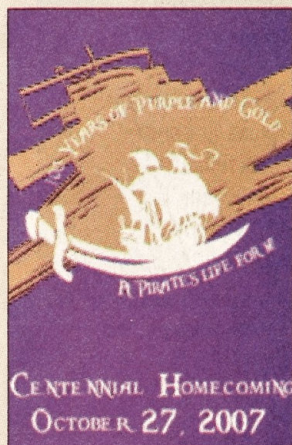
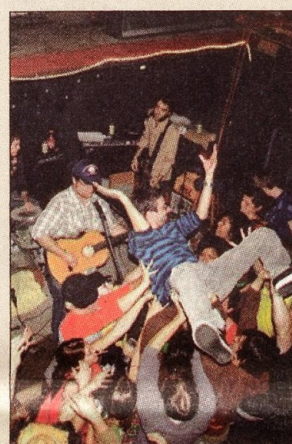


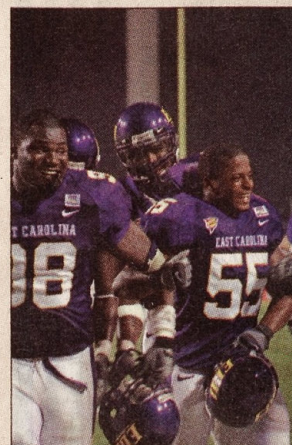
Pitt County municipal elections quickly approaching



Homecoming 2007 is set to be unlike any homecoming before it, as students and alumni alike will be celebrating 100 years of purple and gold. Turn to the sports section for information on Homecoming 2007 festivities and why it's always been "a Pirates life" for everybody at ECU.....**Page B3**

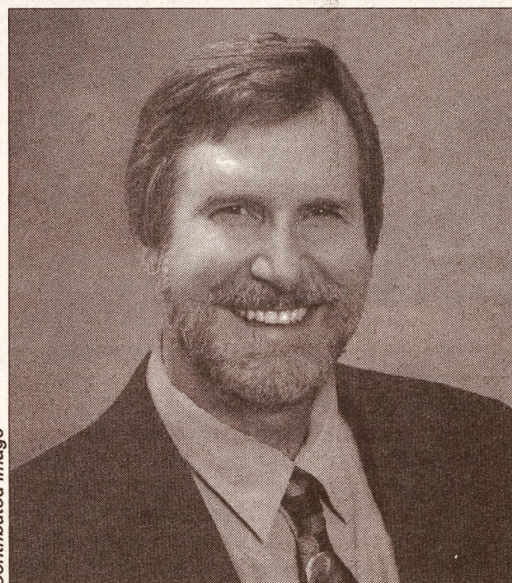


The Spazzatorium is Greenville's premiere underground club. Find out about the wild scene in the features section, and what it means to rock out with the best in punk and eclectic rock.....**Page A6**



The Pirates look to rebound against the lowly Blazers of UAB after a tough loss to N.C. State. Check out the sports section for a full-preview of the homecoming game and to find out why ECU has history on its side.....**Page B1**

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District 4 Candidate Dr. Calvin Mercer

Candidates tackle student issues

ADELINE TRENTO
SENIOR WRITER

On November 6, Pitt County will hold its municipal elections for City Council positions as well as the Mayor, Alderman and Commissioner seats.

The Greenville City Council, which is responsible for establishing the general policies of the city, is made up of the mayor, five District Council members and one at-large City Council Member.

The City Council enacts ordinances, adopts the annual

budget, approves the financing of all operations and authorizes contracts on behalf of the city.

"City Council is the governing body for the city of Greenville," said Larry Spell, the current District 3 Council Member.

"We have a council-manager form of government, so the day to day activities of the city are run by the City Manager, and the City Council is there to advise and make policy decisions. The idea is that the City Council should be made up of people from all walks of life that bring different perspectives from throughout the city."

Although many students do not realize it, the council is responsible for policies that

affect them on a daily basis.

"Students are Greenville citizens and they are affected by the decisions that the City Council makes," Spell said.

"They are affected by policies about garbage pickup, housing, police protection and how many parks or greenways we have."

In this year's election, several candidates have emphasized safety as a major issue in Greenville and most students agree that crime is a problem in the city.

"If I were on the city council the first thing I would do is want to now what our priorities are concerning the law," said James Tripp, District 3 candidate.

Tripp has decided to center

his campaign for District 3 representative primarily on student concerns.

"As an ECU student I think that safety is a big issue in Greenville," said Katie Rankin, senior health and fitness major.

"I think it would be a good idea to have those emergency blue light phones not only on campus, but also throughout the neighborhoods surrounding campus. I think City Council should put more focus on keeping residents safe."

Many candidates in this year's election have focused on other issues that affect students as well.

Several campaigns have addressed issues about rental

housing, unfair landlords, traffic, recreational parks and improving the Pitt-Greenville Airport.

"The growth of our city is not only inevitable and desirable, it can also be exciting and produce valuable new jobs," said Calvin Mercer, District 4 candidate.

"It can provide vibrant new opportunities for culture, recreation and commerce. However, our growth must be smart, planned and beneficial to all of our citizens; small and large businesses, and neighborhoods. Smart growth can address many of our issues."

Protecting student rights, see **ELECTIONS** page A3

Event promotes comedy as an art form

HumorFest and conference to be held

WHITNEY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

The first ECU Humor Festival and Conference will be held Nov. 1 through Nov. 3. Author and N.C. native Jill McCorkle, poet and screenwriter Andrei Codrescu, and Texas musician and novelist Kinky Friedman are the keynote speakers.

Deciding who would be the best to kick-off the first ever ECU HumorFest, were the tour dates of the presenters, and the price range of the coordinators.

"We attempted to pull people that would present humor in many different ways," said Carol Woodruff, director of co-curricular programs and cultural outreach. "Our focus was on satire and parody humor."

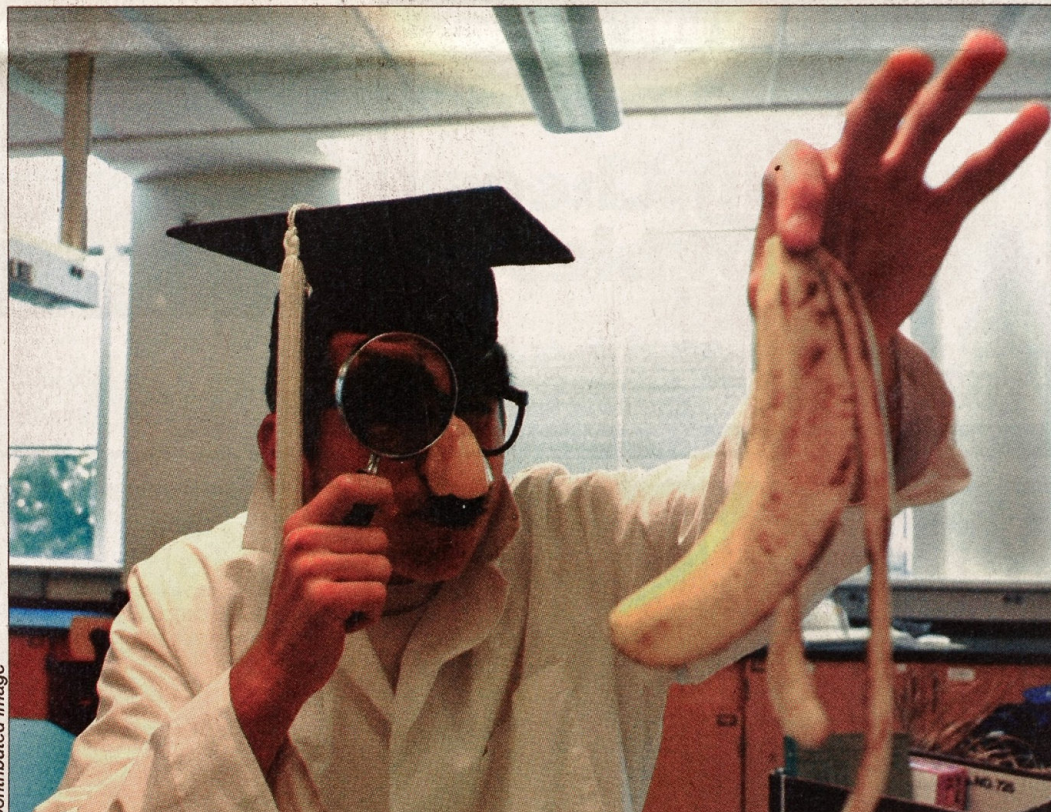
The laugh-out-loud, three-day event will feature a film and performance festival that includes stand-up, improv comedy, joke contests and silly songs.

"Humor as an art form rarely attracts the serious attention it deserves," said Tom Douglass, ECU professor of English, co-chair of the event.

"The East Carolina HumorFest intends to correct this omission and provide performers, scholars and students an opportunity to enjoy humor in all of its forms."

The academic Humor conference will be presented in all its forms, in which scholars explore humor in therapy, art, literature, film and dance.

"It's exciting because students are involved in many different ways, such as planning of the event and



HumorFest entertainers seek to present humor in a different light, through stand-up, improv and songs.

those presenting papers from other universities," Douglass said.

The festival provides a rare opportunity for performers, scholars and students to interact and enjoy humor from all dimensions.

"We [Tom Douglass and I] were thinking, over coffee in Mendenhall Student Center, what would be an interesting initiative that would unite academic activities with those outside of the classroom," Woodruff said. "Let's incorporate other realms of humor."

Humor and healing, political satire in cartoons, medieval

see **HUMORFEST** page A3



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Atlantic Records R&B artist to perform at Homecoming concert



Event aimed to engage students in activities

KIMBERLY BELLAMY
NEWS EDITOR

Trey Songz, Atlantic Records R&B artist, will perform at Wright Auditorium on Saturday at 8 p.m.

Black Student Union (BSU) and Muchismo Entertainment are sponsoring the event.

Belonging to Muchismo Entertainment are two Pirates that have contributed to organizing this event: Ricardo Tucker, senior industrial technology major and Kevin Faison, alumni

of ECU.

The idea of bringing this artist to ECU stemmed from two main factors about homecoming that the students felt should be changed.

The concert's first objective is to give students entertainment at ECU for homecoming, instead of them having to go to other schools to enjoy homecoming festivities, according to Tucker.

They were following the model of other schools that traditionally have concerts during their week of homecoming, according to Patrick Dixon, president of BSU.

The second issue that encouraged the sponsors to have this concert is the intentions of

the groups to create more events that promote more diversity and minority participation in Homecoming.

"We both had a common goal to provide entertainment for homecoming for students that are interested in having a concert of the R&B/Hip Hop persuasion," Dixon said.

BSU and Muchismo Entertainment have invested a lot of time into planning the concert.

BSU has been planning the concert since August, according to Dixon.

"We had been looking at artists since this summer," Dixon

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Anti-Greek life meeting held today



Breakthrough Campus Ministries targets the greek community.

Biblical standpoint offered

DAVID WILDER
STAFF WRITER

Breakthrough Campus Ministries is hosting a "Don't Go Greek" meeting today, Oct. 25 to provide students with information about Greek organizations.

Minister Fred Hatchett, a former brother of Omega Psi Phi, will speak at the event.

The meeting will address the topics of, "The foundation of Greek organizations, what they claim to be, what they actually are and why Christians should avoid them," Hatchett said.

Hatchett is a born again Christian and was formally a Freemason.

Current-day fraternities and sororities are founded upon pagan origins, according to Hatchett, including origins of "Babylonian, Egyptian and Greek mystery religions." Shannon DeVaughn, one of the event organizers, said, "Students should come so that they can make a wise and informed decision on whether or not to join a Greek-lettered organization."

"Students should not pledge because, for one thing, they put themselves in physical danger. Hazing in fact does still go on," DeVaughn said.

"This event will cover aspects from both a Chris-

see **ANTI-GREEK** page A4

PIRATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Student Meeting concerning the Oct. 23 off-campus shooting Friday, Oct. 26 2 p.m.

Mendenhall Student Center
ECU administrators will host a student meeting at 2 p.m., Friday, Oct. 26, at Mendenhall Student Center, to allow students an opportunity to discuss the Oct. 23 off-campus shooting.

Muslim Fulbright scholar visits ECU Thursday, Oct. 25 7 p.m.
Willis Building
ECU will host Dr. Aslam Khaki, of Pakistan, for four weeks in October and early November through the Fulbright Visiting Specialist Program: Direct Access to the Muslim World. Contact Holly Hapke, Department of Geography at 328-1041 or hapkeh@ecu.edu for more information.

College of Allied Health Sciences 40th Anniversary Alumni Celebration Saturday, October 27 8:30-11 a.m.
Health Sciences Building
The college of Allied Health Sciences will host its 40th Anniversary Alumni Celebration with a breakfast and trip to the homecoming game against Alabama-Birmingham. There will also be a ceremony honoring 40 distinguished alumni. To buy tickets or to find out more information, visit ecupirates.cstv.com.

ECU's RENC/CCSIM Hosts Open House Thursday, Nov. 1 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Rivers Building West
East Carolina University's high-tech coastal systems research facility, RENC/CCSIM @ ECU, will host an Open House. Faculty, staff and students looking to create broader impacts of their research and outreach through cutting edge technology such as the VisWall and the new technology and media equipped RENC Rover van are invited to attend. For more information check out <http://www.ecu.edu/renc/> or call Donna Kain at 252-737-1770.

Sweeny Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street Thursday, Nov. 1 7 p.m.
A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall
The School of Music will host the opera production of Sweeny Todd, starring Starring Gary Harwell, Jennifer Vickers, Rochelle Rice, Stephen Howell, Monika Vrabel, Jessica LaLiberte, Jason Kossol Timothy Messina, Megan Whitaker, Lauren Mazzola, Matthew Cahill and Eric Loftin. Directed by John Kramar and conducted by Daniel Bara, Sweeny Todd will be showing from Nov. 1-3 at 7 p.m. with a show on Nov. 3 at 2 p.m. Tickets for students are \$5. For more information or to buy tickets, visit ecuarts.com or call 252-328-4788.

Pirate Nation Weather Report
Thursday:
Low: 72F
Hi: 77F
Wind: southeast 5-10 mph
% Precipitation Probability: 40
General Weather: partly cloudy with passing showers

Friday:
Low: 70
Hi: 79
Wind: easterly 5-10mph
% Precipitation Probability: 50
General Weather: partly cloudy with passing showers

Weekend:
Low: lower 60s
Hi: upper 70s
Wind: easterly 10-15
% Precipitation: 40
General Weather: partly cloudy clearing through Sunday

Forecast presented by ECU GeoClub and Geography's Atmospheric Science Program.

25 Thurs

Muslim Fulbright scholar
Willis Building
7 p.m.

26 Fri

Freeboot Friday
Spare Change
Mac & Juice
Uptown Greenville
5-8 p.m.

National Pan-Hellenic Council
Step Show!
Wright Auditorium
8 p.m.

27 Sat

Homecoming Parade
Begins on Fifth Street
10 a.m.

Football UAB
Homecoming
Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium
3:30 p.m.

Swimming
Towson
Minges Aquatic Center
11 a.m.

26 Sun

Humane Society's Halloween Costume Contest
Jaycee Park
2 p.m.-5 p.m.

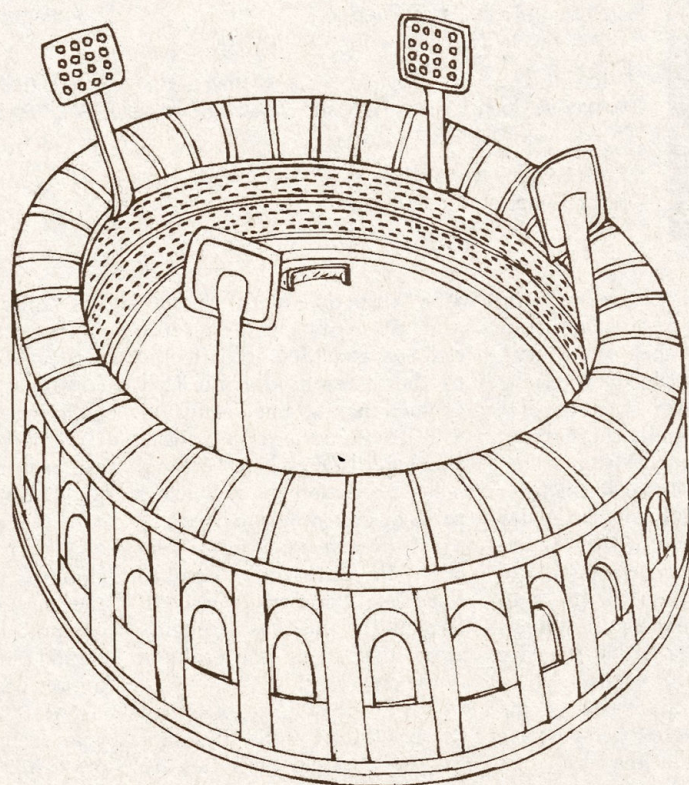
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2007 Miss Black and Gold Scholarship Pageant
Hendrix Auditorium
7 p.m.-9 p.m.

27 Tues

Belk Haunted House 2007
Belk Hall Basement
7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.

Diversity in Health Care: Differences in Gender
Health Sciences Complex Room (Nurses Room)
7:30 p.m.-8:10 p.m.



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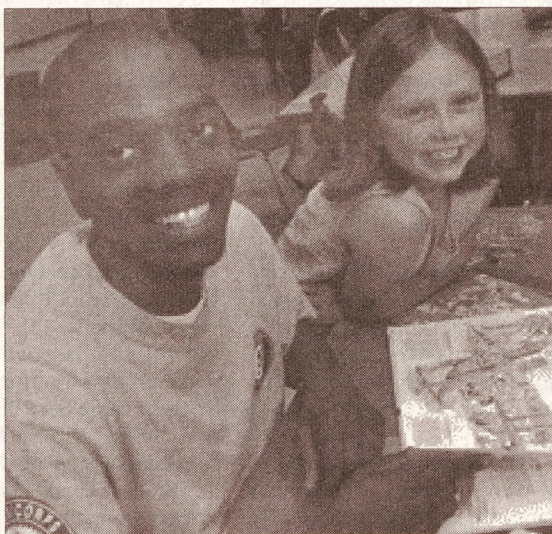
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Service learning initiative will show students how to help the community



Students find friendship and fulfill in participation with Project HEART.



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Second session to be held in December

WILLIAM HALL
STAFF WRITER

ECU's College of Education and Project HEART (High Expectations for At-Risk Teens) have collaborated to organize a Service Learning Initiative.

The event will consist of two days of training for Project HEART's tutors, the first being held tomorrow and the second to be held Dec. 6.

Both sessions will be held at the City Hotel and Bistro in Greenville from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Joan Libtrot, executive director of the Institute for Global Education and Service Learning, will provide the training.

The goals for the first session are to introduce the elements of effective service learning and to increase understanding of how service learning can address community needs.

The objectives for the second session will be learning how to equip and assist participants in identifying and

implementing their own service projects.

Students from all over eastern N.C. are expected to attend the sessions, coming from schools such as Barton College, Lenoir Community College and Campbell University.

Faculty members from the College of Education will be on hand to solicit input and to aid in training.

After the sessions, the tutors and their students will work with host teachers to look around at their community and look for possible interventions.

"It's not just isolated with a teacher standing in front of a group," said Betty Beacham, director of Project HEART.

"It's learning by doing, which is a wonderful way of getting kids to feel that they can give to their community."

Project HEART began after a 2001 meeting between Governor Jim Hunt and the dean of the College of Education, John Swope, to see how AmeriCorp funds could benefit the N.C. families that were affected by Hurricane Floyd.

Since then, the project has become ECU's AmeriCorp initiative that trains students

to be tutors for at-risk teens in eastern N.C. elementary, middle and high schools.

Their goal is to reduce dropout rates and help students succeed academically.

"Many of our kids don't see a future," Beacham said.

"They feel like there's nothing for them after high school, and we're trying to change that mindset."

Project HEART tutors receive a living allowance and become eligible for educational awards for their commitment to provide 900 hours of service over a 12-month period.

Since its inception in 2000, the organization has gained more than 500 tutors to serve approximately 6,000 students.

The organization is partnered with the North Carolina Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service and the Boy and Girls Club.

Project HEART is also looking for ways to partner with the ECU Volunteer Center to pool resources, provide trainers and get ECU faculty more involved in service learning.

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and renaissance literary humor, challenging race and legends in American culture, taboo humor and popular culture, in addition to others, are all included in the HumorFest event.

HumorFest was approximately one year in the making. There will be guests from 11 different states and 33 universities.

"We've got professors from Italy, Montreal, England..." Woodruff said. "When we began getting proposals from faculty out of the country, we knew it was big."

Students are strongly encouraged to attend HumorFest. Tickets must be obtained at the box office. "Get your tickets now to ensure

that you will have a good seat," Woodruff said.

"Everything is free for ECU students, except for the dinner and the luncheon," said Woodruff. "This includes all performances, all panels and programs."

The cost is \$25 for students of other campuses and \$80 for all other participants, including the public, faculty and staff. Individual tickets for each event are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.

All events, except for the Kinky Friedman event, will take place at Mendenhall Student Center.

A campus-wide cream pie-toss will kick off events at noon, Nov. 1, at the Mendenhall Student Center

brickyard. "I'm living on energy and adrenaline," said Woodruff, concerning her excitement about HumorFest. "I'm wrapped up in getting everything perfect while working on the details."

HumorFest is sponsored by the ECU department of English, the department of theatre and dance, Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences and the Office of Co-Curricular Programs and Cultural Outreach, amongst others.

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fair and coordinated parking, cleaner streets and better trash pickup, new sidewalks and streetlights are a few of the student-oriented initiatives that Tripp plans to address.

Within the next few weeks, the Greenville City Council plans to meet with the executive board of SGA to discuss issues that are important to students.

"We are trying to have more of an involvement with the Student Government Association," Spell said.

"We are looking forward to meeting with the executive board so that the City Council can have better communication with the student body. We want to understand the needs of the students and work to meet

those needs." Some students are already making efforts to gain awareness about the significance of the decisions that the City Council makes.

"I feel it is imperative for students to vote in this election because a lot is at stake. Crime, traffic, and landlord issues can hit home to a lot of us," said Daniel Spuller, graduate student at ECU and campaign manager for Mercer.

The candidates encourage students to vote on Election Day to get their voices heard and make a difference in Greenville.

"All of the issues that affect someone who has lived here for 30 years affect someone who has lived here for only three

months," Spell said.

Others agree that the issues that the candidates are addressing affect citizens regardless of the amount of time they reside in Pitt County.

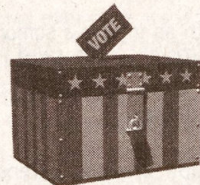
"Most students live in Greenville for at least 9 months out of the year. During that time, we use the roadways, infrastructure and city services. It is important to remember that voting gives students a say in the direction that Greenville goes," Spuller said.

For more information on voting and elections, students can visit pittcountync.gov.

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Did you know?

Greenville City Council Facts



-The council-manager form of government has been used by the City of Greenville since 1953.

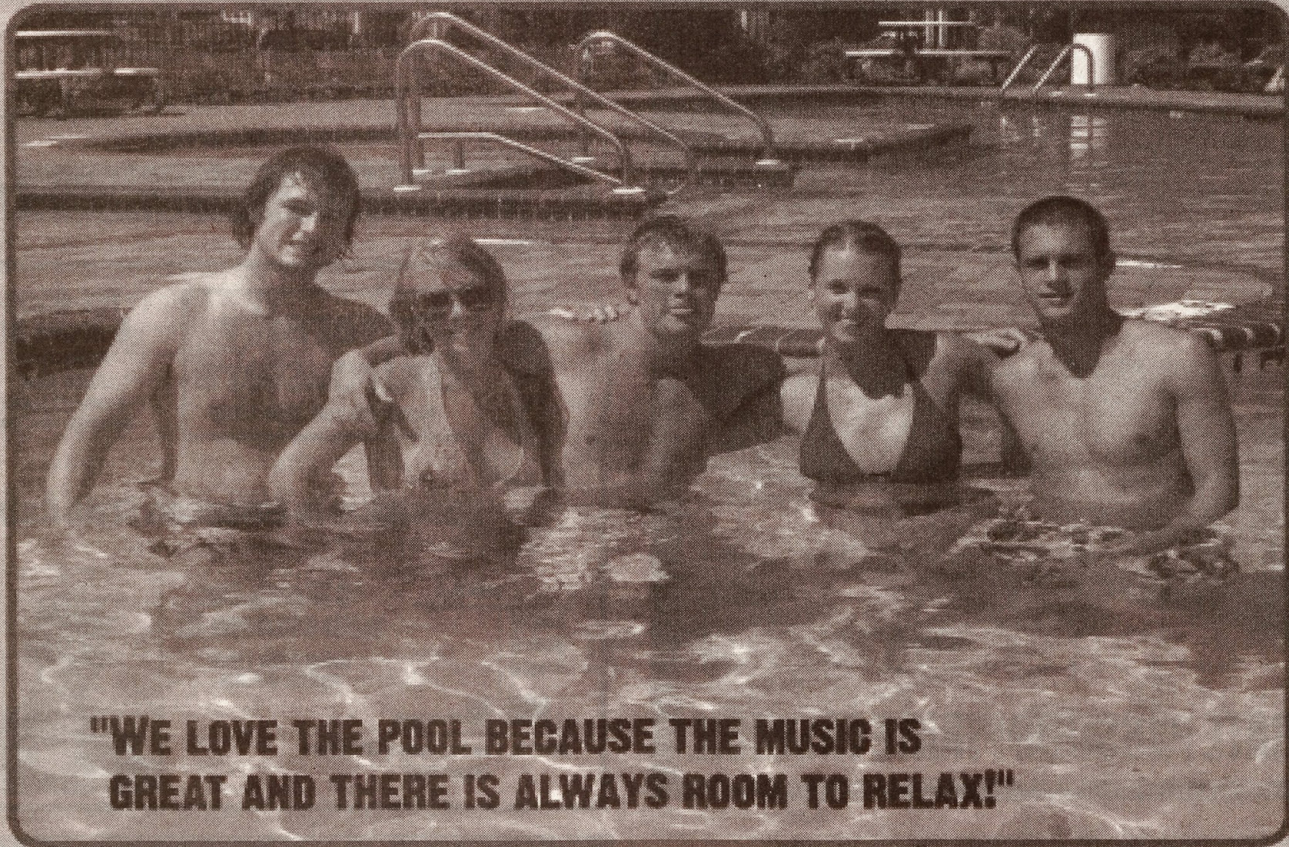
-The City Council is elected by the people and is the final authority on policy matters relating directly to Greenville's government.

-The Mayor and City Council Members serve two-year terms.

-Elections are held every other November during odd years.

-The City Council consists of five district Council members, one at-large City Council Member, and the Mayor at-large.

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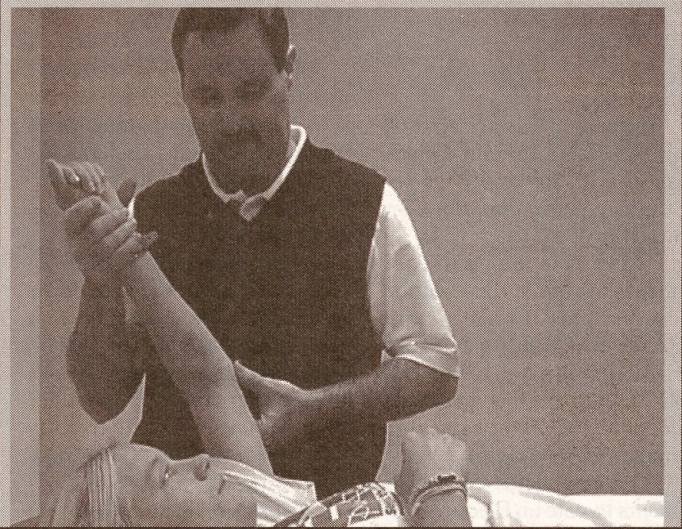


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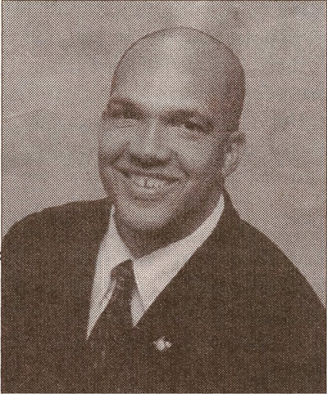


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Minister Fred Hatchett

tian point of view as well as a secular view.” Hatchett experienced hazing while pledging Omega Psi Phi. “I was slapped, punched, paddled, blindfolded, choked, etc. I had no problems at the time with this stuff.”

Upon becoming a born again Christian, his “beliefs about Omega Psi Phi started to change,” he said.

“As a sinner, I enjoyed it immensely. As a born-again Christian, I began to despise the fraternity, what it taught, and how it affected the membership and pledges.”

Members of fraternities and sororities may disagree with Hatchett’s explanation.

“This is an opportunity to be part of something that’s bigger than you, and it’s something I believe in,” said Brian Mazurowski, who is currently pledging Sigma Pi.

The event will be held in Mendenhall Student Center in the Great Rooms from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Questions will be addressed at the end of the meeting.

Minister Fred Hatchett’s website can be found at <http://www.dontgogreek.com>.

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said. One of the factors that helped the sponsors decide which artist would perform at the concert was the newness of the artists’ material.

“We knew that his album was coming out a few weeks before the event and thought that he [Trey Songz] would be a good fit,” Dixon said.

The entertainer has released two albums, *I Gotta Make It* and *Tre Day*, both of which peaked at positions within the top ten on the R&B/Hip Hop Album chart, according to the Billboard Web site.

While some students are excited about having this artist help celebrate homecoming with the university, they may go without considering the measures that had to be taken to make it happen.

The issue of the cost curtailed the plans for many of the artists that could have been chosen for the concert.

Although the artist fell within the price range the sponsors could afford, it still resulted in a large price to be paid.

The overall price of the event is in the range of \$20,000, according to Dixon.

Prices of various R&B/Hip-Hop artists to perform (Concertideas.com)
50 Cent- \$100,000 or more
Alicia Keys- \$125,000
Chris Brown- \$50,000 or more
Ciara- \$65,000 or more
Lil Wayne- \$45,000 or more
Outkast- \$125,000 or more
Usher- \$150,000 or more

Prices of various Rock/Pop/Alternative artists to perform (Concertideas.com)
3 Doors Down- \$100,000 or more
All American Rejects- \$75-100,000
Black Eyed Peas- \$200,000 or more
Good Charlotte- \$75,000 or more
Hoobastank- \$40,000 or more
Ryan Cabrera- \$35,000
Vanessa Carlton- \$20,000

Prices of various Country artists to perform (Concertideas.com)
Brad Paisley- \$200,000 or more
Dixie Chick- \$250,000 or more
Gretchen Wilson- \$75,000 or more
Kenny Chesney- \$400,000 or more
Leann Rimes- \$75,000
Lonestar- \$50,000
Reba McEntire- \$250,000
Shania Twain- \$300,000

“The funds are coming out of BSU and Muchismo Entertainment.”

The students involved in the entertainment group were so passionate about organizing the event they pitched in some money from their personal accounts.

“We have been saving that money for a year and it’s coming out of our pockets,” Tucker said.

The event is advertised as the first homecoming concert at ECU, according to the various promotional materials for the event.

While ECU has not had a large number of big-name performers for homecoming, established comedians and musicians have come to ECU in the past for other occasions.

“In the past we have had some pretty large groups. Most of them came here in the 1970s and 1980s,” said Michael Caple, president of Student Union.

Student Union does not have any events planned for homecoming due to other activities that are planned within the same time vicinity.

Nothing has been planned for homecoming because of a comedy show and Midnight Madness, according to Caple.

Student Union strives to bring

entertainers to campus who are well known, but they aren’t always able to accomplish this goal due to monetary issues.

“We try to get the person that’s right on the brink but doesn’t break the piggy bank,” Caple said.

Some of the comedians and musicians students have expressed the most interest in coming to campus have been eliminated automatically because of the cost.

The comedian that students want to perform at the comedy show would cost \$500,000, and the budget for Student Union is only \$400,000 for the entire year, according to Caple.

To find out more Student Union, students can visit the Web site at www.ecu.edu/studentunion.

To find out more about the concert, students can contact Tucker at 252-347-1906 or at rst0215@ecu.edu.

Students can purchase tickets at the Central Ticket Office of Mendenhall Student Center or at ecuarts.com.

The tickets are \$20 for students and \$25 for non-students.

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Summit Comedy (contact Chuck Johnson)
Comedians within the \$20,000-\$40,000 range

Mike Epps - “Friday after next”, “All about the Benjamins”
Charlie Murphy - Chappelle Show, Comedy Central
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Don't waste our time

Apathy all too common in the classroom

RACHEL KING
OPINION EDITOR

Have you ever gotten to class, only to find it more than half empty with two minutes until 'go time'? Even after the first quarter of class, people still manage to straggle in, without so much as the effort to close the door quietly. Sometimes you get those classes with the silent majority—the students that sit behind their desks through the entire period, refusing to open their mouths because they haven't bothered to do their homework. What happened to being in college because you wanted to learn? Why waste the time of everyone who wants to get something out of it?

First of all, I'm sure some of you will need some kind of clarification as to what I mean by an 'apathetic student.' These students are not having a bad day...unless they're counting having to be in class at all. We all have days where we'd like to be somewhere else, professors included, I'm sure. And there are days when you can't avoid being late, and that's fine, too. It's called 'life.'

However, these kids act like they'd rather have to see the dentist for a root canal than be forced to listen to an hour (not even! 50 measly minutes...an hour fifteen, tops...I do pity the three-hour warriors, though...three hours is always too much). Why is it so hard for you all to be timely and to at least feign interest for the people who bust their butts to make sure you take away the information you need to be successful?

Some of you may say, 'Well, that argument's flawed. I'll never need Algebra I again...nor basic Biology. And I don't care what Shakespeare said. I can speak English just fine and I saw 10 Things I Hate About You. My bases are covered.' But are they?

At least a dozen times during the semester, I'll leave a class and overhear a student remarking on how pointless the class is, or how they aren't learning anything, or how dumb the professor is. Well, I have two ideas for you on how to improve your less-than-desirable situation: drop the class or (if you have to have it), make sure you state your concerns on those annoying little bubble sheets we get at the end of every semester asking us to rate the class and the professor. Those little sheets that so many of us like to bubble in straight nines in a one-through-ten lineup on are one way to remedy future students' same grievances. Bottom line here: do your part, get out, or shut up.

Some students seem to be forgetting the basic tenant of student-professor relationship.

It's called respect.

I cannot express the frustration I feel when I am sitting in class, ready to roll, and the professor asks a basic reading comprehension question from last night's homework...and no one answers because either they didn't do their homework or can't be bothered. In far too many of my classes, people are freezing up and hiding behind their bank-breaking textbooks. You paid all that money for them; why don't you use them?

And yes, I do answer the professor when a question is posed to the class and no one else will speak up. I'm a bit of an overachiever, it's true, but I don't go out of my way every night to make sure I have witty things to say, or go any farther than anyone goes who's conscious of his or her academic success. It's one thing to be shy, and quite another to just not care. I'd venture to say that most professors aren't asking you to perform brain surgery, so what's the problem?

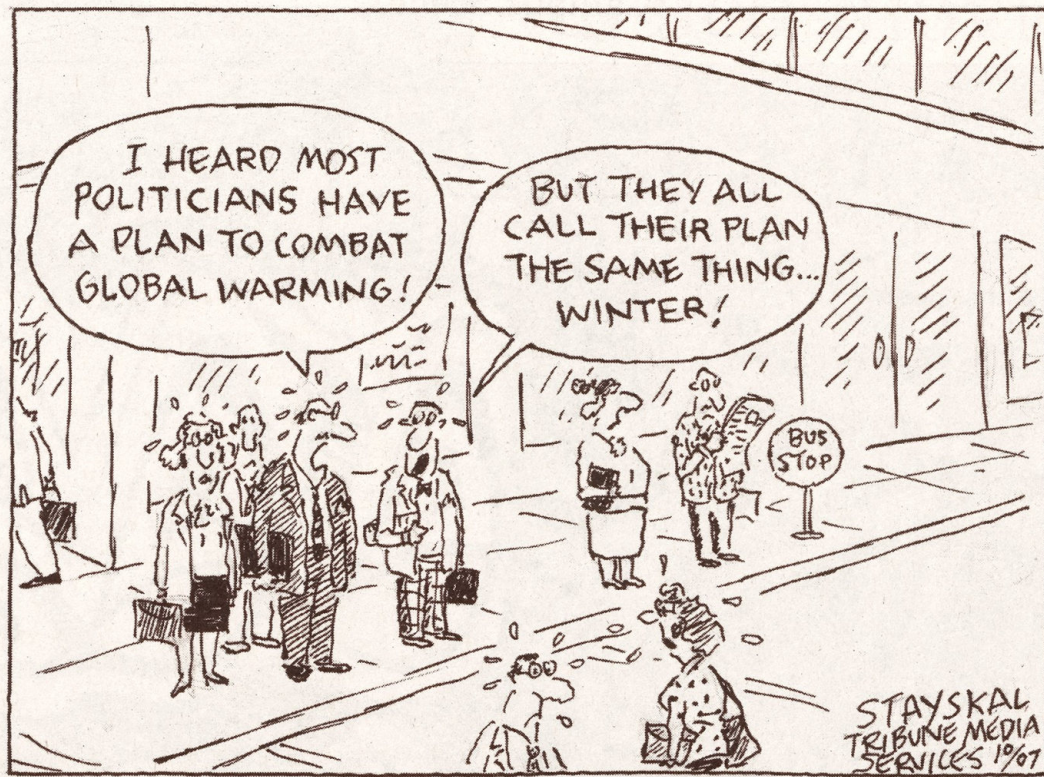
How would you feel if you tried for over half an hour to start a meaningful discussion just to have it die on you because two of the 23 (out of 30—the other five are asleep, and one is actively snoring) students in your class won't have anything to do with you? And you can forget about calling students like that out on something basic like consistently coming to class unprepared. They roll your eyes at you. They whisper base insults to each other behind their palms openly. They let their phones ring in class and act like it's no big deal. In some of the larger lecture sessions, you may even find someone on his or her cell, discussing the previous night's drunken excursions with someone else in another classroom. This kind of overt, disparaging, and yes—crappy—disrespect is far too prevalent for my tastes.

It's not that these people aren't intelligent; I think most of them are. Their interests just don't lie in the daily classroom grind. I also recognize that for many of us, especially when it comes to the general education requirements of an ECU degree, these classes are just stepping stones to the next exciting thing we'll do in life.

I ask everyone to take a second look at your classroom conduct. Is it respectful? Would it kill you to silence your phone before it goes off? Could you manage to stay awake for the class period? If you can't, why don't you leave? Can you imagine how you make your professors feel? And, seriously, professors, it's your responsibility to not to tolerate that kind of thing. You've paid your dues; you deserve to have an active, alert, prepared classroom environment that's engaging and inspiring. No, it won't be that way every day; because this is not a perfect world, but I think there's plenty of room for improvement.

So please, I love you for reading our Pirate Rants, but put the newspaper down. You're in class, for goodness' sake.

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BEST OF THE PIRATE RANTS

Today's Rants have been pulled for your pleasure from issues dating back at least a year due to technical difficulties with the service that provides them. We hope to have fresh thoughts back up as soon as possible. We're sorry for the inconvenience but at least you'll get your bi-weekly fix! Please continue to send them in!

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There. Their. They're. There is a difference. Learn it, love it, live it.

I hate when people respond to other people's Rants; it's a waste of time to even read it.

Ever had a reason to smile so much that your face actually hurts? It's great, isn't it?

I miss Pop-Up Video...those were so fun to watch, and I learned so much useless information.

I hate when teachers write directions on the syllabus and then they change the instruction but never update the syllabus. How am I supposed to remember every little detail when you change your mind everyday?!

The middle of class is not the time for your Egg McMuffin.

What's the deal with students having to pay for bubble sheets? I don't know of any schools outside of North Carolina that have this policy.

Assaults on campus have been occurring more frequently, isn't it time for ECU to step up and protect the students. I don't want to walk to my car from a night class scared that something may happen to me! A pamphlet telling you to walk in groups is not always going to save you. I admire the administration for making us aware of the problem, but PLEASE do something more than talk!

How many licks does it take to get to the center of a tootsie pop? Really?

To the library supervisor — thanks for reminding me to be quiet on the first floor of the library- by the TV, espresso machine, computers, and multitudes of people chatting around me. I don't know what I would do without you!

You're so vain; you probably think this Rant is about you. Don't you?

So last week, my car was towed, which I would normally take blame for, but this time it was towed from RIGHT OUTSIDE MY HOUSE! My house! Mine! I parked "too close" to MY driveway...\$90 later, I'm thinking to myself- "WTF is wrong with this town?"

Can someone please tell my why it is always so cold in the buildings on campus? I've been here 4 years, and they have never been able to get the room temperature right. It's always too hot in the winter, and freezing in the summer. Something's not right here!

I'm in love with you, you idiot. Dump the girlfriend so we can go out to dinner.

Over the past week, I have seen many girls and one guy wearing pink shorts hit the handicap button on the doors around campus instead of opening it themselves. Why do they do this? I personally thank God I have the ability to open the door myself, but I guess you can't expect a guy in pink shorts to open his own door.

Stop discriminating against people that aren't dorks and like to go out on Friday and Saturday.

Did you see that bus driver who hit the fence last week? I am not sure how I feel about 18 year olds who are responsible for a 25,000 lb vehicle...

To the person whose car was towed for being "too close to the driveway": I feel you, I got a ticket for parking in my driveway the wrong way. Best part is, the ticket was \$50, and it would be \$500 to appeal it. So I just flip off the meter maid that rides around near campus.

I'm so lucky...everyday I am always the 10,000th or 100,000th or 1,000,000th person to visit a website.

I don't give a crap what "they" do in your little country town that no one's heard of - we're in Greenville now.

When I go to bed with a girl, they always insist on sleeping against the wall. Why is that?

Why do we need all of these numbered and reserved parking spaces for campus administrators? These parking spaces are often noticeably empty. I agree that the chancellor should have a reserved space, but everyone else should park on the basis of "Get to work first, park closer to where you work." Set the example for others to follow.

Could someone please tell my co-worker that just because I look at

your boyfriend (who is married and cheating on his wife with her) that I DON'T want him? Thanks.

If you like Pina Colodas, and getting caught in the rain. If you're not into yoga, if you have half-a-brain. If you like making love at midnight, in the dunes of the cape. I'm the lady you've looked for, write to me and escape.

Dear roommate, I've kept quiet all year long but you need to hear this; I'm begging you, less cologne more showers. 3 showers per week are not enough, and it is too hot for you not to shower on a daily basis!

I hate when passengers see the bus about to pull away from the stop, but they still walk slow talking on their cell phone. That is why I leave them standing there

I'm in love with a librarian. She stares at me so much that I can't help but look back at her. I can't help I use the media where she is near.

To all you frat boys, the 1970s called, they want their shorts back!

I love that our neighbors have a party every night but Tuesday.

I hate it when my girlfriend uses that 'voice', you know the one. It makes me totally melt and I have to do whatever she says, it sucks.

To the anorexic chick at the gym... STOP RUNNING! GO EAT A CHEESEBURGER OR SOMETHING!

To the dude whose collar I unpopped last Friday, at a party ... You're Welcome!

To my roommate who makes smart comments all the time. You are no better than me or anyone else. Get over yourself and realize that one day your ass is going to get slapped. See you for dinner tonight.

I'm addicted to LOST and Ebay!

Yes you do have the same rights as cars, but obey all the traffic rules to then. Meaning you can just go straight through a red light if no cars are coming. Oh yeah and also you will look real cute doing your arms signals as well if you expect us drivers to respect you.

Let them fight

Allow fans to duke it out

ALEX LARocca
OPINION WRITER

For those us who managed to get tickets to the game this past Saturday, it is needless to say we were mighty upset. As we all know, on paper, ECU should have had that game, but unfortunately reality played a better show for State fans. I will admit I was just plain pissed come "No Quarter," but contrary State Fans were very pleased. Earlier in the game my friends and I were screaming and very amped for a Pirate victory. After first quarter I needed some Dippin' Dots and so I went to quench this hunger. While walking back up to row XX, I saw two guys getting led away by police. I knew what must have happened but since they were dressed as frats, I couldn't tell who they were for or against. This was true until I saw two friends of mine getting led by the Police.

As it turns out, while I was gone, the two State fans began talking a lot of garbage to some Pirate girls seated behind us. A friend of mine had enough and so the bickering began. A cop came and took away the two state fans and later my two friends, one of which wasn't really involved. After taking them away, they were kicked out of the game. Now, those who went to get these tickets know how hard it was to get them. I personally waited four hours for them and so did one of my friends who got kicked out AND there wasn't even a fight!

When I went to the UNC-ECU game, a drunken UNC fan was going up and down the aisles bothering everyone with his loud mouth—until a much bigger ECU fan got into his face and punched it. This in turn led to the police taking both of them away. We didn't see them again, but I would bet the UNC fan would have shut up the rest of the game if the cops hadn't shown up.

So what, I say. If you are going to run your mouth at a football game, a hockey game, baseball game, etc. then you better be ready to either shut up or fight because this is the sporting world we live in. I mean America is almost a little girl in comparison to what some soccer hooligans do in Europe or South America. In Moscow they stationed 6,000 cops to prevent a riot when Britain came to play and in Argentina two fans were killed, one shot and the other stabbed. In retrospect who cares if two State Fans got knocked in a little. I doubt it would have led to the entire stadium erupting into rioting chaos.

I am not pleading for no police or some kind of sports fighting arena I am just simply saying this Zero Tolerance rule seems to go a little far. If there isn't even a fight, why kick someone out of a game? If there is a fight then break it up, but are arrests and possible criminal charges always necessary? I don't think so. I say live and let be, but to the guy who punches my team's enemy fan, oh well.

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"I apologize for my crude demeanor, but I'm not used to conversing with a woman offline."

The debate: Macs vs. PCs

Which computer is better?

LISA ENSMINGER
OPINION WRITER

Macs or PCs? What do you prefer? Most of you would say PC because it is what you are used to and the easiest navigation, but you may find yourself missing out on the new and improved Mac computer. Most of you may remember when Macs used to be "ghetto" back in the day when they had every color of the rainbow desktop and PC was the "it" computer, but Macs have made a huge comeback with their high style and improved technology.

When it came time to buying a computer for my college career, I had no clue what to buy because I had no knowledge on computers. The Mac store was always packed when I passed it in the mall, leaving me wondering how good these computers actually were. I ended up purchasing a Mac and I fell in love with it because it made life so much easier (well that's a little exaggeration), but the computer was a well-worth-it purchase.

There are many reasons to like a Mac better than a PC, because, simply, the computer just works well. Even software such as Microsoft Office is compatible with your Mac that was found on your old PC. Not only can you find your necessary applications, you have lots of "amazing stuff" such as iPhoto, iTunes, and iMovie. These applications allow you to create, modify, or edit photos and movies, along with a library of music and iTunes store to purchase additional music, DVDs, and more. Not only does the Mac provide amazing software and applications, the laptop and desktop is no computer you would be ashamed of with its high style and flair. Mac laptops are more on the classy and cute side, with a color

choice of black or white, rather than the bulky, boring, PC laptop. The slim style makes it easy to carry around with you to class and provide less of a hassle. If you are not looking for a laptop, the desktops are even more convenient with one big screen and no ugly tower. Also with extremely crisp and clear color and graphics, you cannot go wrong with purchasing a Mac that fits your style.

Now I am no computer expert or anything, but I've always had bad experiences with PCs.

My computers back in the day crashed one after another because viruses would continually attack it, even if I did have Norton Anti-Virus software, that I constantly updated and paid for regularly. My PC would always be extremely slow and freeze, leaving me to restart the computer, and even losing that paper I just spent three hours working on. Another downfall of the PC is that other companies constantly rebuild software and update operating systems, providing continuous change and confusion to the users. Who wants a computer continuously crashing, changing, and failing to perform properly? [Editor's note: Mac has a reputation for building upon its previous OS where, say, Windows, for instance, reinvents itself, as is the case with Vista, its most recent OS, which met with a considerable amount of controversy due to 'bugs' in the system and kinks that needed to be worked out after release.]

From my personal experience, Mac has the better performance and reliability out of the two choices. If you are looking for a laugh and a funny but true comparison, check out the commercial ads of Mac vs. PC at apple.com.

Sources of the article include www.apple.com

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It's getting a little bit easier to gather information. It's easier to spill the beans, too, so watch out. Loose lips sink ships.

Taurus
Luckily, working under pressure is one of your specialties. You'll pop through the difficult phase into the fun part, soon.

Gemini
Don't gossip, even if pressed. The odds are too high you'll be misunderstood. Or, even worse, what you say will go straight to the person you're talking about, who'll understand quite well.

Cancer
You don't always say what you really think in an argument. Speak up, even if it's difficult. Don't assume they know what you want. Make it obvious.

Leo
A far-reaching scheme needs a little more work. For example, if you're planning a trip, get the very latest map. Also, have an alternative route already worked out.

Virgo
Hidden costs are the name of this game. Finding them is your assignment. Some are buried pretty deeply, so digging is definitely required.

Libra
Should you tell a person with very strong opinions where and how you disagree? Could be fun. It's up to you.

Scorpio
The prize definitely goes to the one who's most efficient now. You'll get extra points and respect for making a tough job look easy.

Sagittarius
Passions are strong. Make sure there's not something important you're overlooking. Don't ignore your friends this time. Consider their considerations.

Capricorn
You feel pushed to take action, but it's hard to make up your mind. Let the others race off in all directions. Maintain your cool and you'll win the race.

Aquarius
The more you go through the material, the more trouble you'll save yourself. A big project has a lot of room for mistakes. Avoid as many as possible with intensive planning.

Pisces
Don't agree to anything that's going to cost you. If the agency wants a fee, make sure it's affordable. You can earn more money without going into debt.

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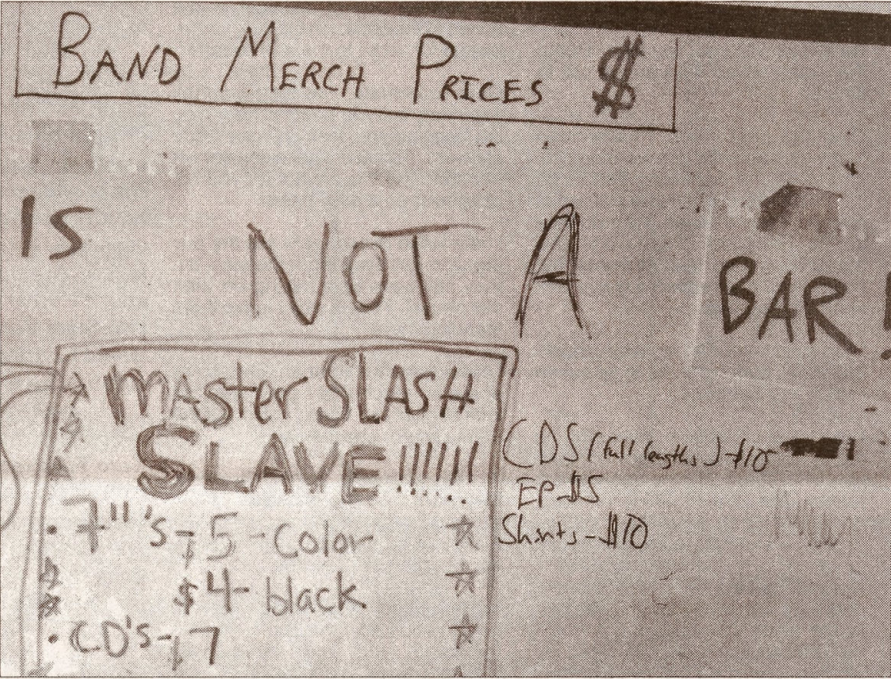
Ralph Lauren's original name is Ralph Lifshitz.

Human birth control pills work on gorillas.



Greenville's new underground club, the Spazzatorium, was developed by ECU student Jeff Blimder who got the idea for the hot spot from going to underground shows in Boston.

The Spazzatorium: Greenville's underground club



The Spazz offers a place for bands around the country to display their musical talents.



Bands like "Million Dollar Sunset" and "Dead to Society" have played at the new club.

A good time may prove tricky to find

CHELSEA CAMPEN
STAFF WRITER

Most students are familiar with the clubs and bars that line downtown Greenville.

If you mention the Spazzatorium, however, very few will have heard of it and even fewer will know its location.

The "Spazz" is not an elitist club, but rather an esoteric haven for those devoted to music and art; its location obscure to protect the nature of its atmosphere.

Spazz's atmosphere is enveloped in original sound and the erratic community art on the walls. Think of your parent's basement, but way cooler.

"We avoid putting fliers in mainstream places," said Jeff Blimder, Spazz's co-owner and an ECU senior. "It's mostly about networking. If you're looking for it, you'll find it."

Blimder got the idea for an underground club by underground shows he attended in Boston. These shows were the inspiration behind Spazz, which caters to those with a taste for the underground scene. Since its opening a year ago,

Blimder said his objective has been to provide a place for art and music, and the club has far exceeded his expectations.

Shows at the Spazz are diverse, as the Spazz features bands from Norway, Japan, Canada, France and Germany. The Spazz has also been host to "Ra Ra Riot," a popular punk band that brought along with it a reporter from the *Boston Globe* and "The Silent Years," which have been featured in *Spin* Magazine and MTV.

"There are not a lot of places in North Carolina to play and Greenville is a good strategic location," Blimder said. "Sometimes I find them, or booking agents find us."

Blimder also says he utilizes MySpace to attract those in and around the Greenville area.

"Sometimes I get two pages a day of bands wanting to come [to the club]," he said.

Bands like the overall Spazz environment and are usually grateful for a

chance to play at the club.

"I play here every chance I get. It's easygoing and accepting," said Corbie Hill of the band "Million Dollar Sunset," who heard about the Spazz through word of mouth.

The band "Dead to Society" will be holding a benefit concert for the Spazz in Durham.

The Spazz is not limited to music, however.

"Sometimes bands follow art shows or vice versa, [and] they travel around like a caravan," Blimder said.

The co-owner hopes to continue providing good art shows and performance art as well.


Although the Spazz is a club, it does not serve alcohol.


The Spazz does take donations, which go toward the bands and artists but are not expected to exceed \$5.

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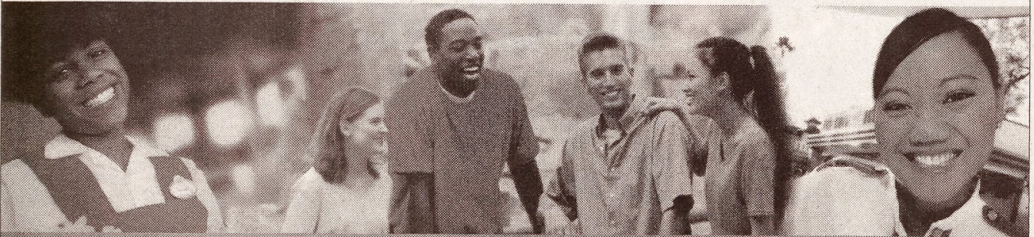
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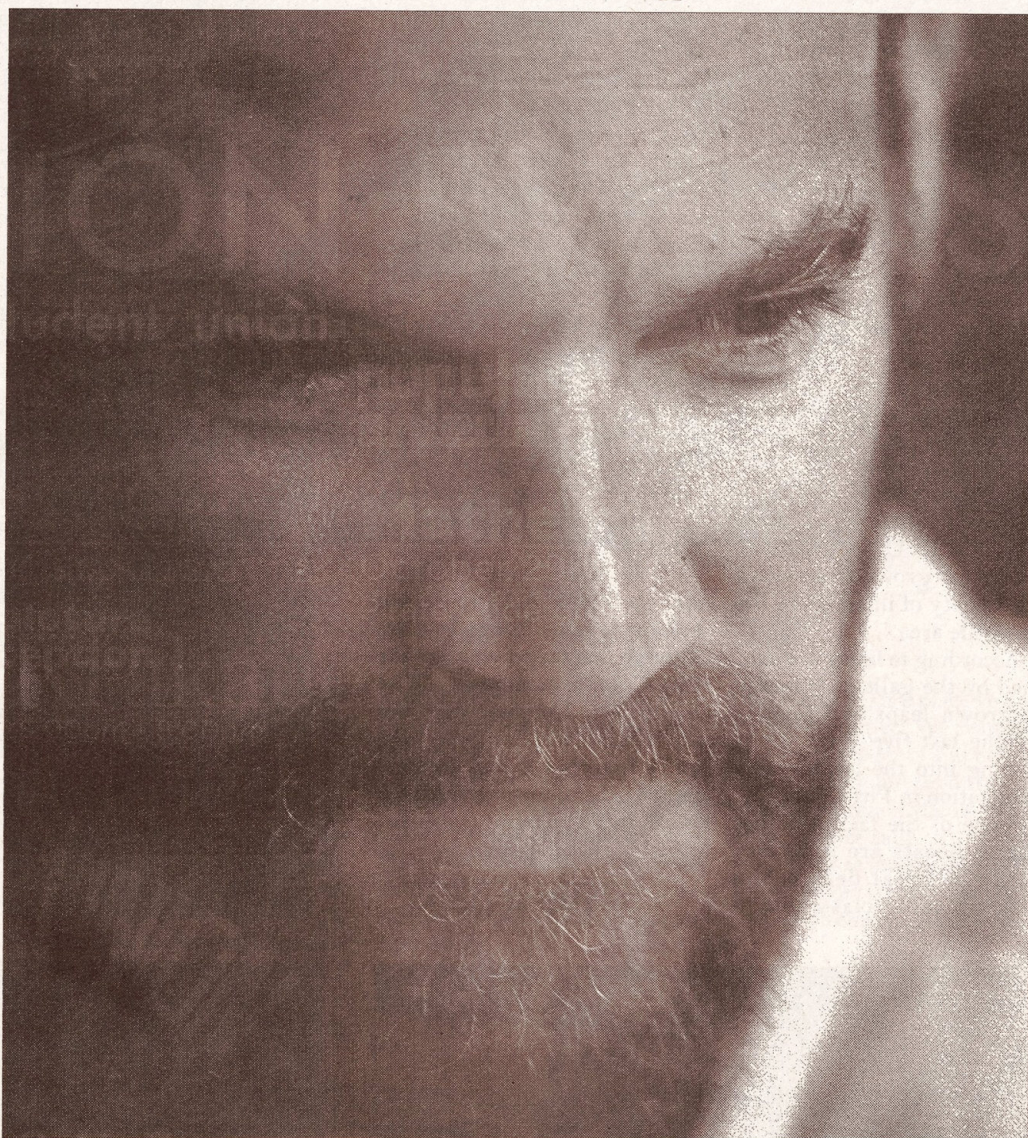
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Krakauer's masterpiece turned movie opens



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Krakauer authored the famous book 'Into the Wild', depicting the story of a young man living in Alaska.

'Into the Wild' tells journey of young man

JESSICA DUNLOW
STAFF WRITER

Many students studying English in high school and college alike have been required to read *Into the Wild*, a text written by Jon Krakauer.

How much can we really understand about a boy who abandoned everything, only to die namelessly as Alexander Supertramp in a bus in the Alaskan interior?

Krakauer, a journalist for *Outdoor* magazine, was assigned

a story on a young man's body found in a bus in the infamous Alaskan terrain, and begins the novel with the discovery of the body by three insignificant characters. Even at the beginning of the book, readers see the picture of a man smiling in front of the very bus that would become his deathbed.

Christopher McCandless, a college graduate, was somewhere around age 23 when his body was found, and it is Krakauer's story that examines how his journey began and how it ultimately ended.

McCandless was from an affluent family in northern Virginia, and according to his diaries, he donated his some

\$25,000 in savings to charity, burned the cash in his pocket and set off on an adventure to the West after he graduated from college.

Why would such a lucky young man abandon his family and friends?

This question remains a mystery to readers, but the journals that McCandless left behind hoped to provide clues to Krakauer as he did his research on the death of the young man.

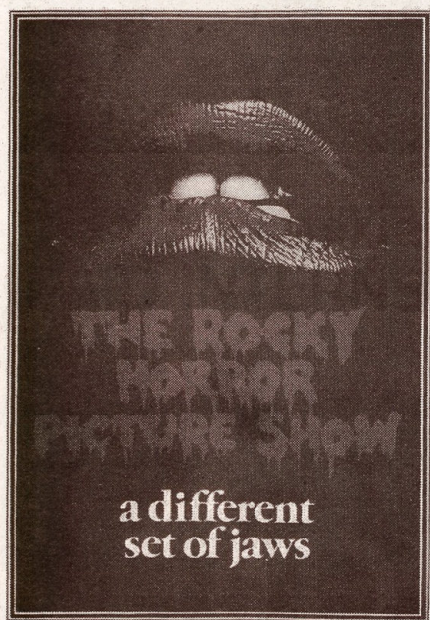
Krakauer introduces to readers the faces of McCandless' journey into the wild,

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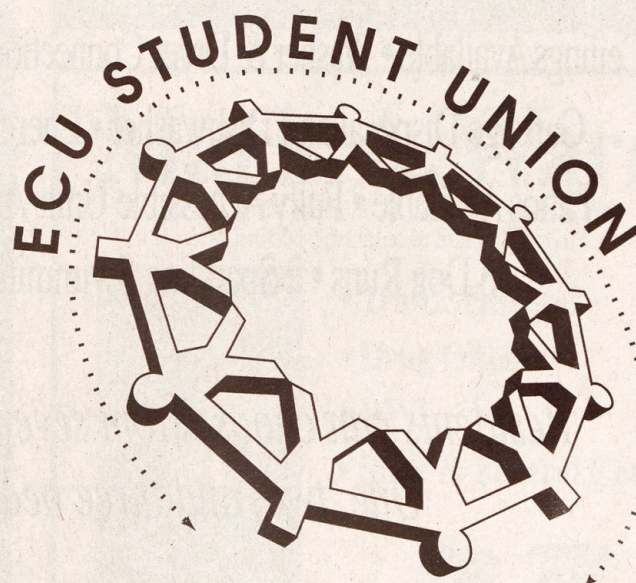
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Emerge Gallery exhibits new artists

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ELISE PHILLIPS
FEATURES EDITOR

Emerge Gallery and Art Center, located in downtown Greenville on Evans St., features budding artists from around the city in its five different galleries. Artwork is not the only thing that Emmerge features, however.

The gallery offers diverse classes to students and the community alike in areas such as pottery, photography, painting and textiles.

Since its opening in 2000 by several ECU art students, Emmerge has grown to service a wide variety of interests in the Greenville area.

According to literature published by the gallery, "Emmerge has grown leaps and bounds over the last five years, transitioning into the leading arts organization in Pitt County."

Some of the facilities that Emmerge boasts are a pottery facility, a metal design and jewelry-making classroom, a

photography and printmaking classroom (with darkroom) and a general classroom for the many art courses that the gallery offers.

Emmerge offers classes not only to ECU students, but to adults and children in and around the Greenville area.

One of its newest projects is a mural painted by members of Emmerge in the downtown area.

"Students between the ages of 12 and 15 within our Youth Arts Initiative, Public Art Project developed the idea for the mural from the first concept to the finished product you now see on the former Joan's Fashion's storefront along Evans St.," said Heather White, the director of education and outreach for Emmerge.

The Youth Arts Initiative and the Public Art Project are two programs sponsored by Emmerge that target youth in the Pitt County community. The Youth Arts Initiative provides one completely free class for every five classes that are paid for (by others) to disadvantaged youth in Pitt County. Likewise,

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The work of local artisans can be purchased at the sales gallery at Emmerge. a revolving stock keeps new artists in the spotlight.



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Students enjoy one of the many classes offered by Emmerge.



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Opening night for the Harvey Wooten Gallery dedication.



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Holly Garriot, Curator of Emmerge speaks with gallery attendees.

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which include the trucker that dropped him off at the edge of the forest in Alaska, a former employer in North Dakota and a married couple of vagabonds with whom McCandless hitch-hiked with through northern California.

The novel also tackles the different views of McCandless' journey by readers of the original article. Many Alaskan natives sent Krakauer complaints that are cited in the text, and most stated simply that an inexperienced college boy had a "death wish" by arriving in the Alaskan interior without sufficient supplies and skill. The *Los Angeles Times* even stated that the book is merely a story of a "stubborn, idealistic young man."

However, the story remains

somewhat of an inspiration for those looking for answers, because according to the findings of Krakauer, based on materials found with McCandless' body and the interesting people he met along the way, this is exactly what the young man was doing.

The mystery unfolds perfectly in Krakauer's version, he even inserts his own brush with death in the same Alaskan terrain.

The movie, "Into the Wild," directed by Sean Penn, will be opening in theatres all over the country shortly.

Penn ("I Am Sam") picked up the novel because, he said, "The cover grabbed me—the bus, the image of the bus with 'Into the Wild' on it."

The movie stars Emile

Hirsch ("The Girl Next Door", "Lords of Dogtown") as McCandless, who lost 25 pounds for the role and underwent 8 months of training to get into the same body shape that McCandless was presumably in before his death. The movie also stars Vince Vaughn and William Hurt.

The book and the movie are sure to grip viewers and readers alike with the timeless mystery of a young man facing seemingly insurmountable odds in the Alaskan wilderness.

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Emile Hirsch plays in the Sean Penn-directed 'Into the Wild' movie, based off of Krakauer's original novel.

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the Public Art Project targets youth in the judicial system. Emerge takes these children in once a week, feeds them dinner and allows them to work on an art project within the community.

According to White, these programs would not be possible if there was not enough interest in the gallery.

One common misconception about Emerge is that it is a high-priced gallery, when in

fact it is a non-profit organization run totally on memberships (students and the community can pay a yearly fee to be a part of Emerge and get discounts on classes), donations, grants and fundraising.

"Most people think it [Emerge] is a retail space," White said. "[But] the more people we can get in here, the more good we can do."

While students can submit

their artwork to be sold, the profit that is made by Emerge is very minimal.

"Emerge only gets 20% of the profits from student artwork. Students who are interested in having their art in our sales gallery space just need to stop by Emerge to pick up a sales gallery submission form. This form will direct them through the step-by-step process, which includes bringing

sample pieces in to be reviewed by our exhibition committee," White said.

Upcoming classes and shows include the *Rebel* magazine exhibition in November, and the annual Holiday Fine Arts exhibition, as well as numerous art classes that anyone can sign up for.

White encourages students to come visit Emerge.

"Even if you don't feel artis-

tic, [Emerge] is a place you can go for an outlet. We want our members, students and patrons to feel and understand that this place is as much theirs as it is ours," White said.

For more information about Emerge or to get involved, check out emergegallery.com

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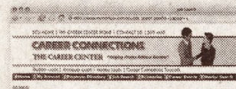
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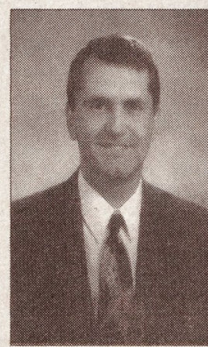
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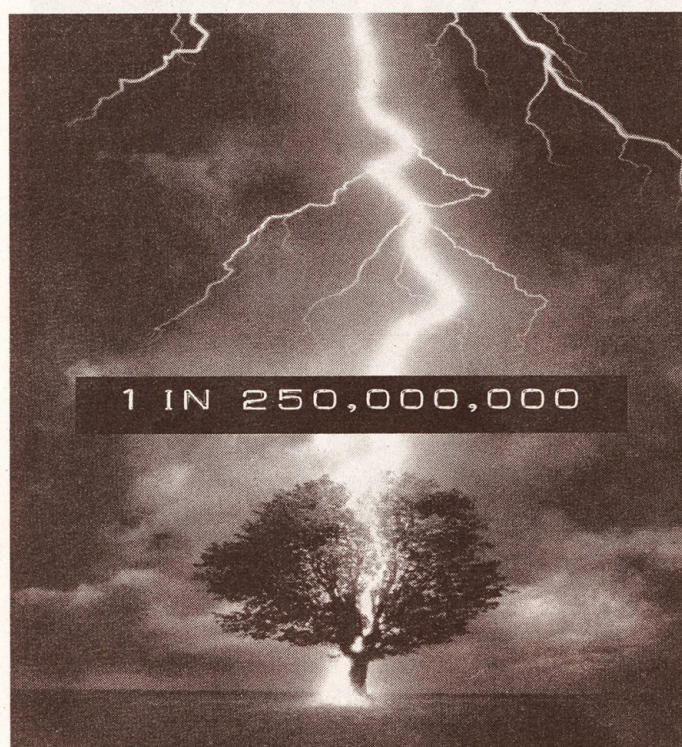
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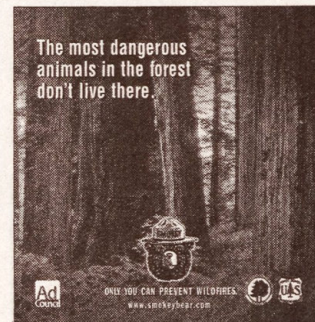
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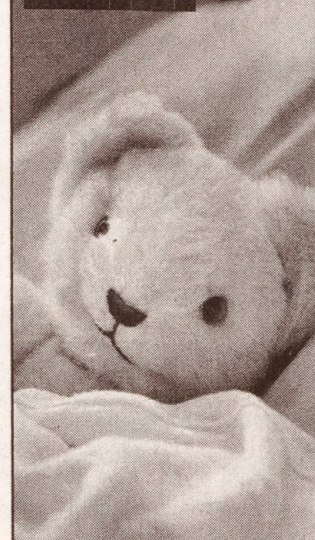
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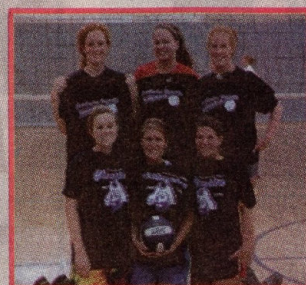
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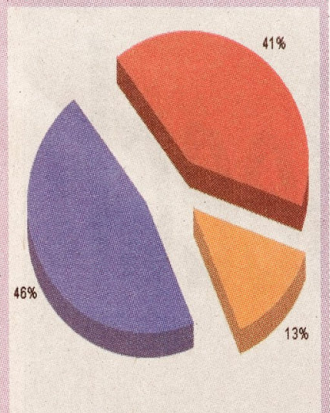
- Skip Holtz has never lost back-to-back home games as head coach at ECU. The last time the Pirates lost back-to-back home games was when they lost their first two home games of the 2004 season to Wake Forest and Cincinnati, respectively. Holtz replaced John Thompson after the 2004 season and will try to avoid breaking this streak this weekend as ECU lost at home to rival N.C. State last Saturday.

- UAB head coach Neil Callaway coached at ECU at one time. Callaway served as an offensive assistant under ECU coaching legend Pat Dye from 1978-1979. UAB's first-year head coach also coached the offensive line at Auburn, under Dye, from 1981-1992.

- ECU running back Chris Johnson has recorded at least 100 all-purpose yards in every game this season except for one. After only recording 53 all-purpose yards in the Pirates' season-opener against Virginia Tech, Johnson has eclipsed the 100-yard mark in seven straight games. The Pirates' versatile running back is averaging 202.1 all-purpose yards per game in 2007.

Poll Question Results:

What do you think was ECU's biggest win so far this season?



40%- the thrilling 45-42 overtime win at UTEP

47%- the 34-31 win over UNC on a last second field goal kick by Ben Hartman

13%- the 37-35 win at defending C-USA champion Houston

Pirate Nation poll question:

Who has been ECU's MVP on offense so far this season?

- A. Rob Kass
- B. Dwayne Harris
- C. Chris Johnson
- D. Patrick Pinkney

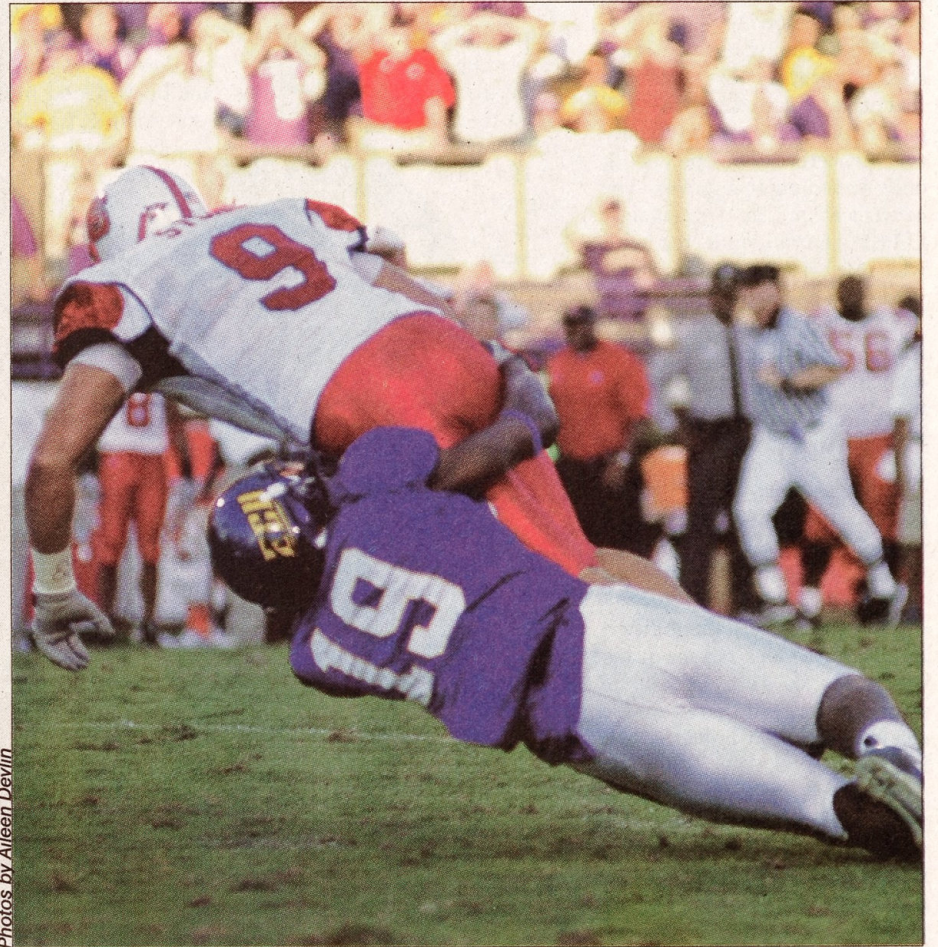
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FOOTBALL PREVIEW

HOMECOMING EDITION



Quarterback Rob Kass gets some weak-side help from Matt Butler against State.



Defensive back Chris Mattocks takes down a Wolfpack player with a solid leg tackle.

Pirates look to regain swagger by extinguishing Blazers

ECU hopes to please homecoming crowd

JARED JACKSON
STAFF WRITER

The college football season has reached its homestretch, and the Pirates are in contention for their first C-USA East Division title and berth in the conference title game.

But if ECU [4-4, 3-1] so much as blinks during the final four games of the season could turn into a major disappointment for the Pirate Nation.

First up for the Pirates in the critical four-game stretch is UAB [2-5, 1-2], who according to ECU head coach Skip Holtz, is looking to spoil ECU's homecoming when the game kicks off at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Dowdy-Ficklen.

"There are two types of teams playing in November; those that have goals to play for and those who want to spoil others' opportunities in the chase for the conference title. Obviously, we need some help from somewhere along the way but all we can do is control what we can."

ECU and Southern Miss are currently tied atop C-USA's East Division, but the Golden Eagles hold the tiebreaker because they beat ECU earlier this season.

The Blazers come into Saturday's contest after a 49-10 behind the woodshed beating at the hands of Houston in Birmingham, Ala. However, much like N.C. State last week, Holtz warns that his team faces an opponent that has a solid team whose record simply overtook it.

"You can fall into a similar trap with UAB that you did with N.C. State," warned Holtz.

"We said that N.C. State had a 1-5 record, but had played some very talented teams. The same goes for UAB. When you look in conference, they have lost to Tulsa and Houston and out of conference to Michigan State, Florida State and Mississippi State. You can take the statistics and records and throw them out of the window."

UAB ranks dead last in C-USA in scoring offense, averaging around 20 points a game, as well as total offense, averaging about 313 yards a game and rushing defense, giving up about 241 yards on the ground per game.

First-year UAB head coach Neil Callaway, who came to UAB after a long stint as offensive coordinator at Georgia, used to be a part-time assistant at ECU under Pat Dye and helped the Pirates to a 9-3 mark and Independence Bowl victory in 1978.

"It will be a game that will be a tremendous challenge for us," said Callaway. "I'm very impressed with what Skip Holtz has done up there, getting that program rejuvenated and going in the right direction."

Holtz gives Callaway and UAB nothing but credit regardless of its record. "I think Coach Callaway has done a great job as he has just started. They have a very scrappy team and they play extremely hard," Holtz said of the Blazers.

After the emotional loss to the Wolfpack, Holtz wanted to come into the week

of preparation for UAB just continuing to play Pirate football.

"I think the main concern coming into this week is us," he said. "We need to focus more on what we do and not get concerned with who we are playing. Make whoever it is earn what they get and let's worry about our execution. We have to put a better step forward."

For the three weeks prior to the N.C. State game, the Pirates' offense was on fire. But after the frustrating loss on Saturday, redshirt sophomore quarterback Rob Kass says his offense will do whatever it takes to pick up a win this weekend.

"We definitely have a talented group of tailbacks," said Kass, who was 28-of-50 against the Wolfpack for 254 yards and one touchdown. "We're going to do a good job of pounding it; running it right at them. I think that will open up the play action that too."

Kass also knows the key to pulling out the win against the Blazers on Saturday will be not to a team that's looking to ruin the Pirates' conference chances.

"We can't turn the ball over. Unfortunately, the last two games we have had that, but we will come out prepared Saturday," said Kass. "We can't overlook any team because the next four teams on our schedule don't have the best record, but they're coming in and looking to knock off the leader in the East right now."

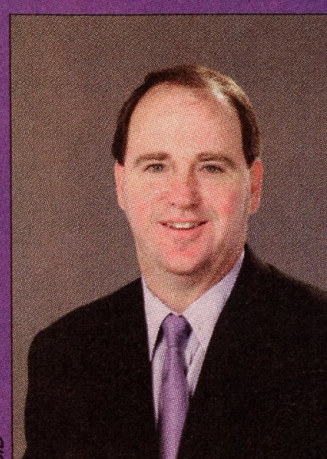
"UAB last year didn't have that great of a record but they knocked us off in a tough loss. It came down to the last play so we're going to come in with a fire in our stomach and ready to play."

Even with last week's loss exposing a lot of weaknesses on the offensive side of ball for the Pirates, ECU should win the matchup over a weak UAB defense that is giving up over 32 points and 480 yards per game. With that said, the offensive line for the Pirates cannot have a repeat performance from last Saturday and give up multiple sacks or the game will swing in favor of the Blazers.

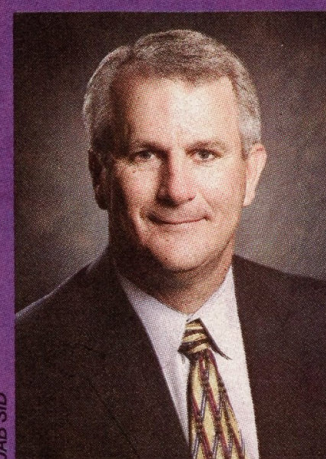
While most Pirate fans think that the defense will get a little bit of a break from the stiff competition that ECU has played as of late, this is far from the truth.

Photo by Aileen Devlin

"They [UAB] have a very scrappy team and they play extremely hard. They are playing with freshmen wide receivers that are big and fast as well as a predominantly freshmen defensive front. Their strength is in their secondary and they are doing a nice job on the back end against the pass."



HOLTZ



CALLAWAY

"It's been a long time since I've been to Greenville but I know they've done a lot of good things from a facility standpoint and with their fan base. They are a good football team, so it will be quite a challenge for us. I think they are one of the better teams in our league."

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ECU's not-so-secret weapon

Freshman Dwayne Harris is destined for stardom

KELLEN HOLTZMAN
STAFF WRITER

Growing up as a quarterback in Georgia, redshirt freshman Dwayne Harris had little idea his future would lie as a wide receiver at ECU.

Harris began his career at ECU on the scout team as a quarterback. After making the switch to receiver in spring drills, Harris has emerged as one of the Pirates' most valuable weapons.

The Stone Mountain, Ga. native has 14 catches on the season for two touchdowns.

While Harris has become a solid receiver, it is his versatility that makes him so dangerous. His passing skills allow ECU to have two quarterbacks on the field at once, something that proved to be convenient in a shootout against UTEP. Harris connected with wide receiver Jamar Bryant for 80 yards on a reverse pass play.

"I smiled when coach called it," Harris said of the play. "It was just a great play call. Jamar [Bryant] made a great catch and made two defenders miss to get in the end zone for me."

Harris displayed more of his athleticism against the Miners, exploding for a 57-yard sprint down the sideline for a rushing touchdown.

But just because he is listed as a receiver does not mean his quarterback days are over. Harris is occasionally inserted under center, typically to run quarterback keepers.

"We thought Dwayne [Harris] was a good quarterback," said wide receivers coach Donnie Kirkpatrick, who cited Harris' modest 6-foot stature as cause for the position switch. "But we thought he might have been the best player on tape as far as playmaking ability that we had evaluated in the two years we've been here."

According to Kirkpatrick, the confusion about where to play Harris began while he was still in high school.

"As a receiver coach I said, 'I know he can play receiver,'" said Kirkpatrick. "We thought if he

couldn't do that he could probably play defensive back. The running backs coach thought he could probably be a running back if he got a little bit bigger. We thought, 'There's no way he ain't going to be something.'"

When Harris isn't busy catching, running or throwing he also manages to find time returning punts and kicks. He took over the punt return duties in the second game of the season against UNC.

Quarterback Rob Kass expected Harris to make a smooth transition from scout team to the active roster.

"We had a lot of confidence in him," said Kass. "Obviously as a redshirt player we saw what he could do out here in practice every day and now everybody else in the country is getting an opportunity to see what he can do now that he's out on the field on Saturday."

Harris caught the attention of several big name schools including Boston College and UNC while leading Tucker High School to a 10-1 record in 2005, with his team ranking as high as No. 3 in the *Associated Press* Georgia prep rankings. Harris was later named MVP of the North-South All-Star Game in a state stocked with football talent.

Quarterback was the only position Harris had ever known in Georgia and ECU wasn't exactly on his radar.

Harris had aspirations of playing for Maryland before the Terrapins opted for another quarterback and ECU running backs coach Junior Smith stepped in.

"I considered going to Maryland because I had family up there," said Harris. "And then Coach [Ralph] Friedgen called me one night and said they took a quarterback. I started looking around and Coach Smith came into

the picture late.

"Coach Smith stayed with me, kept calling me and told me he was going to stick with me the whole time."

Making the decision to attend ECU did not come as a no-brainer to Dwayne, despite all of the high profile schools abandoning him. Harris was not exactly familiar with the Pirate Nation.

"I didn't know anything about it [ECU] until Coach Smith called me," Harris said. "I did research on it [ECU] and everything; I knew a lot of great quarterbacks like Jeff Blake and [David] Garrard came out of here."

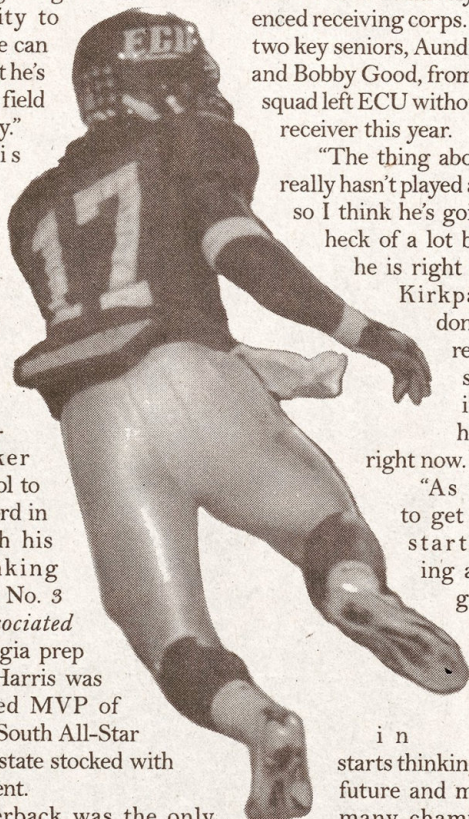
The surfacing of Harris as such an impact player has been crucial to a relatively inexperienced receiving corps. The loss of two key seniors, Aundrea Allison and Bobby Good, from last year's squad left ECU without a "go-to" receiver this year.

"The thing about it is, he really hasn't played a lot of ball, so I think he's going to be a heck of a lot better than he is right now," said Kirkpatrick. "I don't think he really understands the impact that he's making right now."

"As he starts to get older and starts thinking about how great he can be, starts pushing himself harder in practice, starts thinking about his future and maybe how many championships we can win here...he's going to be even more committed and I think even better."

Whether he's lining up at wide receiver, sneaking in to play a down at quarterback or contributing on special teams, one thing is for certain: classifying Harris isn't important, just get him on the field.

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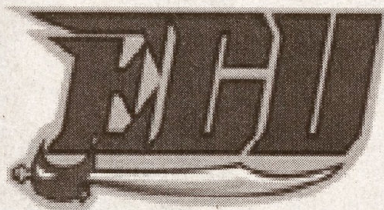
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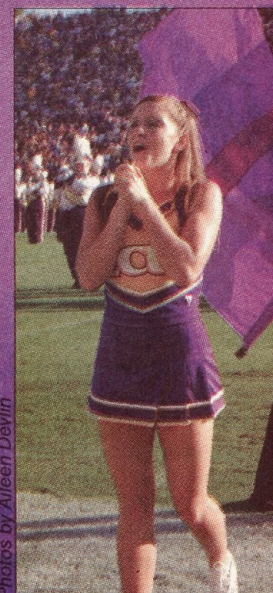
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Pirate traditions last a lifetime

Homecoming celebrates the new and the old

ELISE PHILLIPS
FEATURES EDITOR

This year marks a landmark year for the Pirates of ECU. It's ECU's centennial year, and the celebrations for Homecoming will reflect this important event in the university's history. Many organizations on campus are doing something special for Homecoming, which is on the weekend of Oct. 26-28, and the Alumni Association at ECU is no exception.

The Alumni Association will be sponsoring several events this year to commemorate ECU's 100th year, some traditional and some new. These events include many reunions which bring together alumni from all over the country who have been a part of the Pirate tradition for many years.

"Every year we feature the 50th class reunion. I think our oldest graduate is one who graduated in 1938. We always have a core group that does show up every year, but for an age group that keeps getting older, attendance keeps increasing," said Paul Clifford, the associate vice chancellor for Alumni Relations at ECU.

Many of the alumni making their

pilgrimage back to Pirate Country are ones who attended the university when it was not a university at all; some of them attended when ECU was East Carolina Teaching College or East Carolina College.

This reunion, called the ECTC and ECC Alumni Reunion, will take place on Oct. 26 and 27 with a myriad of events to honor the "Golden class" of 1957, as well as other older alumni, including a viewing of the Homecoming parade from outside the Alumni Center on 5th St.

Other reunions sponsored by the Alumni Association are the Black Alumni Reunion and the Wesley Foundation Reunion.

"We try to bring graduates back according to the activities that they were involved in. So, if they were involved in the Wesley Foundation, they will attend the Wesley Foundation Reunion," Clifford said.

A new event sponsored by the Alumni Association that will be taking place this year is a tailgating contest, where the association will judge the best tailgaters at the football game and crown the "king" and "queen" tailgaters. This will take place at the Homecoming game against the University of Alabama-Birmingham on Oct. 27.

Betty Boney, retired North Carolina schoolteacher and graduate of East Carolina College, said that the

homecoming spirit was just as alive then as it is now.

"The crowds [at the games] were very spirited. There was a lot of loyalty to the team," said Boney.

Boney also stated that, although ECU has changed over the years, there are many things to love about the university.

"There were a lot of things that I liked about East Carolina. It was fun, and at the same time I got a good education," Boney said.

Events on and off campus are not limited to the Alumni Association.

Events such as the Homecoming Parade will take place to celebrate ECU's centennial year.

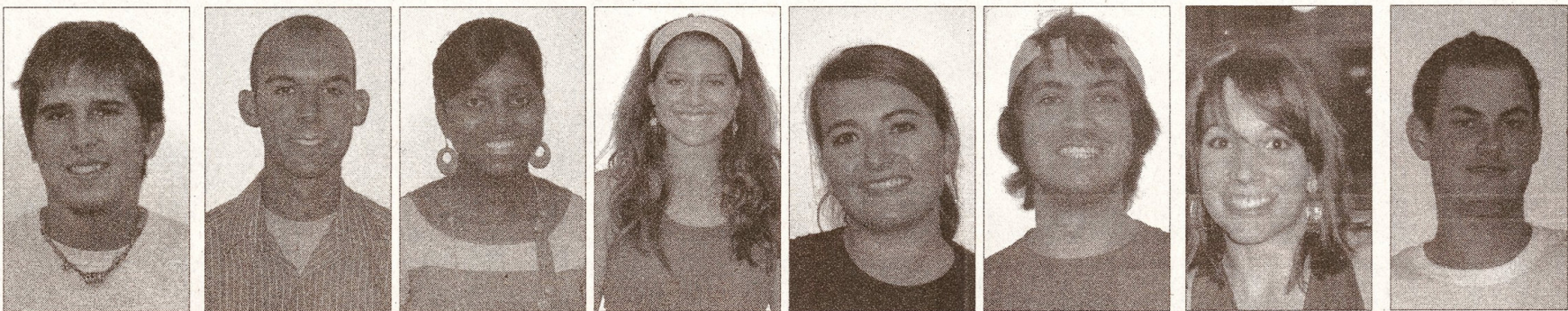
According to Clifford, the instances of parades in colleges and universities around the country have been declining in recent years.

"ECU is one of very few colleges and universities who have Homecoming parades. I think that a lot of colleges don't enjoy the school spirit that we enjoy at East Carolina," Clifford said.

Whether students are freshmen this year or are the oldest surviving graduate of ECU, one thing's for sure: the greatest tradition to celebrate this Centennial Homecoming year is being a Pirate.

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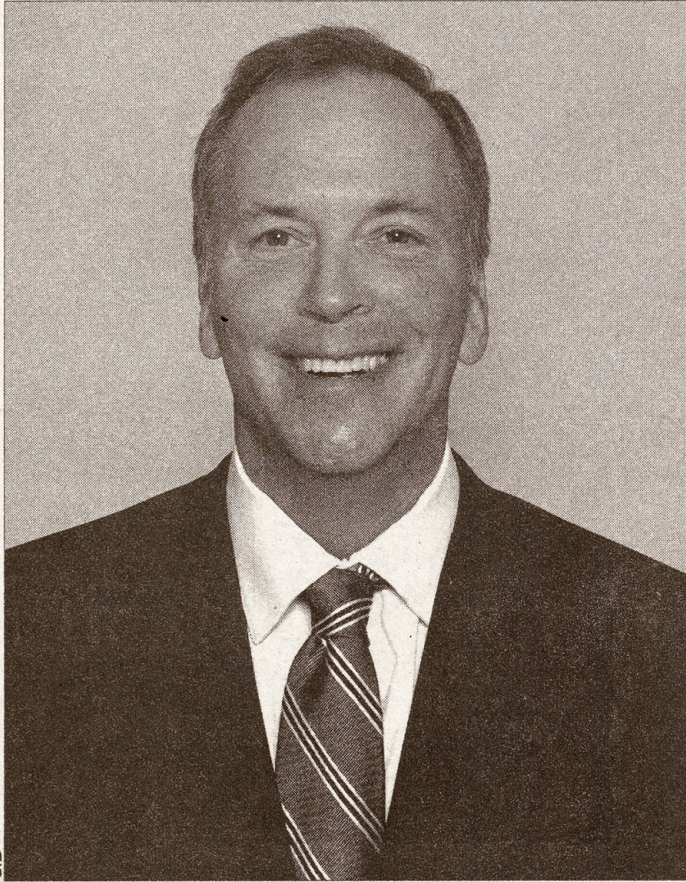
Rick Kobe earns milestone victory

ECU swim team is off to a fast start

KATHERINE HARRY
STAFF WRITER

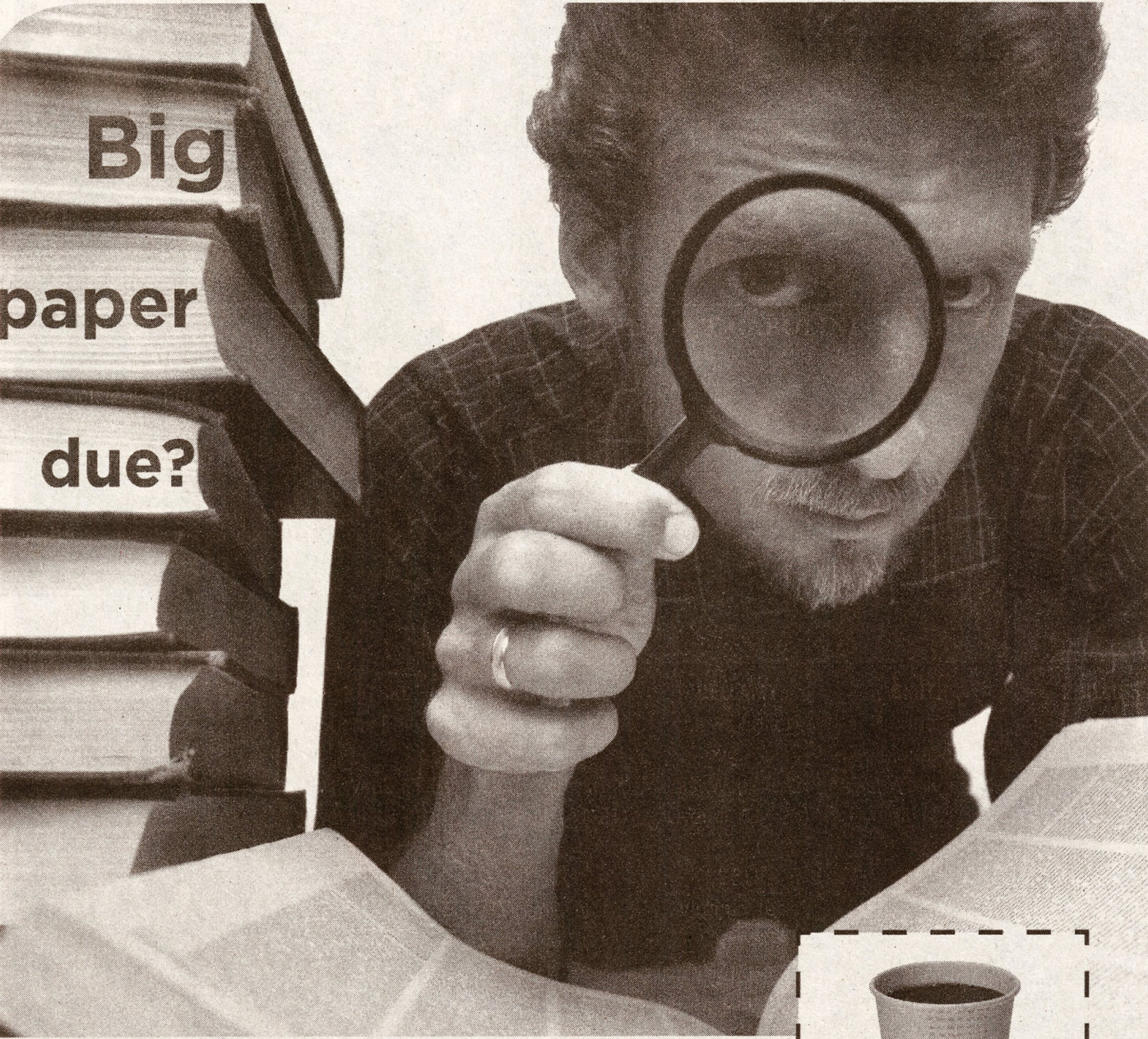
The ECU swimming and diving team has had early success so far this season. With the success, head coach Rick Kobe earned his 400th career victory this past weekend. "To be honest...I didn't know it was 400 until they told me after the meet," said Kobe. "If you have a pretty solid, consistent program the wins just keep coming. When I found out about it, it was exciting. That's a lot of wins against a lot of great programs". Kobe made sure to point out that a record like the one he just set was not accomplished just because of his coaching skills. "You're only as good as the quality of help that you have... and the staff that I have now is exceptional," Kobe said. "All of them are as equally responsible for every one of those wins as I

am, and obviously the athletes are as well." After the first three meets the women's team is 3-0 and the men's team is 2-1. The men fell to N.C. State last Saturday in a dual meet against the Wolfpack and William & Mary. The score of the N.C. state meet was 96-204 in favor of the 'Pack. "The score of that meet is not indicative of how close that was...it looks like N.C. State ran away with it but they didn't," said Kobe. "In probably 75 percent of all the races the outcome was less than a second. We were right there with them." Amanda Duncan, one of ECU's top butterfly swimmers, received the C-USA swimmer-of-the-week award this past week. "She has been a great swimmer for us the past two years," said Kobe. "She has had a fantastic start to her junior year. We're really excited about her potential throughout the rest of the season"




Swimming and diving coach Rick Kobe has been coaching ECU for 25 years, coming into the season with a .722 winning percentage.

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Fans get first look at the 2007-08 ECU basketball teams

Hinnant leads Purple squad to a victory

SID--- Anticipation continues to build for the 2007-08 basketball season at ECU. Under the direction of new head coach Mack McCarthy, the Pirates welcomed students, alumni and community supporters to the first Purple-Gold Fan Jam inside Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum Friday night. The event was hosted by actor Dennis Haskins, best known for his role as Mr. Belding on the hit TV show, "Saved By The Bell."

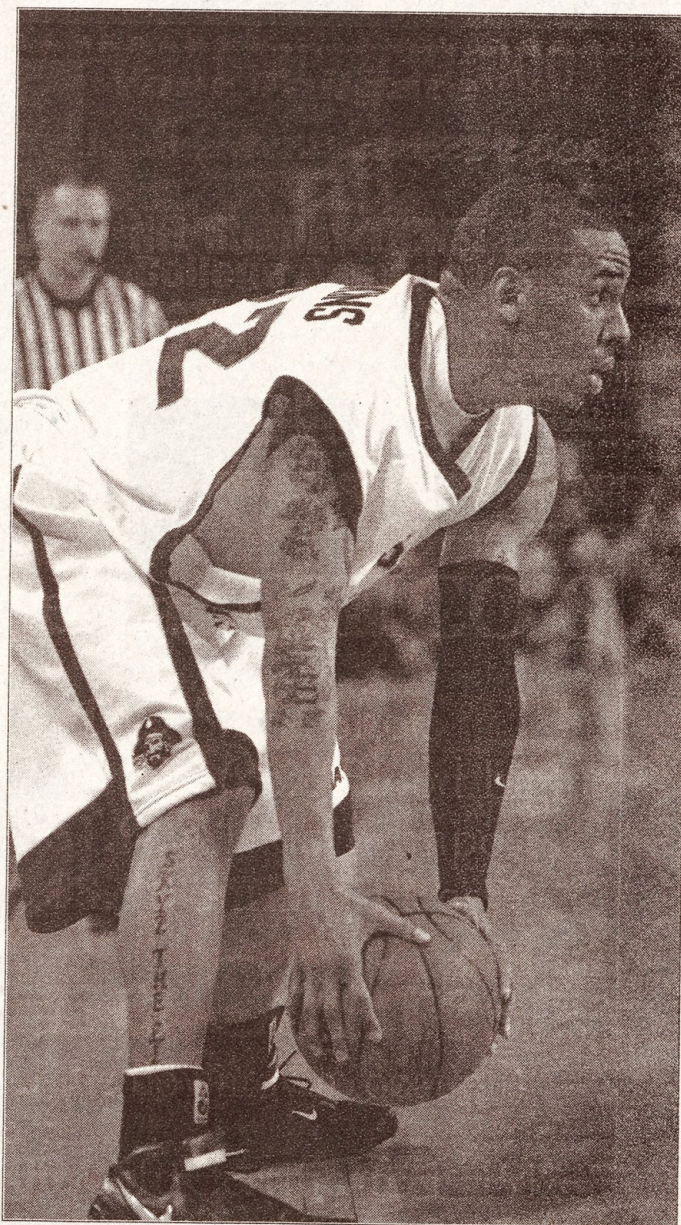
The event featured scrimmages by both the men and women's teams and was capped with a 35-34 win by the ECU Men's Purple squad in a 20-minute exhibition.

The crowd was treated to a variety of performances and contests, including "Saved By The Bell" trivia and a 3-point shooting contest. Many of the Pirates' athletic teams were introduced, including the football team. Coach Skip Holtz and juniors Zack Slate and Fred Hicks each spoke to the assembly with Hicks leading the cheers as the team exited.

The evening culminated with a one-point victory, 35-34, for the ECU Men's Purple squad of Gabe Blair, Sam Hinnant, Daquan Joyner, Jontae Sherrod, Chad Wynn and Brock Young.

Hinnant led the squad with 15 points on 6-of-10 shooting, including 3-of-5 from 3-point range. Sherrod added seven points, while Wynn chipped in six points. Blair, the top freshman rebounder in C-USA last season, led all glass cleaners with five boards.

Sophomore John Fields, an



Senior point guard Darrell Jenkins will be expected to carry an inexperienced Pirates' squad with solid play and a bevy of assists.

All-Conference USA Freshman Team selection a year ago, and senior Darrell Jenkins each scored eight points to pace the ECU Gold squad. Junior college-transfer James Legan and sophomore Greyson Sargent

scored six points apiece.

The Pirates open the regular season with four consecutive home games with ECU making its debut against Limestone on Nov. 10 at 2 p.m.

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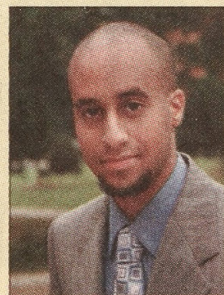
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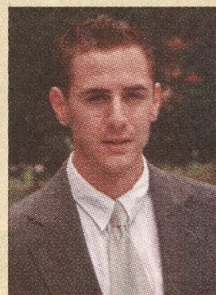
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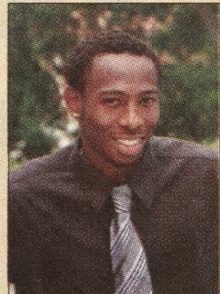
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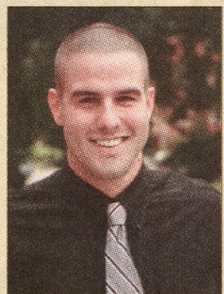
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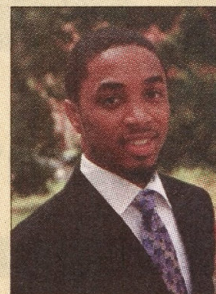
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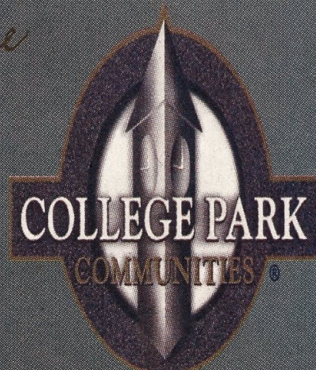
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Swimming and diving coach Kobe has a strong philosophy. "No accomplishment of consequence is obtained without a goal! Set a goal, work as hard as you can, and maintain a healthy positive attitude."

Christie Icenhower was the C-USA diver-of-the-week for this week. She is one of the premier divers on the East Coast and also in the conference.

"It is no surprise to us that she keeps garnishing all these diving awards," Kobe said of Icenhower.

ECU will face Towson this Saturday at 11 a.m. at Minges Aquatic Center.

"It will be a great meet if people want to come and watch because their girls look like the

dominant team in the CAA and the guys gave us a great meet last year," said Kobe.

The swimming and diving teams will then face UNC Wilmington Tuesday, Oct. 30 in Wilmington.

Following the UNCW meet, the team will train for a few weeks in preparation for the Nike Cup in Chapel Hill in November.

The Nike Cup features a good collection of ACC and SEC teams and is a very prestigious invitational; one of

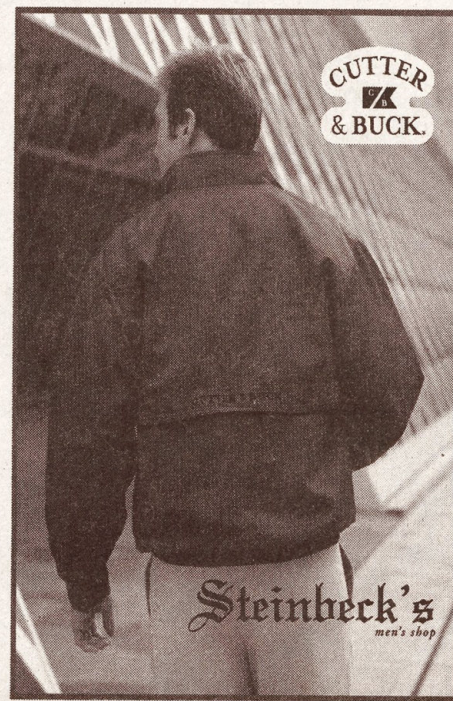
the top invitational's in the country.

"We're just very happy we get invited every year," said Kobe.

The team continues to make strides towards their individual and team goals for the season.

"We're focused on winning all the meets that we can and doing well in the Nike Cup," said Kobe.

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KEYS TO THE GAME



1. Come out focused

Last week, it didn't take long for the Pirates to fall behind 21-0. ECU seemed to look lost for the first 25 minutes and that cannot happen Saturday or UAB, regardless of its record, could build an early lead. The Pirates have to fix their first quarter woes and try to outscore the Blazers early in the game.

2. Run the football

Rob Kass threw the ball almost 50 times last week against an N.C. State. The Pirates must pound the ball down the Blazers' throats this Saturday and establish a running game. UAB is giving up about 241 rushing yards per game, so running the ball will enable the Pirates to open up the pass, which could lead to some quick strike touchdowns.

3. Pressure the quarterback

ECU must keep pressure on Blazers quarterback Sam Hunt and not give him time to complete long passes. This will be best for the Pirates' secondary, which Skip Holtz referred to earlier this week as an "ugly baby." ECU is allowing over 300 passing yards a game, but if the Pirates keep pressure applied then turnovers could result as Hunt has already thrown eight picks this season.

1. Stop the run... somehow

The Blazers have to correct their porous run defense. UAB is 117th in the nation in run defense, allowing 240 yards per game on the ground. Houston embarrassed UAB's defense last week, racking up 335 rushing yards and 49 points. The Blazers can't afford the same type of effort this week, limiting Chris Johnson and the ECU running game is a must.

2. Hit the deep ball

The word is out on how to beat ECU's defense: pass the ball deep. The Pirates' young secondary has been exposed this season, especially in deep, jump ball situations. Last week, N.C. State's wide receivers were very physical with ECU's secondary. UAB's leading receiver, Joseph Webb, is 6-foot-4, 220-pounds and all three of their starting receivers are over 6-foot. UAB needs to take some chances deep with its big, physical receivers.

3. Protect the quarterback

In order for UAB to attempt the deep pass, senior quarterback Sam Hunt will need time to throw the ball. The Blazers' offensive line will have to contain ECU's pass rush. In last year's meeting, ECU failed to record a sack. UAB will have to do the same if it wants to pull off the upset.

PREVIEW

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The Pirates have been giving up an average of 310 yards per game through the air and 145 on the ground, and while not playing a potent UAB offense, if ECU gets in the same predicament as last week and trail early then this could turn into an even match-up.

Senior quarterback Sam Hunt has been efficient in averaging about 194 yards passing per game and throwing eight touchdowns on the season. With a receiving threat such as redshirt freshman Frantrell Forrest, who has four touchdowns, and backup quarterback turned receiver Joseph Webb, the UAB offense is not to be taken lightly.

Junior defensive tackle Khalif Mitchell knows this and believes the Pirates will be ok if they just take it one game at a time.

"We have to come out with a lot of focus," said Mitchell. "It's like a one game championship now. We're at the top but we have to beat everybody. We just need to win every game...because if we lose one then we will have to lean on other people."

"I'm glad it was the [N.C.] State game to get a wake up call as opposed to a conference loss. It hurts to lose to [N.C.] State around here but we can accomplish bigger goals than just beating [N.C.] State. We had State Championship goals, but that didn't have anything to do with a bowl game or a conference championship."

If the focus is there on Saturday then the Pirates should be able to start 1-0 in phase three of the regular season, and Mitchell believes that they are on the cusp of accomplishing something special.

"I know a lot of guys are tired. We're tired as hell, but at the same time we are right there," said Mitchell. "You are either going to break or you're going to go. I think we're going to go."

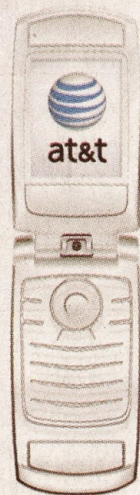
After being knocked back down to earth last week against N.C. State, the Pirates have seemingly gained some of their swagger back and are ready to march on.

Perhaps to a conference title.

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