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Raleigh hosts Dead Sea Scrolls exhibition

First of eight lectures to be held in the coming weeks

NATALIE JURGEN NEWS EDITOR

The North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences in downtown Raleigh will be hosting an eight-part lecture series to complement The Dead Sea Scrolls exhibition.

Thursday, July 17 at 7 p.m. Israeli Professor Rachel Elior will present the first lecture of the series, "Who Wrote the Dead Sea Scrolls and Why Were They Written?" in the Museum's WRAL Digital Theater.

Dr. Elior is the John and Golda Cohen Professor of Jewish Philosophy and Jewish Mystical Thought at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Thursday, Elior will address the variety of topics on which the Scrolls were written, their authors and the circumstances in which they were written.

The Dead Sea Scrolls are considered to be among the greatest archaeological treasures ever discovered.

Some of the scrolls are over 2,000 years old and open us to a period that set the ground of western traditions, beliefs and practices throughout the past two millennia.

Among the Scrolls are 207 biblical manuscripts that represent nearly every book in the Hebrew Bible (Christian Old Testament) and that predate any foreknown copies by more than 1,000 years.

The exhibition begins with the discovery of the

Scrolls in 1947 by a Bedouin Shepherd and continues to follow their known history to the present day.

"This exhibit is unique to its venue," said Jonathan Pishney, communications director at the NC Museum of Natural Sciences. "We've been trying to get the scrolls for two years and have finally received them from the Israel antiquities authority. We've built the exhibit in-house and it is entirely

A piece from the exhibition is shown here.

different from any other sea scrolls exhibit."
Guests are able to see a map of the region that encompasses the Dead Sea, Qumran and the caves

encompasses the Dead Sea, Qumran and the caves where the Scrolls were discovered. With other artifacts found, such as pottery,

with other arthacts found, such as pottery, coins and fabrics, guests can learn more about the people of Qumran and their relationship to The Dead Sea Scrolls.

"The Dead Sea Scrolls are central to so much

information and speculation that one exhibit couldn't possibly cover everything," said Angela Baker-James, executive director of friends of the museum. "To expand on some of the cultural and scientific themes of the exhibit, we're pleased to offer this Distinguished Lecture Series."

Along with Elior, there will be local, national and international scholars speaking throughout the duration of the series on topics varying from the conservation of the scrolls to the roles women had at Oumran.

The remaining lectures include; Israel at the Time of the Dead Sea Scrolls: The Historical Background of the Scrolls, August 27; The Conservation of the Dead Sea Scrolls, September 16; The Dead Sea Scrolls: Controversies and Theories of Early Judaism and Christianity, October 1; Women in the Dead Sea Scrolls and at Qumran on October 16; The Archaeology of Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls, October 30; The Biblical Dead Sea Scrolls, November 20; The Dead Sea Scrolls and Early Christianity, December 10.

Individual tickets for the lectures are \$25 for the general public and \$20 for Friends of the Museum; additional package discounts are available.

Exhibition hours are noon-4 p.m. Sunday and Monday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

The Museum exhibition runs through December 28.

For more information, including a full schedule for the lecture series, visit www.naturalsciences.org/scrolls/.

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ECU researchers pocket \$2 million in grants

National Institutes of Health funds research projects

NATALIE JURGEN NEWS EDITOR

The Brody School of Medicine and researchers from ECU have received grants totaling more than \$2 million from the National Institutes of Health, which will be handed out this spring.

The grants – nine in all – will allow more than two dozen ECU faculty members from the College of Health and Human Performance, the Brody School of Medicine, and the Harriot College of Arts and Sciences to further their research that ranges from studies in pancreatic cancer and cell transport to aspects of the metabolic process in diabetes.

Many of the grants will fund

longtime research projects.

The entire grant total is \$2,071,520.

"At a time when federal funding, particularly NIH funding, is increasingly difficult to obtain, it is gratifying to see this level and extent of support for ECU's researchers," said Deirdre Mageean, vice chancellor for ECU's Division of Research and Graduate Studies. "It speaks highly of the quality and maturity of the research enterprise at ECU."

According to Mageean, the research is often collaborative in nature and requires the contributions of researchers in many of ECU's departments, and in some cases with other universities.

"It is typical of the type of translational, applied research which we emphasize here, involving interdisciplinary teams to address the vexing



Nine grants were awarded to Brody School of Medicine researchers.

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Hundreds gather to mourn former NC Sen. Jesse Helms

Vice president, senators attend funeral

(AP)

Vice President Dick Cheney and a delegation of US senators joined hundreds of other mourners who paid their respects Tuesday at the funeral of former Sen. Jesse Helms, a fiveterm Republican who died on the July 4.

Helms' family sat in the front pews of the packed 800-seat sanctuary at Hayes Barton Baptist Church in Raleigh, where Helms worshipped for decades and served as a deacon.

A bipartisan group of federal and state officials listened during a nearly hour and a half service as friends and family recalled the conservative icon, who inspired both love and disdain for his strong views.

"Jesse Helms always stood his ground," said Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, (R-Ky.) from the pulpit. "He put duty above all else — duty to God, to country, to family--the simple duty of treating other people well."

Helms, who spent three terms in the US Senate, died at age 86 after years of declining health.

Sen. Elizabeth Dole, who took Helms' seat when he chose not to seek re-election in 2002, attended the service with her husband, former Republican presidential candidate Kansas Sen. Bob Dole: Her counterpart, GOP Sen. Richard Burr, sat nearby.

Democratic Sens. Chris Dodd of Connecti-



Helms' casket, draped with the American flag, as it leaves the funeral site.

cut and Joe Biden of Delaware also were seated in the pews, along with Gov. Mike Easley and several state political figures. Cindy McCain, wife of presumed Republican presidential nominee John McCain, also was on hand as others gathered to watch the funeral service remotely from a church gym.

Jimmy Broughton, Helms' former chief of staff, recalled for the crowd how a woman from Raleigh needed help with Social Security benefits. Her neighbor, a Democrat, couldn't help her with the problem, but advised her to call Helms for help.

The neighbor told her, "I despise the SOB, but I think it's high time you call Jesse Helms," Broughton said, drawing laughter.

The coffin of Helms, who served in the Senate from 1973 to 2003, was covered with a US flag as the front of the sanctuary was decorated with flowers sent by US senators and a painting of Helms at work. Choir members, in red silk robes, stood behind friends and family who spoke during the service.

Cheney did not speak at the funeral nor issue any statements to reporters. But his spokeswoman, Lea Anne McBride, said, "The

vice president went just to pay his respects and spend some time with the family.

Helms won his first election in 1972 after a career in newspapers, radio and television commentaries and rose to become a powerful committee chairman

Helms is remembered by many for his opposition to the 1964 Civil Rights Act, and was considered a polarizing figure both at home and in Washington.

He never lost a political race, but his margin of victory was never large. In the Senate, he forced roll-call votes that required Democrats to take politically difficult votes on cultural issues, such as federal funding for art he deemed pornographic, school busing and flag-burning.

He also ran racially tinged campaigns in his last two runs for Senate, defeating former Charlotte Mayor Harvey Gantt, who is black, in 1990 and 1996.

In the first race, a Helms' commercial showed a white fist crumpling up a job application, as a narrator said, "You needed that job, and you were the best qualified. But they had to give it to a minority because of a racial quota. Is that really fair?"

As he aged, Helms was slowed by a variety of illnesses, including a bone disorder, prostate cancer and heart problems, and used a motorized scooter to navigate the Capitol as his career neared an end. In April 2006, his family said he had been moved into a conva-

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health problems of our state and nation," Mageean said. "The work of these fine researchers can result in a significant range of health benefits to patients and enrich the training of our medical and science students."

The grants were awarded to a diverse group of researchers.

\$139,650 was awarded to Shaw M. Akula, professor of microbiology, to study "Analysis of Kaposi's Sarcoma-Associated Herpes virus Infection Using Roman Tweezers" with colleague Yong-qing Li (physics).

\$258,379 was awarded to G. Lynis Dohm, professor of physiology, to study "Muscle Glucose Metabolism in Diabetes and Obesity" with colleagues Joseph A. Houmard (exercise science), Walter J Pories (surgery) and Kenneth G. MacDonald-(surgery).

\$295,502 was awarded to Robert C. Hickner, professor of exercise science and physiology, to study "Reduction in CVD Risk In Children By Physical Activity" with Matthew T. Mahar (exercise science), Michael R. McCammon (human performance laboratory); John M. Olsson (pediatrics), Joseph P. Garry, (family medicine), Chuck Tanner (human performance laboratory); Katrina Dubose (exercise science) and Kimberly Heidal (nutrition and dietetics).

BILLIARDS

\$267,210 was awarded to Joseph A. Houmard, professor of exercise science, to study "Age Related Insulin Resistance, Muscle and Exercise.'

\$115,000 was awarded to Houmard to study "Peripheral Effects of Exercise on Cardiovascular Health" with colleagues at Duke University as well as \$196,653 to study "Physical Activity Following Surgery-Induced Weight Loss with colleagues at the University of Pittsburgh.

\$211,304 was awarded to Larry H. Toburen, professor of physics, to study "Electron Transport in Tissue-Like' Material," with colleagues Jefferson L. Shinpaugh, Michael Dingfelder, Edson L. Justiano (physics) and Gerhard Kalmus (biology).

\$342,219 was awarded to Christopher J. Wingard, professor of physiology, to study "Cardio-vascular Impact of Inhaled Multi-wall Carbon Nanotubes" with colleagues Robert Wardle, Michael R. Van Scott and Robert M. Lust (physiology).

\$245,603 was awarded to Emmanuel Zervos, professor of surgery, to study "KLH Pulsed Dendritic Cells plus TNFerade in Pancreatic Cancer."

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The hearse containing Helms' casket is saluted as it pulls away from Helms' home church in Raleigh.

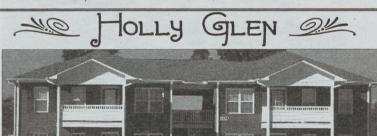
lescent center after being diagnosed with vascular dementia, in which repeated minor strokes damage

Helms was born in Monroe on Oct. 18, 1921. He attended Wingate College and Wake Forest College, but never graduated and went on to serve in the Navy during World War II.

Raleigh resident Wallace Holloway, 68, waited outside the church for about an hour before the doors were to open. He said Helms will be greatly missed, in part because he

believes there's no longer anyone in Congress with his conviction.

We need more men like Jesse Helms," Holloway said. "He's an icon — a Southern gentleman. He'll be remembered for integrity and truth."



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Opinion

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Rest in peace, Jesse Helms

North Carolina has lost a political giant

J.D. LEWIS
OPINION EDITOR

Former Senator Jesse Helms passed away July 4. The first Republican elected to the U.S. Senate from North Carolina in the 20th century, Helms was one of the founding fathers of the American conservative movement and one of the last of the old school Southern gentlemen.

One thing is for sure: people either loved him or hated him. Conservatives revere him as a champion for the unborn and the sanctity of marriage and as a voice for the "little guy."

Liberals eschew him for those same reasons as well as his opposition to civil rights legislation, the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday and AIDS funding.

Into the 21st century, at a time when being a southern, white, Christian male was supposedly something to be ashamed of, Helms stuck to his principles and continued to be a thorn in the left's collective side. He said what he meant and didn't mind whose toes he stepped on, and he was vilified as a racist, sexist and homophobic demagogue.

Those who wanted to crucify him were as bigoted as they claimed him to be, but to the liberal mind, obviously, tolerance is a one-way street.

I never met Sen. Helms in person, but I carried on a years-long friend-ship with him through the mail. We corresponded on a number of issues, as well as on a personal level. He was always kind and he encouraged my political aspirations. I sent him a Bill Clinton \$3 bill for Christmas one year, and he sent me a hilarious thank you note telling me how much fun he was going to have with it and how there were a lot of people in D.C. who would love to print the bills for real.

Last semester, Î wrote my senior thesis in history on the 1984 Senate race between Helms and Gov. Jim Hunt and learned of a special relationship between Sen. Helms and this university.

In 1973, when Gov. Jim Holshouser and moderate Republicans in the General Assembly were dragging their feet on funding for the new ECU medical school, Helms convinced conservative Republicans to ally with Democrats for the establishment of the medical school.

It's interesting that there was no mention of that on any of the message boards I've read concerning the senator's death, nor any mention of the times he helped Vietnamese families living in NC to bring their relatives over from the communist state.

There was scarcely mention of how he worked across the aisle with both of Bill Clinton's Secretaries of State to reform the United Nations. There was mostly just a lot of whining from a bunch of pansies with no respect for the dead. They even failed to mention that Helms admitted he was wrong to block AIDS funding for so many years and that he worked to rectify that during his last years in office.

One writer said we would never forget Jesse Helms, nor should we ever forgive him. Then he went on to complain about the various aforementioned issues and ended by saying he hoped Helms enjoyed his stay in hell. Everyone who tries to demonize this one man seems to forget that more than half the voters of this state obviously shared his views to a certain extent or he wouldn't have been elected five times.

It came as quite a blow when I learned of Jesse Helms' death. No, we'll never forget him, and there's nothing to forgive.

Rest in peace, my friend.

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Since WHEN are RECEPTIONISTS qualified to answer Financial Aid questions?!

The ground is not an ashtray. Smokers need to realize that they can't litter the entire campus with their nasty cigarette butts!

Mr. Right is the one who makes you forget about Prince Charming.

I miss you so much, and I don't know how to tell you.

Amen! Debbie Downer and Negative Nancy have no place in my life at any time!

To the person who needs some stress-relieving sex: call me.

To the skater boy with the dreadlocks: damn, you are hot!!

Is it weird that I would have the "Tears For Fears" lead singer's baby just because of the way he sings?

Why do we have vocabulary quizzes? We are in college.

I have honestly come to the conclusion that everyone in this town is hooking

up with everyone else.

Is it wrong that I walk with freshmen at orientation when I'm not exactly a freshman?

What are the characteristics of a false prophet? Are they prevalent now? Yes. Find out more in II Peter, Chapter 2.

To the person who said they would be my Scully: thank you! Look for the green bag in Bate and you'll find your Mulder attached.

Hi. I could totally be that lesbian lover you need.

I think, therefore I'm conservative.

I just love it when I'm walking out of class in Brewster and I get bombarded by cigarette smoke. Why do people refuse to follow the no-smoking within 25-feet of a building rule?

I cannot wait for The Dark Knight!

Financial aid: where students go to receive no aid from the employees.

Is it bad that I send out mass texts to girls in my phone just to see who is available that night?

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Did you know?

Nepal is the only country in the world whose flag is not square or rectangular shaped.

One inch of rain over one square mile is 17,378,700 gallons of water.

A dairy cow can produce five gallons of ice cream a day.

If you keep a goldfish in the dark room, it will eventually turn white.

The top selling album of the 90's was Come on Over by Shania Twain

A raindrop falls at 600 feet per minute or seven miles per hour.

Lightning reaches 50,000 degrees Fahrenheit, four times as hot as the sun's surface.

A full-grown pumpkin has about 15 miles of roots.

The greatest amount of rainfall ever recorded fell in the amount of 1.5 inches per minute on November 26, 1970 in Barst, Guadeloupe located in the West Indies.

There are four cars and eleven light posts on the back of a \$10 bill.

Antarctica has only one ATM machine.

If the population of China walked past you in single file, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction.

The deepest area in the ocean is 35,800 feet or 6.78 miles deep. It is located at the Mariana Trench in the Pacific Ocean. The average depth of the oceans is 12,500 feet.

A healthy (non-colorblind) human eye can distinguish between 500 shades of gray.

A person who is lost in the woods and starving can obtain nourishment by chewing on his shoes. Leather has enough nutritional value to sustain life for a short time.

Airbags are deployed at a rate of 200 miles per hour.

Americans consume 42 tons of aspirin per day.

Nationwide, people still wary about tomatoes

Investigators remain unsure of original outbreak

ERIN EDWARDS
FEATURES EDITOR

With the outbreak of salmonella continuing throughout the country, health officials remain

puzzled as to the main source of the bacteria that has causes record illnesses and cost food-related companies tens of millions of dollars.

The original produce deemed unsafe for consumption were certain raw red plum, red roma and red round tomatoes. While the Food and Drug Administration has recently cleared many tomatoes, the mystery still remains as officials begin looking for other causes of the outbreak.

In a report released by the FDA, food safety chief Dr. David Acheson concludes that "tomatoes aren't off the hook," but calls for a look beyond. Investigators from the FDA say that tomatoes might not even be to blame, as 1700 samples taken from farms in Mexico and Florida all returned negative.

Now the focus has been shifted to food associated with tomatoes, including salsa, salads and pastas. While ingredients for these dishes have come under a watchful eye, the

FDA is also examining the packing and shipping process of select produce.

The outbreak has caused severe consequences throughout the country. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, over 900 people in 40 states have been confirmed ill with Saintpaul, a rare salmonella strain.

For those that have been exposed to salmonella, symptoms usually begin 12 to 72 hours after infection and include diarrhea, fever and abdominal cramps. These will usually last four to seven days, and while many people can recover without any form of treatment, severe

infections may possibly develop. For infants, the elderly and individuals with weak immune systems, there is a better chance of complications from the infection, even including death if not treated properly.

Along with physical effects, many companies, including suppliers and restaurants, have reported the loss of millions of dollars just from the removal of tomatoes. The National Restau-

grocery stores were careful about handling the tomatoes, because there is no way to know if they got rid of the contaminated ones after other ones were cleared," said Bova. "If there still has not been a source located to where this outbreak started, then it definitely does not make me confident. For now, I am sticking to the tomatoes in my garden back home."

As news spread nationwide, ECU students felt

the effects of the outbreak as some of their favorite foods were removed from Greenville and Campus Dining. After receiving proper information and notification from the FDA, ECU Campus Dining stopped serving tomatoes on June 7.

"After receiving precautions about the contaminated produce, we pulled tomatoes and anything prepared with tomatoes," said Allison Metcalf Woodard, the district marketing manager for Campus Dining. "We alerted students properly, mainly to explain why we had pulled the certain foods, but also to inform them overall of what was occurring. Our goal was to give as much information to our customers as soon as we could and in this way, they could take personal steps to ensure their safety and health."

Campus Dining reintroduced tomatoes and associated foods after being cleared by the FDA but allowed students to opt out if they remained

unsure about the food.

"If students are still uneasy about their food, we ask that they inform staff, who will gladly prepare the food fresh without tomatoes and not just pick them off," Woodard said.

In recent developments, the FDA has begun investigating possible outbreak sources in three major tomato-growing states in Mexico, but remain unsure of the cause, or if tomatoes were even responsible for the epidemic.

Over 900 people have gotten ill from eating contaminated tomatoes nationwide so far.

cost the food industry over \$100 million.

Financial and physical issues are not the only effects caused by the scare. With a lack of adequate traceability and some states still not

in the clear, consumer confidence is wavering,

lowering restaurant demand and overall satisfac-

rant Association has reported that the outbreak

Although the FDA has cleared North Carolina tomatoes, ECU student Jessica Bova is still hesitant about eating them from local restaurants or grocery stores.

"You can never know if restaurants or

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Catching your favorite summer concerts

Local and statewide entertainment for all

ERIN EDWARDS
FEATURES EDITOR

Summer is one of the prime times of the year to catch your favorite artist or band touring around the country. Whether it's a small acoustic show at a local venue or a sold-out arena concert, students are guaranteed to find some form of musical entertainment across the state.

Pollstar, a concert industry trade magazine, reports that while the average ticket for a show has doubled within the past 10 years, ticket sales have continued to rise, topping \$3.9 billion in 2007.

While gas prices peak at a nationwide all-time high, it is not stopping some music fans from seeing choice bands on summer tours.

ECU student Stephen Mason is one of many students checking out his favorite artists on tour this year. Mason, who has already seen Radiohead and Dave Matthews Band this summer and also plans to check out Coheed and Cambria and the Black Keys before school starts, doesn't let high gas prices ruin his

music experience

"I really like music and if it's a group I want to see, I'm willing to travel the miles to see them," said Mason. "I carpool with friends and split gas money. I enjoy the live music experience, so I try to make it out to as many shows as I can without breaking the bank."

For Adesola Ogunleye, local shows are the best bet when it comes to saving money and witnessing great entertainment.

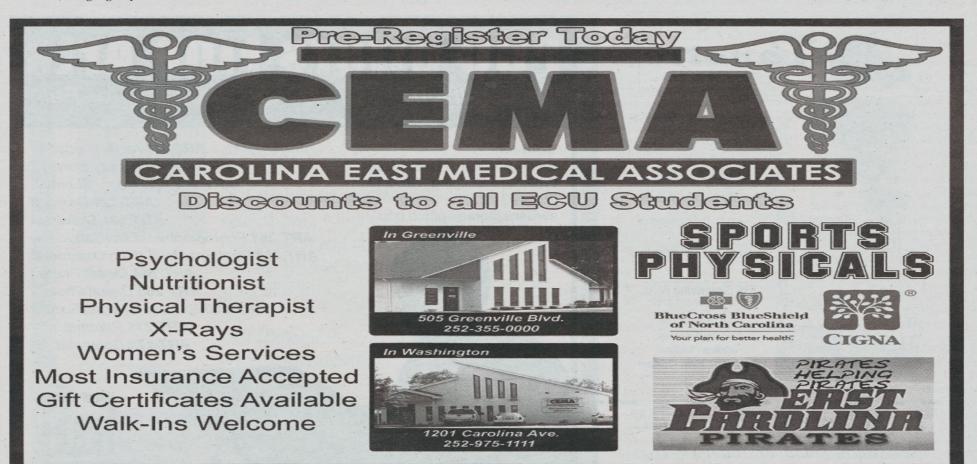
"For me, gas is a huge factor for not traveling to other cities for shows, and because prices are so high, it has cut down on the far travels of seeing that band that you know will never come to your small town," said Ogunleye. "I think it's better to go out and support local music, because they will be the next big thing you see in the mainstream, but if I have a chance to see one of my favorite bands and I have the funds, I will rally up my friends and head out."

For fans not willing to venture much farther than Raleigh, there is still time toward the end of July and early August to catch great acts at the Time Warner Cable Music Pavilion at Walnut Creek. Maroon 5, Counting Crows and Sara Bareilles will all stop by July 29, fol-

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Concert goers travel across the nation to catch their favorite artists despite high gas prices.



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Pamela Hopkins is heading up a new chapter at ECU.

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> **ELISE PHILLIPS** EDITOR IN CHIEF

Public speaking.

These words usually spawn fear in the average student—even those who want to speak for a living.

When some speak in front of an audience they may experience a number of unwanted physical responses including sweating, heavy breathing, sickness...you know the feeling.

At ECU, almost every student in every major has to take some form of a public speaking class, and according to Pamela Hopkins, instructor and coordinator for public speaking and business and

professional communication in the never stops, even though she is a ECU School of Communication, most don't like it.

But Hopkins is trying to start a new chapter of Toastmasters International at ECU, which she hopes will warm students up to the idea of public speaking.

"I am hard pressed to think of a career where anyone will not have to do at least a few presentations," said Hopkins. "I want students to see that it [public speaking] can be fun."

Toastmasters International is a worldwide non-profit organization aimed at promoting good public speakers as well as good leaders.

Beginning in 1924 at a YMCA in Santa Ana, California, Toastmasters International has grown to service almost 300,000 members in 92 different countries around the globe.

According to the Toastmaster's Web site, the organization "offers a proven—and enjoyable—way to practice communication and leader-

Hopkins is an active member of the Greenville chapter of Toastmasters; she originally joined the local chapter because she believed that learning about public speaking professor on the subject.

Toastmasters operates through a manual of speeches that members give during meetings; each speech builds in complexity from the last one, and members critique each others' speeches at weekly or monthly meetings.

According to the Toastmasters Web site, meetings are "a learn-by-doing workshop in which participants hone their speaking and leadership skills in a friendly atmosphere.

Hopkins has wanted to start an ECU chapter for some time because "students get a pretty limited amount of speaking time in public speaking classes," she said. "I think that it is an important skill to have, and I think there is always room to improve.

In order to begin the chapter at ECU, 10 students must become involved. This way, the chapter will become an official club at ECU and get funding from SGA.

Although the club will be student-run and led, faculty members and staff are welcome to come. There are no instructors at Toastmasters

meetings, which Hopkins thinks will be a selling point to students

"Students and staff would be on equal terms during the meetings," Hopkins said. "It wouldn't be [like] 'I'm a student and you have a PhD,' we will all be Toastmasters members

Hopkins feels that an ECU chapter of Toastmasters will be beneficial to not only students but faculty and staff as well.

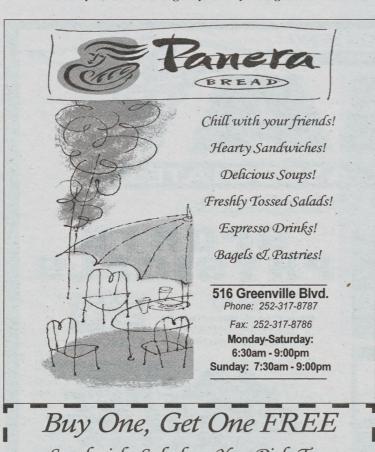
'Even if you don't us public speaking professionally, you will certainly use it personally," she said. "Whether that is a toast to your retired boss or a eulogy, you will speak in front of an audience.

The ECU chapter of Toastmasters will be open to students of all majors, and if enough students are interested, will be up and running this fall semester.

If you are interested in the ECU chapter of Toastmasters, contact Pamela Hopkins at hopkinsp@

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Indie rock takes a daring turn

My Morning Jacket give into their *Evil Urges*

ERIN EDWARDS FEATURÉS EDITOR

Indie rockers My Morning Jacket are more than just guitarists with hippie tendencies. With elements of country, psychedelic rock and even '80s funk, their new album *Evil Urges* tackles a whole new facet of music making.

Three years after their ambitious sophomore album Z, My Morning Jacket steps it up even further. While it would have been easy for the band to create a safe album, holding over loyal fans and maybe securing a few new ones, they tried something new. In a recent interview with MSNBC singer Jim James said that the band not only wanted to test out a new sound, but also wanted to make it as seamless as possible, jumping the bridge created from Z that straddled between older beats and newer sounds.

It's hard to imagine such a sound coming from bearded men who are comparable to the likes of Neil Young, but as many bands are trying new sounds, it was time for something different. Just as Panic at the Disco channeled the Beatles in their latest album, *Pretty Odd*, My Morning Jacket does the same in *Evil Urges*, but with a slew of influences spanning back almost three decades.

The album starts off well enough, with the title track serving as a clear contradiction of past albums. In fact, the first four tracks reiterate this idea. While the origin of why the experimental route was chosen may be in question,



My Morning Jacket's third album Evil Urges.

there is no doubt that the band stretched their imagination to the outermost limits, but kept their feet firmly planted in their indie rock roots. "I'm Amazed" and "Touch Me I'm Going to Scream Part 1" continue the flow of innovative experimentation, indulging the listener in soothing yet intense ear candy.

"Highly Suspicious" is the album's most bold attempt to revive the retro pop punk genre of the '80s. With heavy beats, falsetto vocals and lyrics with unsure meaning, listeners are sure to be scratching their heads, but tap their feet at the same time. As the standout song, the listener can only anticipate as to how the live version would make out.

Evil Urges then takes a sharp turn, almost coming to a screeching halt as it settles into a familiar progressive rock that resembles past albums. Middle tracks such as "Two Halves" help to even out the album, creating the cross bridge between experimental rock and old school My Morning Jacket that encompasses all 14 tracks. "Librarian" could be considered a reject from the Forrest Gump soundtrack, with characteristics of a sound made famous by the Mamas and Papas.

"Aluminum Park" serves as a potential Guitar Hero track, with steady melodic attributes and a few key guitar solos for the daredevil in all of us. "Touch Me I'm Going to Scream Part 2" is almost like a sudden reprise of the earlier part of the album, but eloquently seals the album to completion.

Following a recent stint on "Saturday Night Live," My Morning Jacket has proven the crossover to a more mainstream audience, but does not disappoint eager followers. For new listeners, the album is fresh and full of riffs and beats far advanced than conventional alternative rock heard on today's airwaves. For loyal fans, eyebrows are sure to rise in response to this experimental phase, but fears are settled as the album slows down halfway through, almost cutting short the entire new sound that the band strives for. The shape shifting that occurs on *Evil Urges* only opens up the musical possibilities that they are capable of. While this album may not make them a household name just yet, it is sure to set the stage for a breakthrough soon enough.

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lowed by the Jonas Brothers and Avril Lavigne July 30. Country group Rascal Flatts will perform Aug. 2 as well as Journey with Heart and Cheap Trick Aug. 10. Acoustic acts such as Jack Johnson (Aug. 12) and John Mayer (Aug. 27) will finish out the summer concert lineup in Raleigh.

Dedicated fans willing to travel far and wide are sure to head to Charlotte to catch new tours as well as classic favorites. Trekking intoits 14th year, the Vans Warped Tour will be stopping by Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre in Charlotte on July 14. The all-day festival will boast such acts as Anberlin, Gym Class Heroes, Jack's Mannequin, Katy Perry and many more. This is shortly followed by Projekt Revolution on July 30, headlined by Linkin Park, The Bravery, Busta Rhymes, Ashes Divide and Chris Cornell along with supporting acts Atreyu, Hawthorne Heights and Armor for Sleep

Also at the Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre will be 311 and Snoop Dogg July 24, followed by a double feature of Widespread Panic on July 25 and 26. For a flashback to the classics, Bryan Adams and Foreigner stop by on July 19, along with Rush on July 20.

If large arenas and stadiums are too over the top for a concert experience, music fans can enjoy intimate and stripped-down shows at smaller venues across the state, including Cat's Cradle in Carrboro. Indie rock duo She and Him, featuring actress Zooey Deschanel and singer/songwriter M. Ward, will play July 28, as well as such acts as the Hold Steady, the Faint and the Melvins who stop by at the end of July and early August.

For those looking to stay in the Greenville area, local entertainment shows typically cost less than most concerts across the state and require little to no driving to get to.

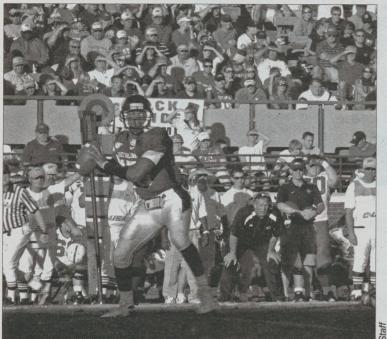
The Spazzatorium Galleria, The Corner, 21 Eleven Beer and Wine and Tavern on 4th are just a few of the many venues in Greenville where many area artists will play throughout the rest of the summer.

So whether you decide to travel across the state to catch that sold-out tour or walk around downtown Greenville for a night out with friends, there is sure to be a variety of musical entertainment just waiting to be discovered.

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Sports

ECU football season kicks off next month



Patrick Pinkney drops back to pass against NC State. This season, the two teams will meet in Raleigh.

Liberty Bowl or bust

JARED JACKSON STAFF WRITER

Anticipation is building toward the start of another ECU football season, as it is less than two months away. With so little time left before kickoff in Charlotte on Aug. 30, it is time to take a look at the most critical games and story lines that will affect the Pirates success this fall.

The match-up with Virginia Tech on Aug. 30 stands out above the rest. While some might not rank this as the most important game for the Pirates, I believe it is so just for the simple fact that it is the first game.

Skip Holtz and company want to get started off on the right foot and what better way than to knock off the nationally-ranked perennial powerhouse Hokies team in front of a huge crowd at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte.

While ECU put up a worthy fight

last year in Blacksburg, the Pirates were left with a bitter taste in their mouth and will be looking to come out the victor this time around.

If UCF plays up to its potential, this game could easily become the most important game for ECU next season. Last year, ECU beat UCF 52-38 in a game that was closer than the score indicates.

Even after suffering the loss, the Golden Knights went on to claim the Conference USA championship thanks in part to the Pirates devastating loss to a lowly Marshall team late in the season. This year, ECU hopes to take control of the division early and not falter down the stretch.

Houston appears to be one of the teams to beat in the West division of C-USA. Last season, ECU stunned the Cougars at home in a 37-35 win. Houston could have easily come out victorious but their kicker missed a 37-yard field goal and a 38-yard attempt in the last few minutes of the game to seal the victory for the Pirates.

This game is poised to be one of the most exciting and high scoring of next season and could be an early preview of the C-USA title game.

The Southern Miss game is important because it usually factors into the conference race heavily. Last year, the Pirates lost 28-21 in a heart-breaker at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

Now, the Pirates have to face the Golden Eagles in Hattiesburg where success has historically been hard to find. If ECU were to enter this game with the East division in its grasp—then watch out—this could become a significant roadblock in the quest for a conference title.

The rivalry game at NC State is mostly about bragging rights, with potential recruiting benefits at stake. A win-loss here does not matter in the conference race, which is and should be the main goal of ECU each and every season. With that said, the Pirates want

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This Week's Poll:

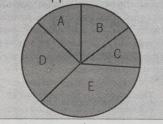
Which of these would you like to eventually see as a varsity sport at ECU?

- A. Ice hockey
- B. Lacrosse
- C. Return of men's soccer
- D. Wrestling
- F Other

Poll Results:

Which of these "regional rivals" would you like to see visit Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium?

- A. Maryland 13%
- B. Clemson 17%
- C. Wake Forest 13%
- D. Appalachian State 23%
- E. SEC opponent 34%



MLB All-Stars set to shine in Big Apple



Raleigh-born Josh Hamilton will compete in Monday's Home Run Derby before taking part in the All-Star game.

Red Sox and Cubs lead the way

(AP)

Maybe Manny Ramirez, Alfonso Soriano and the rest of the Boston Red Sox and Chicago Cubs should just play their own All-Star game.

A charmed season for the Cubs got even better Sunday when they put

a team-record seven players on the NL roster. The World Series champion Red Sox also will send seven to Yankee Stadium on July 15.

"They love me everywhere, what can I tell you?" Ramirez said. "That's why I'm here. I guess I'm not stealing money."

Said New York Yankees slugger Alex Rodriguez: "It's going to be weird having them in our locker room."

The Tampa Bay Rays, with the best record in the majors, did not

have a single player elected to start. Pitcher Scott Kazmir and catcher Dioner Navarro were added to the AL squad.

"Picking the All-Star team, it's normally based on individual performance," Rays manager Joe Maddon said. "You can look at our group, individually we don't necessarily stand out, and that's OK. As a team, we totally stand out."

The Yankees will be well represented, too, on a night showcasing

Hall of Famers and a famed ballpark in its final year. Rodriguez will be joined by Yankees captain Derek Jeter and closer Mariano Rivera.

There was only one change in the last week of fan voting for starters — Milwaukee outfielder Ryan Braun overtook Ken Griffey, Jr. in the NL outfield. Griffey finished fourth and was left off the team.

Rodriguez was the top overall vote-getter for the second straight year at 3,934,518 and became a 12-time All-Star, as did Ramirez. Philadelphia second baseman Chase Utley led the NL voting with 3,889,602.

The 1958 Yankees hold the record with nine players in an All-Star game. The Cubs and Red Sox came close when these rosters were announced — Internet voting this week will determine the 32nd player on each feam

"To be able to represent the Red Sox with that number of Red Sox will be very exciting," AL manager Terry Francona of Boston said. "I'm very proud of that."

Outfielders Kosuke Fukudome and Soriano and rookie catcher Geovany Soto were chosen to start for the Cubs, who own the best

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Merritt trades purple and gold for red, white and blue

Former Pirate upsets Wariner en route to Beijing

(AP

Before he kneeled into the starting blocks, LaShawn Merritt tugged on his new necklace-- the red, white and blue one his friend gave him before the race.

When it was over, after he beat the once-invincible Jeremy Wariner for the second time in five weeks, Merritt looked like a good candidate to have some gold dangling from that neck in Beijing next month.

Merritt proved once again Thursday that the men's 400 meters is anything but a foregone conclusion this summer, defeating the defending Olympic champion at the US track trials to set up a big Olympic rematch.

"My whole motto is, 'If I didn't think I could win, I shouldn't train as hard as I do,'" Merritt said. "Point blank, nobody trains hard to be No. 2 in the world. If you're racing and get second place, you go back and train harder to be No. 1."

Merritt didn't think it was an upset. And Wariner still did enough to earn his spot on the Olympic team in his best event.

"I made the team, now my next goal is to win the Olympics," Wariner said. "It's going to motivate me to work harder. The trials is one thing, the games is the bigger one."

Merritt finished in 44 seconds flat, defeating Wariner by 0.20 seconds and leaving Wariner

still as the only person to crack 44 seconds this year (43.98).

Earning the third Olympic spot was national indoor champion David Neville.

Moments before, the women's 400 went as expected, with Sanya Richards winning and Mary Wineberg and Dee Dee Trotter capturing the other two spots.

In the 1500-meter quarterfinals, Bernard Lagat, Lopez Lomong, Alan Webb and Leo Manzano advanced to Friday's semis. Lagat, already qualified for the Olympics in the 5000, finished fourth in his heat, clearly saving energy for two more races to come.

In the women's steeplechase, Anna Willard set an American record, finishing the 3000-meter race in 9 minutes, 27.59 seconds.

The race of the night, however, was the men's 400. Wariner took to the track in his trademark sunglasses, and Merritt wore the necklace his massage therapist made for him.

"The red, white and blue is about making the team," Merritt said. "I crossed the line, got on the podium and got on the team."

Starting in lane six, one lane outside Wariner, Merritt jumped to a slim lead about halfway through, though that's nothing surprising; Wariner does his best work in the final 150 meters.

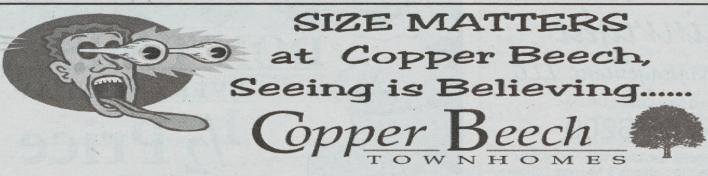
But Merritt did not let up and as they started down the backstretch, it became clear Wariner would not make a move to catch Merritt, who finished second to Wariner at the world championships last year.

"LaShawn was the better man tonight," Wariner said. When it was over, Merritt raised both hands in

the air. Victories like this don't come often



Merrit surprised the track world by defeating Jeremy Wariner in the



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Hurricanes already eyeing NHL playoffs



Hurricanes GM Jim Rutherford is keen to re-sign Eric Staal to a new deal.

Canes will have a tougher look next season

> KELLEN HOLTZMAN SPORTS EDITOR

With the likes of offensive magicians Sidney Crosby and Alexander Ovechkin terrorizing the NHL's Eastern Conference, the

Carolina Hurricanes have opted for a team facelift-- one centered around defense.

The biggest move of the offseason has popular forward Erik Cole heading to the Edmonton Oilers in exchange for 24-year-old defenseman Joni Pitkanen.

Cole's status as a fan-favorite began during the Canes' 2002 Stanley Cup run as part of the famed

BBC line that also featured Rod Brind'Amour and Bates Battaglia.

Cole was enjoying his most productive campaign when he was sidelined with a serious neck injury in the Canes' 2006 championship season.

'The friendships and everything make this tough," Cole told the Raleigh News and Observer. "The good news is it's during the summer, so we have some time. If this were midseason, I'd be packing my bags and catching a flight. At least we can take our time and talk about everything."

At 6-feet-3 and 210 pounds, Pitkanen's unwieldy build should provide a stopping presence in front of the net

Pitkanen is joined by fellow defenseman Josef Melichar, who spent 2007 and 2008 in Sweden. Melichar, 29, has over 300 games of NHL experience with the Pittsburgh Penguins.

In February, the Canes acquired defenseman Joe Corvo from the Ottawa Senators in an attempt to create a more mobile defense. Canes general manager Jim Rutherford also acquired forward Patrick Eaves in the deal that sent veterans

Cory Stillman and Mike Commodore to Ottawa.

The Canes' back line also includes Tim Gleason and the recently re-signed Anton Babchuk. Glen Wesley and Bret Hedican will not be returning to the red and white next season.

In all, at least nine regulars from last year's squad will be sporting new colors this season.

Signing All-Star forward and face of the franchise. Eric Staal. to a multi-year contract extension is next on the agenda for general manager Jim Rutherford and

Staal led the Canes with 38 goals and 44 assists last season. The offensive services of Cole will be missed, but wingers Ray Whitney and Justin Williams as well as centers Matt Cullen and Brind'Amour will be returning.

The Canes will need all the help they can get in a stacked Eastern Conference. Fortunately, the abysmal Southeast Division is usually ripe for the picking.

Last season however, the Ovechkin-led Washington Capitals edged the Canes out for a division title and a playoff berth.

The Florida Panthers followed the Canes with a thirdplace finish.

The Atlanta Thrashers finished fourth in the division and 14th in the conference despite boasting the league's second-leading goal scorer, Ilya Kovalchuk

The Tampa Bay Lightning finished dead last in the Southeast as well as the entire Eastern Conference, but look for new coach Barry Melrose to have things turned around by the bay.

Rutherford is confident the defensive upgrades will return the Canes to the NHL's elite.

The last time somebody asked me about all the changes we made was coming out of the work stoppage and how the fans would react, and I think you got the answer in June," Rutherford said on Carolinahurricanes.com, referring to the 2006 Stanley Cup. "It's part of sports, there are always lots of changes. We've made our team younger and added some good players. We have a chance to be one of the real good teams again."

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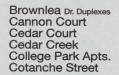
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record in the league. Soriano has been out with a broken left hand, but may return in time to play.

Cubs pitchers Kerry Wood and Ryan Dempster and third baseman Aramis Ramirez were chosen by NL players, and pitcher Carlos Zambrano was picked by NL manager Clint Hurdle of Colorado.

"It's flattering," Cubs manager Lou Piniella said. "We've played well the first half and these guys that are going are, in a way, largely responsible. We have a few others but these guys have all done their jobs and done them well, and they're being rewarded."

The Cubs, trying to win their first World Series in 100 years, put six players into the All-Star game in 1988 and 1936.

"Obviously all seven guys have good enough numbers to be there," Zambrano said. "I was kind of like 50-50. I was planning to make a flight to Venezuela, but now I have to change it."

Ramirez, David Ortiz, Dustin Pedroia and Kevin Youkilis of the Red Sox were elected by fans. Ortiz is on the disabled list with an injured wrist but will attend; Francona said Texas' Milton Bradley would become the designated hitter. Boston outfielder J.D. Drew, catcher Jason Varitek and closer Jonathan Papelbon were picked by a vote of AL players.

"Definitely be more comfortable," Pedroia said. "That's the biggest thing because a lot of the guys I don't know."

The AL starting lineup: Youkilis at first base, Pedroia at second base, Jeter at shortstop, Rodriguez at third base, outfielders Josh Hamilton of Texas, Ichiro Suzuki of Seattle and Ramirez and Minnesota catcher Joe Mauer.

Starting for the NL: Houston first baseman Lance Berkman, Utley at second base, Florida shortstop Hanley Ramirez and Atlanta third baseman Chipper Jones, with Soriano, Fukudome and Braun in the outfield. Soto will become the first rookie catcher to start for the NL.

Pitchers Joe Saunders of the Angels and Cliff Lee of Cleveland were among 14 first-time AL stars. Colorado pitcher Aaron Cook and San Diego first baseman Adrian Gonzalez were among the NL's 11 newcomers.

The AL candidates for the last spot in Internet voting: out-fielders Jermaine Dye and Jose Guillen, first baseman Jason

Giambi, second baseman Brian Roberts and third baseman Evan Longoria.

The NL candidates: outfielders Pat Burrell, Corey Hart, Carlos Lee and Aaron Rowand and third baseman David Wright.

Cubs first baseman Derrek Lee, Colorado third baseman Garrett Atkins, Detroit outfielder Magglio Ordonez and Boston third baseman Mike Lowell were among the top players left out.

"Every year there are guys who make it that people question and there are guys that probably have the numbers that don't make it," Lowell said.

Boston's Daisuke Matsuzaka (9-1, 3.12 ERA), the Yankees' Mike Mussina (11-6, 3.64) and St. Louis' Kyle Lohse (10-2, 3.61) also were left off.

Once again, the league that wins the All-Star game will get home field advantage in the World Series.

The AL has not lost an All-Star game since 1996 at Veterans Stadium. Since then, the AL has won 10 and tied one. Overall, the NL leads 40-36-2.

"It's more than just an All-Star game, it's like a celebration of Yankee Stadium," Jeter said.

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Skip Holtz is less than two months away from embarking on his fourth season as head coach.

to win every game in which they line up. Revenge should be on the Pirates' mind after last year's bitter 34-20 defeat to the Pack.

It's fair to say that ECU doesn't have a running back on the roster as talented or the caliber of player as Chris Johnson was last year.

For the Pirates, the answer to the offense last season was basically to give Johnson the ball and let him take over. This year the question of who will fill his shoes has still not fully been answered and probably will not be until at least the middle of the season.

Solid running backs like Dominique Lindsay, Jonathan Williams and Norman Whitley will all fight for positions on the depth chart come fall, but it remains to be seen if any can have the presence on the field that Johnson had and demanded. Finding a solid starter will be key in the Pirates' season and in making the quarterbacks' life a little bit easier.

Last year, Rob Kass was slated to be the starter against Virginia Tech but due to off-the-field troubles, Patrick Pinkney ultimately became the starter for the majority of the season and he made the most of it. A year later, Pinkney is listed as the No.1 quarterback on the depth chart in the preseason with Kass slated as the backup.

Holtz has stated numerous times that he wants to stand behind one starter but doesn't rule out switching back to a two quarterback unit. However, if Pinkney can lead the Pirates in an effective manner, the job is clearly his to lose.

While ECU's defensive line could potentially go down as the best in Pirate history, the secondary is hoping to make drastic improvements to avoid becoming one of the worst in respect to that unit in the history of the university.

Last season, the Pirate sec-

ondary was among the worst in the nation and C-USA in passing defense. The Pirates' inefficiency to stop the pass made most games high-scoring shootouts. Now after losing only one senior, the secondary is hoping that 2008 means more experience and better results.

In each season that Skip Holtz has coached ECU, the Pirates have gotten better and better.

With last year's Hawaii Bowl victory, it remains to be seen just what the Pirates have in store for an encore. Multiple players have indicated that this season is simply Liberty Bowl or bust. To reach the Liberty Bowl, ECU will have to manage a schedule that is once again top heavy with Virginia Tech, West Virginia and NC State all being among the first four opponents.

While those games don't necessarily have a say in the conference race, it is important for ECU to fight through those contests and pick up some momentum to take into conference play. The road to an East division title likely runs though UCF and Southern Miss so those games are critical to the 2008 season to say the least.

In the feel good story of the season, junior offensive tackle Terence Campbell will be returning to action for the first time since 2006 after rehabilitating from emergency heart surgery. Right now, Campbell is listed as second-string, but if his play prior to his illness is any indication, then he could be starting once again sooner than later.

If ECU can overcome such a difficult schedule and address these issues, this will truly be a season to remember—and it goes without saying—the road to success runs through the Liberty Bowl in Memphis.

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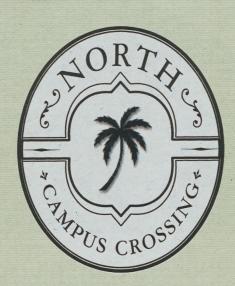


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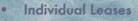




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