

ECU investigates inappropriate police behavior at Saturday's game

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University officials are investigating the use of unnecessary force by police officers at Saturday's ECU-West Virginia University game.

ECU Police Chief Scott Shelton confirmed that some fans that rushed the field were tackled or pushed to the ground by police officers, and punches were thrown by a sheriff's deputy whose name was not disclosed.

In a briefing before the game, police officers were instructed to deter fans from rushing onto the field after an ECU victory. According to Shelton, officers were told to be conscious of their surroundings and "to make a visible presence" around the field. Shelton said Monday that approximately 114 police officers were present at the game, about 60 of whom were on the field.

ECU Police were not the only force on the scene Saturday. Kinston and Greenville Police and both the Pitt and Lenoir County Sheriff's Departments were also on site.

Shelton said that these five law enforcement agencies did expect an ECU victory and anticipated that some fans would try to run onto the field following the game.

Hundreds of Pirate fans did rush the field after the 24-3 win over the Mountaineers, leading to allegations of misconduct. These allegations include reports of officers pushing one fan and throwing another to the ground, according to a press release sent out by the university on Sunday. Other witnesses say that fans were punched, elbowed and held to the ground after running onto the field.

"I can't determine a reason why [these things] happened," said Shelton, "but I can determine that they happened."

Shelton said Sunday that he will look into the allegations by reviewing videotapes and photos, and interviewing witnesses.

"Preliminary investigation indicates excessive force was used in an incident of most concern by complainants," he said.

As of Monday, the police department was still reviewing videotapes and photos (from several sources, Shelton said), and interviewing witnesses or victims.

About a dozen complaints had been filed as of yesterday, according to Shelton, and more are still coming in. Lt. Curtis Hayes of the ECU Police Department will be receiving all complaints and leading the investigation. Shelton encourages



ECU players and students celebrate their win on the field after Saturday's game.

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individuals who were victims of unnecessary police force, or witnessed the use of unnecessary force by police officers, to step forward.

Only one arrest was made during the rush of fans onto the field Saturday, but two other arrests were made while the game was being played.

Head Football Coach Skip Holtz said Monday that Saturday's win is being overshadowed by the fans' inundation of the field.

"I hate that [the win] is being marred by some fans that rushed the field," he said. "I know their intentions were not malicious or negative. They were excited [and] enthusiastic and they wanted to come out and share in the joy and jubilation, but I enjoy it a whole lot more when our players can go over and enjoy celebrating with the entire student body."

Lifelong Pirate fan Thomas "Bubba" Rosenbaum, a teacher from Thomasville, NC, attended the game, and said that the conduct he saw by police officers was uncalled for.

"I saw cops grabbing students and throwing them down...one cop was continuously punching one student in the face," he said. "People were just celebrating ECU's win, not bashing West Virginia."

This particular incident was not confirmed by Shelton or the Greenville Police Department.

Rosenbaum did admit that some of the conduct by the officers might have been necessary, although he did not recall ever seeing police officers react the way they did at Saturday's game.

"Obviously I couldn't see everything that was taking place and it's possible that some [force] was necessary, but I doubt that was the case," he said. "There's no harm in rushing the field with the team as long as [the fans] aren't bashing the other team."

Some YouTube videos were posted directly after the game, and some have already received thousands of views.

One video shows fans rushing onto the field from the ground level, some being chased by police officers. In another video, comments from fans can be heard regarding the police officers' conduct, including "He... tackled him!" followed by boos from the crowd.

An official statement by the ECU Police Department will be issued in the next 24 to 48 hours.

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Freshmen adjust to unconventional student living

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ECU welcomed its largest freshman class in history this fall with 5,500 students.

With such a large increase from last fall, ECU was unfortunately unable to house 280 of these new students in campus housing. To remedy this problem, ECU was forced to lease space off campus at both The Bellamy and North Campus Crossing apartment complexes.

Each of these complexes houses both RAs and a professional staff member that coordinates "hall meetings" and oversees the freshman living

within the complex.

The East Carolinian has since caught up with both students and the complexes involved to get an inside look at what life is like for these freshmen.

"I had mixed feelings when I first found out I would be moving into North Campus Crossing," said Aaron Johnson, freshman. "Living in the dorms freshman year is a big part of college and I definitely won't be able to meet as many people."

Johnson said that the complex was a bit overwhelming at first, but he has learned to enjoy the freedom that off-campus housing offers.

"I don't have to worry about

what time my guests leave and I love the pools and weight rooms. However, I really dislike the distance from everyone on campus. I have a lot of friends from high school that live in the dorms and I don't get to see them as much," Johnson said.

According to Aaron Lucier, associate director for Campus Living, some students have vocalized concerns, and have been able to make the normal room changes available to freshman in housing. Some students have even been lucky enough to find whole rooms empty and choose their roommates.

"We have been in regular contact via email with both the

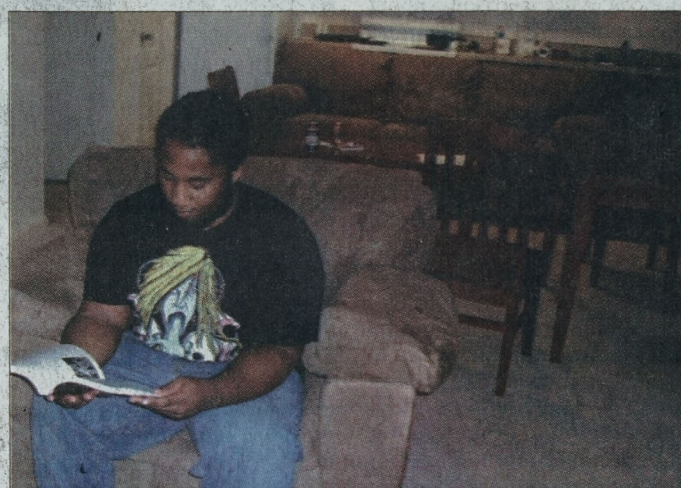
RAs and the professional staff at The Bellamy and North Campus Crossing," said Lucier. "We haven't forgotten about them."

All students will be required to move back on campus by the end of the semester, and Housing will set deadlines by which students must be out.

"We're putting the ball back in the students' court to decide when to move," Lucier said.

Kiya Bolds, the coordinator for both Tyler Hall and The Bellamy, said that moving "will be a challenge."

"We don't want them to feel completely lost, and would like



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Aaron Johnson, freshman, studies in his new apartment.

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Florida Keys safe from Ike, but the Gulf Coast may not be as lucky

Residents of the Florida Keys were able to sleep easily Monday as Hurricane Ike turned west on a path away from the low-lying island chain. Gulf States, however, watched anxiously to see if the storm was heading for them instead. Forecasters at the National Hurricane Center warned that, after passing into the Gulf of Mexico sometime Tuesday night, Ike could make landfall in the U.S. over the weekend near the Texas-Louisiana border, possibly not far from Houston. In Louisiana, thousands remain without power after Hurricane Gustav hit last week. Gov. Bobby Jindal urged residents to stock up on food, water, batteries and other supplies. The state was also making shelters available and setting plans for trains, buses and planes in the instance of a necessary coastal evacuation later in the week. "It is still too early to be evacuating, certainly, but it is not too early to be making sure you've got food and water and batteries. It's not too early to be checking your car," the governor said. With the storm set on a new track, officials in the Keys let an evacuation order expire Monday. Ike is still supposed to deliver heavy rain and wind, and authorities suggested residents who had left stay away until Wednesday. They said those who stayed behind should remain inside, and tourists should wait for the weekend to return. Roughly 20,000 tourists left over the weekend when it looked like Ike would make a direct hit.

Afghan-civilian deaths case to be investigated again

The bodies of at least 10 children and many more adults covered in blankets and white shrouds have appeared in videos on Monday, lending weight to Afghan and U.N. allegations that a U.S.-led raid last month killed more civilians than the U.S. reported. The sounds of screaming women mixed with voices of men shouting were heard inside a mosque in the western village Azizabad where an Afghan government commission and U.N. report said some 90 civilians — including 60 children and 15 women — were killed. The two videos were taken with cell phones and showed bodies lying side-by-side on the mosque floor. The videos do not provide proof that 60 children died in the operation, but the images do appear to contradict a U.S. military investigation that found only seven civilians were killed in Azizabad, along with up to 35 militants. The U.S. said Sunday it would reopen the investigation because of emerging new evidence. The Afghan government has agreed to a joint U.S.-U.N.-Afghan investigation, said Sultan Ahmad Baheem, spokesman for Afghanistan's Foreign Ministry. It's not clear when or how that will be conducted.

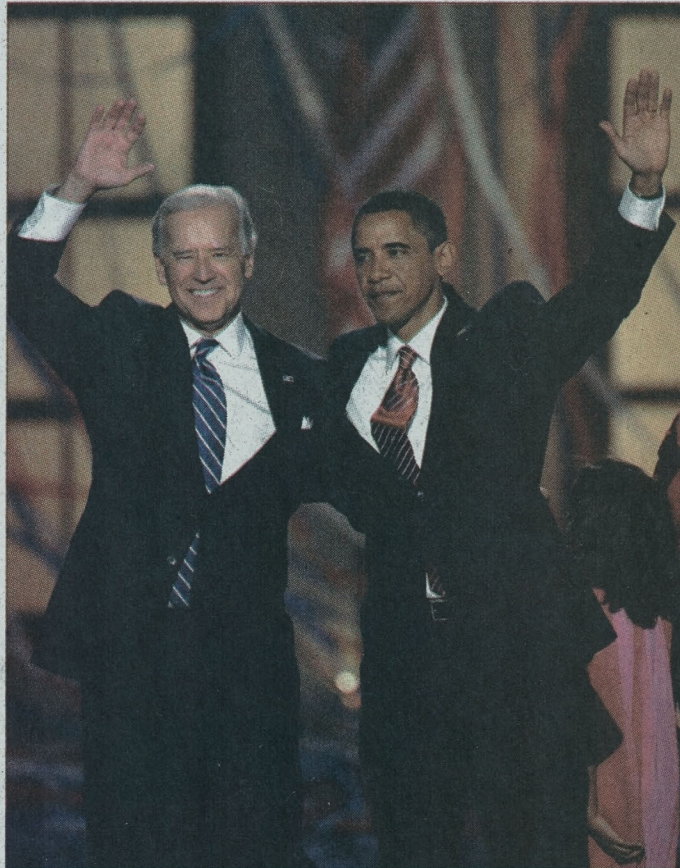
Ohio woman sentenced to life in prison after killing daughter

China Arnold was sentenced Monday to life in prison without chance of parole for intentionally burning her baby daughter to death in a microwave after fighting with her boyfriend over whether or not he was the biological father. The judge rejected a plea by Arnold's attorney for a minimum sentence of life in prison with the chance of parole after 25 years. The jury spared Arnold the death penalty after a consensus could not be reached. "No adjectives exist to adequately describe this heinous atrocity," said Common Pleas Judge Mary Wiseman. "This act is shocking and utterly abhorrent for a civilized society." This was Arnold's second trial. Her first trial ended in a mistrial when new witnesses surfaced. Rion has asked for a third trial, saying a former cellmate who said Arnold confessed has now changed her story. Rion said he's also found additional witnesses who point to someone else being responsible for killing the baby. The judge hasn't ruled on the motion for a new trial.

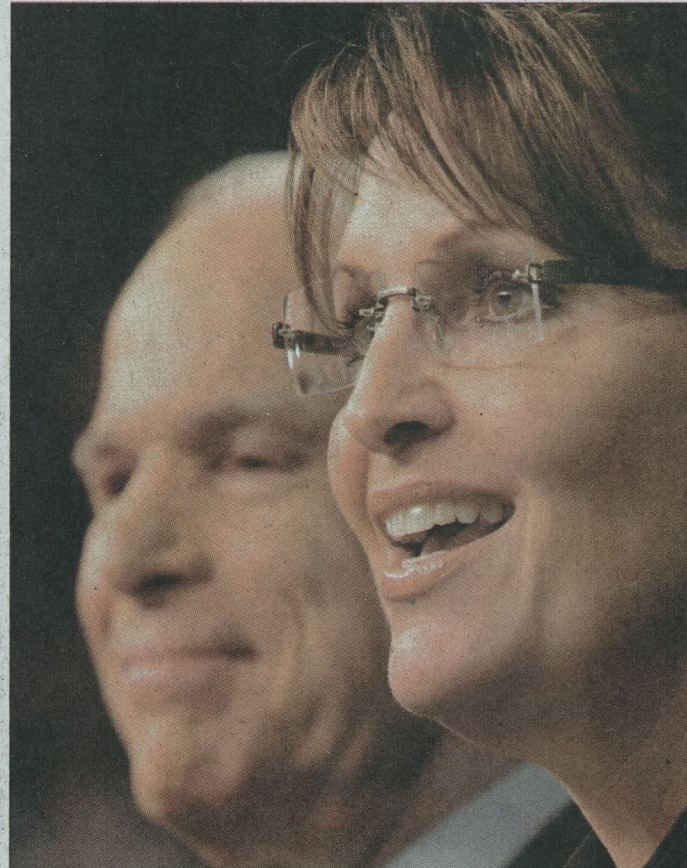
Snapshot of the conventions

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With less than two months until Election Day, Americans are gearing up to vote for a campaign that will either lead to the first African-American president in U.S. history, or the first woman vice president in U.S. history. The past two weeks have been full of political action with both the Republican and Democratic National Conventions being held, the announcing of potential Vice Presidents and attacks being slung from one campaign to another. In case you missed any of the action, here's a quick overview of what happened in Denver and Minneapolis.



Joe Biden and Barack Obama at the Democratic Convention.



John McCain and Sarah Palin at the Republican Convention.

Democratic National Convention

Where it was: Denver, Colorado

Who spoke: Michelle Obama, Hillary Clinton, Bill Clinton, Joe Biden, Barack Obama

When it happened: August 25-28, 2008

The theme: Change You Can Believe In

Memorable quotes:

I stand here today at the crosscurrents of that history, knowing that my piece of the American dream is a blessing hard won by those who came before me. All of them, driven by the same conviction that drove my dad to get up an hour early each day to painstakingly dress himself for work. The same conviction that drives the men and women I've met all across this country: people who work the day shift, kiss their kids goodnight and head out for the night shift without disappointment, without regret. That goodnight kiss a reminder of everything they're working for.

—Michelle Obama, on the opening night of the convention

will always remember the single mom who had adopted two kids with autism, didn't have health insurance and discovered she had cancer. But she greeted me with her baldhead painted with my name on it and asked me to fight for health care.

—Hillary Clinton, about her supporters

Now, I don't believe that Senator McCain doesn't care what's going on in the lives of Americans. I just think he doesn't know. Why else would he define middle-class as someone making under five million dollars a year? How else could he propose hundreds of billions in tax breaks for big corporations and oil companies but not one penny of tax relief to more than one hundred million Americans? How else could he offer a health care plan that would actually tax people's benefits, or an education plan that would do nothing to help families pay for college, or a plan that would privatize Social Security and gamble your retirement? It's not because John McCain doesn't care. It's because John McCain doesn't get it.

—Barack Obama, in his speech accepting the Democratic nomination for president

Republican National Convention

Where it was: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Who spoke: Senator Fred Thompson, Cindy McCain, Sarah Palin, John McCain

When it happened: September 1-4, 2008

The theme: Country First: Peace

Memorable quotes:

I guess a small-town mayor is sort of like a "community organizer," except that you have actual responsibilities. I might add that in small towns, we don't quite know what to make of a candidate who lavishes praise on working people when they are listening, and then talks about how bitterly they cling to their

religion and guns when those people aren't listening.

--Sarah Palin, in her speech accepting the vice presidential nomination for the Republican party.

I was taught Americans can look at the world and ask either, what do other countries think of us ... or we can look at ourselves and ask: what would our forefathers make of us and what will our children say of us? That's a big challenge. In living up to it, we know the security and prosperity of our nation is about a lot more than just politics.

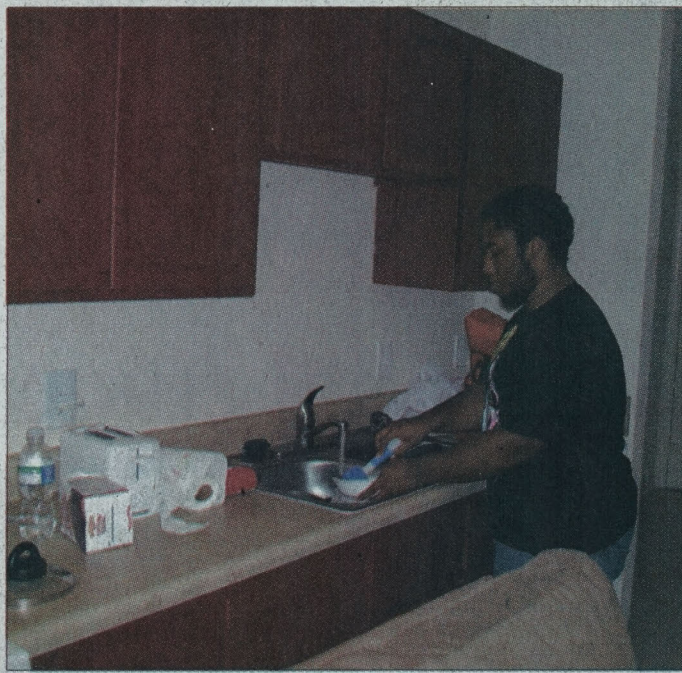
--Cindy McCain on the last night of the convention

I don't mind a good fight. For reasons known only to God, I've had quite a few tough ones in my life. But I learned an important

lesson along the way. In the end, it matters less that you can fight.

What you fight for is the real test. I fight for Americans. I fight for you. I fight for Bill and Sue Nebe from Farmington Hills, Michigan, who lost their real estate investments in the bad housing market. Bill got a temporary job after he was out of work for seven months. Sue works three jobs to help pay the bills. I fight for Jake and Toni Wimmer of Franklin County, Pennsylvania. Jake works on a loading dock; coaches Little League, and raises money for the mentally and physically disabled. Toni is a schoolteacher, working toward her Master's Degree. They have two sons, the youngest, Luke, has been diagnosed with autism. Their lives should matter to the people they elect to office. They matter to me.

—John McCain, in his speech accepting the Republican nomination for president



Some students might be trading in their apartments for dorms soon.

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to empower the students and give them flexibility to move when it works for them," said Bolds.

According to Property Manager Sarah Brock at North Campus Crossing, the number of students living at the complex shifts from day to day due to students moving to campus.

"I speak with ECU on a daily basis," said Brock. "We're constantly communicating about who is turning in keys to move back and who is picking up keys to move in."

Unfortunately for all students at North Campus Crossing, transportation has proved to be a problem.

"We've started to run buses every 10 minutes beginning at 7 a.m.," Brock said. "It's helped a lot but we still

have very crowded buses." North Campus Crossing has also made it easier to distinguish who is a Campus Living resident and who is not by making their resident IDs a different color from Campus Living residents'.

Both The Bellamy and North Campus Crossing have also opened their clubhouses for activities and late-night dining opportunities on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 10-12 p.m.

"We've been sure to give these residents the essential meeting space they need for activities," said The Bellamy's Property Manager, Donna Scurry.

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Let the people be heard

It's time to abolish the Electoral College

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As much as I hate to admit, Al Gore should have been president of the United States. An inconvenient truth to be sure, but he did win the popular vote. We would have been spared the last eight years of demomrats whining that George W. Bush stole the election, though he won the majority of electoral votes. Had the tables been turned, we wouldn't have heard a peep out of the whiners. They would have said the system did what it was intended to do.

This summer I read the results of one poll that suggested Barack Obama could win the popular vote while John McCain could carry the Electoral College-- another nightmare-in-waiting. Let's face it, it's time to do away with the Electoral College and let the people directly elect the president and vice president.

One argument in favor of the Electoral College is that it allows smaller states such as Delaware and Alaska, each with three electoral votes, to have more of a voice in the electoral process. How can that be when stacked against California's outrageous 55 electoral votes?

Suppose a candidate only carried the 32 states with 10 or fewer electoral votes. They would carry over half the states and only have 191 electoral votes of the 270 needed to win. On the other hand, another candidate would only need eleven states (CA, TX, NY, FL, IL, PA, OH, MI, GA, NC, NJ) to gain 271 electoral votes and the White House.

Never mind all that red state/blue state nonsense for a moment. Ronald Reagan and Richard Nixon carried all 11 of those states and became president. George H.W. Bush and Lyndon Johnson each carried all but one. Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton each carried eight of the 11. How does that give smaller states more of a voice?

Some historians point out that slavery was a factor behind the creation of the Electoral College. Slaves were counted as 3/5 of a person for proportional representation in Congress, but could not vote themselves. The Electoral College would give slave states more of a voice than a straight popular vote. It's hard to make a case today based on that argument that is so obviously outdated.

Look at a map of the 2004 presidential election results by county. Many of the larger states aren't really that blue. With the exception of the coastal counties between San Francisco and Los Angeles, California is a red state. With the exception of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania is a red state. With the exception of Detroit, Michigan is a red state. Not only does the Electoral College not represent the voters of the smaller states, but it neglects a good number of the voters in larger states as well.

Which is the more fair result: a candidate who wins the White House by carrying only a few large cities, or the candidate who carries the popular vote?

It is past time to do away with the Electoral College. We may not always be happy with the results, but with the popular vote, there can be no accusations of stolen elections, and the people's voices will definitely be heard.

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Obama to win

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In the midst of a presidential election, most media focus on national polls that survey citizens across the country to gain a composite picture of the nation. Using these national polls, we are able to watch trends in favorability and play the "if the election were held today..." game. Most national polls show the two candidates, Barack Obama and John McCain in a statistical dead heat--meaning a 3 to 4 percent difference, depending on the poll in question.

There is just one problem with this method: We don't hold a national election for president. In the U.S., we hold state elections for national office. Because of the Electoral College, each state elects delegates to cast the votes for their fellow statesmen. Instead of a popular vote, all that is required of a candidate are 270 electoral votes, 50 percent plus one, to assume the White House.

It is because of this process that it is very likely that on January 20, 2009, the nation will witness the swearing in of President Obama.

RealClearPolitics.com, a clearing house of political, governmental and global news, compiles the most current polling data from every state in the nation and uses this information to maintain an up-to-date Electoral College map depicting where the race to 270 stands. Dave Leip's Atlas of U.S. Presidential Elections (uselectionatlas.org) shows the voting behavior of every state since 1789 as well as current polling trends and predictions.

A truncated explanation due to limited space: States that are out of reach are considered "strong." States with a clear preference but perhaps not overwhelming are labeled "leaning" and awarded to the leading candidate. "Toss-up" states are those whose data show a statistical dead heat and could break either way depending on the fortunes of the campaign.

Obama currently holds 238 electoral votes on RealClearPolitics.com and 259 on Dave Leip's Atlas. The totals for McCain are 174 and 194, respectively. The difference between the sources' estimates represents Leip's willingness to assign a state to a candidate even if the polling data shows a mere 2 percent lead.

This leaves only 126 electoral votes as toss-ups under RealClearPolitics.com and 85 in Leip's system. For Obama to win, he would need only 32



PIRATE RANTS

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Purple and gold look so GREAT on TV!!!!

To the guy who got tackled by about six cops near the student Pirate Club stairs: I hope your wrist is all right...and you should sue.

I don't care who wins this election, anyone with me???

You said you were talking in your sleep? And you didn't know it? Of course you wouldn't, dummy!

It's so awesome being the top story on ESPN! GO PIRATES! AARRRRRGH!!!

What the heck was with the cops at the WVU game? Maybe they shouldn't be smacking random people with nightsticks...just an idea.

Is anyone else concerned with the sheriff that was aired on ESPN at the WVU game beating the heck out of someone?

Does anyone else think the State Troopers at the football game used "unnecessary force"? They were straight beating people to the ground.

I missed the first quarter of the WVU game because they weren't letting Student Pirate Club Members go up to their seats. Seriously?

Hanna is forcing me to stay indoors and drink more than I usually do.

You are so much more likable when you're drunk, Roomie.

To the person who wants to piss the bed so their roommate will move out: Are you sharing a bed??

If you don't start being nice to me, I'm going to pee in your shoes.

To the obnoxious girl in front of me at the dining hall the other day: The world does not revolve around you, so stop complaining about waiting in line for food and making everyone else around you miserable. Kay...Thanks

If you people see me sitting by myself at a table in Wright and the place is full, you ARE welcome to ask if you can sit at my table. I'm not greedy, I'll share.

I'm a guy and I don't think tattoos make a girl look trashy. If anything, it makes me want to ask to see the rest of it.

votes and just 11 under Leip's. An incomplete list of toss-ups include: Michigan (17 EV), Ohio (20 EV), Florida (27 EV), Virginia (13 EV) and North Carolina (15 EV). Others include New Hampshire (4 EV), where McCain launched his campaign and Colorado (9 EV), where the Democratic Party held their National Convention.

The bottom line is Obama needs one major state and then two or three smaller ones to take the presidency. That's it. As long as he maintains footing in his secure states, he only needs 20 percent of the remainder.

McCain, on the other hand, needs to sweep every toss up state available to take the White

I love how everyone starts talking quietly about tattoos when I go to the pool, since I have two that are not small.

I hope you live a lonely life because eventually everyone around you will realize how much you talk about them behind their backs. Glad I have already learned my lesson. You're not worth my friendship.

So, in the porn we were watching last night, that was so not milk.

Donde esta el bano?

To the person who's not eating: Can we have your meal plan? Ramen is so expensive these days.

I'm reading Pirate Rants from Seoul South Korea. Wish I could be back to celebrate the big wins with all my friends.

Why does Obama echo everything McCain says? It could be because McCain knows what the American people want. America, listen to the cute old man and his VP pick Palin, the Hot Mom!

Are you my mother?

Thanks for showing me your day of the week panties at Rumors last night...But it was Friday not Wednesday..Gross.

Note: To all the football players that hang out on the steps on College Hill, I was unaware that smoking blunts is part of the training plan for a D1 athlete... Who knew?!

All of my friends are cheating on their boyfriends, who are perfect to them. I might have to spill the beans.

I wish I knew if I was going to marry my boyfriend. Right now, he seems perfect.

Seriously? Obama is Muslim and his middle name is Hussein. Save him the assassination. GO MCCAIN/PALIN!

So... you love Sarah Palin because she's hot and has a cute family. But really, what did she even talk about in her speech? All I heard was Obama bashing!

If it's raining outside, don't come to class all dressed up. In reality, you look more stupid than I do in my old t-shirt and baggy sweatpants.

If the girlfriend of the guy I am hooking up with friends me on

Facebook, should I accept?

How come you haven't confirmed my friend request on Facebook even though you live two doors down from me? You make me very sad.

You got an STD. KARMA.

Why is nothing easy to find in Greenville? It seems like the map of Greenville was plucked from the drawings of a young toddler that had one too many glazed doughnuts this morning.

Smokers: Your habit isn't cute. I hate looking on the ground and seeing all those cigarette butts! And when you walk and smoke, I'm walking behind you smoking too...So thanks so much for raising my cancer chances.

I hate drawing cubes! I hate three-hour classes where we just draw cubes, or talk about drawing cubes!

I walked out of my room the other morning at approximately 1:50 am and a girl was making out in the hallway and telling the boy it was nice to meet him. Classy.. real classy.

John McCain voted AGAINST equal pay for equal work, and then he accepts a woman as his running mate? I guess he respects women, as long as they make less money than him.

I really hate it when the professor begins class and people continue to carry on their personal conversations. I go to class to hear the professor, not you.

No I will not upload those pictures of you holding alcohol onto Facebook! Do you WANT to be thrown out of school!???

To the person that left their weed in the Whichard Building: Smooth move there, guy!

So, McCain's VP pick Palin cut funding in her state for sex education for students, and now her teenage daughter is pregnant. Is that coincidence, karma, or irony?

I had the most amazing summer. I went to London with 23 of the coolest, nicest, smartest, most interesting people I've ever met, ALL of whom I can count among my friends. Thank you, my fellow Londoners, for making this past summer the best college memory I will ever have.

Why won't you date me?

Pill-popping Americans

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America has turned the drug culture of the 60s and 70s into the prescription drug frenzy of today. I cannot watch television without seeing at least one prescription drug commercial per show. Prescription drugs are useful against illnesses, but some commercial prescriptions are treatment drugs for "ailments" that should be fixed with better will power.

Two mental ailments that are over medicated are attention deficit disorder and male confidence issues. I believe there are some children that honestly have an attention deficit. Everyone else is a victim of Saturday morning cartoon programming. Ten minutes of program followed by five minutes of commercials followed by another ten minutes of program for several hours over the span of a childhood can render some ill effects on trying to stay focused.

The other batch of drugs that needs to be rationed out is male enhancement pills. Whatever happened to the idea that believing in yourself will give you the greatest confidence? If confidence comes in pill form sold by Bob, whose smiling face is permanently fixed due to the lack of blood reaching his facial muscles, then chivalry is turning in its grave.

Open drugs are the ones on the low end of the spectrum. Caffeine must be the most sold, low-grade speed drug. Salvia is interesting because it creates psychedelic effects but is legal in some states. Other interesting drugs are anything that can be made out of household products. America's restrictions have produced a band of self-trained chemists.

Illegal drugs are the black sheep of the drug family, but in a sad and practical reality, any substance can be abused and harmful. Let us not forget the woman who died in January 2007 from a water overdose in a radio station water-drinking contest. People have their vices, and they will find a means of meeting the demands for them. The only problems created are the restrictions.

People can commit heinous acts on others while on narcotics, but some of the most evil acts against others come out of greed and corruption. The heads of Enron were a prime example. The restriction against drugs also creates one of the biggest problems for U.S. drug traffickers. Drug related crimes and mafias exist because of restrictions. If all drugs were legalized and handled correctly by the government, as seen in the 1933 film *Gabriel Over the White House*, then the state would beat out all competitors and would probably create revenue out of it. North Carolina recently gave into fueling gambling addictions and creating additional school funding by starting the lottery.

People can and will find their fixes, whatever they may be. Drugs and stimulants of all kinds surround many aspects of life. If humans have been able to live with available narcotics up until the last 100 years, then where does the sudden fear of a drug-ridden country come from?

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CHECK YOUR PULSE
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Did you know?

When Scott Paper Co. first started manufacturing toilet paper they did not put their name on the product because of embarrassment.

Adolf Hitler was Time's Man of the Year for 1938.

Albert Einstein was offered the presidency of Israel in 1952, but he declined.

During his lifetime, artist Vincent Van Gogh only sold one of his paintings.

Every two weeks a world language becomes extinct.

The dot that appears over the letter "i" is called a tittle.

The Hawaiian alphabet only has 12 letters.

The music for "The Star Spangled Banner" comes from a British drinking song named "Anacreon."

The word Himalayas means "home of snow."

There are approximately fifty Bibles sold each minute across the world.

There was no punctuation until the 15th century.

Approximately 10.5 gallons of water is used in a dishwasher.

Barbie's boyfriend Ken was not sold in India until recently because it clashed with the traditional arranged marriage.

Common pesticides such as roach, termite and flea insecticide can be found in the bodies of most Americans.

Hundreds of years ago, only the wealthy people wore underwear.

In 1981, the ultimate collectable item was a Rubik's Cube which had pictures of Prince Charles and Princess Diana on it.

John F. Kennedy's rocking chair was auctioned off for \$453,500.

On average, the life span of an American dollar bill is eighteen months.

Over 100,000 birds and sea animals are killed every year due to plastic garbage.

Research has indicated that indoor pollution is 10 times more toxic than outdoor pollution.

The board game Scrabble was originally called "Criss Cross Words" by inventor Alfred Butts.

The first pair of sunglasses was invented by designer James Ayscough, but did not become popular until the 1930's.

The first toilet being flushed in a motion picture was in the movie "Psycho."

The Food and Drug Administration says the most common injury from cosmetics comes from scratching the eye with a mascara wand.

The most expensive bra is the Red Hot Fantasy Bra that is made by Victoria's Secret. It is worth \$15 million, and has more than 1,300 precious stones. The bra is delivered in a secured truck by security guards.

The oldest documented footwear was an 8,000 year-old sandal found in a cave located in Missouri, USA.

The reason why the Mexican sombrero hat is so wide is to provide shade for the entire body.

The U.S. army packs Tabasco pepper sauce in every ration kit that they give to soldiers.

The United States produces enough plastic film annually to cover the entire state of Texas.

There are over 200 parts in a typical telephone.

A volcano has enough power to shoot ash as high as 50 km into the atmosphere.

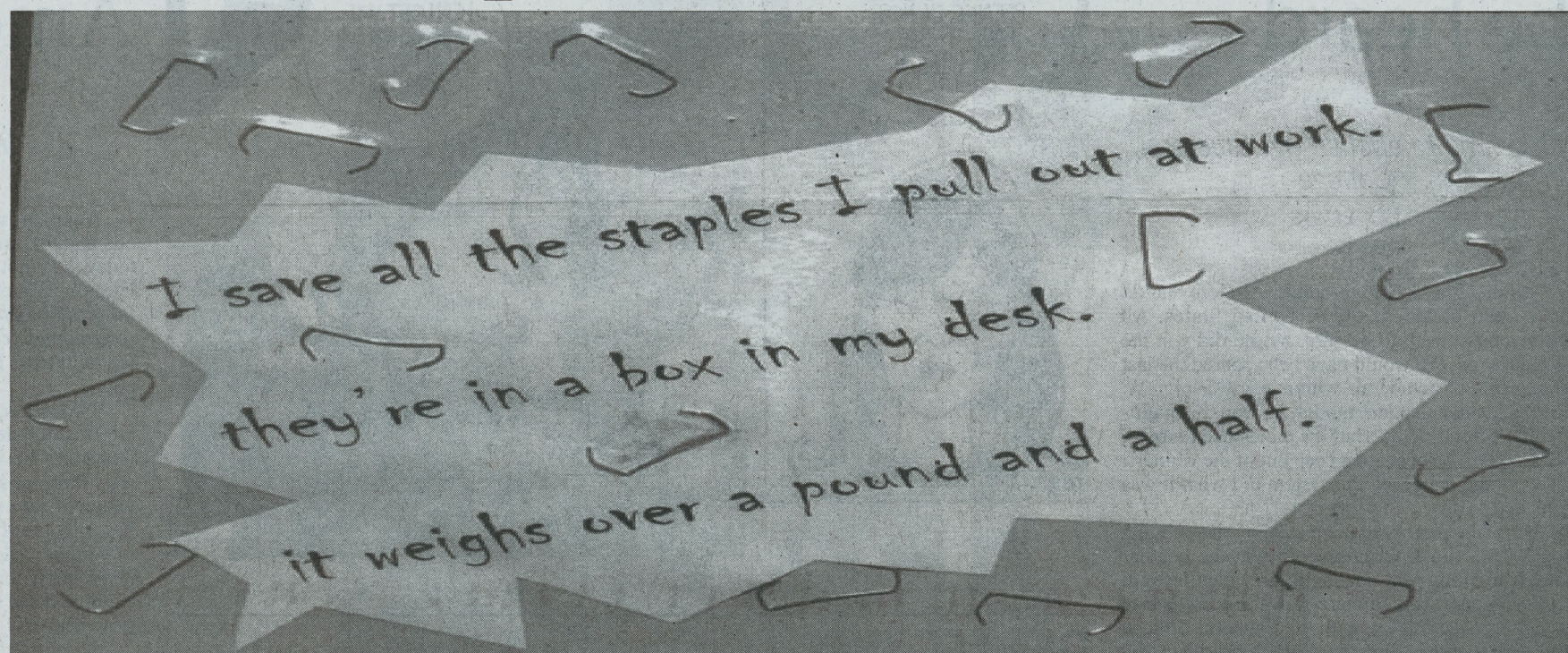
An estimated 690 million people live in Africa.

Despite being over 27 times smaller, Norway's total coastline is longer than the USA's.

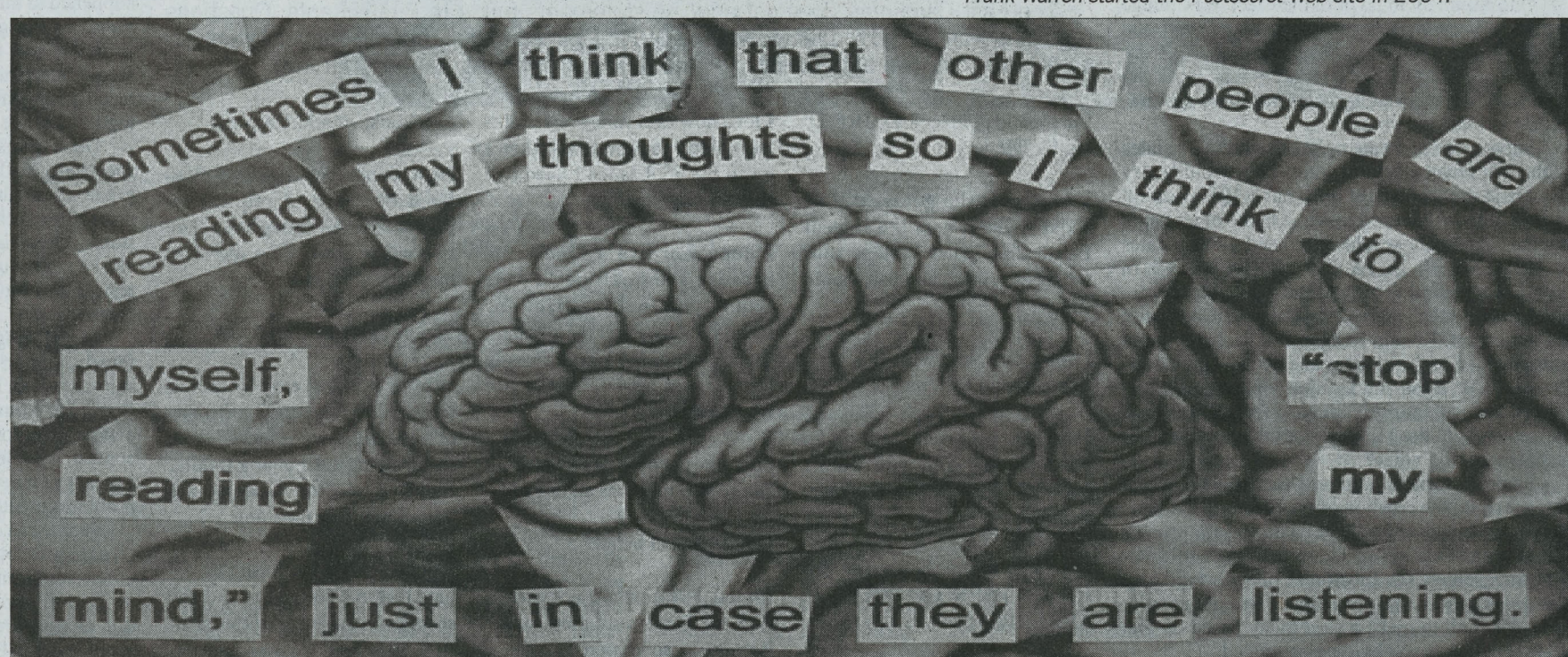
Florida has twice as many lightning injuries and deaths than any other state.

In Albania, nodding your head means "no" and shaking your head means "yes."

A secret speaker comes to ECU



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Frank Warren started the Postsecret Web site in 2004.



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Secrets range from funny to serious, but all are sent in anonymously.

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"Over the years, I've discovered Star Wars fans make the best lovers," read an anonymous secret posted Sunday on postsecret.com.

"I wish you didn't prevent me from overdosing because living life without you now is exactly what I was trying to escape," stated another, more serious, secret on the popularly-read site.

More than 3 million visitors log onto the PostSecret Web site each month.

The site grew from the idea of a man named Frank Warren, who created the project in 2004

for an art event in Washington, D.C. Warren's initial idea for the project was to allow anonymous people to send in a decorated postcard with a secret they had never revealed to anyone before.

Now, PostSecret has grown into a phenomenon that has swept the nation. Warren will be sharing his thoughts about his project in a presentation at ECU on Sept. 16 at 8 p.m. The lecture, which was planned by the ECU Student Activities Board, will be held in Hendrix Theater.

"I imagine it [Hendrix] will fill up," said Stephen Mason, vice president of the Student Activities Board at ECU.

The increasing popularity of PostSecret has made Warren a highly sought-after public speaker, allowing him to travel across the nation to deliver speeches.

"We were thrilled to get him," Kay Christian, interim director of Student Activities and involvement, said.

According to a press release Warren gives moving speeches, sharing his own secrets that have been kept out of the books as well as the story of how he became an "accidental artist." Since he launched postsecret.com in 2005, he has displayed more than 2,500 secrets that have been sent in from people across the U.S. and around the world.

"We knew he had been touring colleges a lot," Mason said. "We knew how popular it was."

Secrets range from embarrassing habits to serious, sometimes suicidal, confessions. "Some of the secrets are funny and some are serious," Mason said. "It says a lot about people in general."

Several secrets have been published in numerous *New York Times* best-selling PostSecret books, which Warren will be signing at the end of his lecture.

"I think the students will find what he has to say is interesting," Christian said. "I think this will appeal to everyone

because of what the subject matter is."

The ECU Student Activities Board tries to plan around six lectures each school year. Warren's lecture will be the first.

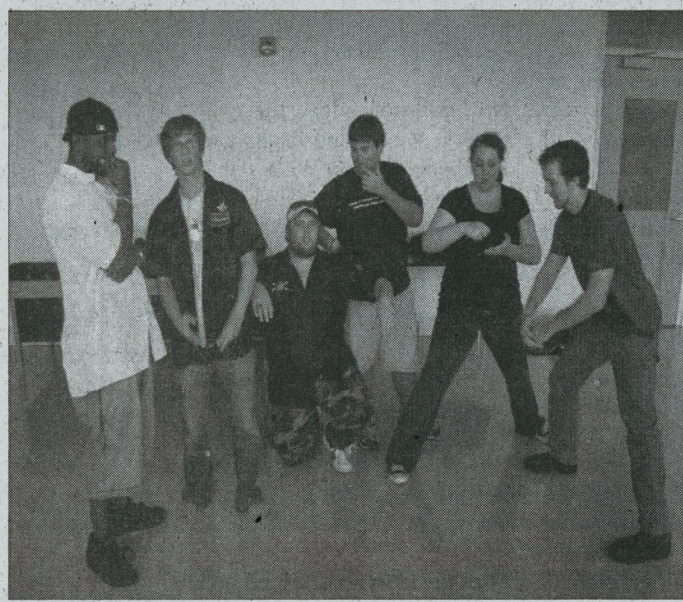
Two more lectures will be held this semester: David Kaczynski, brother of the "Unabomber" Ted Kaczynski, on Oct. 22, and Daryl Davis, a black author and musician on Nov. 19.

The PostSecret event is free for all students, but seating is limited and available on a first-come first-serve basis.

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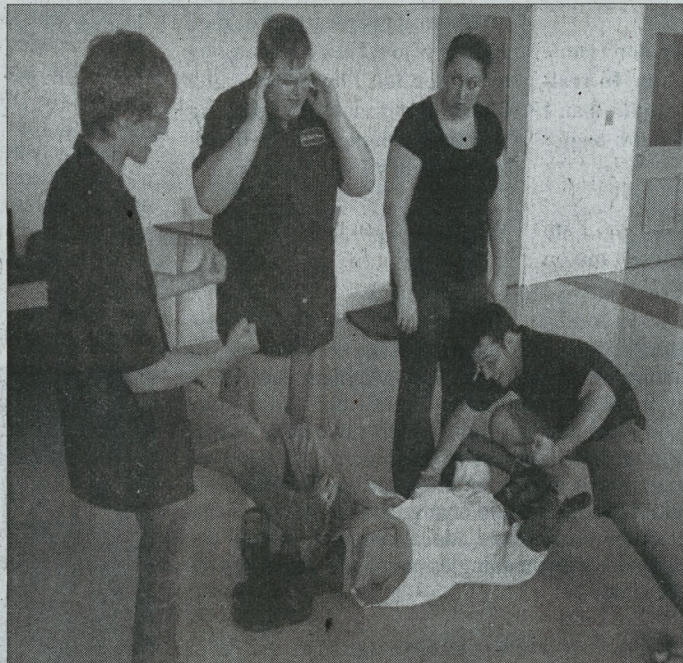
Practice makes perfect, even for "impromptu" improv

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Swash was formed in 2002 and still thrives on campus today.



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While holding auditions, Swash members perform a skit.

"I Like My Women" is one of the many improv games that are a popular choice among the Swash improv team members and their audience.

What is Swash Improv? Chuck Givens, leader of the troupe, is the best person to explain the concept.

"We are mostly a short-form style improv troupe, which means our repertoire is made up of games similar to those seen on 'Whose Line Is It Anyway?'" said Givens.

The group consists of current ECU students, with majors ranging from chemistry to communication and theatre.

Corey Brown formed the concept of Swash in 2002. Brown, who now works with Upright Citizens Brigade in New York, started the troupe under the impression that there were no groups like it before at ECU. At that time, improv was a relatively new and blossoming art form.

Swash meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in the Messick building to practice. A little known fact is that all rehearsals are open, so anyone can come and enjoy the performance.

Just because it's improv doesn't mean it's not practiced.

"People ask us, 'Why do you need to practice? Isn't everything improvised anyways?'" True, but there's a lot to be said for having a group mind and having everyone be on the same page," Givens said. "Plus, it's a whole lot easier to memorize our lines that way."

Swash's first show of the

season will be on September 10 at 8:00 p.m. in room 244 of Mendenhall Student Center. The show will made up of team-based games and a little audience participation.

Swash does more than just a few shows every semester. It is also a group concerned with giving back to the community, giving all of its proceeds to the Eastern Carolina Humane Society. They are gearing up for a busy semester, with events that all students at ECU can enjoy.

"We're trying to work on hosting our very own improv festival," Givens said. "We have had a great response from several college and professional troupes, so hopefully we'll be able to get it up and ready by our tentatively scheduled date sometime in April."

For Givens, being a part of Swash has not only allowed him to perform improv, but the support from the audience and devoted fans have generated memories that he will never forget.

"I have a lot of great memories but one that sticks out in my mind was from two seasons ago at our final show," he said. "It was the first time we had done a bracket-style tournament, and we wanted it to be a huge show. I said we should try to shoot for over 100 people to be in the audience, something that is difficult to do, given the timing [at the end of the school year before exams start]."

Unfortunately for Givens, this was around the time that his grandfather passed away, making him unable to participate or even attend the final show.

"One of our members, Ryan Holden, gave me a call shortly after the show was over and he told me 'You got your wish, buddy. There were well over a hundred people here,'" Givens recalled. "That really touched me. Knowing that Swash had reached and surpassed our goal made me feel very proud."

Swash recently held auditions for their troupe last week in order to recruit new members for this year's season.

"At the audition, we basically ran through some of our more popular games to get a good idea of what kind of talent everyone had," said Rob Breiner, a Swash member who was present at the auditions. "By running through those games, we got a good idea of everyone's sense of humor and acting style was like and how well they could play our games."

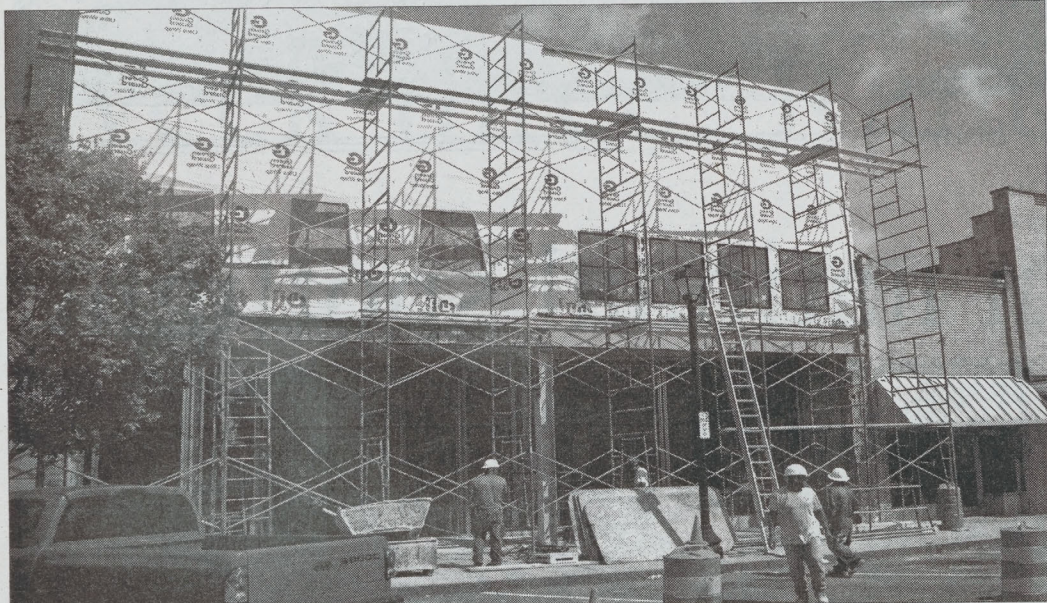
Swash also recruited members for their sister group, Swish, at the auditions.

Givens offers encouragement to those who are new to improv, saying that practice makes perfect, because the overall idea of improv is to have fun.

"There aren't any scripts to memorize, and if you mess up, it's okay! The other thing I'd tell them is to try and not be funny. The funniest instances in life are those that come naturally," Givens added. "All of our shows are free to everyone. Come see us! Without an audience, it's only a rehearsal."

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This location, by Evans, is one that has been examined by ECU.

ECU looks to host a venue in downtown Greenville

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The downtown Greenville entertainment scene might be getting some more Pirate pride within the next year.

ECU is currently in the conceptual stages of planning an entertainment venue for students to enjoy downtown.

Don't get too excited just yet though. According to Dean Smith, the associate director for finance and administration, the idea of the venue is just that—an idea.

"It's important to note that housing a venue downtown is a concept that we are currently assessing," said Smith. "We are not completely committed but it is something that we are

definitely taking interest in."

Smith notes that ECU has submitted paperwork that will be reviewed by the state over the next few months. The process is said to be long and tedious, possibly spanning over several months.

Currently, students can enjoy various venue-like locations on campus for live entertainment, including the Pirate Underground in Mendenhall, the MSC Brickyard, the bottom of College Hill and the Mall area in the center of campus. Even Todd and West End dining halls are increasingly being used by organizations for events.

The proposed venue could even expand to include meeting space during the day for

organizations and administration. This can help ease parking woes on campus and give people a unique opportunity to meet in a different environment.

Smith adds that although the exact location of the venue is an important factor, there are many other concepts of the project to consider.

"We have debated whether it will be limited solely to ECU students, whether it will be non-alcoholic or non-smoking, along with many other aspects to take into consideration," Smith said.

These decisions will be discussed not only with administration, but with a planning committee that includes students.



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The venue would feature space for programming, including music.

"Although it is still a concept, we still want to generate student opinion in order to determine how they want the venue to be," Smith said.

One of those students is Courtney Redd, who envisions the idea of ECU bringing entertainment to a downtown venue exciting.

"I would definitely go, because it would be awesome to not have to drive to Raleigh or even another state for a decent show," said Redd.

Just as anyone would have requests, Redd's only demands are for ECU to make the venue non-smoking and free to ECU students.

"A lot of places downtown I don't enjoy going to anymore. While I love the

bands, I usually hate the venue because it's so smoky," she said. "I also believe that ECU students shouldn't have to pay a cover charge, but non-students should."

Crystal Packard, who graduates in December, thinks the venue will be refreshing for students to enjoy entertainment off campus.

"Although I won't be here to see it happen, I think current and upcoming students are being given a great opportunity," said Packard. "This can definitely help people get off campus and out of Mendenhall Student Center to a different and lively location."

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Britney steals spotlight at MTV Video Music Awards



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Best New Artist winners, Tokio Hotel.



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Spears won 3 awards, including Video of the Year.

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Coming off of not-so-great ratings and reviews in 2007, the MTV Video Music awards had much to prove for 2008.

In its 25th year, the ceremony kicked off the night with an annual preshow that consisted of dancers, interviews with celebrities and pictures on the red carpet. Most artists showed up in the usual form of transportation, but some showed up wanting nothing more than to show up. Best New Artist nominee Tokio Hotel showed up in a monster truck with their faces plastered on the side and their music blasting, which may not be the humblest of entrances, but it surely grabbed the attention of viewers.

T-Pain arrived on an elephant accompanied by typical circus acts in a disgusting self-promotion attempt for his upcoming release *3 Rings*. Katy Perry (who kissed a girl and liked it) showed up in a black limo with Wal-Mart's sweetheart Miley Cyrus. I guess we are supposed to think they are the new "it" couple and should go out and buy Katy Perry's CD. We can do that, however, when no one has heard of you and wonders what you are doing at such an event, then it must be necessary.

The actual show did not go as planned, MTV picked sex addict and crude U.K. comic

Russell Brand, of "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" fame, to host the awards. He constantly made fun of the Jonas Brothers for staying pure and wearing purity rings showing their commitment to God. The crowd was mild after his first attempts at the recurring joke, but Brand continued to poke fun at the brothers until he lost the crowd all together. Fellow promise ring-wearer Jordin Sparks replied to his comments by saying that the bands are okay because "not every guy and a girl wants to be a slut."

In a way, Brand committed career suicide with his hosting gig, not only by demoralizing one of the most popular groups in America, but by deciding to make fun of President George W. Bush. After telling the audience that in his country, citizens would not trust him with a pair of scissors, Brand proceeded to tell viewers who to vote for, which of course was Barack Obama. Last time we checked, that is the job of Americans.

Besides Brand's horrendous hosting abilities, we saw performances by the Jonas Brothers, Pink, Rihanna, T-Pain, Lil Wayne, Paramore, Christina Aguilera and Kid Rock. It was amazing to see the number of lip-syncing that went on.

Did they learn nothing from Ashlee Simpson's SNL catastrophe?

The worst lip-syncing award goes to Batgirl, or as most of you know her: Christina Aguilera. Her lip-syncing was so off that you would think she was just repeating the word "watermelon" over and over again.

After her performance, Kid Rock even made a comment that he would not be lip-syncing his music that night. The best performance of the night would have to go to the Jonas Brothers who had the best stage antics with a movie set disappearing and a stage appearing with thousands of screaming tweens rushing around them.

Perhaps the highlight of the night went to Britney Spears, who took home three moon men after many years of leaving empty-handed. While some may look at it as a pit awards (since all nominations and winners were decided by viewers), it definitely shows that the public does want to see Spears make a comeback and are behind her, even though she has had questionable antics in the past year. Otherwise, Spears looked good on stage where she looked like her former self. Maybe she is serious about a comeback.

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In France, the Big Dipper is called the "casserole."

In 1894, the carnival made its debut in North America.

In Greece, the climate is so warm that many of the cinemas do not even have roofs.

Close to 3 billion movie tickets are sold in India every year.

Buckingham Palace has over six hundred rooms.

In Las Vegas, casinos do not have any clocks.

The Great Wall stretches for about 4,500 miles across Northern China.

If someone were to fly once around the surface of the moon, it would be equal to a round trip from New York to London.

In China, September 20 is "Love Your Teeth Day."

In India, a 9-year-old girl was "married" to a stray dog, in a tribal custom made to protect a child whose first tooth appears on the upper gum.

In the U.S., the most common excuse made to get out of paying a ticket is to say they missed the sign.

India has the most post offices in the world.

One billion seconds is about 32 years.

Scatologists are experts who study feces.

The average four year-old child asks over four-hundred questions a day.

The Boeing 737 is nicknamed the Fat Albert.

The longest engagement lasted 67 years, and the couple ended up marrying when they were 82 years old.

The world's deepest gold mine is seven kilometers below the surface of the Earth.

There is an organization called SCROOGE in Charlottesville, Virginia that stands for Society to Curtail Ridiculous, Outrageous, and Ostentatious Gift Exchanges. This was formed to keep gift giving affordable and simple.

There was a 19th century Native American tribal chief who went under the name, "Not Able to Fornicate."

38 percent of Americans eat breakfast everyday.

Americans eat approximately 20 pounds of pasta per person each year.

The largest diamond that was ever found was 3106 carats.

At lift off, US space shuttles weight about 4.5 million pounds.

96 percent of people put the peanut butter on first when making a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

Americans are responsible for generating roughly 20 percent of the garbage in the world.

1 out of 350,000 Americans get electrocuted in their life.

7-Eleven is the largest retail chain in the world.

Americans write approximately 50 billion checks a year making it the second most frequent payment method used after cash.

Coca-Cola used to use the slogan "Good to the last drop," in 1908. This slogan was later used by Maxwell House.

EPCOT stands for "Experimental Prototype City Of Tomorrow."

Every year, kids in North America spend close to half a billion dollars on chewing gum.

In 1873, Colgate made toothpaste that was available in a jar.

In a study that was done by the University of Chicago in 1907, it was concluded that the easiest color to spot is yellow. This is why John Hertz, the founder of the Yellow Cab Company picked cabs to be yellow.

McDonald's restaurant has over 1.5 million employees all over the world.

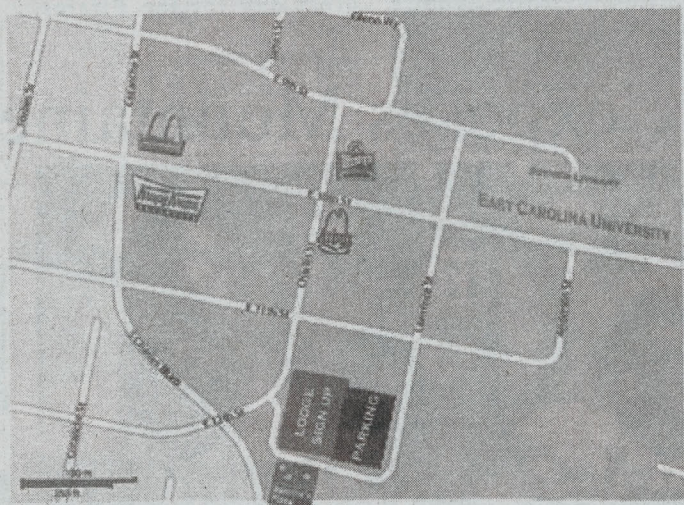
On average, a business document is copied 19 times.

The famous jewelry store Tiffany & Co. was established on September 18, 1837 in New York City. The amount of sales that were made the first day was \$4.98.

The IRS employees tax manual has instructions for collecting taxes after nuclear war.

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Most Valuable Pirate



ECU Defense

What the ECU defense did against Pat White and a speedy West Virginia offense on Saturday was nothing short of amazing. The talk surrounding all week was Pat White's newfound passing ability, after he had five touchdown passes against Villanova, but the Pirates kept him in check. White only threw for 72 yards and was constantly under pressure. The defense gave up only 251 of total offense; a stark difference from last year, when they allowed 599 in Morgantown. Couple that with the fact that the Mountaineers were held without a touchdown for the first time since a 45-3 loss to Miami in 2001 and you have a performance for the time capsule.

The Turning Point

After leading 17-3 at halftime, ECU came out hungry to put the game out of reach. The defense did their part in holding West Virginia on its first drive of the third quarter. When the Pirate offense got the ball back, they drove right down the field with a 12-play, six-minute drive, converting on three third downs to set up Jonathan Williams' one-yard touchdown run. The result was a 24-3 lead, which the Pirates would not relinquish.

"So many times the ballgame is determined in the first five minutes of the third quarter."
-Skip Holtz

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ECU is once again one of the best 25 college football teams in America according to the AP Poll released Sunday. A day after a demolishing 24-3 win over formerly No. 8 West Virginia, the Pirates entered the poll at No. 14. The ranking marks the highest position in the AP Poll since ECU finished No. 9 at the conclusion of the 1991 season.

THEY SAID IT

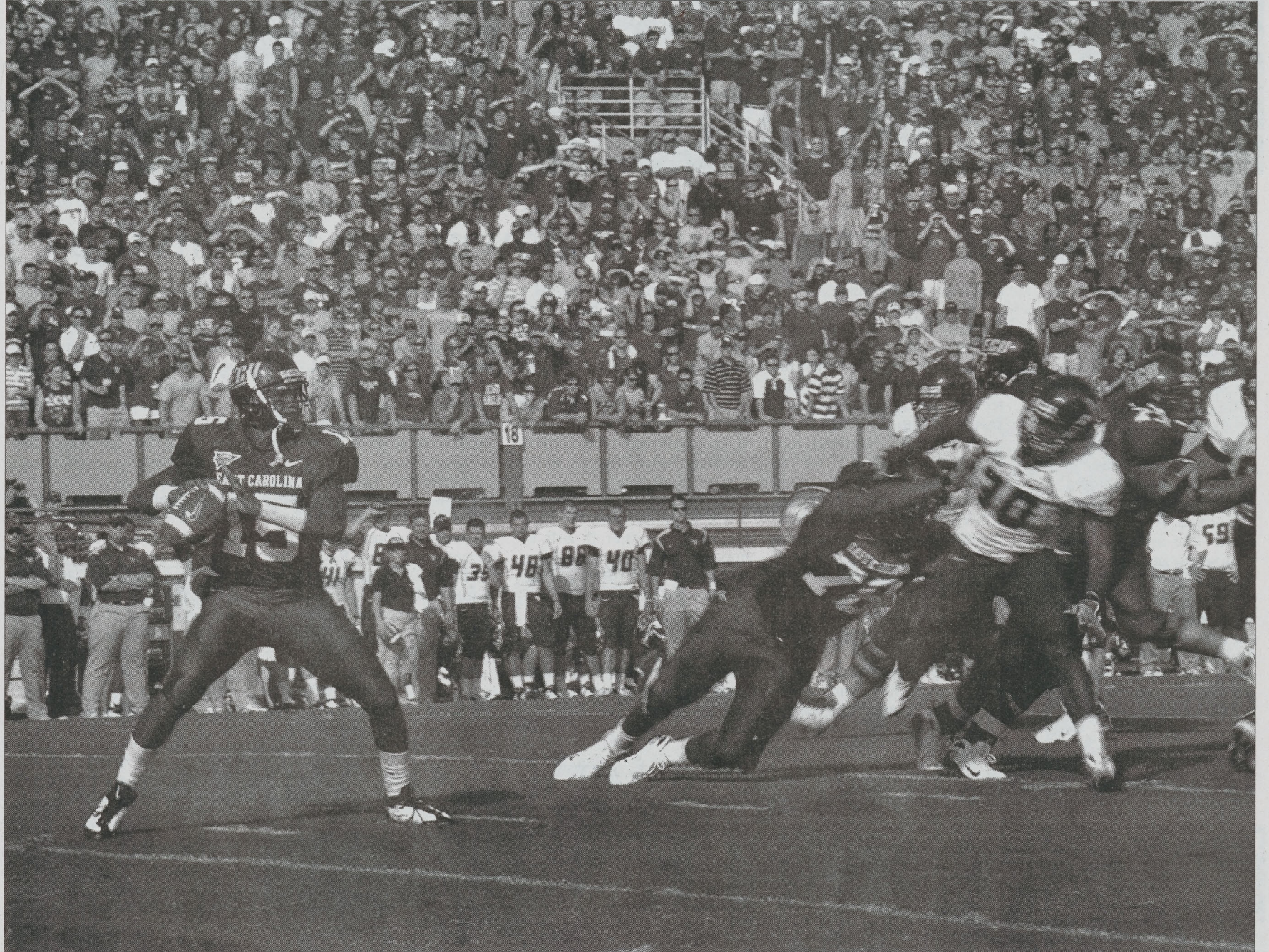
"It's an honor to have the opportunity to coach here. The effort and commitment that these seniors and these players have put in has been incredible. I couldn't be any happier for them for these last two weeks."
-Skip Holtz

"This team was very loose Friday night. I like a quiet locker room; A quiet locker room is a very focused locker room. That's how it has been the last two weeks and we have gone out and played extremely well."
-Skip Holtz

"Every team has a life expectancy of one year. We're definitely not the same team that we were last year, and they're not the same team they were last year."
-Linebacker Pierre Bell

"We were at the bottom, but now we're trying to shoot to the top and get some exposure."
-Running back Jonathan Williams

Pirates shine in national spotlight



ECU senior quarterback Patrick Pinkney delivers a pass in the Pirates' well-documented 24-3 victory over No. 8 West Virginia this past Saturday. AILEEN DEVLIN | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Pinkney leads ECU to 24-3 romp on West Virginia

JARED JACKSON
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

After two huge victories to start the 2008 season, ECU coach Skip Holtz told his players Saturday afternoon, "Welcome to big-time college football."

Under Holtz, ECU football has now stepped back into the mainstream resulting in the end of the "dark age" known as the John Thompson era. West Virginia came to Greenville Saturday afternoon on the heels of tropical storm Hanna, and like the storm; the No. 8 Mountaineers were unbelievably fast but lacked a lasting punch against the Pirates. The Mountaineers lost to ECU, 24-3, at Dowdy-Ficklen stadium in front of 43,610 fans; the fourth largest crowd in the stadium's history.

"I don't think you can put it into words," said Holtz. "I am so proud of these players and the way they have come out and completed the last few weeks. We played two elite programs and I am just

proud of the way our team has grown. They are playing with desire, passion and togetherness."

The Pirates have now won three straight over ranked opponents, dating back to the Hawaii Bowl win last season. Last week, ECU defeated No. 15 Virginia Tech, 27-22, before returning home this week to knock off No. 8 WVU.

"There was a time when we couldn't win three games in a year," Holtz said. "To win three in the last three weeks against three ranked opponents has been tremendous."

The defense proved to be the main headline of the day in holding a potent WVU offense to a game without a touchdown for the first time since a 45-3 loss to Miami in 2001.

The Pirates, who are now ranked No. 14 in the nation, held Heisman hopeful Pat White to 11-of-18 through the air for only 72 yards. This comes a week after White had the best passing game of his career in passing for 208 yards and five touchdowns.

While Pat White was the leading rusher for the Mountaineers with 97 yards on

the ground, he had no one except sophomore running back Noel Devine to help him out. Devine finished with 94 yards on 12 carries.

"Give credit to them, they are a great team," said ECU junior defensive end C.J. Wilson, who was a part of two sacks on the day. "He [Pat White] is a great player, but you want to contain him so that's what we worked on all week. We just went out there and executed and got a victory."

The WVU offense was held to 251 yards of total offense; a stark comparison to last year when the Mountaineers racked up 599 yards of offense against ECU. The only score all day for the Mountaineers was a Pat McAfee 26-yard field goal midway through the second quarter.

While the WVU offense sputtered out on nearly every drive, the opposite could be said for the Pirate offense, which was nearly unstoppable all afternoon—ending the game with 386 yards of total offense.

ECU took an early 7-0 advantage with a Jonathan Williams 5-yard touchdown

run on the Pirates' opening drive, which capped an 11-play opening drive, including an impressive Patrick Pinkney to Jamar Bryant 35-yard hookup on 3rd-and-9.

Ben Ryan added a 42-yard field goal in the middle of the second quarter but perhaps the game changing moment came when the ECU defense forced a West Virginia turnover on their own 35-yard-line. Four plays later, Pinkney threw a perfect 13-yard pass to Alex Taylor, putting ECU up 17-3 at halftime.

While the 17 points ECU scored in the first half turned out to be more than enough, Jonathan Williams once again added to the lead on the Pirates' first possession of the second half with a 1-yard touchdown run. The result was a 24-3 ECU advantage that would hold the rest of the way.

"I told this team I thought they were the better football team coming into this game," Holtz said. "I told them we had to believe; that it wasn't going to take an out of the body experience to win."

Senior quarterback Patrick Pinkney had another great day for the Pirates,

going 22-of-28 for 236 yards and one touchdown. While Pat White's newfound passing ability was the headline heading into the game, Pinkney flew under the radar and in turn, played an efficient game.

"West Virginia is a great team, but we're a great team too," said Pinkney. "The best team won today."

The Pirates now turn their focus to Conference USA foe Tulane as they travel to New Orleans to open up conference play.

If the hype of the conference opener wasn't enough, now ECU must worry about handling the attention that comes with knocking off two straight ranked opponents to open the season.

If the victory over West Virginia is an indication, each Pirate victory from here on out will serve as a beacon for more and more attention.

"We've learned how to win, but can we learn how to handle winning," Holtz said. "Today [West Virginia victory] was a big step in the right direction."

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Opinion: ECU's defense exposes Mountaineers' flaws

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Defensive linemen Marcus Hands (92) and Josh Smith (91) corral West Virginia quarterback Pat White. AILEEN DEVLIN | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

This time there was no Darius Reynaud and no Owen Schmitt. This time there was no explosiveness and not even a touchdown scored by West Virginia.

This time, the Mountaineers didn't stand a chance.

The Pirates' defense dominated No. 8 WVU this past Saturday by limiting Pat White, daring someone other than the Heisman Trophy candidate to beat them. The Mountaineers had no answer for that strategy and left Greenville with a 24-3 loss.

In former coach Rich Rodriguez's offense, what made West Virginia so dangerous was the plethora of weapons that were on the field at one time. If a defense tried to focus all of its attention on stopping Pat White or Steve Slaton, the Mountaineers' "other parts," Darius Reynaud in particular, would make a big play and be the difference in the game.

Two years ago, ECU was down one touchdown to the Mountaineers in the fourth quarter when Reynaud took a simple screen pass and sliced through the Pirate defense for a 60-yard touchdown reception that put the game out of reach.

Week three: Ranking the Carolinas

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1. ECU

Record: 2-0
Last Week: Won vs. West Virginia, 24-3

The Pirates have officially landed on the national scene after dominating No. 8 West Virginia, 24-3. ECU now has three-straight wins over ranked opponents and has vaulted itself into the top 25, at No. 14. Saturday's win marked ECU's most impressive win in school history, in terms of a ranked opponent. West Virginia, at No. 8, is the now the highest-ranked team ECU has ever beat, eclipsing the Pirates' win over Miami in 1999, when the Hurricanes were ranked ninth in the nation. The sky is now the limit for ECU, and its national ranking and attention can only go up as it continues to rack up wins.



2. WAKE FOREST

Record: 2-0
Last Week: Won vs. Ole Miss, 30-28

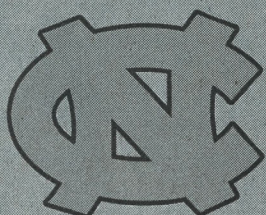
The Deacons gave the ACC some rare hope by holding off a pesky Ole Miss squad at home this past Saturday. Ole Miss scored a go-ahead touchdown with 1:01 left to play, making the score 28-27, but Wake quarterback Riley Skinner led the Deacons down the field and fifth-year senior Sam Swank nailed a 41-yard field goal as time expired, giving Wake the hard-fought win. Wake has a bye week this week before playing at Florida State on Sept. 20—a game that could go a long way in deciding the ACC's champion.



3. CLEMSON

Record: 1-1
Last Week: Won vs. The Citadel, 45-17

Clemson avenged its degrading loss to Alabama in the season-opener by taking out its frustration on The Citadel in week two. Clemson's offense looked like it was supposed to, racking up 525 yards in balanced fashion. Running back CJ Spiller scored three touchdowns, while James Davis added 107 yards and a touchdown of his own on the ground. The Tigers have three more home games against inferior opponents, starting with N.C. State, and a bye week before playing at Wake Forest in a crucial Thursday night game.



4. UNC

Record: 1-0
Last Week: bye

The Tar Heels move up a spot, despite not doing anything. We will find out a lot about this team this Thursday night, when it plays at Rutgers on ESPN. UNC didn't look like very good in its season-opener, barely beating Division 1-AA McNeese State. Butch Davis is a very good coach however, and we should expect a better performance this week against a much better opponent.



5. S. CAROLINA

Record: 1-1
Last Week: Lost at Vanderbilt, 24-17

The Gamecocks were beat by Vanderbilt for the second year in a row last Thursday. The win was Vandy's first win over ranked opponent since 1992, and it knocked South Carolina from its No. 24 ranking. South Carolina was down by two touchdowns with about nine minutes left and attempted to fight back late in the game, but the comeback came up short. It will be very interesting to see how Steve Spurrier and his Gamecocks respond this week, when the super-talented Georgia Bulldogs come to town.

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ECU did a great job of containing Steve Slaton that day, holding him to a season-low 80 rushing yards but it was Reynaud who made the difference with a game-high 168 all-purpose yards. Last season, Reynaud had two touchdown catches and 112 offensive yards in WVU's 48-7 win in Morgantown, W.Va.

Reynaud is now with the Minnesota Vikings and on Saturday, WVU looked very vanilla and disorganized on offense. The Mountaineers' receiving corps, trying to fill the void left by Reynaud, managed just six catches for 39 yards. To put that in perspective, ECU's Dwayne Harris had two more catches and 29 more yards by himself than WVU's receivers combined.

"The past two years, [Darius] Reynaud really burned us, along with Pat White," said Van Eskridge, ECU's starting free safety. "We knew coming in that we were going to have to stop those bubble screens and really limit their yards after the catch. Basically, the way to take

care of that is to get 11 guys running to the football, and that's what happened today."

ECU coach Skip Holtz, who now has the Pirates ranked No. 14 in the nation, adamantly praised the gameplan on defense in his postgame press conference. The Pirates' plan was to play their base defense and eliminate the big plays that West Virginia has thrived on lately.

"I thought Greg Hudson and the defensive staff did a phenomenal job of putting together a gameplan to keep this high-powered offense in check," Holtz said. "They did an unbelievable job. ... Their isn't a coverage that Pat White hasn't seen in the past three years and the plan wasn't to out-scheme them. Let's play fast, play physical, line up and keep the ball in front of us."

ECU dominated the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball under this gameplan. White was sacked three times and never really looked comfortable at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. He frequently aborted pass plays

because of the pressure ECU was causing, opting to escape from the pocket and use his feet instead. Although White led WVU in carries and rushing yards, he only threw for 72 and the Mountaineers' longest pass play of the game was 13 yards.

"Our defensive line was amazing and the penetration that they were creating made things so much easier for the rest of the defense," said linebacker Pierre Bell.

In last season's matchup, the Mountaineers shredded ECU's defense with 599 yards on offense and had four different players score touchdowns in a true display of versatility. This time, aside from one long run by speedy running back Noel Devine, WVU's longest play from scrimmage was a 23-yard run by White. Unlike years past, WVU displayed an offense that was way too dependent on its quarterback and lacked playmakers on the outside.

The Pirates stressed the importance of eliminating the

big play in preparation for WVU's offense.

"I watched the entire game from last year every day this week," Eskridge said. "I came over early some days and stayed late on some days. We also watched their film against Villanova [in week one] and the film study went a long way in helping us out today."

Down 7-0, WVU's first possession resulted in a turnover; something first-year head coach Bill Stewart said the Mountaineers never really recovered from.

"After that [fumble], we could not get into a rhythm," said Stewart. "...I thought we had some big running plays, but we just ran up against a good defense today."

What the Mountaineers ran into was a defense that had the perfect gameplan, and a group of players who were committed to that gameplan.

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Former Pirates on display in NFL's opening week

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As the Tennessee Titans prepared to take on the visiting Jacksonville Jaguars on Sunday, a side story rooting back to Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium and ECU football began.

Former ECU greats David Garrard and Chris Johnson were both trying to establish themselves in the NFL, but doing it in different ways.

For former ECU quarterback David Garrard, the day was about establishing himself as the starter and leader of the explosive Jaguars offense. Garrard, who is ECU's all-time leading passer and leader of the Jaguars to the playoffs last season, is entering his first full season as the Jaguars' starting quarterback.

But the Tennessee defense proved to be too much to handle in a 17-10 win by the underdog Titans.

The aggressive Titans' defense contained the former Pirate standout, sacking him seven times and intercepting him twice.

"This is the sorest I have ever been," Garrard told the Associated Press. "I don't like being this sore."

Titans coach Jeff Fisher accredited the win mainly to his defense.

"If you get seven sacks in a ballgame, it speaks volumes of what you're doing up front," said Fisher. "With the turnovers, it was definitely a huge day...we had to have that kind of day definitely to win this ballgame."

There was another bright spot for the Titans, and it came as a familiar face for ECU football fans.

Former ECU running back Chris Johnson, who led the NCAA in all-purpose yards last season, made his rookie debut with the Titans, proving that he has the skill and the speed to compete at the professional level.

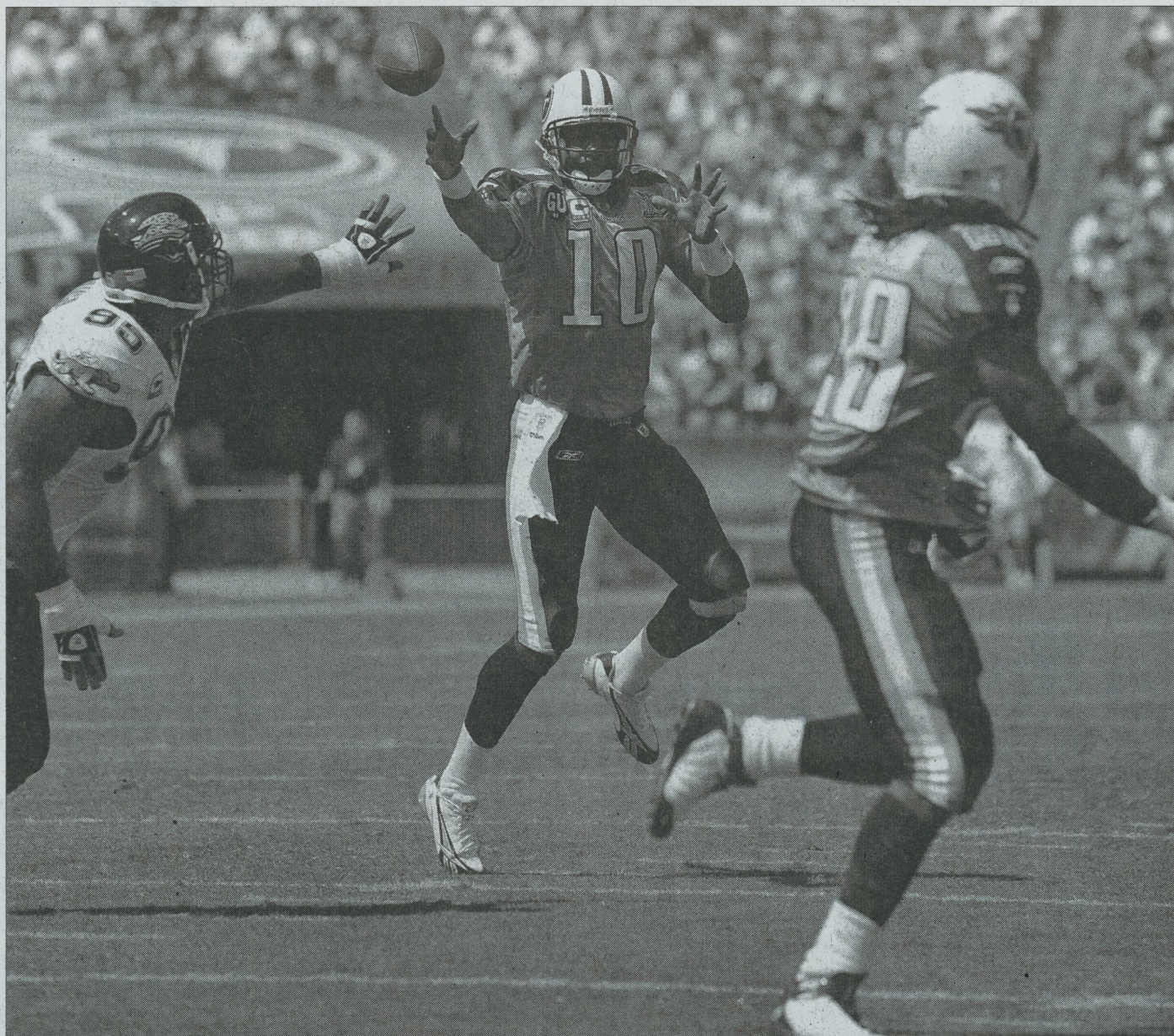
The opening offensive play for Tennessee was an 18-yard dash by the speedy back that gave commentators, fans and opposing players a little taste of what Johnson has to offer. "We've got somebody who can break that big one and get us six [points]," Titans' defensive lineman Javon Kearsae said of Johnson. "On the defense, it's incentive for us to get the ball back so we can watch this young boy use those fresh legs."

Johnson finished the day with 127 total yards before leaving the game a little early due to a light injury. He is expected to play next week.

For Pirate fans, this comes as no surprise, considering it was this lightning speed that contributed greatly to ECU's victory over Boise State in the Hawaii Bowl last December.

Tennessee-fullback Ahmard Hall, who is the lead blocker for Johnson on most plays, is glad to have the former ECU star in the Titans' backfield this season.

"He slips loose, he's gone, no one is going to catch him," said Hall. "It's so exciting because we haven't had that here in a long time. Chris is the X factor. You put him in there, he can catch the ball, you have to respect him when he's out wide. ... We've got a lot in store for Chris. It's only going to get bigger, and we're only going to give teams more to prepare for each week with the threat of what Chris can do."



Former ECU running back Chris Johnson (28) prepares to catch a pass from Titans quarterback Vince Young.

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Garrard and Johnson exchanged pleasantries after the game, uniting together as former ECU greats.

The veteran Garrard is trying to find his identity by establishing himself as the leader of the Jaguars' offense and the young rookie Chris Johnson is slowly, or maybe not so slowly, making

his mark in the Titans' organization and NFL as a whole.

Johnson stole the show in week one, but both are expected to represent ECU football well this season.

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2. Georgia (23)
3. Oklahoma (2)
4. Florida (4)
5. Ohio State (1)
6. Missouri (1)
7. LSU (1)
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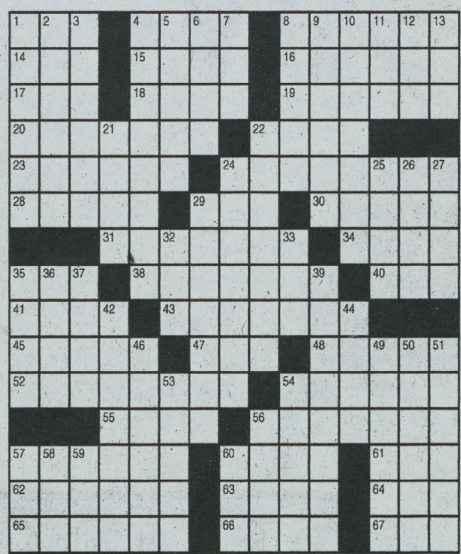
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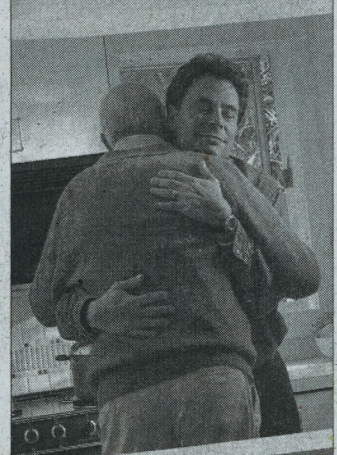
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