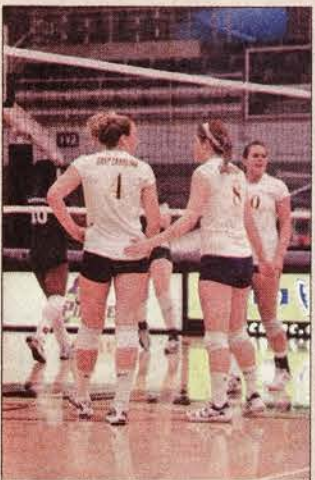




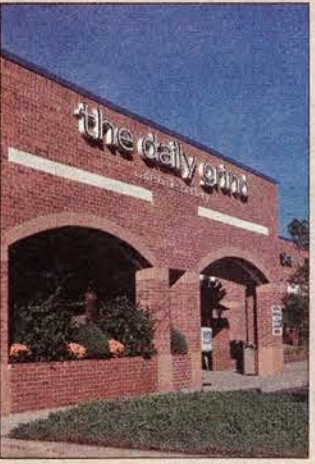
## ECU wins first place in annual Ranger Challenge



With the help of senior running back Chris Johnson, the Pirates are in the drivers seat in East Division of C-USA. Check out the sports section to find out what records were shattered by the all-conference back and what honor coach Skip Holtz is vying for.....Page A9



The ECU women's volleyball team made senior day special for outside hitter Kelley Wernert, possibly the best offensive talent to play in an ECU uniform. Turn to the sports section to find out what kind of home crowd send off Wernert received.....Page A9



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Members of ROTC engage in vigorous activities to strive for the first place standing in the competition.

An event to test military skills

ADELINE TRENTO  
STAFF WRITER

Last week, the ECU Pirate Battalion won first place at the annual Ranger Challenge competition in Fort Pickett, Va.

The Ranger Challenge, which took place Oct. 26-28, allowed dozens of cadets from 19 colleges in North Carolina and Virginia to compete against each other in several different events.

"The Ranger Challenge is a competition that is held every year and it is put on by the 4th Brigade," said Sergeant Hill, coach of the Ranger Challenge Team.

"The win was pretty huge for us because we hadn't won first place before, we had won second and third, but never first. It was a great accomplishment for us and I am pretty proud of them."

The winning Ranger Challenge team was made up of nine males, one

female and two alternates who were chosen to compete at the event.

"We began tryouts three days after school started and there were certain criteria that the cadets had to meet," Hill said.

"We did PT tests, a written land navigation test and there were requirements that they had to meet to be chosen for the team."

At this year's Ranger Challenge, the cadets competed in 10 events including a physical fitness test, a basic rifle marksmanship test, a tactical event, a commander's event, a hand grenade assault course, an obstacle course, a 10K road march and three different land navigation events.

The ECU Ranger Challenge Team placed first among all of the teams in physical fitness, basic marksmanship and day land navigation.

The team also placed second overall in the written land navigation test and the commander's event.

"This year we kept our com-

see ROTC page A4

## Students attend forum to discuss possible fee increases

Raised awareness about where fees are going

WILLIAM HALL  
STAFF WRITER

A forum was held in the Mendenhall Student Center on Nov. 1 concerning the increase in student fees.

SGA President Keri Brockett gave the presentation alongside the student fee committee members.

The forum was an opportunity to create awareness about the tuition process and to act as an outlet for students and community members to find out where the fees are going.

"We're the ones who pay tuition, so we should have a say in where the fees are going," said Ashley Yopp, SGA speaker of the congress.

Tuition and fees have doubled in the last 10 years and the proposed increase for next year is 1-2 percent.

There will be a \$14 increase in student fees, which is down from the \$140 increase last year.

The tuition increase will be announced at a later date.

The fees will be going to areas such as Banner, Dowdy-Ficklin Stadium and the transit system.

"We are realistic that there are going to be increases," said Todd Johnson, interim vice provost of student affairs.

"We look at ways to present our services at an affordable rate."

The Recreation and Wellness fee will go from \$221 to \$226 and will go to facility employment.

The SGA fee will increase from \$220 to \$221 and go towards



Student expresses interest about what increases in tuition and fees will be applied for the 2008-2009 school year.

employing the new student legal services position.

The Education and Technology fee will increase from \$145 to \$153.

This is the lowest increase in that area, and the need reflects the efforts to keep up with the other schools in the UNC system.

The athletic department

did not ask for an increase, but they do want the existing amount to be redirected.

The department is partnering with Health and Human Services to build an auxiliary gym to solve the problem of overcrowding in Minges. The redirection of funds will be applied to the construction.

The increase is coming from the need to maintain the standard services within ECU and the UNC school system.

It is also to help with financial aid, which is in more of a need at ECU than any other school in the state.

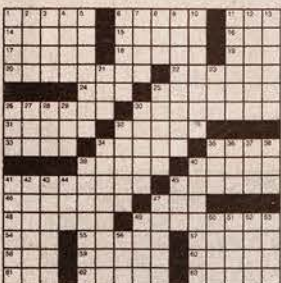
Trustees are also seeking other monetary sources, such

as private donations and state funds, to ease the pressure off of students.

Another discussion about the fee increase will be held on Nov. 12 in the Social Room of Mendenhall.

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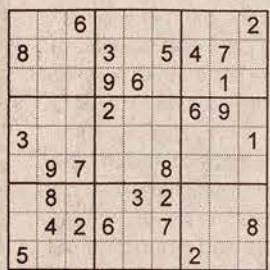
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## SGA works to resolve issue with no quorum in congress

Constitutional revision committee assembled

DAVID WILDER  
STAFF WRITER

SGA established the Constitutional Revision Committee to review a structurally unconstitutional section of the SGA constitution.

"New business can be conducted once the committee comes up with a resolution," said Keri Brockett, SGA president.

The committee will determine any possible changes to the SGA constitution, Brockett said.

"At present, SGA congress has about 12 members that are elected at large in campus-wide elections," said Corey King, assistant vice chancellor for student experiences.

"SGA congress currently has about 50-60 funded organizations. According to the SGA constitution, there should be about 110-130 members

of congress, thus the quorum being 56-66 qualified members," King said.

Article II, section IV of the constitution requires congress to be composed of: representatives from all student organizations who receive annual funding from SGA, and representatives-at-large must be equal to the number of annually funded student organizations, and one representative from each on-campus residence hall must become an elected member of congress.

Abey Dessie, SGA attorney general, ruled that Article II is structurally unconstitutional at the Oct. 22 congress meeting.

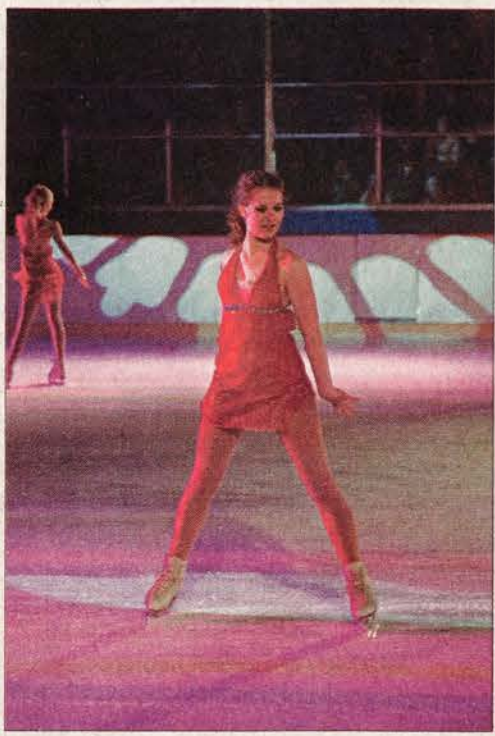
However, Dessie also ruled that SGA congress may continue to perform official business such as approving new organizations, granting emergency funding, voting on student fees and passing resolutions that respond to university policies and procedures.

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## Figure Skating Club hosts invitational skills competition

Event preps members for upcoming competitions

ALYCIA WENDT  
STAFF WRITER



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ECFSC competitor showcases talent at the event.

The ECU Figure Skating Club (ECFSC) competed and cosponsored The Autumn Invitational Basic Skills Competition on Nov. 3 at Bladez on Ice, which is located on 104 Red Banks Rd.

"The competition went really good. It helped us get into the mood of the competition and to know how your nerves are and what it feels like for our upcoming competition in February," said freshman Hayley Hawkes.

The event began at 9 a.m. and featured figure skaters in the age range of four to 21. There were about 50 performers involved in the show. There was no cost to attend the event.

"I am very excited. I haven't skated competitively in about five years, so it's been a while since I have shown a program like this," said sophomore Liane Pavilonis.

ECFSC has been active for two semesters. The founder of the club is senior Dean Lindo, and his wife, Cecilia Lindo, is the skating director for the club and runs the program.

see SKATING page A4

{ Campus & Community }

## PIRATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Hatch Show Print: Jim Sherraden**  
Tuesday, Nov. 6  
6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Speight Auditorium, Jenkins Fine Arts Center

Using a process called letterpress that dates back to the 15th century, each unique creation is individually handcrafted and inked onto paper, producing posters that through the years have been established as a downtown Nashville landmark. The Hatch posters and Sherraden's original works re-examine the aesthetic impact on American entertainment and revisit the curiously colorful world of dancing girls, politics, and music.

**ACHIEVE: Managing the Stress of Involved Majors**  
Tuesday, Nov. 6  
7-8 p.m.

**Jones Hall First Floor Lobby**  
This program will seek to inform students who have begun completing coursework in very intense majors, or who may have other demanding commitments, of ways to better handle their commitments. Topics of discussion will include, but are not limited to, tips on time and stress management, prioritizing, and healthy methods of stress relief.

**Brewster Lecture features Lincoln scholar**  
Wednesday, Nov. 7  
8 p.m.

**Hendrix Theatre**  
James McPherson, a noted Civil War historian from Princeton University, who will lecture on Old Abe Has Joined My Enemies?: The Lincoln-McClellan Relationship.

**ACHIEVE: Understanding the Demands of College Writing**  
Wednesday, Nov. 7  
7-8 p.m.

**Scott Hall Basement**  
Writing papers in college can be very different than writing papers in high school. Come learn about different writing and reference styles, as well as what you need to do to avoid violating our academic integrity policy.

**Hispanic Film Series: Judíos en el espacio**  
Thursday, Nov. 8  
5:30-8 p.m.  
Bate 1010

Movies are FREE All films will be shown in their original language (with English subtitles). Films are not rated and may include adult content. Discussion is held after each screening, for those interested.

**ACHIEVE: Building Healthy Relationships**  
Thursday, Nov. 8  
7-8 p.m.

**Fletcher Hall Lobby**  
Join us for a discussion about what it is like adjusting to college and how to make and maintain meaningful and healthy relationships.

**Rock & Roll Historian: Barry Drake**  
Thursday, Nov. 8  
8-10 p.m.

**MSC Great Room**  
Come and see Barry Drake, one of rock music's leading historians, for a thrilling multimedia tour of the 80's. "As the 80s began there was a well needed burst of energy in rock & roll. The 70s had left us disappointed, exhausted and questioning whether anything positive and new could come from a 25 year old music form. Fortunately, the 80s proved that rock & roll was capable of reinventing itself with new music styles, artists and attitudes. We couldn't go back to the 60s, so we charged head first into the unknown territory of the 80s and held on for a bumpy ride."

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**Men's Basketball**  
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Minges Coliseum

**Soldiers of Jah Army**  
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**11 Sun**

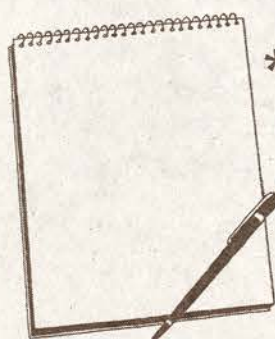
**Women's Basketball**  
Presbyterian  
2 p.m.  
Minges Coliseum

**12 Mon**

**Campus safety survey**  
6:30 p.m.  
Willis Building

**"Inequities in Health: A Call to Action"**  
9 a.m.  
Science and Technology Building C 309

**"Developing a Principle Centered Health Disparities Research Agenda"**  
4 p.m.  
Flanagan 265



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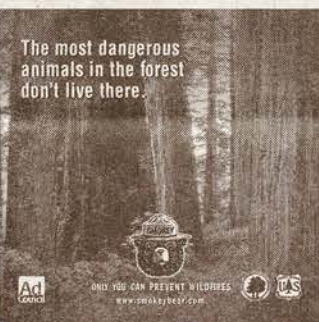
**Understanding the Demands of College Writing**  
Scott Hall Basement  
7p.m. - 8p.m..

#### PIRATE NATION WEATHER REPORT

**Tuesday:**  
Hi: 69F  
Low: 50F  
Wind: Southwest 10-15 mph  
% Precipitation Probability: 0%  
General Weather: pleasant with colder evening temperatures

**Wednesday:**  
Hi: 58F  
Low: 37F  
Wind: Northerly 5-10 mph  
% Precipitation Probability: 0%  
General Weather: cool and sunny with below average temperatures

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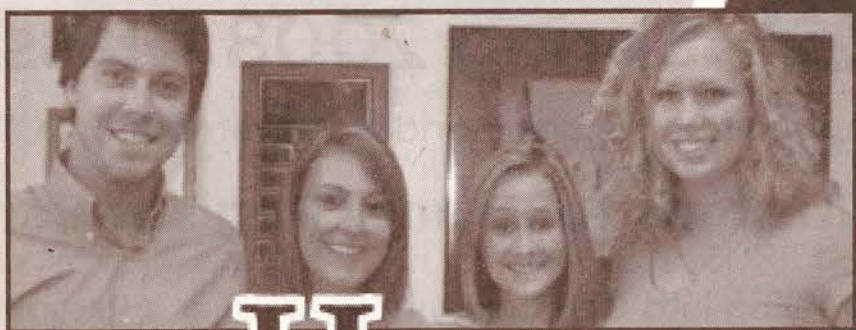
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**Before Night Falls (2000)**

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## Industrial Distribution students return from California conference

Students took advantage of networking

WILLIAM HALL  
STAFF WRITER

Five ECU students in the industrial distribution and logistics program recently returned from the American Supply Association (ASA) conference in Anaheim, Calif.

The conference, held Oct. 24-27, was a nationwide gathering of wholesalers, manufacturers and contractors, in the plumbing and piping industry.

The students were given the opportunity to raise awareness about the program to national businesses.

The industrial distribution and logistics program is a part of the College of Technology and Computer Science, and specializes in the wholesale industry in the global market place.

The participating students are educated on the tools of the industry, such as the management of goods and services across the world.

"We know we're in a global marketplace now, and we're preparing our kids for it," said Mark Angolia, a teaching instructor for the department of technology who accompanied the students



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on the trip.

"Our goal is not just to get our kids an education, but to get them a job."

The students also attended many seminars on topics like marketing, sales, motivation and the impact that the new generation of college graduates will have on the industry.

Angolia and the students took part in a panel presented to over 100 people concerning program recruitment techniques.

The conference also gave the students a chance to network with corporate CEOs and executives in hopes of gaining employment after graduation.

"The current generation of people in the distribution industry are pretty close to retirement age," Angolia said.

"They're looking to the younger generation to fill the void that they're going to create."

There were 12 job interviews among the five students.

Reginald Knight, an industrial distribution and logis-

tics major, conducted interviews with consultants from Kenney Plumbing and Chicago's Porter Pipes Supply Company.

Knight was introduced to the field through his father, who worked at the container-shipping company, Maersk, in Portsmouth, Va.

"I was always interested in the industry. The job placement is very high, so I made it my major," Knight said.

When the students returned to ECU they had to work on Power Point presentations about the trip to show in classes and to the Professional Association of Industrial Distribution.

"It was an excellent trip," Knight said.

Even though the ASA conference was held with the wildfires still burning nearby, no one was directly affected by them.

"You could smell the smoke when the plane touched down," Angolia said.

"People said they could see the flames from the hotel room."

Members of the industrial distribution and logistics program have also attended conferences in Las Vegas and Philadelphia.

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Brockett issued an executive order establishing a SGA Constitutional Task Force consisting of five members from the legislative branch, three members of the executive branch, two members of the judicial branch and two at-large student organization members.

This revision committee will recommend a composition of the SGA congress that will enable the legislative body to act in an effective collective assembly with the ability to achieve and maintain quorum, King said.

"This task force shall be further authorized to make any additional recommendations for changes to the SGA constitution and general statutes," said King.

Recommendations would be made to the SGA Oversight Committee and approved with a general consensus from SGA congress and the vice provost for student affairs, King said.

The task force is expected to meet within the next two weeks.

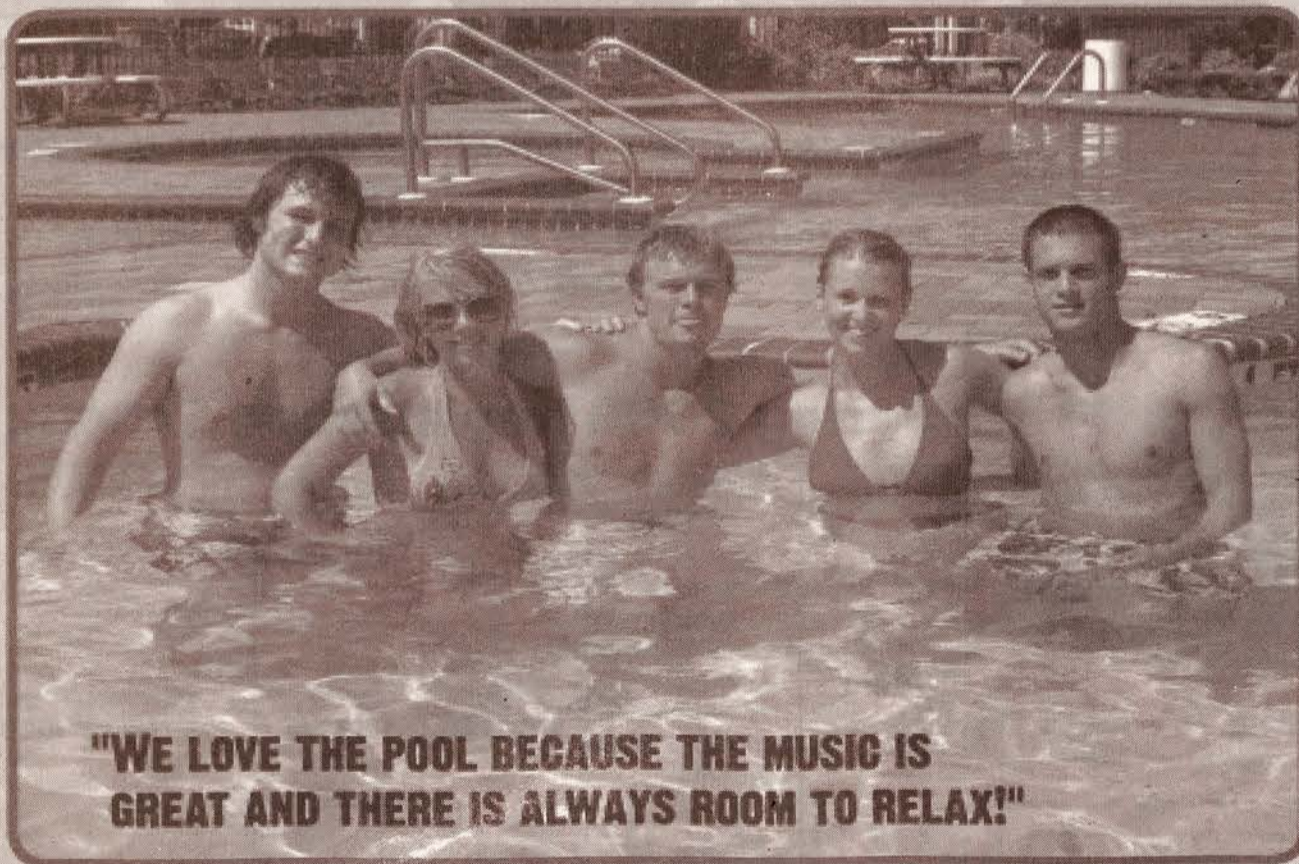
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**SKATING** continued from A1

"Figure skating is not popular down here in the South. I decided to start a club for the students, just to skate for fun," Dean Lindo said.

Lindo is the head coach for the club and is an assistant professor for the Exercise 1000 program for figure skating that he also created.

The club is registered with US Figure Skating, and is sending at least 10 of their athletes to Boston in February to represent the university for the 2008 intercollegiate season.

They also have a competition in Delaware next year. If they qualify for nationals, they will compete in Michigan with all of the colleges on the east coast.

"A long future goal for the club in general is to make it to Intercollegiate Nationals," Cecilia Lindo said.

The club has three different program levels for the skaters. The first program is the tutorial program, which is for students that are taking figure skating for their Exercise 1000 class.

Students in this class do not need to have prior knowledge of figure skating. The coaches teach them all of the basics that they need to know.

The next program level is for the recreational skaters who are just involved in the club to learn how to skate. It is a basic skills program based on the US Figure

Skating sanction.

The tutorial and recreational levels did a group member showcase at The Autumn Invitational Basic Skills Competition.

According to Lindo, this is like a "theater on ice kind of performance." There are about 15 students involved in these parts of the club.

The third program level is for competitive skaters who represent the university in competitions.

"A lot of competitive skaters are coming to our school. A few skaters from Boston heard about the club and came here to skate," Dean Lindo said.

The competitive skaters for the club include Justin Clements, Sasha Tokarev, Samantha Dayman, Liane Pavilonis and Haley Hawkes.

The competitive skaters help to train the beginner skaters, who seem to have demonstrated improvement since they began the class.

"My girls that I work with are so wonderful and so hard working. I am so proud of them all. They have come a long way since we started," Cecilia Lindo said.

All of the leveled skaters have to attend off-ice training every Monday at the Student Recreation Center, where



ECFSC poses for a group picture.

a ballet and Pilate teacher comes to teach.

In addition, all skaters must meet at the track every morning at 7 a.m. to run a mile.

"I love that the club is very active with all members, no matter what level of skating," Pavilonis said.

The figure skaters are all coaches for Bladez on Ice and were judges in the Invitational.

The sponsors for the ECFSC include Cyclone Taylor, located in Canada, Gold's Gym, which allows the club to use their facilities for cardio cinema, Kroger and Wal-Mart, which donated team shirts.

"We are always looking for sponsors. Figure skating is a great sport and we welcome staff, faculty, students and sponsors," Lindo said.

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**ROTC** continued from A4



Cadets pose for a group picture after stomping the competition at the event.

posture and we used our heads a lot better, so I think that gave us an advantage in the different events," said Hill.

"Physically, they were in the best shape out of all the schools up there and the leadership on our team really helped us win. They did a great job keeping each other motivated and not letting anyone get down."

In order to prepare for the Ranger Challenge, the cadets met every weekday morning at 6 a.m. to do guerilla drills, run, weight train and do calisthenics.

"Most of the cadets on the Ranger Challenge Team also did additional PT at another point in

the day to supplement what they did in the morning," Hill said.

"The cadets also practiced their land navigation skills, their marksmanship and they practiced for the written test as well. We began preparing for the event as soon as school started, so we had about three months of intense work."

At the Ranger Challenge, Cadet Theodore Brennis, an ECU sophomore, had the highest score out of 200 cadets in the Army physical fitness test.

Brennis scored 370 points out of a possible 300 points on the test, which consisted of two minutes of push-ups, two minutes

of sit-ups and a two-mile run. "I was very surprised to have the highest score," Brennis said.

"The graders for the Ranger Challenge are very strict, and about 10 or 15 of my sit-ups didn't meet the standards. My score was way lower than what I was aiming for."

Brennis was awarded a coin from Cadet Command Sergeant Major for having the highest score at the event.

The ECU Pirate Battalion has been competing in the Ranger Challenge for more than 20 years and this year's first place finish showed that they are tough competition for other schools in the state.

"The Ranger Challenge is the only opportunity that we have to compete with other ROTC programs in our Brigade," Brennis said.

"You can look at as many statistics and numbers as you want to, but when it comes down to finding out which schools have the most prepared and dedicated cadets, the Ranger Challenge is an excellent gauge of the quality of a school's ROTC program. The skills that we try to develop in the Ranger Challenge are skills that every cadet is required to be proficient in to become an officer in the U.S. Army."

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**Time to Register for Spring 2008 Classes**

Registration begins Monday, November 5, 2007

**10 steps to Banner Registration**

**Step 1:** Log into OneStop with PirateID and Passphrase and select the Banner Self Service link from Tools page.

**Step 2:** Select Student and Financial Aid menu and then select Registration.

**Step 3:** To Add Classes: Select the Add or Drop Classes. Enter your Registration PIN (alt pin) from your advisor and select the correct term and at the bottom, then select Class Search for courses. (graduate students do not require a registration pin number)

**Step 4:** Search for courses. You can choose to enter a course number, choose instructional method, instructor, time and/or day.

**Step 5:** Once you have entered your information, select the Class Search link at the bottom. This returns a list of all courses meeting the criterion you entered. Select the section you want by checking the box next to that section. (If a "C" appears, this section is closed.)

**Step 6:** After checking the appropriate section, scroll to the bottom and select Register or Worksheet.

**Step 7:** You will be taken back to your schedule to view it with the new class added. If there were any errors (pre-requisite, co-requisite, other restrictions), the error would display with your schedule and the course will not be added.

**Step 8:** Repeat steps 4-7 to add additional classes.

**Step 9:** To Drop classes, from your schedule page pull the drop down menu beside the course you wish to drop and select \*\*Web Dropped\*\*

**Step 10:** At the bottom, select the Submit Changes link and the course will be removed from your schedule.

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Registration tutorials at <http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/registrar/RegInfo.cfm>

**Spring 2008 Registration Schedule**

	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	2:00 PM	3:30 PM
Monday, Nov. 5	Graduate Students, 2nd Degree Students, Teaching Fellows, Nurse Scholars, Honors Students  Students with 140+ hours	Students with 125-139+ hours	Students with 115-124+ hours	Students with 108-114+ hours	Students with 102-107+ hours
Tuesday, Nov. 6	Students with 96-101+ hours	Students with 91-95+ hours	Students with 85-90+ hours	Students with 78-84+ hours	Students with 72-77+ hours
Wednesday, Nov. 7	Students with 67-71+ hours	Students with 63-66+ hours	Students with 58-62+ hours	Students with 51-57+ hours	Students with 42-50+ hours
Thursday, Nov. 8	Students with 35-41+ hours	Students with 32-34+ hours	Students with 30-31+ hours	Students with 26-29+ hours	Students with 15-25+ hours
Friday, Nov. 9	Students with 6-14+ hours	Students with 1-5+ hours	Students with 0+ hours		

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## Horoscopes

### Aries

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### Taurus

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### Cancer

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### Leo

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### Virgo

Fix something at your place before it breaks, and you're money ahead. This goes for your furniture, too. Make yourself more comfortable.

### Libra

Creative work pays well now, but you already knew that. Use your imagination to find new and different ways to provide what your clients want. They'll love you for it.

### Scorpio

It's time to do what you said you would. To make the best impression, follow through before you're reminded. Show you're to be trusted.

### Sagittarius

Your friends are your best source of information, introductions and leads. Let them know what you want and they'll help you get it.

### Capricorn

An older person can help you bring out your hidden talents. The clue might come as a request for something you haven't done in a while.

### Aquarius

Consult an experienced person about an adventure you're contemplating. It'll be even more fun if you take along a guide.

### Pisces

It seems like there's a mountain of details and paperwork between you and where you want to go. Don't panic, just take it one detail and paper at a time.

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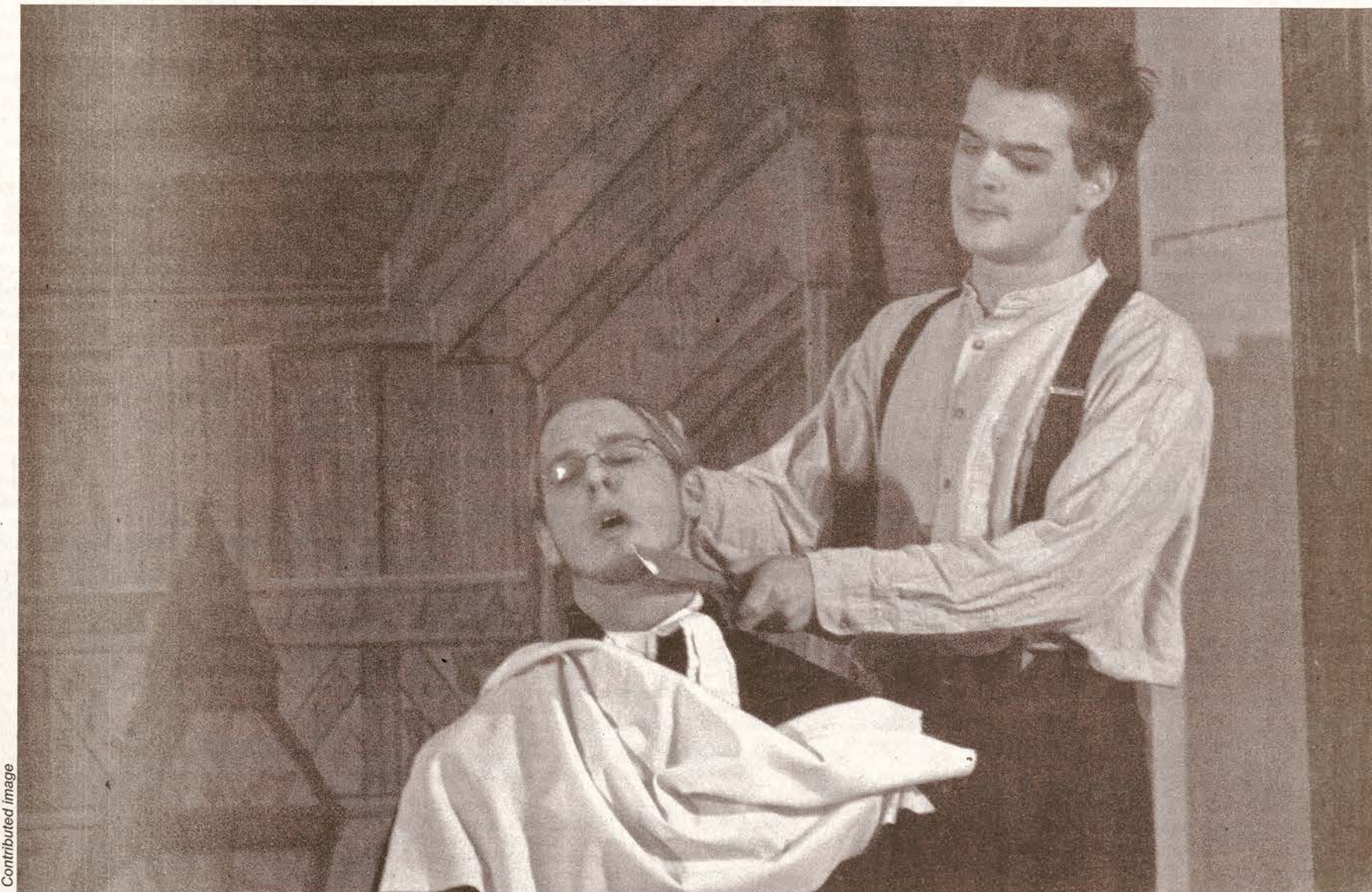
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Einstein couldn't speak fluently when he was nine. His parents thought he might be retarded.

Every time Beethoven sat down to write music, he poured ice water over his head.

In Kentucky, 50 percent of the people who get married for the first time are teenagers.

# Sweeney Todd debuts to a packed house



Gary Harwell performed as a barber who returned home to find his wife dead and daughter the ward of a crooked judge with marriage in sight in Sweeney Todd last week.

## Demon Barber of Fleet Street gives audiences a thrill

CHELSEA CAMPEN  
STAFF WRITER

A.J. Fletcher Music Center was packed on Thursday, Nov. 1. The musical thriller *Sweeney Todd* debuted at the center, put on by The East Carolina School of Music and Opera.

*Sweeney Todd* was first written in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century with its gruesome storyline based on folklore from Victorian England.

"There were several dark plays written about him

during this time," said John Kramer, director of the ECU opera and theatre department, who explained that *Sweeney Todd* is similar to the legend of Jack the Ripper.

*Sweeney Todd*, played by Gary Harwell, is a barber who returns after exile to the penal colonies in Australia and finds his wife dead and his daughter the ward of a crooked judge who plans to wed her. Sweeney seeks his revenge, his victims ending up as the main ingredient in his landlady's meat pies.

According to Kramer, the musical's dark themes such as murder, revenge and rape made some faculty members wary about putting *Sweeney Todd* on because they believed the musical style was too far from opera.

Kramer explained that the music is as challenging and at times even as difficult as any opera.

"The timing is intricate," he said.

"The singer is forced to keep up with the orchestra." Kramer also said the music is the biggest difficulty in *Sweeney* because it appears easy at first, but is actually extremely challenging.

For this reason, the cast members were selected according to their vocals range.

The cast was selected in May, although rehearsals did not start until the beginning of the academic year.

Kramer said he had a tough group to choose from because the current students were well developed musically.

"It's been so much fun; the music is hard, but we've all had a good time doing it," said junior music composition major Tim Messina, who plays Beetle Bamford in the

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# Eclectic menu gives students variety

## Reasons to dine at The Daily Grind

DAVID PUCKETT  
STAFF WRITER

The Daily Grind offers Greenville residents a variety of tasty food, freshly brewed coffee, homemade desserts and live entertainment, all in a relaxing environment.

Jennifer Shearin, owner and pastry chef of The Daily Grind, opened the restaurant November 2003.

The restaurant is open daily and serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. Shearin describes the food menu as "mainstream, but affordable."

The breakfast menu consists of a variety of specialty dishes and wraps that satisfy customers' morning taste buds. Customers can also create their own morning dish by selecting items from a list of traditional breakfast foods.

In addition to breakfast dining, the restaurant's self-serve coffee bar makes it convenient for morning customers to grab one of The Daily Grind's signature coffee creations or a freshly baked pastry, to go.

The lunch and dinner menus include a variety of sandwiches and burgers ranging from \$5.50 to \$7.95, soups, salads, paninis and an assortment of entrees.

Among the lunch entrees, which all cost \$9.95, are the shrimp & turf platter, the Florentine filet, the chicken cacciatore and shrimp or chicken alfredo.

Customers can choose from 15 dinner entrees that range in price from \$11.95 for the sesame chicken linguini, to \$19.95 for a 12-ounce prime rib steak.

Both the lunch and dinner menus include six salad entrees that range in price from \$4.25 to \$7.75.

Appetizers range in price from \$4.25 to \$7.95 and include a cheese tray, seared tuna, a quesadilla, spring rolls, bacon wrapped scallops, stuffed portabella mushrooms, salmon cakes, chicken souvaki, shrimp cocktails and an assortment of dips, including black bean, lobster, and spinach.

The Daily Grind also offers a vegetarian menu which allows customers to choose from a variety of pastas, as well as a veggie hoagie, pizza or wrap.

Although Shearin described many of the items on the menu as "mainstream," she also said that the menu consists of "different tastes from different cultures."

"Our menu is what I call 'fusion'; it is a little bit of every culture, because we have the Gyro Burger [which is] Greek and then we have Yaki Soba, which is oriental," she said.

Other international cuisines on the menu include a



Photo by Aileen Devlin

The Daily Grind provides patrons with a number of dining and dessert options that are sure to please any taste.

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musical. "We've been rehearsing for two and a half months. It's been tough; I think my voice is going."

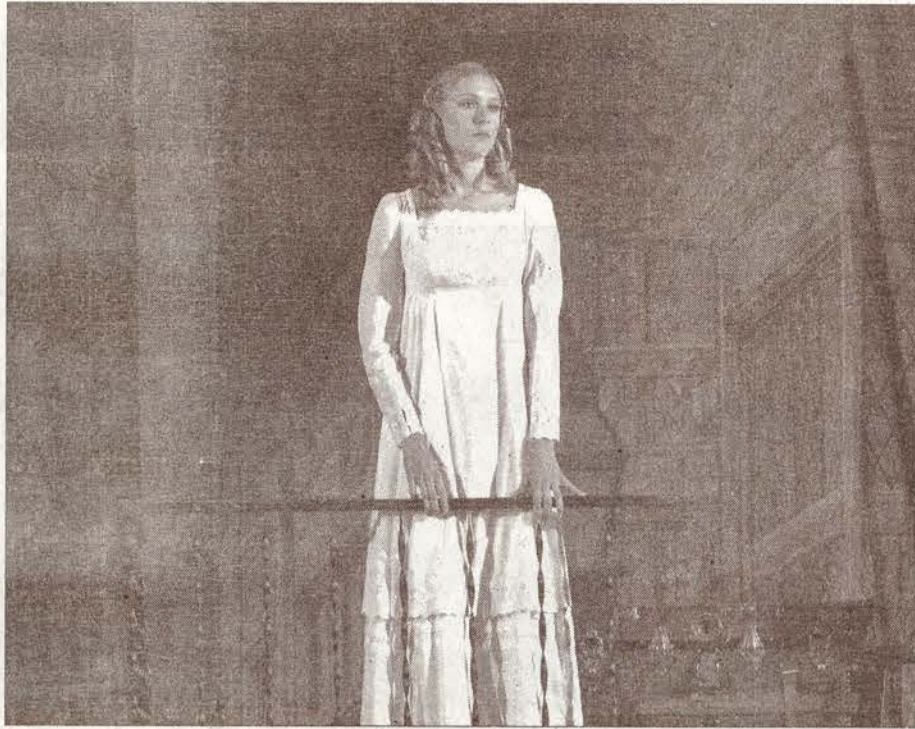
Kramer explained that the recital hall is not really equipped to handle a musical like *Sweeney Todd*, but they did the best they could with what they had, and the quality of the performance was not compromised.

*Sweeney Todd's* debut at ECU nearly coincides with the opening of the *Sweeney Todd* movie, due in theatres this Christmas.

*Sweeney Todd* played at ECU from Nov. 1 to Nov. 3.

For more information about the *Sweeney Todd* movie, visit [sweeneytoddtthemovie.com](http://sweeneytoddtthemovie.com).

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The ECU production of *Sweeney Todd* drew a vast audience during the Nov. 1-3 showings.



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The story line of *Sweeney Todd* is based primarily on folklore from Victorian England and is similar to the legend of Jack the Ripper.

*Chase This Light*

Jimmy Eat World's new album

DREW GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

From the moment you press play on Jimmy Eat World's newest release, *Chase This Light*, you are instantaneously blown away by the opening track and first single from the album, "Big Casino." This song serves as an exclamation for the band, confirming that Jimmy Eat World has bigger and more powerful hooks than Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

With the release of *Chase This Light*, it is becoming evident that this band is showing no signs of slowing down or fading away.

Jimmy Eat World's most recent release, *Futures*, significantly strayed away from the band's previously established optimistic sound by concentrating on the darker aspects of life such as drugs, suicide and heartbreak. Unable to understand the sudden change, *Futures* led to a considerable amount of disappointment from a large majority of the Jimmy Eat World fan base. *Chase This Light*, however, re-releases Jimmy Eat World back into the music world they helped create and allows them to reclaim their throne as the king of emo-pop.

When it comes to radio-friendly anthems, this band surely seems to know the secret behind grabbing and keeping

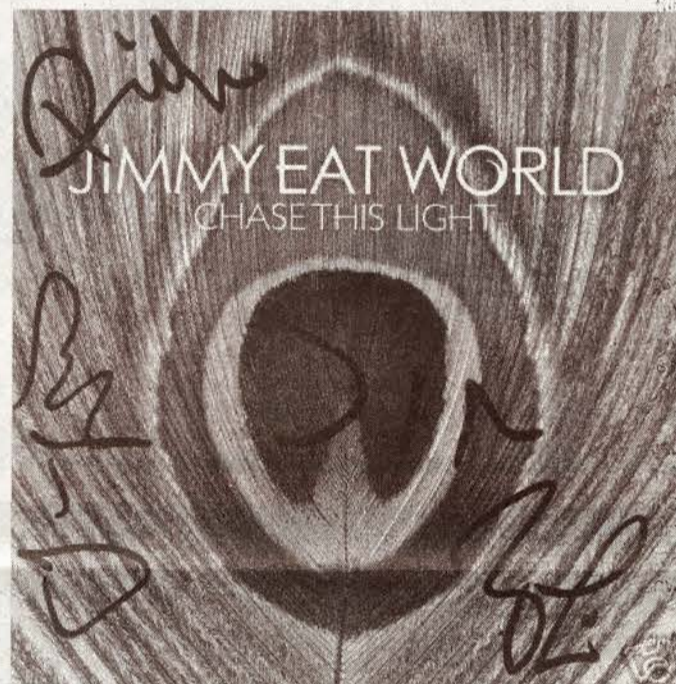
your attention. Songs such as "Let It Happen" and "Electable" possess everything needed to have your head completely submerged in a pool of beguiling melodies for hours on end. However, there is a necessary warning to issue before you attempt to listen to this album; do not pick up this album and expect to hear the same kind of bubblegum pop hits as Jimmy's 2001 breakthrough album, *Bleed American*, the title of which later changed to *Jimmy Eat World*.

Although this album has its fair share of catchy pop, the overall sound has grown tremendously, leaving the *Bleed American* tracks looking occasionally juvenile, certainly a thing of the past.

Those who have closely followed Jimmy Eat World's career know that all of their previous albums have ended on, for the most part, tracks that present a relatively somber sound and usually share the same lyrical nature. Over the years, this has become a standard for the band and is regarded as necessary when attempting to release a Jimmy Eat World record. Despite the similarities, the band has never stated that this was for a specific purpose or was anything more than coincidence. The fans, however, tend to group these songs together and compare them to one another.

With that being said, the

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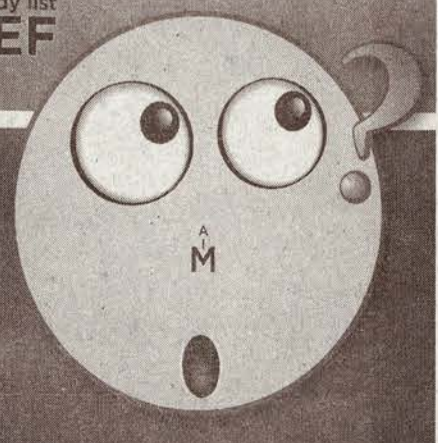
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chicken niçoise salad, a European dish, Quesadilla de la Semana, a Mexican dish, and The Original Daily Grind Panini, which is an Italian grilled sandwich.

Shearin said that "everybody has to have a niche in the [restaurant] business" and that her niche is preparing her own desserts.

According to The Daily Grind Web site, customers can choose from 20 homemade desserts at any given time. The desserts are freshly baked six days a week, and the menu occasionally changes to add variety.

The restaurant also includes a full bar that offers a variety of domestic and imported beers, and features 18 martini combinations, which are the least expensive and best martinis in town, according to Shearin.

Due to the martinis' popularity, the restaurant dedicates Tuesday night as "Martini Night," when customers can order the martini of their choice for \$4.75.

In addition to Martini Night, the restaurant has live entertainment every

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

The Daily Grind seats approximately 120 patrons and encompasses a general dining area, full bar and private conference room. In addition, the restaurant recently added an outside dining area.

The Daily Grind is located at 1909-A East Fire Tower Road and opens 7 a.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

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last, track on *Chase This Light*, titled "Dizzy," certainly fits in with the "last song" stereotype, which gives you a sense of completion and closure with the album.

Another standard the Jimmy Eat World genre incorporates into an album is what could loosely be translated as a sort of "stripped down" track, meaning that it is fairly simple in musical style and commonly showcases

the acoustic guitar. "Chase This Light" and "Carry You" are two tracks that stand out to fit into this category and share a light-hearted feeling that can easily be compared to some of Jimmy Eat World's earlier work.

As a whole, every track on this album could be considered to be released as a single, however, songs such as "Always Be," "Here It Goes" and "Firefight" tend to stand out as

having the best chance to be heard on the airwaves.

If you are looking for an album that speaks to your heart as well as your ears, don't look any further. With modestly heart-melting lyrics, huge hooks and breathtaking choruses, *Chase this Light* is the perfect choice.

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Most Valuable Pirate

Chris Johnson



Johnson etched his name into the records books Saturday with an amazing individual performance in the Pirates' 56-40 win over Memphis. Johnson scored four touchdowns and ran for 301 rushing yards, which ranks second in school history behind Scott Harley's 351 against N.C. State in 1996. Johnson also added 95 yards on kick returns and 12 receiving yards, which pushed his all-purpose mark to 408, a new ECU single-game record. His final touchdown, a 50-yard run in the fourth quarter, was the 38th of his career, which is also a new ECU record.

"I have great respect for Chris Johnson, not because he can run a 4.2 or carry the ball 1,000 yards, but because of the attitude that he has had. So many times as a senior it is easy to come in and coast through trying not to get hurt but he hasn't missed a beat. He comes into the weight room after getting beat up on Saturday and doesn't ask to get out of anything. He has been a leader and is one of the hardest working players on the field." - Coach Skip Holtz on the work ethic of Chris Johnson

THE TURNING POINT

Although ECU led most of the game against Memphis, the opening touchdown in the second half seemed to put things away. On ECU's second play from scrimmage, Chris Johnson blazed by Memphis' defense for a 70-yard touchdown run that made the score 28-13 in the Pirates favor. The long score by Johnson came less than a minute into the second half and the Tigers never got within one score of the lead again, as ECU went on to win the offensive shootout, 56-40.

THEY SAID IT



"It's always nice to win. You are always grateful to get any win on the road this late in the season. We talked about how we responded off a loss against NC State, coming back and playing one of our better games against UAB. We then saw if we were mature enough to handle going on the road after a win. I was really proud of the way we responded to the challenge." - ECU football coach Skip Holtz

# ECU runs by Memphis

Johnson has record-setting day

RONNIE WOODWARD  
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Chris Johnson almost reached Scott Harley status this past weekend.

Johnson rushed for a career-high 301 yards and four touchdowns in the Pirates' 56-40 win at Memphis.

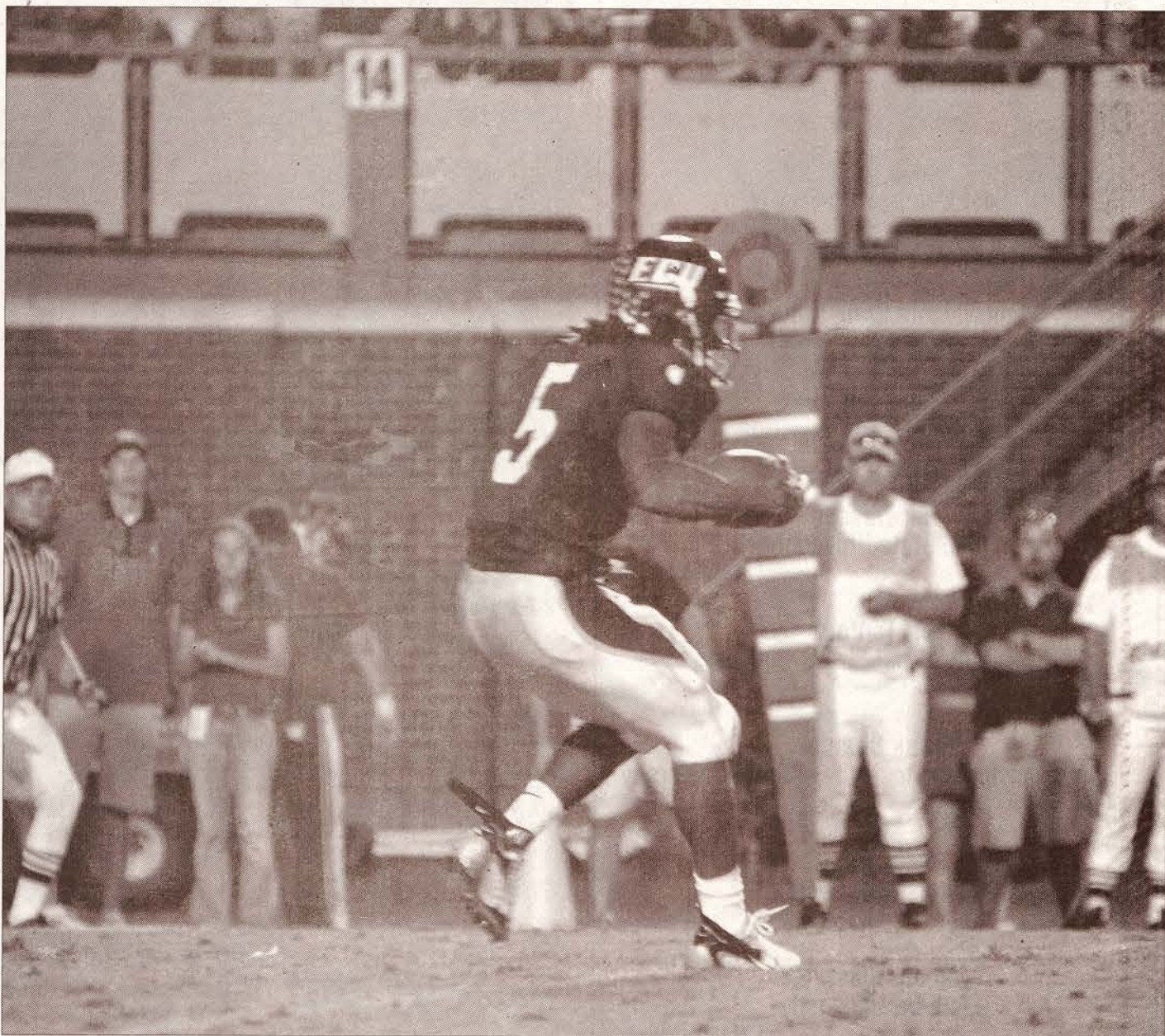
His performance was the second best rushing performance in school history, 50 yards behind Harley's 351-yard thrashing of the N.C. State defense in the Pirates' 50-29 win in 1996, which is still idolized by numerous Pirate fans today.

"Chris Johnson continues to be committed, determined and a man on a mission right now," said ECU coach Skip Holtz. "It wasn't a thing where he just wanted to get out to a good start; he's really committed to getting this thing done and the goals that we have as a football team right now.

"He's tough, he has been durable, he's physical and has been running extremely hard and making things happen. When you give him the ball 20 times and he rushes for 300 yards it's hard to find something negative about that."

Johnson, who is leading the nation in all-purpose yards at 216.9 yards per game, also added 95 kick-return yards and 12 receiving yards to set a new ECU (6-4, 5-1) single-game record with 408 all-purpose yards.

The Pirates' explosive senior running back also became ECU's career leader in touchdowns (38) with his 50-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter, which made the score 56-32.



Senior back Chris Johnson received a helmet sticker from analyst Lou Holtz on College Gameday for his stellar performance against Memphis.

"The real challenge that we've put on Chris [Johnson] in his job is not to run through the hole, but his job is to make guys miss," said Holtz. "I think

he's starting to understand that more and more and you're starting to see it in his big plays; he's having the opportunity to make guys miss."

Johnson scored on touchdowns of 16, 44, 50 and 60 yards against the Tigers' (4-5, 3-2) depleted defense.

"He did a great job of using

his vision and finding things when they weren't there," starting quarterback Rob Kass told

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Opinion

## The Pirate Nation shows love to Skip Holtz

Coach up for Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year

GREG KATSKI  
SPORTS EDITOR

The ECU faithful have made a proud sports editor out of me this football season. The overwhelming support that the Pirate Nation has given the 2007 ECU football team, including sell out crowds at Dowdy-Ficklen, camping out by students for N.C. State tickets and voting for Skip Holtz as the Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year, has been stronger than at any time during my five years at ECU.

This season hasn't been without its disappointments, most notably the 35-20 loss to archrival N.C. State at home, but overall it has been a season to remember for fans and players alike. The one thing that truly brings a smile to my face is that ECU football coach

Holtz is second in the nation in voting by the fans for the prestigious Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year award in Division I as of Nov. 4.

Holtz trails only Bob Stoops, the respected and long-tenured coach of national powerhouse, No. 4 Oklahoma.

On his blog, "This Week's Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Spotlight", Dan Shanoff praised Pirate fans for their strong support.

"First of all, let me congratulate Skip Holtz, coach of East Carolina," said Shanoff. "Since the first week of fan-vote balloting, Coach Holtz has been at or near the top of the standings...he continues to get tons of support from East Carolina fans happy with the way Coach Holtz is leading the team both on and off the field.

"Now, let me take this opportunity to ask the rest of you: What are YOU doing to support your coach?"

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ECU coach Skip Holtz consoles sophomore linebacker Nick Johnson while Johnson is walked off the field.

## Wernert relishes in Senior Night moment

Senior leads ECU to two victories

HART HOLLOMAN  
STAFF WRITER

The volleyball team got back-to-back wins for the first time since late September over the weekend with dominating wins over conference foes UCF (9-20, 0-14) and Southern Miss (10-20, 1-13), both by 3-0 counts.

With the two wins, the Pirates (15-14, 6-8) are above .500 for the first time since mid-October.

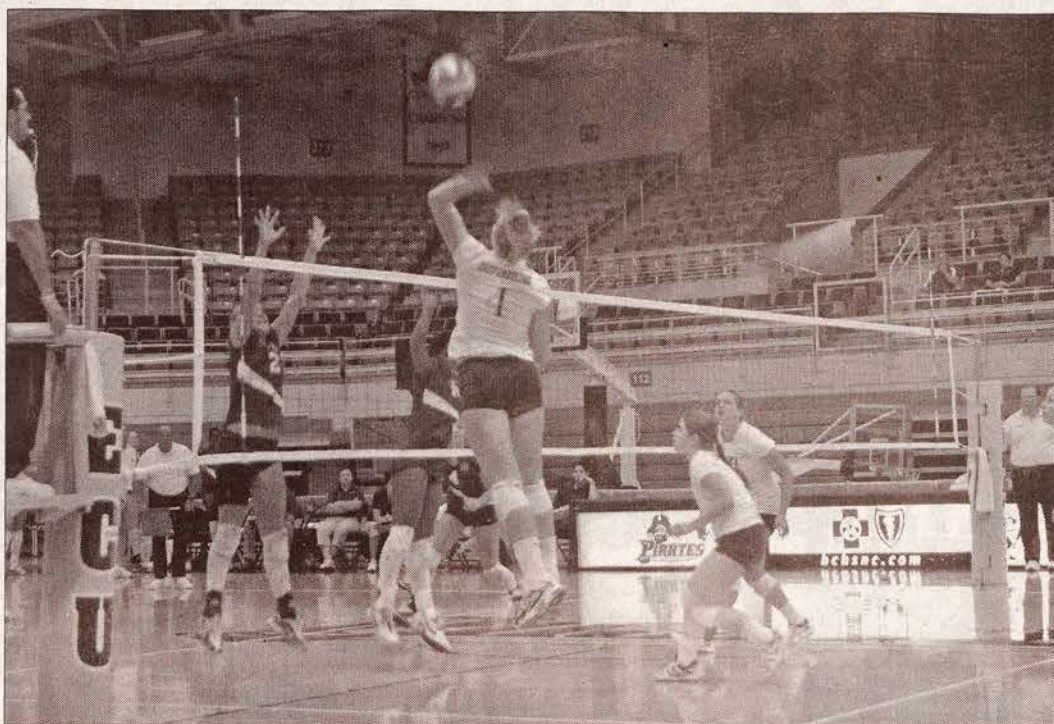
The UCF Knights came to town on Friday to begin the last home weekend for the Pirates this season. And on senior night, the lone honoree, Kelley Wernert, didn't disappoint. Her 21 kills led the Pirates to a complete

dismantling of the visitors. Game one saw the Pirates jump out to a 12-5 advantage, forcing an early timeout call by UCF. The visitors would pull back to within five at 18-13, but the Pirates came back with five unanswered points to double their lead. The Pirates continued to pull away and increased the margin to 12 by the end of the game to win, 30-18.

Game two brought more of the same as the Pirates again cruised early, picking up an early 10-2 lead behind the strong serve of sophomore Peyton Thompson. At one point they had doubled UCF's score at 24-12 and would go on to secure the game with a final tally of 30-19.

At halftime, Wernert was honored in a tearful ceremony with her parents. Kenneth and Jeanette, and coach Chris Rush-

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Outside hitter Kelley Wernert scores another kill. Wernert holds the ECU record for most kills in a game.



### Current Fan Rankings: Division IA

1. **Bob Stoops**  
University of Oklahoma
2. **Skip Holtz**  
East Carolina University
3. **Joe Paterno**  
Pennsylvania State University
4. **Jim Leavitt**  
University of South Florida
5. **Jim Tressel**  
Ohio State University
6. **Jeff Tedford**  
University of California, Berkeley
7. **Frank Beamer**  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
8. **Mark Richt**  
University of Georgia
9. **Tommy Tuberville**  
Auburn University
10. **Nick Saban**  
University of Alabama Tuscaloosa
11. **Rich Rodriguez**  
West Virginia University
12. **Urban Meyer**  
University of Florida
13. **Ron Zook**  
University of Illinois, Champaign
14. **Mack Brown**  
University of Texas at Austin
15. **Les Miles**  
Louisiana State University
16. **Rich Brooks**  
University of Kentucky
17. **Paul Johnson**  
US Naval Academy
18. **Greg Schiano**  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
19. **Pat Fitzgerald**  
Northwestern University
20. **Chris Petersen**  
Boise State University
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University of South Carolina, Columbia
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University of Kansas
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University of Southern California
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Texas Tech University
25. **Brian Kelly**  
University of Cincinnati

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Photo by Aileen Davlin

ECU coach Skip Holtz is known as a strong motivator and public speaker, traits that he most likely adopted from his father Lou Holtz.

Holtz stands above many legendary active college football coaches in the current fan rankings. Some notable coaches that rank in the top 10 include Penn State coach Joe Paterno (No. 3), Ohio State coach Jim Tressel (No. 6), Virginia Tech coach Frank Beamer (No. 7) and Alabama coach Nick Saban (No. 10). It should be noted that all of these current and future hall-of-fame coaches are having successful winning seasons at their schools, respectively.

Even more shocking to me is that Kansas coach Mark Mangino, whose No. 4 Jayhawks are 9-0 and man-handled Nebraska this past weekend, 76-39, barely cracks the top 25 in fan rankings at No. 28. If Mangino were the coach of the Pirates, there would already be a shrine devoted to him in the Harvey Center and/or the Ward Sports Medicine Building.

I'm sure some of you don't need it, but I would like to encourage the entire Pirate Nation, even those of you that don't give two licks about col-

lege football, to vote for Holtz as the Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year. Holtz, who turned around a team that won three games total in my first two years at ECU under former so-called-coach John Thompson, deserves the recognition.

This is not to say that I concretely believe Holtz will win the award, but the fan's vote goes a long way in making it possible. Vote compiling for the prestigious award consists of the fan's vote (20 percent), the national media's vote (25 percent) and the hall of fame's vote (55 percent). The national media panel consists of 20 professional sports writers and broadcasters, including prominent analysts Kirk Herbstreit, Tim Brando and Keith Jackson. The ever-so-important hall of fame panel has 23 college football hall-of-famers, including Herschel Walker, Archie Manning and Fred Martinelli.

While these expert voters might favor big-name schools in BCS conferences, it is important to remind them of the job Holtz is doing here at ECU.

The Pirates have improved every year since Holtz took over, and are poised to play in the conference championship.

According to [www.coachoftheyear.com](http://www.coachoftheyear.com), the official website for the 2007 Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year, the award is given based on the overall performance of the coach and team.

"It's awarded to one coach in each of the four NCAA Divisions—DI, DIIA, DIII and DIIII—who demonstrates the utmost integrity on and off the field," according to the website.

The site goes on to encourage fans. "Vote once a day for the coach who inspires his team, his fans and his community."

Voting is open to fans through Nov. 27, at which point the top 10 Division I finalists will be named. Voting on the Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year among the finalists will then be open to the fans once again.

Asides from the national recognition that the coach of the year receives, \$20,000 is

awarded to the winning school's alumni association scholarship fund and \$50,000 to the coach's charity of choice.

Some of the Pirate Nation has taken the initiative on spreading the word. As of Nov. 4, I found four groups on Facebook dedicated solely to making Holtz the coach of the year. One of these groups, appropriately named "Skip Holtz Coach of the Year!!!", currently has 558 members, while the group "Skip Holtz for Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year" has 123.

With support like this it is no wonder that Holtz is second in voting among fans. Now, if the Pirate Nation could make a push for first place down the home stretch like the ECU football team is in C-USA then there might be a whole lot to celebrate at the end of the season. All I'm saying is vote once for Holtz, vote once for the team and vote once because you're proud to be a Pirate.

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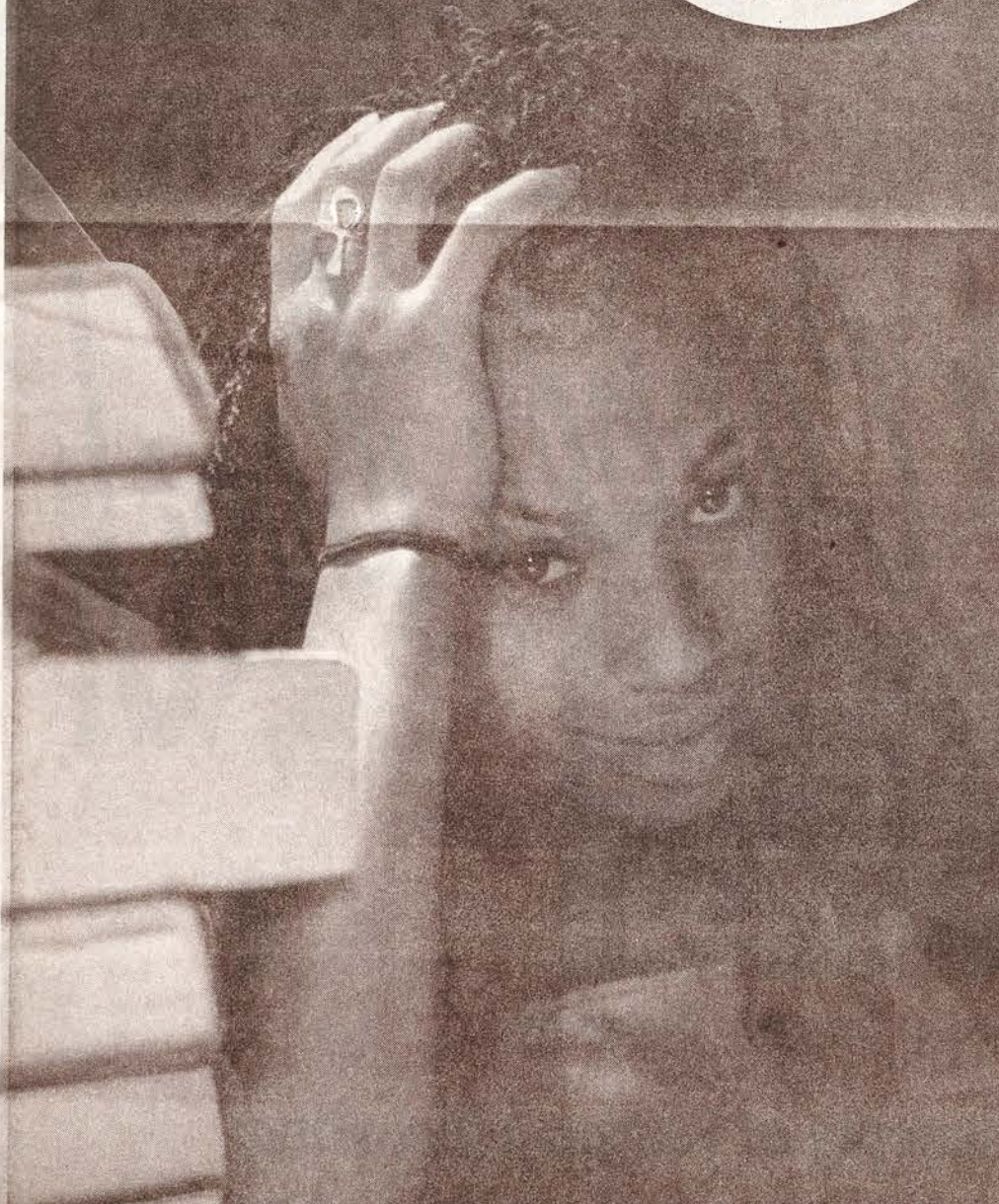
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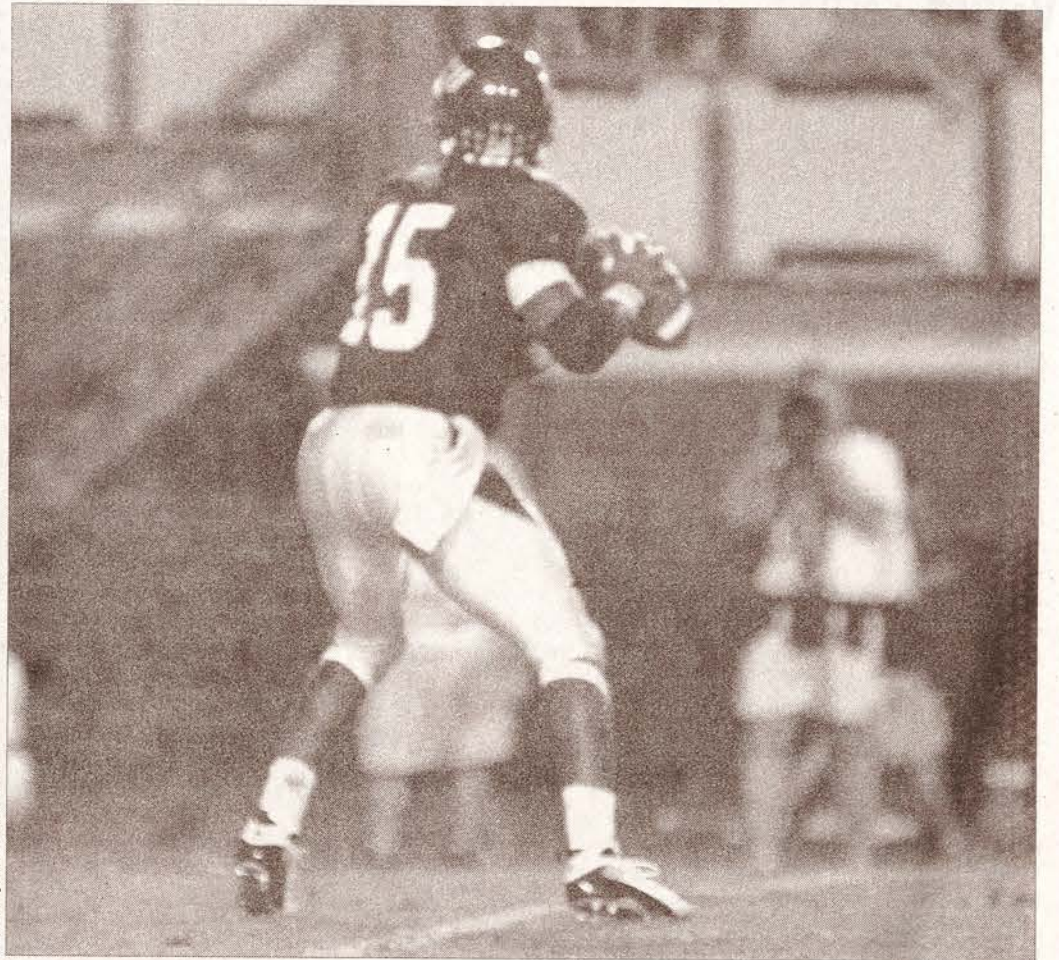


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QB Patrick Pinkney has elevated his game the past two weeks due to more consistent playing time.

the Associated Press. "It just gives you great confidence that you know you can turn around and hand the ball off to him and he'll run for 70 yards on a play or for 10 yards and a cloud of dust."

As a whole, the ECU offense totaled 641 yards, which is third-best in school history.

ECU's 56 points is also the second most points ever scored by the Pirates on the road.

"This is a real tribute to coach Shankweiler, coach Fitch and all of the offensive coaches for the job that they're doing with that offense right now," Holtz said. "I was really encouraged with the way we ran the ball."

The Pirates out-rushed Memphis by 414 yards, only

allowing 77 rushing yards to the Tigers.

"I was really pleased with the rush defense and the way that front seven is playing," said Holtz. "We came into this season returning pretty much everybody with the defensive line and linebackers and I've really been pleased with the way they've been progressing; it seems like we're finally healthy up front."

The Pirates' win made them bowl-eligible for the second straight year, and if they win their final two regular season games, the C-USA championship game will be played in Greenville on Dec. 1.

ECU did give up 416 passing yards to Memphis however, which concerns Holtz as the

Pirates try to capture their first-ever C-USA championship.

"I thought for about 75 plays our defense played great. We broke it down and for 75 plays we only gave up 138 yards," said Holtz. "But we gave up about 350 yards on the other 15 plays."

"We have to eliminate the big play and I don't think it's something that's so broke that it can't be fixed. ...We have to look at some things in the secondary, both personnel and scheme wise, and turn and shore that up as we get down to the last couple of games in the regular season."

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## Women's soccer closes out regular season at home

Pirates earn spot in conference tournament

KATHERINE HARRY  
STAFF WRITER

The ECU women's soccer team wrapped up its regular season this weekend at home against UAB and Memphis.

The Pirates finished the season with a record of 9-4-5 overall, 3-3-3 in the conference.

ECU battled UAB on Friday afternoon to a 0-0 final score.

The scoreless tie marked its fourth of the year.

With the tie against UAB, ECU earned a spot in the C-USA conference championships, which begins Tuesday in El Paso, Texas.

The tie also marked goalkeeper Amber Campbell's tenth shutout of the season.

ECU had 11 shots on the day, three coming from freshman Amanda Broz.

The Pirates then faced

Memphis on Sunday afternoon to try to defend their undefeated record at home.

ECU's five seniors, Kristen Allred, Jami Dickerson, Anastasia Nikas, Kat Norris and Patty Pierce, were honored at halftime in their final home game of their respective careers.

After a scoreless first half, Memphis came out strong in the second half and scored two goals just two minutes apart.

"Our energy level was good...I thought we battled," said ECU coach Rob Donnemwirth. "I still think we can do some things better on the attack. I thought we made a bad mistake on their second goal."

ECU struggled against co-conference champion Memphis and despite a late second half run, fell 2-1.

The team had an 8-1-1 record at Bunting Field this season.

Donnemwirth knew that Memphis was going to be a tough team to beat.

"They're a good team...they

don't give you a lot of time on the ball at all," he said. "They're a very physical team and also good skill-wise; one of the best in the conference. It's no mistake they're co-champions."

ECU's lone goal was scored with one minute remaining in the contest by Bailey Wilcox, on a pass from Jess Swanson. The goal was the freshman's second on the year.

Memphis out-shot ECU, recording 10 shots and four on goal, while ECU recorded eight shots and five on goal, respectively.

"We need to just clear our minds and know that now we're going into a situation where it's a one game season," said Donnemwirth.

ECU will face top-seeded UCF in the first game of the conference championships tomorrow at 2 p.m. The winner advances to Friday's semifinal game against the winner of the No. 4 vs. No. 5 seed game.

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ing. Her list of program records and accomplishments speaks for itself.

She will leave ECU as the most successful offensive player in school history. In addition to the ECU career kills record she obtained earlier this season, she also holds the top-11 single game kill totals in program history. She now ranks 16th on the all-time C-USA chart for career kills as well. She has tallied an amazing 57 games with double-digit kills out of her last 61. Earning numerous tournament accolades as well as national player-of-the-week honors earlier this season she also leads the team in kills, service aces, blocks and points per game.

After the break the Pirates kept the momentum they had gained before the half. They steamrolled to an easy 30-14 victory to sweep the match, 3-0. Thompson added 10 kills to Wernert's total and freshman Katie Koop notched seven on only eight attempts to add to her match-high 38 assists. The Pirates were led defensively by sophomores Hannah Fenker and Stephanie Turner, who each posted 13 digs. After the match, coach Rushing was pleased with his team's play, but it was quite clear that he expected nothing less.

"We just played some good solid volleyball," said Rushing. "I think the two times we played them this year I thought that we were stronger, and I think we played at our level. Some of the losses we've had this year we have given up a lot of easy points, and we didn't do that tonight."

He was also full of praise for his prized senior. When asked about her contribution to the team, Rushing had no trouble stating her importance.

"She's dominant," he said. "We're going to miss her a lot. We're going to miss her as a player and as a person."

Wernert was especially excited

to get a win on senior night.

"It feels great, everything is just perfect," said Wernert. "We all just made a team effort to get it done quick, and it was fun."

With the emotions of Friday night still evident, the Pirates again took the court Sunday afternoon with vengeance on their minds against a Southern Miss team that had defeated them earlier in the season in its only conference win of the season.

The Pirates again dominated from the outset. They took an early advantage, 9-0, behind the serve of Thompson. Though S. Miss. did come back to within five at 20-15, the Pirates made a run of their own to close out game one, 30-19.

Game two was much closer than game one. With the scores level at 22-22, it took a 5-0 run on the serve of Turner to push the Pirates to a 30-23 win.

Game three saw S. Miss. creep even closer to taking the match to another game. With the Pirates holding a six-point lead and sitting on match point, the Golden Eagles reeled off four straight points. Flashbacks of games the Pirates let slip away earlier in the season came to mind, but they showed maturity, and on the fifth try at match point ECU earned the sweep.

Wernert again led the team with 19 kills, Melissa Zentner added 11 and Thompson chipped in with nine. Koop again piled on the assists with a gaudy 41 and Fenker led the defensive effort with ten digs, while Trish Monroe added six of her own.

ECU ends the regular season next weekend with matches at UAB and Memphis, respectively. Its regular season record will determine seeding for the conference tournament, held Nov. 15-18 in Huntington, W. Va.

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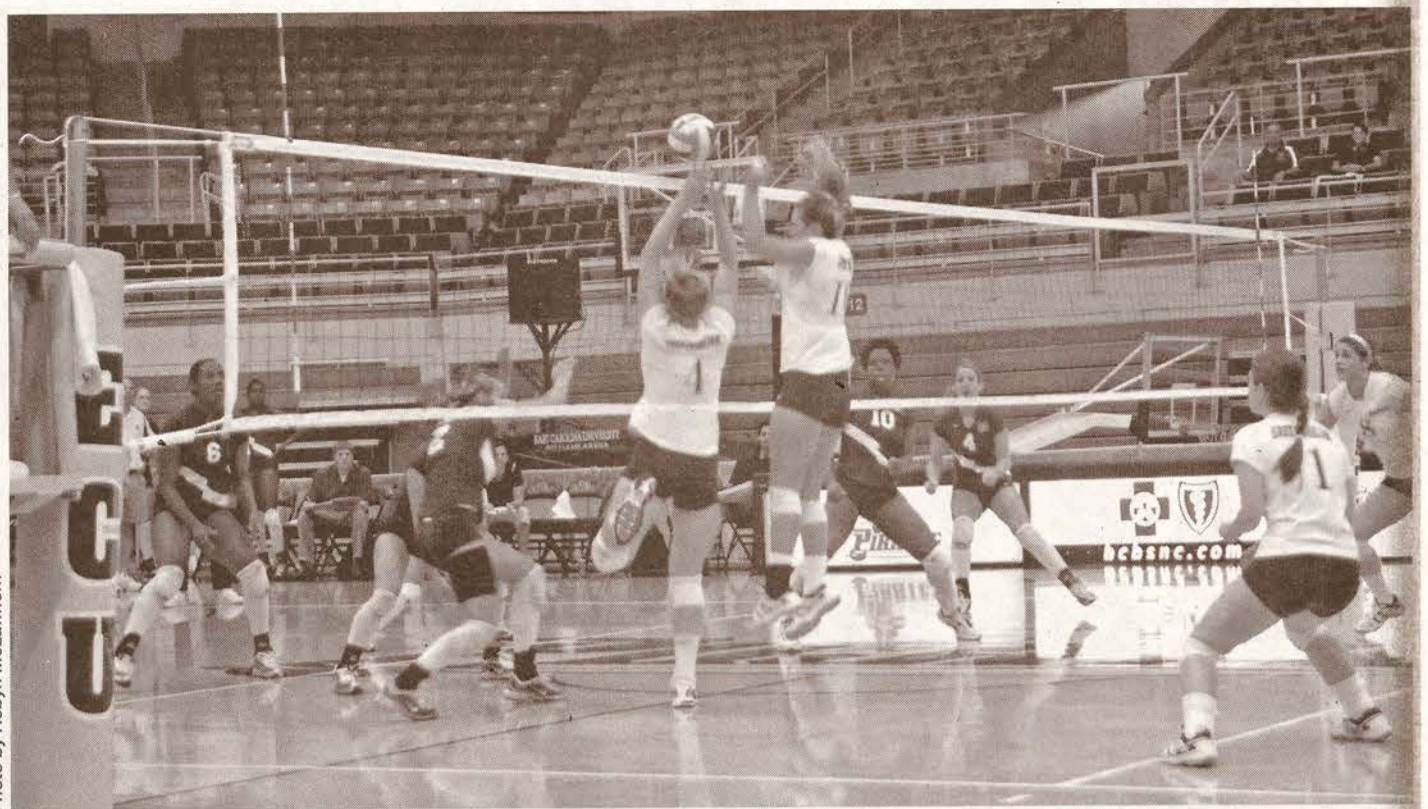


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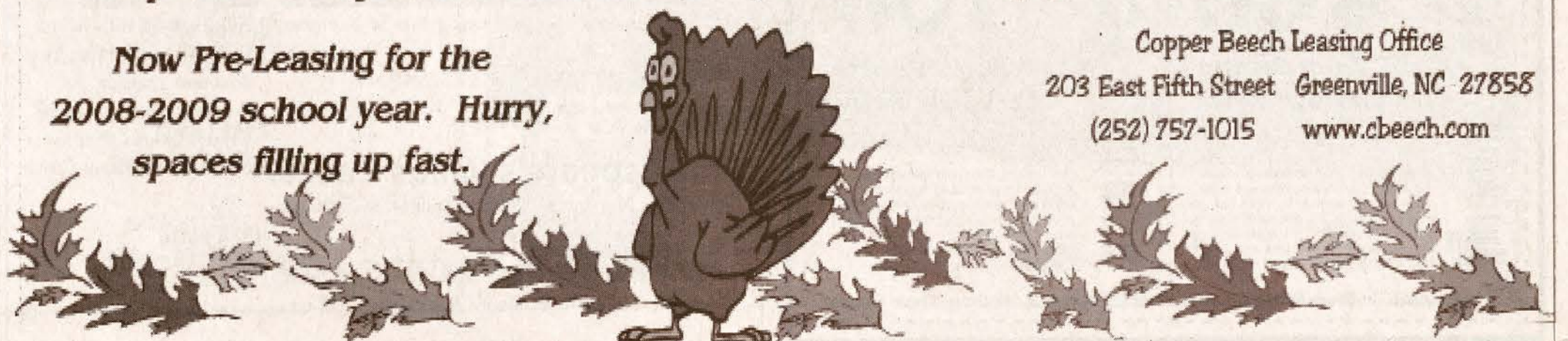
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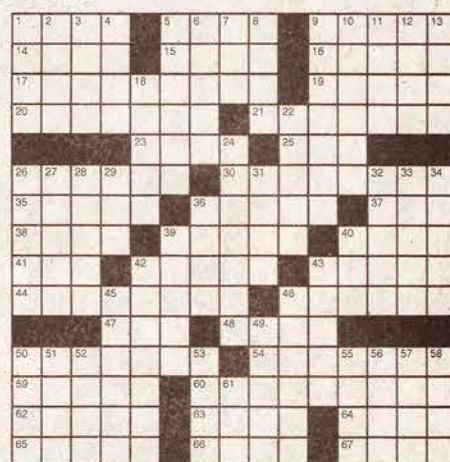
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