. 23, an ECU Black Student Convocation on Sept. 5 at 5:30 p.m. in Hendrix Theater, as well as an affirmative action debate with the College Republicans organization Sept. 26 at 5 p.m. in Mendenhall's great rooms.

STUDENT PIRATE CLUB

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
09/08/07	vs. North Carolina (PCW)	Greenville, N.C.	6:00 p.m. ET
09/15/07	vs. Southern Miss (FW/BD) *	Greenville, N.C.	6:00 p.m. ET
10/06/07	vs. UCF (HOF-LW/MA) *	Greenville, N.C.	7:30 p.m. ET
10/20/07	vs. North Carolina State	Greenville, N.C.	4:30 p.m. ET
10/27/07	vs. UAB (HC) *	Greenville, N.C.	3:00 p.m. ET
11/24/07	vs. Tulane (ASD/SD) *	Greenville, N.C.	1:00 p.m. ET

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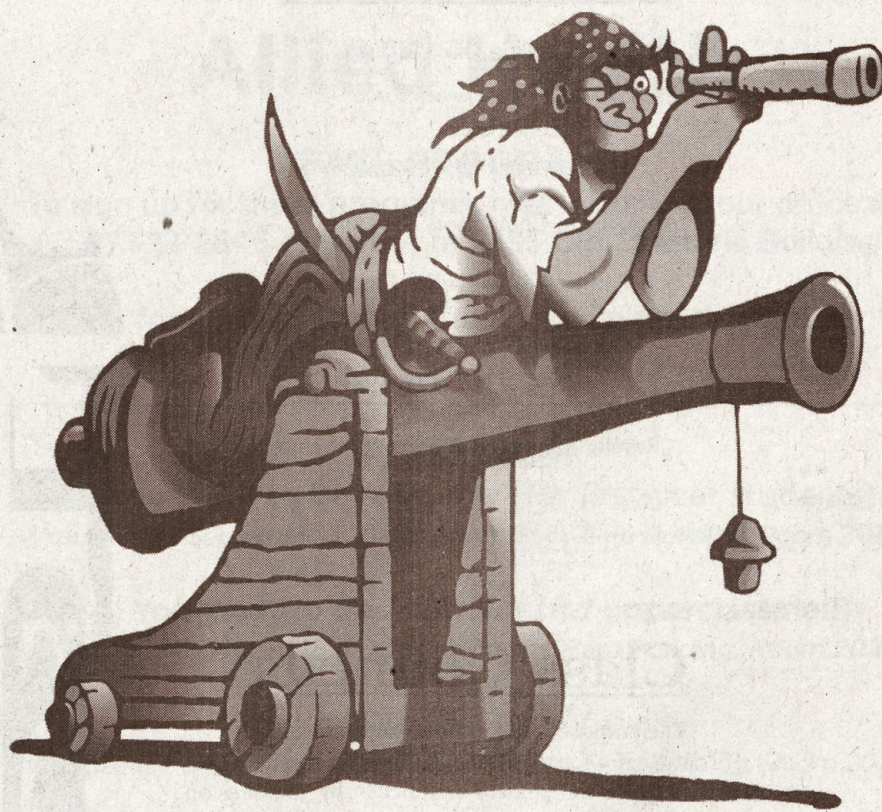
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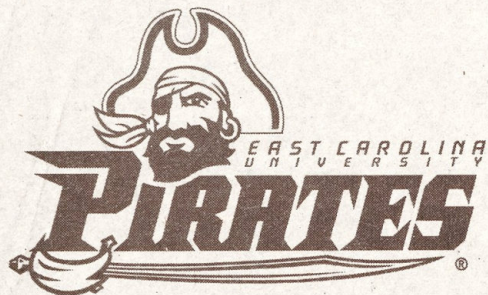
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11/24	TULANE	1:00PM



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10/5	UTEP	7:00PM
10/7	TULANE	1:00PM
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Get organized this semester



Keeping yourself organized throughout the school year is the key to making your academic life easier.

Some tips to make the school year go by more smoothly

VIRGINIA SMITH
STAFF WRITER

It's about that time of year again: students are trading in their beach towels for book bags and are heading back to campus. For some, school is an easy routine that never stresses them out, but for many students, keeping your social life, your job and your school work in line can be daunting.

So how can students get organized and stay that way all semester long? No, you don't need to hire a personal assistant to manage your date book. Some simple tasks can help keep all the parts of your life organized.

Keeping your social life organized doesn't mean that you can't still go out as much as you like—having fun is a big part of college and everyone needs a break. But try to devote some time to school also. If you like to go out at night, then don't leave your homework until the evening before it's due. Sit down right after your classes

and look over assignments while they're still fresh in your mind. Afterwards you'll have the rest of the day to go out with friends without school work hanging over you.

No one remembers every assignment or due date. Students often forget important things—so they should write down important events. If you have a reminder every day about that biology midterm, it's a lot harder to let it slip your mind. Buy a day planner and start writing in important dates immediately. Think you'll remember that staff meeting at work? Write it in anyway.

"I'm really stubborn," said Daniel Pierce, an upcoming senior majoring in Management of Information Systems. "I didn't think I needed a planner, but my girlfriend eventually bought one for me. I was working full time and taking classes and I was president of a fraternity. Having a day planner kept things organized and I actually got everything done that I needed to."

"If you have the next few weeks mapped out, you have an idea of how much is in store and how busy you'll be and most importantly, how much free

time you'll have to hang out with friends," Pierce said.

Also, the syllabus that professors hand out at the beginning of the semester contain pertinent information amidst all the warnings about absences. If you're wondering when a course paper is due, you can actually look in the syllabus and find out. Go a step further and start transferring some dates into your day planner. Include useful information like tests, quizzes, even write down when fall break is.

Start doing things in smaller pieces early so that you don't get overwhelmed later. You can write reminders weeks in advance to start working on a course paper so it can't sneak up on you the weekend before it's due.

"Every student struggles to some degree," Catrina Davis, Assistant Director and Liaison for the College of Education, said. "A good thing to do is 'chunk down' tasks. If you have a ten page paper due, write three pages of it weeks before it's due. Work that way."

It is easier to talk about getting organized than it is to

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Health Majors Fair (open to all students)

Wednesday, September 19, 10:30am-1:30pm, Wright Plaza

So, You Want to be Dentist

Wednesday, September 26, 6:00pm-7:00pm, Bate Building, Room 2021

October

So, You Want to be Pharmacist

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November

Inter Institutional Law School Fair

Tuesday, November 6, 12:30-4:00pm, North Carolina State University

Learning to live in a cramped space

Students realize how to manage roommate relationships

ERIN EDWARDS
STAFF WRITER

While going away to college can be an exciting time in a student's life, it can also be one of the most intimidating. Along with leaving friends and family at home, many students will begin the "roommate experience." With restricted space, roommates must learn to deal with each other's habits, pet peeves, likes and dislikes.

Whether a student plans on living with a close friend or an assigned roommate, keeping a stable roommate relationship is important for every student.

Prior to moving in, students are strongly advised to read the Resident Handbook and Campus Living Contract, located on the ECU Web site. There, students will become aware of important policies and procedures. Soon after moving in, every person living in resi-

dence halls is required to fill out the Roommate Agreement sheet. This guide is an open contract in which new roommates discuss individual needs as well as offering solutions if a conflict arises during the course of the year. Resident advisors oversee the agreement and if necessary, refer back to it when dealing with issues. If there are any conflicts between roommates, Campus Living ensures the appropriate people will carry out the proper actions that will satisfy each individual.

ECU junior Lea Bennett experienced conflict with her roommate during her freshmen year at ECU. Paired up randomly by the university, Bennett recalls the animosity that grew through the year.

"My roommate used most of my stuff and wore most of my clothes without asking. She was a messy person and even had her boyfriend stay for over two weeks. I eventually confronted her, but if she would have asked to borrow my stuff, I wouldn't have minded," said Bennett.

Bennett stressed that during

conflict, roommates should talk and maintain open communication with each other. The poor communication between the two just led to problems and growing tension throughout the year.

However, senior Crystal Packard remembers how she kept a great bond with her roommate her freshmen year living in Tyler Hall.

"It was stressful at times, because it's not natural for two people to live in such a small space at one time. It was easy to sometimes get on each other's nerves, but overall, we got along just fine. We knew each other's boundaries, and even though we had different personalities, we made living together work," said Packard.

Roommates do not have to be best friends. They just need to be able to maintain a comfortable atmosphere and be willing to compromise in case of conflict. If problems still arise, the staff at Campus Living ensures that the appropriate actions

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AUGUST

CORE - Monday, August 20th, 3:30 PM, Location: MSC/LWCC

The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center invites you to attend C.O.R.E. (Cultural Outreach and Resource Expo). This program is designed to assist African American, American Indian, Asian, Hispanic/Latino/a and other new students from historically underserved populations with their transition to East Carolina. Enjoy small group sessions as well as opportunities to meet faculty, staff and student leaders.

Welcome Back Cook Out - Thursday, August 23rd, 4-6 PM, Location: LWCC Yard

The fourth annual Welcome Back cook-out will be on the patio of the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center. All students are welcomed to attend, especially freshmen. Free food- first come, first served!

SEPTEMBER

BLACK Out Party w/ Purpose Friday, September 7th, 9 pm- 1am, Location: MSC Great Rooms

Minorities account for 50 percent of all HIV/AIDS cases in America. As drastic as this number sounds it is only increasing. With the combined efforts of ECU students and faculty and staff population, we have devoted our time into raising awareness about this escalating problem. The B.L.A.C.K.O.U.T which stands for Blacks, Latinos, Asians, Caucasians, Keeping out the Aids Virus in Our Community is what we like to call a "party with a purpose." During this four hour event we will make available the basic essentials for protecting oneself and others against H.I.V. contraction and transmission. First, students will be equipped with the knowledge of the virus itself dispelling myth from fact. Second, hand outs of thousands of condoms, dental dams, and safe sex kits. Third, we will offer the option of answering the question am I positive in twenty minutes through rapid HIV testing by PICASO personnel and lastly, during the twelve o'clock hour we will blackout the entire party in a tribute to those who have died from this incurable disease. All proceeds will go to PICASO Greenville's A.I.D.S. Service Organization.

Night on the Prowl Tuesday, September 25th, 6PM, Location: LWCC Gallery

The focus of this program is to teach students about safety at ECU and downtown, and to make them knowledgeable about date rape drugs. The students will also participate in making t-shirts for Take Back the Night and watch the movie *The Accused*, starring Jodie Foster.

Multicultural Student Leadership Conference Saturday, September 29th, 10 am to 3 pm

Location: Mendenhall Student Center Deadline to register Monday, September 17th

You are invited to attend the second annual Multicultural Student Leadership Conference! Join us as we celebrate, empower, and learn more about leadership. There will be several workshop sessions for students to choose from and lunch will be provided. Registration is \$5 until Monday, September 17. More Info? Contact the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center at 328-6495 or www.ecu.edu/lwcc.

OCTOBER

Fiesta featuring Shaggy Flores - Tuesday, October 9th, 6 to 8 PM

Location: LWCC Yard

Celebrate Hispanic/Latino/a culture with food, fun, music and games. For more information please contact the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center at 328-6495.

Please contact the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center
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will be taken to deal with the issues.

Beth Otto, a resident advisor in Greene Hall for two and a half years, said that most conflicts can be resolved between roommates.

"In helping my residents deal with conflicts, I would talk with them about it and figure out the problem and try to fix it. A lot of the conflict would happen between roommates who knew each other from high school, but I never really had to interfere as much, because they would generally work it out together by either openly talking it out, or just fighting about it until they couldn't fight anymore," said Otto.

Although sharing a small space with anyone can be difficult, having open communication and boundaries can help students make sure that their time living on campus is a positive one.

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Photo by Robyn McLawhorn

ECU students learn to live in one small space in dorms like this one..

Facebook changes mirror Myspace

Students wonder if
Facebook has gone
too far

CHELSEA CAMPEN
STAFF WRITER

Many college students have Facebook or Myspace accounts. In fact, it seems to be a staple in the lives of busy college students, mainly since both provide a means of entertainment in addition to being an outlet for keeping in touch with old friends and stalking new ones. Both sites are useful in keeping in touch in with old friends as well as making new ones and both are free to anyone with an email address. One past difference in the sites is that Myspace used to offer more personalization options.

However, with the addition of new options, Facebook is starting to look a lot like Myspace these days. Now more than ever, users can do many of the same types of things on both sites.

Facebook has come to offer similar benefits to Myspace, and rivals as one of the fastest growing social networks on the Web. The most notable addition of Facebook is an endless variety of applications that users can employ to enhance their pages.

At press, there were already 2,792 Facebook applications on the site to choose from. Included in the applications is the Marketplace, a classifieds listing for users to buy and sell from one another, Quit Smoking, which helps smokers to create a unique plan and reward system to help smokers kick the habit and Media Master Radio, a program that allows users to upload music to their page for their friends to hear. New applications such as these only seem to add to Facebook's popularity, as the site now boasts 30 million active users.

Despite its constantly-increasing fan base, Facebook seems to be changing to include many of the features Myspace offers.

However, Facebook remains unique from Myspace in that it allows users to post personal information such as telephone numbers and offers an easy way to network with fellow students at one's school.

Even though Facebook is constantly striving for improvement, MySpace still has its perks. Members of Myspace get the benefit of personalizing their page with colorful interfaces and lets users chat in real time, options yet to be seen on Facebook. It is also a useful tool for independent bands, who can gain a fan base and popularize their music, promote new albums and alert fans to upcoming shows via circulation Myspace.

As Facebook's user base continues to expand and new features are added, the question remains: is Facebook becoming a mere spin-off version of Myspace?

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BSU

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BSU has acquired many accolades and recognitions as an organization at ECU, including Organization of the Year by the Intercultural Student Senate.

The organization's president was also selected by 100 Black Men of America as one of the top 100 college leaders in America.

"It should be noted that our organization is not closed to just black students but [open] to people of all colors, ethnicity, background, etc. We are happy that we have members of all types in our organization," Dixon said.

For more information about BSU visit their Web site at ecu.edu/org/ecubsu.

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actually stay that way. Doing things right one time helps out in the long run. Go buy ten bubbles sheets with your school supplies. Get one big binder and put all your notes to every class in there. It's easy to forget one notebook and hard to miss a big binder.

"There are things you hear all the time about getting organized," Davis said. "The trick is staying that way."

There are workshops and programs that are offered at Mendenhall Student Center and other departments that can help, so go ahead and check them out as school starts.

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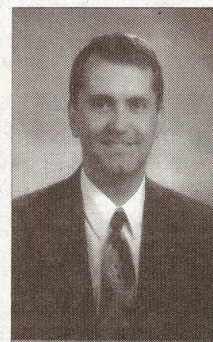


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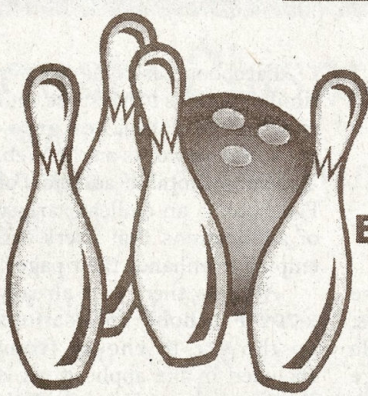


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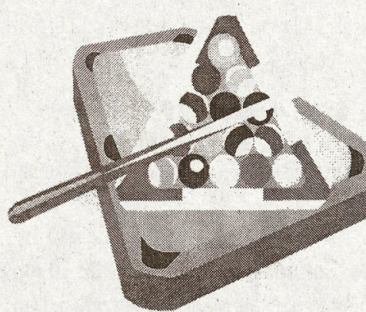
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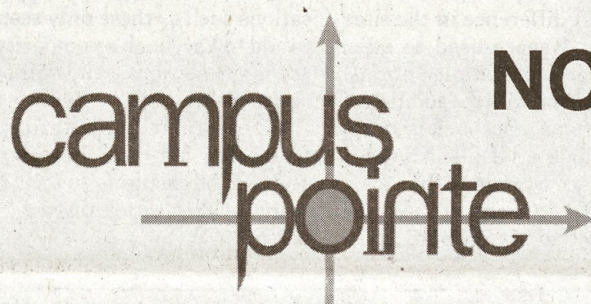


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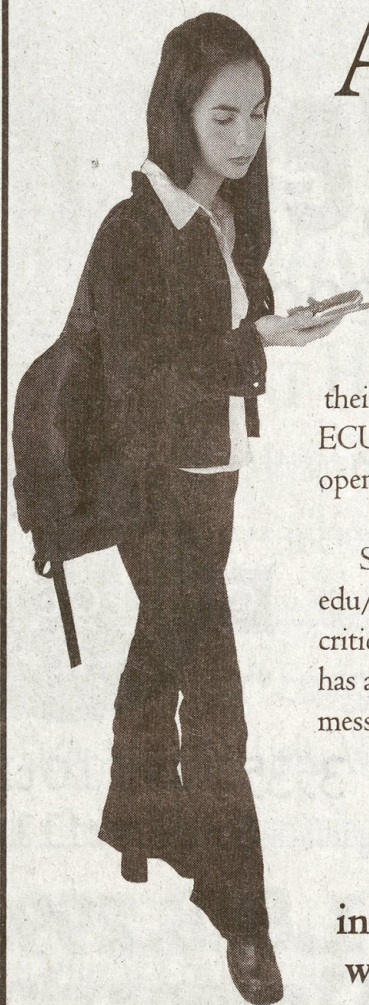
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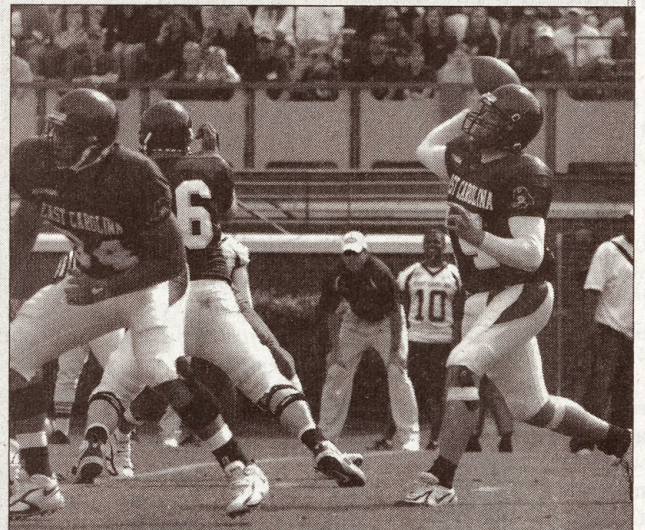
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FOOTBALL PREVIEW

ECU VS. VT



Pirates face numerous challenges in

"Hokie Nation"

Rob Kass set to make first start at Quarterback

JARED JACKSON
STAFF WRITER

KEYS TO THE GAME



1. Stop the Run

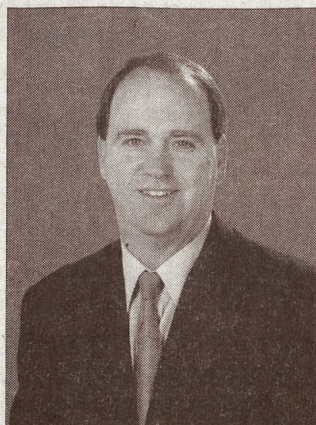
Senior Virginia Tech running back Branden Ore ran for 1187 yards and 16 touchdowns in 2006 and earned an all-ACC first team selection. While the defensive line for ECU is suspected to be one of the best in school history, the Pirates will have to prove that accolade on the field in stopping the finest running back the ACC has to offer.

2. Protect Kass

While injuries have depleted the returning veteran offensive line to some degree, the guys up front will have to perform better than a unit that ranked 77th nationally in pass protection last season. If they don't Rob Kass will be running for his life in his first start at quarterback and will likely ruin any chance of ECU knocking off the Hokies.

3. Special Teams

If the Pirates hope to make the game close then they will have to take advantage of every opportunity on special teams. Last year the offense stalled numerous times in field goal range only to come up with no points. Field position will also be key and protecting the punter as well. The Hokies are known for "Beamer ball" which entails in punt and field goal blocks.



HOLTZ

"It's a great honor for us to have the opportunity to go up there and not only play Virginia Tech but also play in an enthusiastic and exciting atmosphere. When you look at the hurt and the healing that still needs to happen at Virginia Tech, it's going to be an emotional time for their fans and football team"

All eyes will be on Blacksburg, Va. Sept. 1 as the college football season kicks off for ECU when it matches up against national title hopeful and preseason ACC champion pick Virginia Tech in Lane Stadium at noon.

The Hokies, winners of five straight over the Pirates in the all-time series, have a big top-10 match-up with No. 2 LSU in Baton Rouge the second week of the season, but after a gunman claimed 32 lives on the VT campus in the deadliest school shooting ever, the Pirates have become the Hokies number one priority in an effort by the football-laden community to bring back some sort of normalcy.

Upon entering his third year, ECU football coach Skip Holtz knows the pre-game memorial ceremony will be emotional, but once it's game time both sides have to play football.

"When you look at the hurt and the healing that still needs to go on at Virginia Tech, it's going to be a very emotional time for their family, for their fans, for their football team and it will be an emotional time for our team," said Holtz, who owns a 12-13 overall record at the helm of ECU.

"I think that tragedy hit every college campus and every college student around the country because it could happen anywhere. So it's something that we're going to address and talk about, but the bottom line is once the memorials and everything else is done, the ball is going to be put on the tee and we have to play football."

In the wake of the tragedy, ESPN selected the match-up between the Pirates and Hokies as the game of the day on the network, and is sending "College Gameday," the once-a-week pre-game college football special, featuring analysts Kirk Herbstreit, Lee Corso and Chris Fowler to Blacksburg, Va.

Picked as a huge underdog by expert analysts, ECU and redshirt junior defensive tackle Khalif Mitchell believe the bowl game atmosphere will motivate the team.

"The tragedy is going to make us play harder because we are going to be in an environment on the ESPN game of the day," he said. "The students who were slain are students. We are student athletes with student being a first priority and even though we love football it could have happened at any school. Everything happens for a reason and the tragedy, although bad in its nature, brought all universities together and when we go out there we will play for them [the victims] even though they were Hokies."

ECU will enter the game with many questions surrounding the offensive unit. In his first start replacing former senior quarterback James Pinkney redshirt sophomore Rob Kass will face a Virginia Tech defense that has ranked No. 1 in total defense for the past two years.

"The first game is going to be a tough task, without a doubt," said Kass, who completed 14-of-30 passes last year for 184 yards and one interception in limited playing time. "They say that playing at Virginia Tech is one of the toughest places to play in the nation and I take that on as a challenge." Kass added, "I think that as long as I play within the system, under offensive coordinator Todd Fitch and head coach Skip Holtz, they will prepare me to go into any situation, not only against Virginia Tech but what any team on our schedule throws at us."

Many of the struggles that ECU dealt with on offense last year were the result of an offensive line that opened up few holes, and ranked 77th nationally in pass protection. Kass will only be able to go as far as his line takes him and that means that they must protect him or it will make for one tough day in the pocket.

After losing three of their top four receivers to graduation, including standout Aundrae Allison to the Minnesota Vikings, the Pirates must turn to more raw receivers. Senior wide receiver Phillip Henry, a former walk-on who had 34 catches for 484 yards and 2 touchdowns in 2006, will be counted on as the most experienced and versatile of ECU's wideouts and is listed on the preseason depth chart as the first-unit slot receiver. Joining Henry on the first-unit are sophomore Jamar Bryant, who caught 11 passes for 108 yds in 2006 and senior Steven Rogers, who averaged more than 17 yards on 22 catches last year.

While the Hokies offense features stand out running back Branden Ore, who rushed for 1,187 yards and 16 touchdowns last season, the Pirates will look towards senior Chris Johnson to prove that he is an all-purpose back. In 35 career games Johnson has rushed for 1,559 yards and 19 touchdowns. Dominique Lindsay and redshirt freshman Norman Whitley will also add depth to the Pirates rushing attack that could prove to be one of the better units in C-USA.

Everyone knows how tough the Hokies defense will be given the team's track record. However, the Pirates will be returning proven veterans across the defensive line and linebacker units. The imposing defensive line forms a tall front wall that averages about 6-foot-5. Against VT, defensive tackle Marcus Robinson could turn out to be the biggest key along the front after proving to be a consistent run stopper last year. Standing next to Robinson will be University of North Carolina transfer Khalif Mitchell. Marcus Hands and Zach Slate round out the unit as the starting defensive ends, explosive players that can wreak havoc on the opposing quarterback.

The starting linebacker unit will be made up of juniors Quentin Cotton and Pierre Bell, while senior leader Fred Wilson will contain the middle after tallying 39 solo tackles last season. The defensive backs will be in transition mode going into the season. Former linebacker Van Eskridge has moved to free safety, while Chris Mattocks will helm the strong safety position. How well the Pirates pass defense succeeds, however, will be in the hands of cornerbacks Leon Best and Jerek Hewett.

"It will be a war and we have to go out and play like it is the last game as we will do every game," said Khalif Mitchell explaining the mindset the Pirates come Sept. 1.

Win or lose, the Pirate faithful will use the VT game as a measuring stick to see how far the program has come in the last two years. But don't expect the boys from Greenville to lay down for the more talented Hokies. They are planning on winning and don't tell them otherwise.

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KEYS TO THE GAME



1. Use the emotion to their advantage

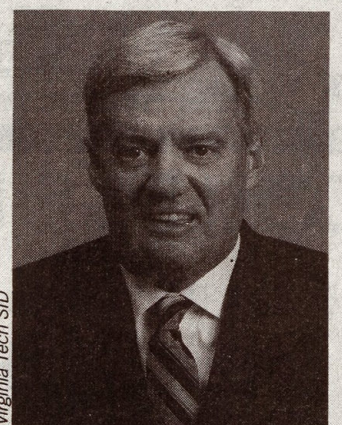
The Hokies' are used to playing on national television, in front of 60,000+ fans, while the ECU players have never played in a game that will receive as much attention as this one. Virginia Tech should be able to channel all the emotion that will be inside Lane Stadium better than ECU. The Hokies are 66-19 all-time in televised home games and haven't lost a home opener in Blacksburg since 1995, including three straight shutouts and outscoring their opponents 362-68 since 2000.

2. Put pressure on Kass

I'm sure defensive coordinator Bud Foster, regarded as one of the best defensive minds in the country, is well aware that ECU is breaking in a new quarterback for the first time since 2003. The Hokies should start blitzing ECU's young quarterback as soon as he steps off the bus. Zone blitz's, stunts, double teams and any other packages that Virginia Tech can throw at Kass will force him to make hard decisions under pressure.

3. Make the big play early

Virginia Tech is the heavy favorite, has superior talent, more experience and a big play early in the game could diminish the Pirates' chance of an upset. Whether it's a long run by Branden Ore or a patented special teams play that Virginia Tech is known for, an early score will get the thousands of fans in Lane Stadium amped up and possibly start an avalanche that ECU cannot stop.



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Norman Whitley provides explosiveness toughness and the ability to take it outside.

Backfield full of depth

Johnson keys versatile running back trio

RONNIE WOODWARD
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Since Skip Holtz arrived in Greenville, he has had James Pinkney, Aundrae Allison and a reliable passing game to depend on.

But now, the record-setting duo of Pinkney and Allison is gone and Holtz will have to turn to a talented group of running backs to carry the load offensively.

"We have great depth at running back...and that will be a true asset to this offense and will take a lot of pressure off of me," said ECU sophomore quarterback Rob Kass, who will be making his first career start Sept. 1 against Virginia Tech.

ECU's rushing attack was inconsistent last season, finishing ninth in C-USA in rushing offense with 115.5 yards per game.

"Those guys might not have the amazing stats from a year ago, but I feel confident that this year the running game is something we're going to rely on," the Pirates' young quarterback said. "When its third-and-one in the fourth quarter, I have full confidence that they will stick their head in there and get the first down."

Holtz said earlier this month that running back is the deepest position on the Pirates' offense and six backs will be competing during fall practice for playing time.

ECU running backs coach Junior Smith believes the depth at the position can create mismatches for opposing defenses.

"With the depth at running back, we're going to try to get more than one of those guys on the field at the same time," said Smith, who is ECU's all-time leading rusher with 3,745 career rushing yards from 1991-1994. "Maybe have one in the backfield, have them blocking for each other, then throw a swing pass out the backfield to one of them as well. We want to use their talents in one-on-one match-ups with linebackers and get all of them involved as much as possible."

Someone who has flourished in such a role is senior Chris Johnson, who is listed as the Pirates' starting running back. The speedy Johnson had a team-best 972 all-purpose yards as a running back, wide receiver and kick returner last season.

"I'll be a running back mainly but we still have plays in the playbook where I can be moved to a slot receiver," Johnson said of his role in this year's offense.

Johnson has displayed play-making ability throughout his career, including a 96-yard kick return last season and an 86-

yard run against Wake Forest as a freshman, which ranks as the seventh longest run in ECU history and second longest by an ECU freshman.

Without Pinkney and Allison, Johnson believes he can showcase his explosiveness even more this season.

"I'm looking to be more of a playmaker this year, but I made plays even when they [Pinkney and Allison] were here," said Johnson. "There's really not much pressure for me to step up and be a playmaker because I've been doing it since my freshman year."

Pinkney ended his career as ECU's all-time leader in completions (687), career attempts (1,189), 200-yard passing games (29) and consecutive starts at quarterback (38).

Kass is taking over for Pinkney, and a better rushing attack could benefit the young quarterback.

"We feel like the running game has to be better," said Johnson. "Pinkney has been here for the last three or four years and this will be the first season in awhile with a new quarterback, so we have to run the ball better to take some of the pressure off the quarterback."

The big plays that usually came from the Pirates' quarterback and wide receivers in years past could come more from the talented backfield that ECU will display this fall.

"We need our running backs to make big plays so the offense isn't on the field for so long sometimes, we need some long runs where we can break a tackle and score that way," said Smith.

Holtz believes that his past offenses have relied on Pinkney and Allison because of the lack of depth at certain positions.

"If you look at this offense the past couple of years, it has relied very heavily on just a couple of players because we didn't have a lot of depth," he said. "When Aundrae [Allison] came here, we didn't have another player of his talent so we moved him all over the field and made him the primary target because we feel like we didn't have the quality depth."

"But now after being in this program for three years, one of the most exciting things about this team and the biggest difference in this football team than the one of three years ago is the depth that's here right now."

With the inexperience at quarterback and wide receiver, the ECU rushing attack will have to be improved in 2007.

"For us to achieve our goals of being a top-25 team, a conference champion and return to a bowl game we're going to have to establish a consistent, dominant running game," said Smith.

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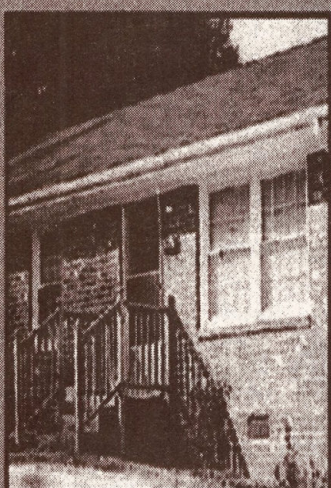
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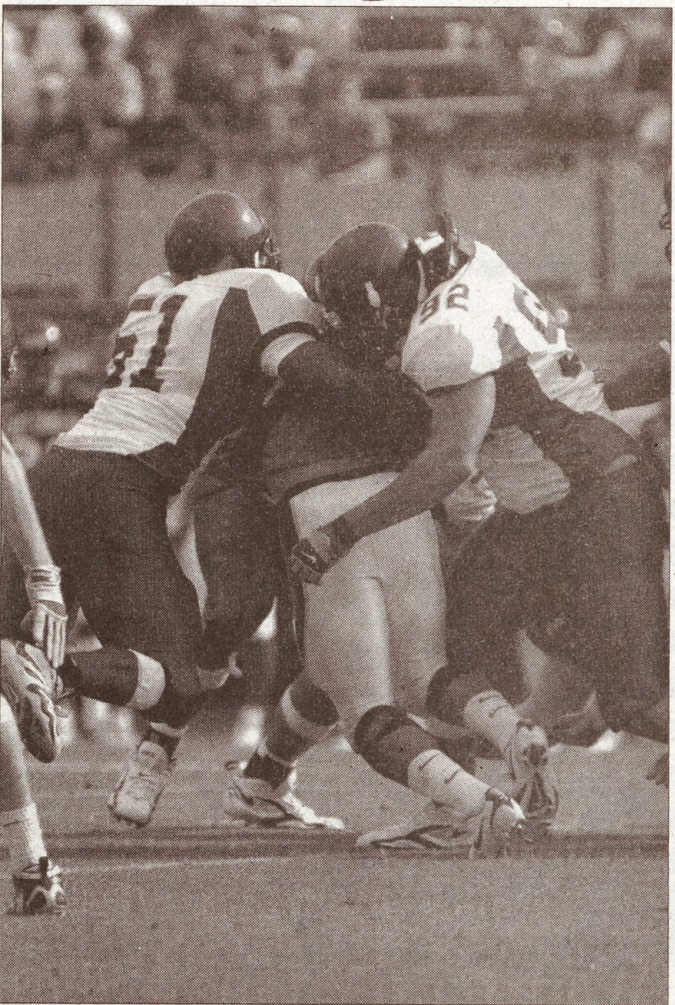
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The success of ECU's defense rests firmly on the broad shoulders of Fred Wilson, Pierre Bell and Quentin Cotton. The three linebackers have played a fundamental part in the resurgence of a tough, intimidating Pirates defense under third year defensive coordinator Greg Hudson. In 2003, ECU's rush defense was the laughing stock of C-USA. The defense gave up an appalling 221.6 yards per game on the ground. In only three short seasons, two under the tutelage of Hudson, the Pirates have scaled back over 75 rush yards per game, giving up 145.2 yards per game on the ground. With an emphasis on stopping the run, Hudson has gotten his defense back to the fundamentals of tackling. "That's [stopping the run] our first priority, whether it's a great team like Virginia Tech or a team that is more of a spread option offensive team, you have to stop the run first and if you don't their going to just keep handing the ball off and laugh at you," remarked Hudson. The improvement can also be credited to the players on a

cohesive defense led by standout defensive lineman Mark Robinson and middle linebacker Wilson. With the return of all three starting linebackers in senior captain Wilson and juniors Bell and Cotton, ECU's rush defense is expected to be even better. While the defense has made strides over the past few years, there is still room for improvement. The Pirates ranked sixth among C-USA teams in rushing defense in 2006, well behind first-ranked SMU (107.5 rush yards per game). Wilson, 6-foot-2, 260 pounds, a former transfer from Georgia Military proved during his initial season in 2006 to be an aggressive, heady team player. Wilson credits this partially to his tough, demanding education at Georgia Military. "At Georgia Military they taught me a lot about being together as one team," said Wilson. "My linebackers coach taught me a lot about helping each other, so that helped me with my discipline." As the middle linebacker, Wilson is expected to be the leader of the defense and mentor the younger players to help them become well adapted within the system. While Wilson is known as a soft-spoken individual, Hudson believes that his leadership qualities speak volumes to his teammates. "Fred is a lead-by-example guy. The best way to evaluate

Fred's leadership is to watch him on Saturday," the Pirates' defensive coordinator said. "He's an emotional player, he's not a real loud, vocal guy during the week but when he clears his throat everybody seems to stand still. He's an intimidating presence but he represents this university in great fashion...Fred's presence and emotion, especially on Saturdays, plays a huge role on this team." Wilson will also be relied on as the primary signal caller on defense after starting all 13 games last season at middle linebacker, tallying 39 solo and 25 assisted tackles. "On the defense, we're [linebackers] like the quarterback of an offense. Having me, [Quentin] Cotton and [Pierre] Bell back on defense gives the team good experience," said Wilson. "We're trying to help the younger guys in the secondary and the veterans up front by running around and flying to the ball." Hudson, who played two years as a linebacker at Notre Dame and now coaches the linebacking corps can attest to the importance of a good linebacking unit. "It's like baseball, you have to be strong up the middle and we feel the same way about our defense, our middle linebacker has to run and make plays," Hudson said, adding that he thinks the experience and camaraderie of the starting three

linebackers will pay big dividends. "That linebacker core, they've worked together, they know where each other is going to be and the retention from last spring has been good." With Cotton, 6-foot-2, 220 pounds and Bell, 6-foot-2, 231 pounds, Wilson knows he has two strong teammates by his side to rely on. Cotton, a preseason second-team All-Conference USA performer according to Athlon Sports, has been stellar when healthy. In 2006, Cotton finished second on the team with 68 total tackles (34 solo, 34 assisted) despite missing two games due to injury (ankle, shoulder). Cotton has also shown a knack for getting after the opposing quarterback and running backs, tallying a team-high eight tackles for a loss of yardage in 2006 (-17 yards). Cotton will play an important role in taking the load off a young secondary by putting pressure on quarterbacks. Similar to Cotton, Bell has had an injury plagued career, but when healthy has made quite an impact. Bell finished third on the defense with 66 total tackles. He is also a respected veteran that shares leadership duties with Wilson. "Pierre Bell is a guy that's



Senior Middle linebacker Fred Wilson (51) gang-tackles redshirt freshman tailback Norman Whitley during the Purple-Gold game to limit a short gain.

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ECU basketball undergoes coaching shakeup



Stokes replaced by McCarthy

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After two disappointing seasons as ECU head basketball coach, Ricky Stokes has decided to step down, or at least, step aside.

Associate head coach Mack McCarthy will take over as acting head coach for the upcoming season and Stokes has taken an administrative role as the associate athletics director for basketball.

Stokes won 14 games, five of

which came against non-Division I opponents and lost 44 in his two seasons at ECU.

"At this time, being the associate AD makes the most sense to me," Stokes said in an Aug. 9 phone teleconference. "It's best for the ECU basketball program for me to go into athletic administration rather than having the scrutiny and referendum after each game."

ECU athletic director Terry Holland said that he, Stokes and the other coaches had many meetings throughout the summer and collectively decided that this was the best move for the basketball program.

"I don't think there's any doubt that the reason we're here is because the last two years, we've been 14-44 on the court," said Holland at the press conference. "After this [past] season, I sat down with the coaching staff and we had some good heart-to-heart talks and the main theme of that is we've got really one year to get this right so let's put everything on the table and continue to talk and continue to meet until we can determine

what the best thing to do to move this program forward will be for the coming season."

Holland added, "Toward the end of the summer, we came up with what we thought was the best solution, and simply put, coach Stokes felt it was a good time for him to make a career change at age 45 and he wanted to focus on the bigger issue."



The timing of the coaching switch comes just weeks before the team starts practice.

"It's odd timing but it's just one of those things where a coach has to do what's best for his family...and I think that's what happened with coach Stokes," said senior forward Taylor Gagnon.

Holland and Stokes both said that a new practice facility is needed and part of Stokes' new position is to help fundraise and develop the project.


"There is no bigger issue and no more long-term issue than a practice facility and the ability for our teams to

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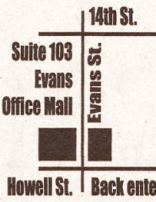
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been here longer than I have and he's doing a good job with leadership," Hudson said.

While Bell and Cotton have had nagging injuries, both had successful shoulder surgery during spring practice and have been healthy for fall practice. As long as the defense sticks to fundamentals and stays healthy, Hudson thinks the team will have a successful year and has come a long way from the struggles of 2003.

"We've steadily chopped away at where we need to be as a defense." With a hint of caution, Hudson added, "The main thing is we have to be careful as coaches and not get caught up in the scheme and stuff and just tackle. If we miss tackles in Blacksburg that place will be rocking, but if your fundamentally sound and your kids play hard you have a chance."

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have the access to the practice facility that they need," said Holland. "That's not going to happen overnight, it's not going to happen in the next year and probably not in the next two or three years, but it will never happen unless we start pushing for that...Ricky's job will be to promote all of those programs and help us do whatever it takes to get the job done in the long term, coach McCarthy's job is to win games."

Winning games is something McCarthy is no stranger to. McCarthy has a 309-177 (.646) career record in 16 season as a head coach, including five NCAA Tournament trips with the Tennessee-Chattanooga Mocs.

"Everybody should expect this team to have a great attitude, everybody should expect this team to play together and everybody should expect for them to give a great effort," said McCarthy of the upcoming season.

Stokes said that he has no plans of coaching again, and

is looking forward to spending more time with his family and the job stability that comes with the move to athletic administration.

The player's believe despite the odd timing, the transition should be a smooth one.

"I think it's for the best and coach Mack is taking over so it will be an easy adjustment," Gagnon said. "We're all extremely close with coach Mack and he's been a big part of the coaching style and this basketball program the last few seasons so it shouldn't be a hard transition, overall I think everyone is pretty excited about it."

Holland will evaluate the coaching position again after this season and decide which direction to go with the program.

"We're going with the acting title [with coach McCarthy] and we're going to stay with that until the spring, then we're going to decide where we are," he said. "We didn't want a referendum on coach Stokes and

we don't want one on coach McCarthy. That will be decided with all the information at the end of the year, we'll either be renegotiating a nice, big contract with coach McCarthy or we'll be looking for a new coach, I think it's that simple."



Despite the 14-44 record, Stokes said he was proud of what he accomplished both on and off the court in his two seasons at ECU.

"I'm not ashamed of the last two years," Stokes said. "We have better athletes, we have better talent, we worked extremely hard with the student's GPA, scheduling, not trying to miss classes. "The bottom line is I just felt we didn't win enough games. Next year would have been a very critical year for me and I just thought to eliminate some of the pressure and strain that comes with that, I could be better served as the associate AD of basketball."

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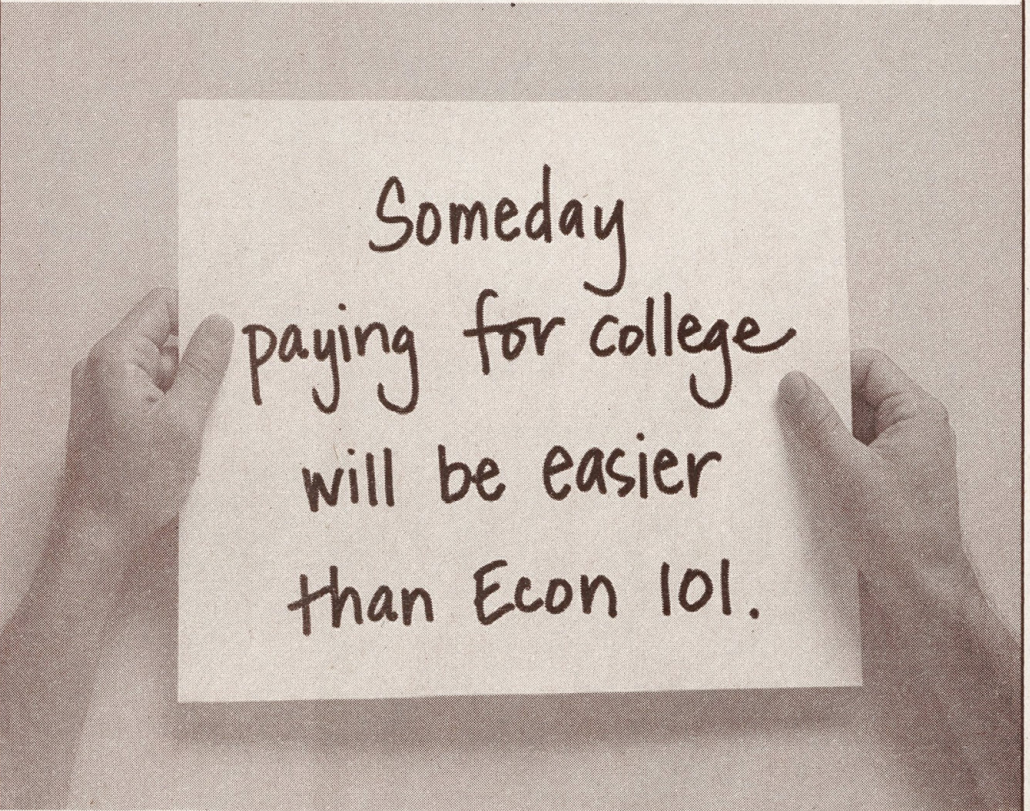


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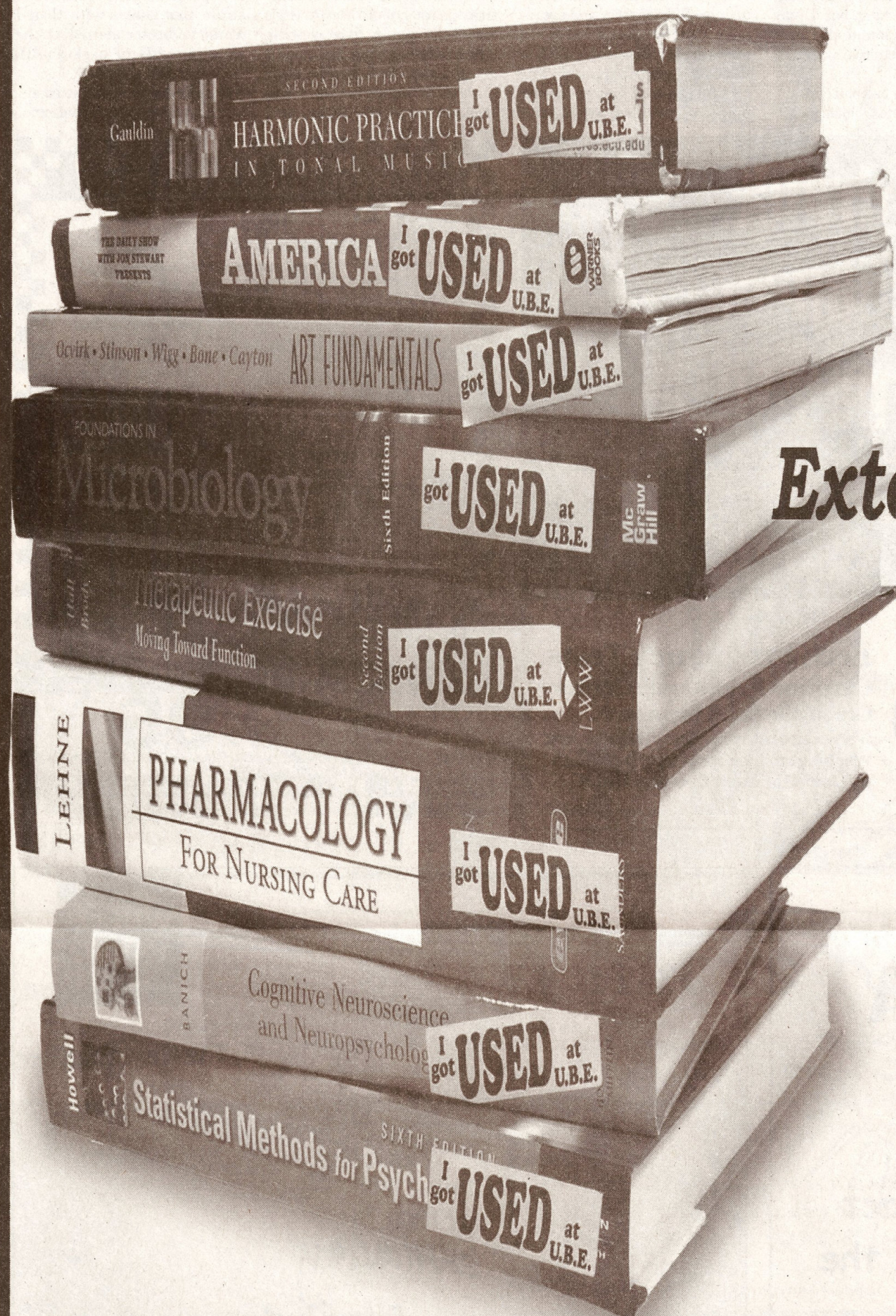
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