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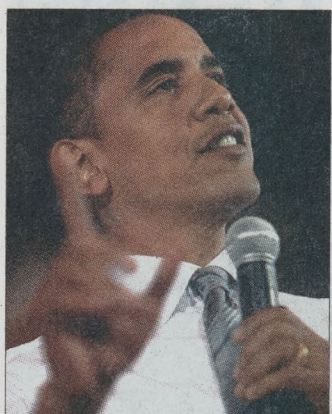
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## OBAMA'S STAND

Before the war in Iraq began, Barack Obama opposed it. His plan for Iraq is to remove troops responsibly and carefully. According to his official Web site, he "believes we must be as careful getting out of Iraq as we were careless getting in." Obama plans to remove troops by working with the Iraqi government and using military commanders on the ground in the country. Obama plans to deploy one to two military brigades a month for 16 months until American troops are not needed anymore. The timeline: troops will be out by 2010. However, Obama's plan includes keeping a residual force in Iraq (but not building permanent bases) to protect the U.S. against terrorism, conduct counter-terrorism projects against Al Qaeda and train and support security forces within the country.

To learn more about Obama's stance on this issue and others, visit [barackobama.com](http://barackobama.com) and click on the "issues" tab.

"Here is the truth: fighting a war without end will not force the Iraqis to take responsibility for their own future. And fighting in a war without end will not make the American people safer. So when I am Commander-in-Chief, I will set a new goal on day one: I will end this war. Not because politics compels it. Not because our troops cannot bear the burden—as heavy as it is. But because it is the right thing to do for our national security, and it will ultimately make us safer."

—BARACK OBAMA



## After five years we still remember

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Iraq War Results & Statistics  
as of August 27, 2008

Troops in Iraq:

**147,300**

Soldiers killed:

**4,469**

U.S. monthly spending in Iraq in 2008:

**\$12 BILLION**

U.S. spending per second:

**\$5,000**

Cost of deploying one

U.S. soldier for one year in Iraq:

**\$390,000**

Journalists killed:

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Iraqi Civilians Killed (estimated):

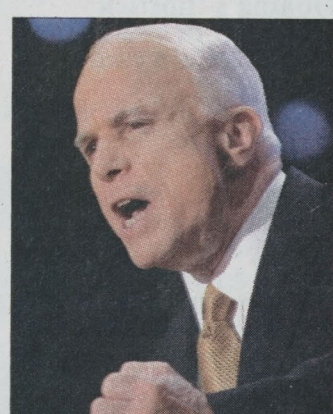
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## McCain's STAND

John McCain's take on the war in Iraq includes staying in the country until the Iraqi government is capable of standing on its own. McCain believes that leaving early would be a mistake for Iraq, its neighbors and the U.S. He has said that he will only stay as long as is necessary, but does not want to withdraw too quickly. According to McCain, an early American withdrawal would lead to a failed Iraqi state and a haven for terrorists. McCain wants to guard against that by staying until an Iraqi security force is in place and capable of defending against terrorists or other security breaches.

To learn about McCain's stance on this issue and others, visit [johnmccain.com](http://johnmccain.com) and click on the "issues" tab.

"I do not want to keep our troops in Iraq a minute longer than necessary to secure our interests there. Our goal is an Iraq that can stand on its own as a democratic ally and a responsible force for peace in its neighborhood. Our goal is an Iraq that no longer needs American troops. And I believe we can achieve that goal, perhaps sooner than many imagine. But I do not believe that anyone should make promises as a candidate for President that they cannot keep if elected. To promise a withdrawal of our forces from Iraq, regardless of the calamitous consequences to the Iraqi people, our most vital interests, and the future of the Middle East, is the height of irresponsibility. It is a failure of leadership."

—JOHN MCCAIN

## Students, parents still up in arms about police actions

NATALIE JURGEN  
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Investigations regarding unnecessary force at Saturday afternoon's ECU-West Virginia University game are still underway.

The 24-3 Pirate victory celebration did not go as planned. On Monday, approximately a dozen complaints were filed by students and spectators against various agencies for acts of alleged unnecessary force by police officers, and although not yet confirmed by ECU police chief Scott Shelton or any other police department, it has been rumored that there have been many more.

Attendance reached 43,610, the fourth largest crowd in ECU history and the largest since Skip Holtz has taken over as head coach; 114 police officers were present at the game, 60 of which were on the field.

Of these 60 officers, it has been confirmed that a number of them did exude excessive and unnecessary force against some of the students that rushed the field.

Shelton said his department's

investigation has positively identified police officers and sheriff deputies seen in video clips taken on the field after the game and necessary disciplinary actions will be carried out by the respective agencies.

Three arrests were made at the game, only one of which occurred on the field.

"There is no denying that what you saw on the film is sickening in nature," said Shelton. "Now what we have to do is make sure we do a thorough investigation and find out, not necessarily what the person did for him to be taken to the ground, but why were punches thrown?"

In the meantime, ECU students are questioning police actions.

ECU junior Wesley Sawyer was among the many students that rushed the field after the game.

"I was standing along the fence near the field goal post with everyone else," said Sawyer. "As soon as the clock ran out people started jumping over the fence. I didn't even realize what was



AILEEN DEVLIN | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

A fan rushes the field after the WVU game Saturday.

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## Pirate Rant of the Day

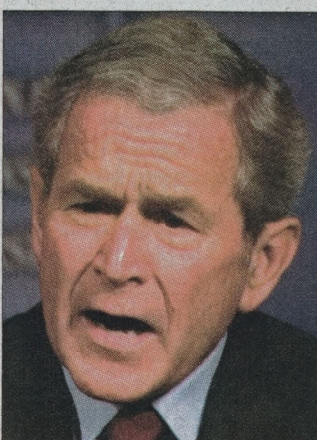
What's the deal with everybody wanting to pee on something? Listening to too much R. Kelly I guess...

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The ECU football team was ranked No. 2 in the nation by one AP voter this past week.

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## NEWSLINE

### Obama's 'lipstick' comment draws uproar from McCain camp

Yesterday the news was full of chatter about Senator Barack Obama's comment on Tuesday that John McCain's and President Bush's policies were no better than putting 'lipstick on a pig'—a phrase that McCain himself has used many times in his campaign—but McCain and camp felt that Obama's phrasing was targeting Sarah Palin, the Republican vice presidential nominee.

Obama responded by saying that McCain was playing the "gender card" inappropriately.

"Technically, had I meant it this way she would be the lipstick, you see. The failed policies of John McCain would be the pig," Obama said, at his appearance on the Letterman Show on Tuesday night. "Just following the logic of this illogical situation."

McCain's campaign demanded an apology, alleging that Obama was "smearing" Palin with "offensive and disgraceful" comments.

Obama said yesterday that he's not buying that McCain or Palin are offended.

"This whole thing about lipstick, nobody actually believes that these folks are offended," he said. "Oh, we're shocked. Everybody knows it's cynical, everybody knows it's insincere."

McCain campaign spokesman Brian Rogers responded, saying: "Barack Obama can't campaign with schoolyard insults and then try to claim outrage at the tone of the campaign. His talk of new politics is as empty as his campaign trail promises."

### Evacuations begin in Texas in preparation for Ike

Authorities warned 1 million Texas residents to flee inland along with the frail and elderly that were bused to safer locations in preparation for Hurricane Ike to hit the Texas coast that includes the nation's largest concentration of refineries and chemical plants. Drawing energy from the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico, the strengthening storm was expected to blow ashore early Saturday somewhere between Corpus Christi and Houston, with some forecasts saying it could become a Category 4, with winds of at least 131 mph. Such a storm could cause a storm surge of 18 feet in Matagorda Bay and four to eight feet in Galveston Bay, emergency officials warned. The surge in Galveston Bay could push floodwaters into Houston, damaging areas that include the nation's biggest refinery and NASA's Johnson Space Center. Four counties south and east of Houston announced mandatory or voluntary evacuations, and authorities began moving weak and chronically ill patients by bus to San Antonio, about 190 miles from Houston. At 5 p.m. EDT Monday, Ike was a Category 2 storm with winds near 100 mph. It was about 720 miles east of Brownsville, Texas, and was moving northwest at 8 mph, after ravaging homes in Cuba and killing at least 80 people in the Caribbean. No matter where Ike hits, its effects are likely to be felt for hundreds of miles, said Mark Sloan, emergency management coordinator for Harris County, which includes Houston.

### Defeating extremists in Afghanistan becomes more urgent

Even with American troops headed soon from an increasingly quiet Iraq to a more turbulent Afghanistan, defeating extremists in Afghanistan is growing more complex and more urgent, President Bush's senior defense advisers say.

"Frankly, we are running out of time," Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told the House Armed Services Committee on Wednesday, referring to the international effort to stabilize Afghanistan.

"I'm not convinced we're winning in Afghanistan," said Mullen, adding quickly, "I'm convinced we can." What is needed, he said, is better Afghan governance, more foreign investment, a viable alternative to poppy farming, greater cooperation with Pakistan and more U.S. nonmilitary assistance. Mullen and Defense Secretary Robert Gates, testifying together one day

# Bush orders removal of troops in Iraq



AP | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Bush's proclamation of the removal of 8,000 troops from Iraq Tuesday.

(MCT)

President Bush's announcement Tuesday that he'll maintain troop levels in Iraq through the end of his presidency suggests that despite his claim that the surge of additional U.S. troops in Iraq has succeeded, the security gains could be temporary, defense officials and experts said.

"Here is the bottom line: While the enemy in Iraq is still dangerous, we have seized the offensive, and the Iraqi forces are becoming increasingly capable of leading and winning the fight," Bush said Tuesday in a speech before the National Defense University.

Bush, however, announced that he'll order only 8,000 more combat troops to leave Iraq by February, the month after his presidency ends, reducing the number there to about 138,000.

A Marine battalion and an Army brigade combat team from the Army's 10th Mountain Division that had been scheduled to deploy to Iraq will go to Afghanistan instead, Bush said.

U.S. defense officials said the president's decision to withdraw only 8,000 soldiers from Iraq reflects a persistent concern among top commanders that improvements in security could be temporary and renewed violence could erupt. Officials fear that Iran might reactivate the Shiite Muslim militias it has armed and trained and that the Sunni group al-Qaeda in Iraq is trying to re-establish itself in Mosul, Iraq's third-largest city.

Ret. Army Lt. Col. John Nagl, who helped craft the military's new counterinsurgency doctrine with Iraq commander Gen. David Petraeus, said that while the drawdown is small, the U.S. is winning—but withdrawing too soon could undermine that success.

"The security gains are real and tangible but fragile," said Nagl, who visited Iraq last month. "If you declare victory too soon, whether in a province or the whole country, al-Qaeda can come back. And it is a whole lot less work and a whole lot less blood spilled keeping them out once you have cleared an area than it is pulling out prematurely

and then having to go back and clear them out again."

Bush's plan appears to fall short of demands by the Iraqi government for a withdrawal timetable. Mohammed al-Askari, an Iraqi defense ministry spokesman, said Tuesday that Iraq is "moving in the right direction" and because of that the administration is "obliged to reduce its forces in Iraq within an acceptable time frame that ends in complete withdrawal."

The Iraqi government's inability to schedule provincial elections has raised concerns in other parts of the U.S. military leadership, defense officials told McClatchy Newspapers. The elections were supposed to be held next month; they could be postponed until summer.

Although Bush said that he plans to apply the lessons of the Iraq surge to Afghanistan, experts said the U.S. doesn't have enough troops to do that.

In Afghanistan, defense officials said, the president's decision would provide a net increase of about 1,500 U.S. troops, almost all of them helicopter crews, military police and logistics units attached to the Army brigade bound for Helmand province, the center of Afghanistan's illicit narcotics trade.

Bush said the troops in Afghanistan would do things similar to their missions in Iraq: train local forces, protect democratic institutions and regain control of the security situation. Similar to Iraq, the president said, the State Department would send more provincial reconstruction teams to Afghanistan to rebuild local economies.

But they'll do so with far fewer troops. There currently are 146,000 U.S. troops in Iraq and 33,000 in Afghanistan, a country about 50 percent larger than Iraq where the Islamist insurgency is gaining strength.

Marvin Weinbaum, a scholar at the nonpartisan Middle East Institute, said that given Afghanistan's complex tribal system, mountainous terrain and poor infrastructure, the U.S. would have to send 100,000 troops to have any sustainable impact.

"It's a decision built out of desperation," Weinbaum said.

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going on. I jumped the fence too and was soon grabbed and slammed to the ground by an officer who then pushed my face into the ground with his knee."

Sawyer said that his wrists were swollen for days from the handcuffs the officer placed around his hands while he sat with the other students being held. Sawyer claims that he was not even allowed to stand up.

In an email sent to ECU police and forwarded to *The East Carolinian*, Sawyer's father, Jeff, commented on the actions displayed Saturday.

"I hope this incident has opened the eyes of your department and you do what is right to protect the innocent victims that might someday be in a similar situation," he wrote.

Shelton said in a press release sent Tuesday that for the remainder of the football season ECU will use officers only from within Pitt County.

SGA president Andrew Griffin was also in close proximity to the events that occurred after the game.

"I was actually on the fence, front row and was wondering—what, through your investigation, excited these police officers that really were confrontational to the students in front of the fence," Griffin said Monday at a press conference with ECU and Greenville police. "They were really taunting us and saying, 'hey, if you come over this fence, you will get hurt.'"

Shelton responded with, "that's absolutely, totally unacceptable."

Videos of the event have been seen on a wide variety of mediums including YouTube, ESPN and a number of local news networks.

Chancellor Steve Ballard said Tuesday that the university will carefully review its game-day protocols and training to make sure everything possible is done to protect the safety of fans and players at the game.

"Safety is paramount," Ballard said. "Everything starts with that."

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# From barbecue to veggie paninis: Todd has it all



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Larry Barnhill and Vergzinette Nobles prepare pizzas at Todd.

ELISE PHILLIPS  
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

There's new food in town, and it's on College Hill.

Todd Dining Hall, now known as The Fresh Food Company, opened its doors on Sept.

3 with a smattering of new food options for students and staff. With new vegetarian dishes offered at every meal and almost every food item cooked right in front of students, Todd is definitely a different place than a mere six months ago when

construction began on the dining hall in April.

Seven show kitchens dot the landscape of the new dining hall, including an "action station" by the salad bar that is used for making stir-fry chicken, wings and other scrumptious entrees.



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Features include seven show kitchens where food is prepared in front of guests.

Despite all the changes, some things have stayed the same—like barbecue and fried chicken Wednesdays. Others like freshly tossed Thai salad and weekly sandwich specialties are totally new additions.

Joyce Sealey, food director at ECU, says that students are enjoying the new menu.

"They love it," she said. "There's more offerings [and] everything is basically prepared right in front of them."

Why The Fresh Food Company? Sealey says that the market-style atmosphere is becoming common for busi-

nesses and educational institutions around the nation.

"Universities around the country have embraced the Fresh Food Company concept that focuses on serving fresh, locally-grown foods and making preparation more visible to the customers," she said.

Food isn't the only thing that's fresh at Todd. New equipment—including a meat smoker and pizza deck oven—have been added to the entourage. The pizza deck is used to make a variety of pizzas each day, and the meat smoker is used to prepare different meats

for lunch and dinner, including ribs, flank steak and smoked salmon. A daily pasta selection is offered as well, and a specialty sandwich item is on the menu each week, including a vegetarian option (mozzarella and tomato and vegetable paninis are just a couple of these veggie alternatives).

Other additions? Homemade potato chips, two soups offered daily and lots more choices for both meat-lovers and vegetarians.

"You decide what you want," Sealey said. "It's always up to you to decide how healthy or unhealthy you want to be."

The renovations to Todd cost \$3 million, paid for by proceeds from student meal plans. Sealey said that this year students subscribed to meal plans have gone up, with 7,145 students enrolled this year compared to 6,317 students last year.

Besides new food and a new set up, another addition (or subtraction?) has been initiated at Todd. Trays are no longer provided for diners at Todd, although a few remain for people with medical or physical challenges. This change was initiated to curtail food and water waste.

A test pilot last November showed that it took approximately 2,000 gallons of water to wash dining hall trays, and about .12 to .24 more food was thrown away when trays were available to diners. Over the course of two days that trays weren't in use, waste was reduced by 2,813 pounds.

For students who don't have a meal plan: prices at Todd are \$4.80 for breakfast, \$7.20 for lunch and \$7.60 for dinner.

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# Hagan, Dole support offshore drilling

(AP)

Both candidates for U.S. Senate in North Carolina raced Wednesday to declare their support for offshore drilling, just three months after the two opposed the idea because of concerns it might harm the environment and tourism.

Disputing an ad that started airing Wednesday, paid for by Republican Sen. Elizabeth Dole, a spokeswoman for Democratic challenger Kay Hagan said Hagan supports oil exploration off the coast of NC as a way to lower gas prices. Colleen Flanagan said Hagan backs such drilling as part of a package of proposals that includes investments in alternative energy.

"We need to increase the amount of gas we can get to working families," Flanagan said. "Working families can't continue to sit by and pay gas prices close to \$4 a gallon while half of Washington says you have to drill and half of Washington says you can't drill."

Both Hagan and Dole were previously vocal opponents of drilling.

Dole has long supported a federal moratorium on such exploration off the NC coast, saying it was necessary to protect the state tourism industry and marine habitat. She changed her mind in June, also citing high gas prices.

At that time, Hagan, a veteran state senator, slammed Dole for the decision, saying "empty rhetoric and false promises won't lower gas prices." But a month later, Hagan softened her stance by signing on to a bipartisan proposal offered by a small group of U.S. senators that included drilling, saying she was willing to approve such exploration as part of a compromise.

Flanagan said Wednesday that Hagan supports the idea of drilling as a solution and called Dole's ad a "lie."

Dole spokesman Dan McLagan said the campaign was under the impression that Hagan opposed offshore drilling, saying she's repeated the mantra in interview after interview.

"I don't think Hagan can keep track of what she has flip-flopped on anymore," McLagan said.

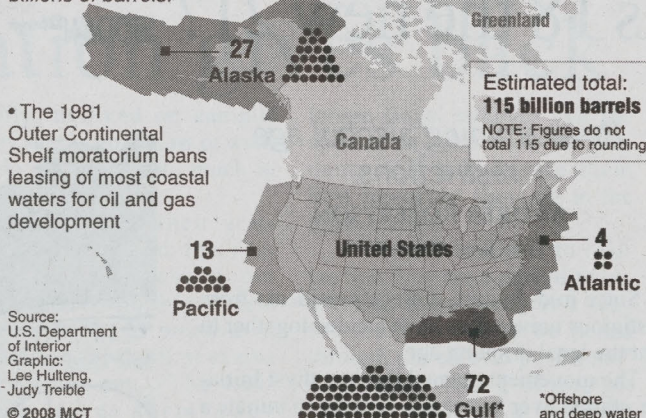
The plan Hagan supports would open up spots in the eastern Gulf of Mexico and allow Virginia, NC, South Carolina and Georgia to have the choice of drilling off their coasts. Flanagan said Wednesday that Hagan would also consider other drilling proposals.

Dole supports giving the states the option of doing offshore work and has also advocated for alternative energies.

Drilling has become one of

## Potential offshore oil reserves

President Bush has lifted the executive ban on offshore oil and gas drilling; Congress must lift its ban as well. Estimated oil reserves in billions of barrels:



the top issues this election year. Polls indicate that the American people widely support the additional exploration, something that has triggered some politicians to shift their positions.

But the federal government has expressed doubts on whether new offshore exploration would affect gas prices.

The Interior Department estimates that opening the remaining U.S. coastal waters to drilling could offer access to as much as 18 billion barrels of oil and 77 trillion cubic feet of natural gas beneath the 574 million acres.

Of that, about 3.8 billion barrels of oil and 37 trillion cubic feet of natural gas are suspected to be off the Atlantic coast.

Yet experts believe it could take years before production begins.

A report from the U.S. Energy Information Administration last year said leasing of the areas likely wouldn't begin until 2012 for the Pacific, Atlantic and eastern Gulf of Mexico, and the plans wouldn't significantly affect production or prices before 2030. The report indicated that the new oil would do little to move prices after that.

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after President Bush announced that one Marine battalion and one Army brigade would be shifted from Iraq to Afghanistan this fall and winter, both stressed the futility of relying too much on military power in Afghanistan.

"We cannot kill our way to victory," Mullen said. Gates did not address the issue of whether U.S. forces are winning, but after the hearing his press secretary, Geoff Morrell said Gates sees the conflict as an ill-fated attempt by the Taliban to overthrow the government.

"The secretary believes we won the war in Afghanistan back in 2001-2002 when we drove the Taliban from power," Morrell said. "They no longer run the country. They no longer control any significant territory within the country; however they are trying to reassert themselves ... and they will not be successful." U.S. commanders in Afghanistan say they need another 10,000 troops — about three times as many as they will receive this winter under the troop deployment Bush announced. The commanders also urge more nonmilitary aid and say the Afghan government must perform better.

### Palin to appear on 20/20

ABC announced Wednesday that vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin will appear on a prime-time special of 20/20 with Charles Gibson. Palin will be traveling to Fairbanks and Wasila, A.L. to talk with Gibson for the first set of interviews; Gibson will interview Palin a total of three times. The separate interviews will be spread out between different ABC shows, including *Good Morning America* and *Nightline*, according to ABC. The first part of interviews will be on *World News* at 10 p.m. on Thursday, and will include a bio of Palin and a round table discussion of the presidential race moderated by George Stephanopoulos. Fox News' documentary of Palin, "Governor Palin: An American Woman" last Saturday was the most watched prime-time documentary in the network's history, drawing 2.7 million viewers. CNN is also planning to do a special about Palin this weekend.

### Arrest made in hammer attack

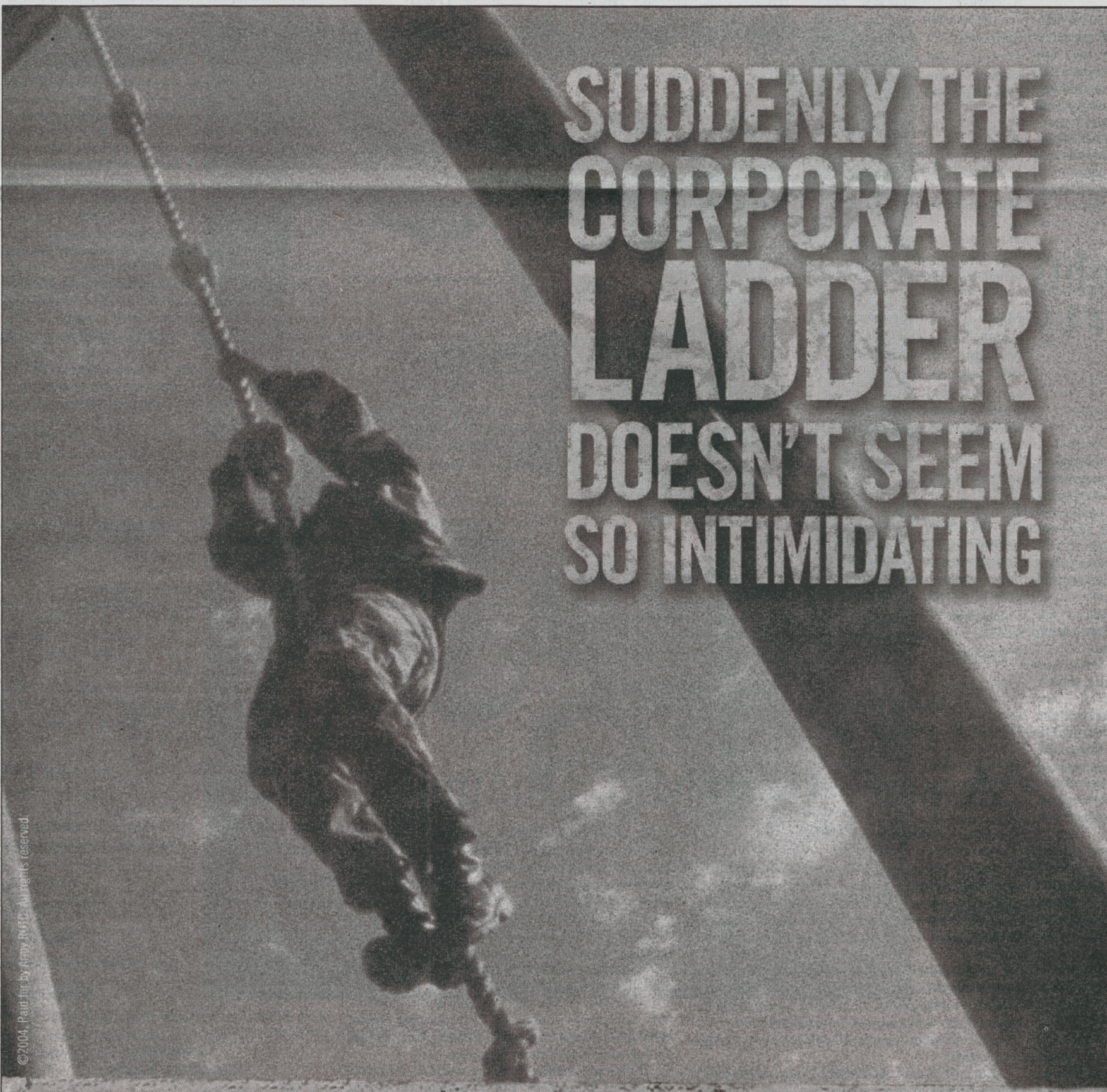
Philadelphia police arrested a man on Tuesday suspected of attacking a sleeping subway passenger with a hammer, while fellow riders allegedly did nothing to stop the incident.

Thomas Scantling, 26, of Philadelphia, was charged with attempted murder, aggravated assault and related charges, police said.

Scantling was taken to a mental institution following arrest.

"He has a long criminal history including rape, robbery, assault, narcotics violations," police commissioner Charles Ramsey said.

The victim, 20-year-old Dwayne Taylor, made his own way to a hospital and was treated for head and neck injuries. Taylor, who has been released from the hospital, said Tuesday he has no idea who the attacker is or why he was targeted.



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## Is 18 the new 21? STEDMAN

Re-examining alcohol age restrictions

ANDREA ROBERTSON  
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Since mid-August, college presidents from prestigious universities have banded together to fight the legal drinking age.

The movement, named the Amethyst Initiative, started over a year ago in order to initiate a nationwide debate to change the legal drinking age from 21 to 18.

Founded by the former president of Middlebury College, John McCordell, The Amethyst Initiative argues that the drinking age is constantly evaded and that changing the drinking age to 18 could prevent unnecessary deaths of young adults.

A recent study conducted by the U.S. Surgeon General showed that nearly 5,000 people younger than 21 die from underage drinking. It has also been reported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that more than 380 deaths occur from alcohol poisoning among college-age people.

McCordell is also the founder of the group, Choose Responsibility that proposed a legal requirement for people between 18 and 20 to take a drinking education class, similar to a drivers' education class, in order to obtain a "drinking license."

In an effort to prevent underage drinking if a teenager were to violate drinking laws before taking the class, they would not be eligible to take the class when they reached 18.

Alcohol is a legal substance in the United States and by not allowing legal adults to consume it turns alcohol into a forbidden fruit. Lowering the drinking age to 18 could take away the glamour of getting dangerously drunk.

For many college students, going downtown is a weekly routine. People who are under the age of 21 tend to consume the same amount of alcohol in a few hours as they would an entire night, in an attempt to remain inebriated because they are unable to purchase alcohol.

Issues of morals and ethics are also a concern. Students who hope to become teachers lose everything if they are caught drinking underage.

People between the ages of 18 and 20 are held accountable for their actions and are expected to be responsible citizens; however, they are not granted the same rights as those who are 21. Many deaths would be prevented if the drinking age were lowered. It is obvious that the current drinking age laws are not working. If an 18-year-old is responsible enough to risk his or her life by joining the military, they are responsible enough to decide to drink an alcoholic beverage.

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## Quick thoughts on a dirty ending

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There can be no washing away, no understating and no words to express the magnitude of the win against No. 8 West Virginia. I grew up in Greenville. When I was eight, I sat in row eight behind the uprights. Jeff Blake aired out five touchdowns against the Wolfpack to win what was the biggest game in ECU history. The fans rushed the field in ecstasy and dad refused to let me join them.

I was as proud as I had ever been of my Pirate team and excited for my Pirate nation when we destroyed the Mountaineers.

But we now have to address what was clearly some mismanagement at the game's close.

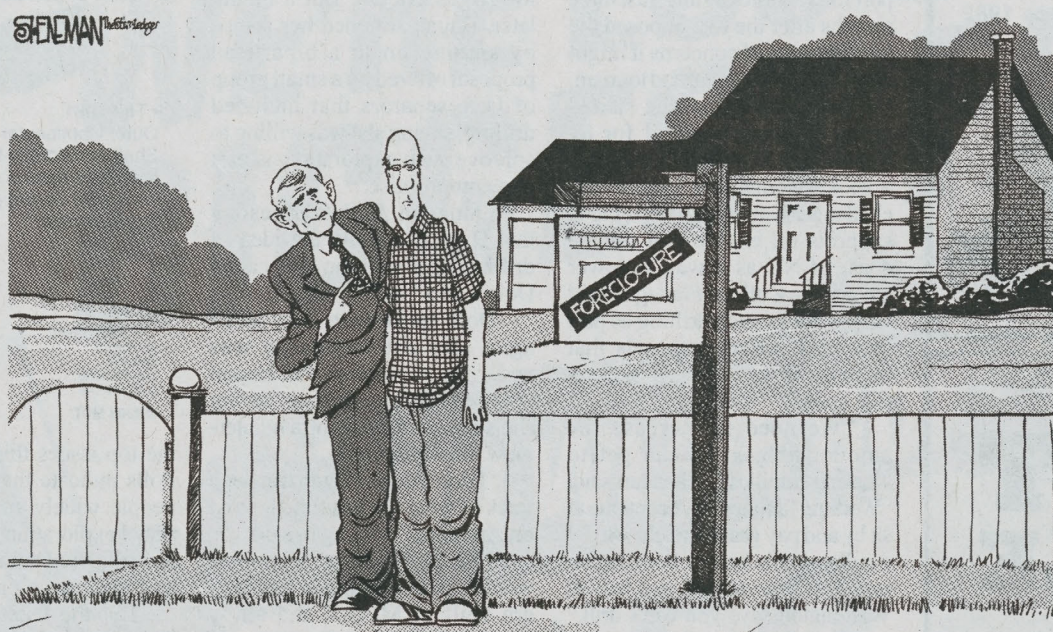
I am waiting for the final reports of the investigations launched by ECU Police, the Pitt County Sheriff's Department, and Greenville and Lenoir county sheriff departments before I pass a final judgment on what transpired. Based on all available video footage and news reports, I have some thoughts on what happened and perhaps there will be more:

1. ECU Police have stated in a press release they told officers working the game that "if ECU won the game and fans attempted to come onto the field, officers should try to deter them by making themselves visible." This suggests no orders were given to arrest or physically restrain those who attempted to rush.

2. I want to commend and thank the officers at the stadium who did execute their orders and exhibited excellent personal restraint in a wild environment. The most visible example was the Highway Patrol trooper assigned escort to coach Holtz. This officer stood behind him as a thousand fans arrived screaming and yelling. The trooper stood his ground, keeping his arms wide and his eyes and body moving. He wasn't lashing out or hollering at kids. He was a strong, solid force, just as many of the officers were throughout the event. Let us be sure to hail those who did their jobs and save our venom for those that deserve it.

3. I would be the first person to stand up for the officers' need and right to defend themselves when facing a threat but I contend that an officer who punches a student in the head three times, after the student is already on the ground and subdued, has lost control and can no longer be trusted with his duties. The officer should be dismissed if he cannot maintain composure in pressure situations and respect the rights of citizens in his custody. The discipline of any other officers who acted inappropriately should be left with those with the experience and perspective to judge.

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"I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN LAID OFF AND YOU LOST YOUR HOME, BUT IT'S TIMES LIKE THESE WHEN WE CAN ALL TAKE COMFORT IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT WE'RE NOT TECHNICALLY IN A RECESSION."

## PIRATE RANTS

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

So, how does it feel to be the "other woman"? Stop playin ya self and get your own man trick!

If loving Star Wars makes me a nerd then I'm going to be a nerd until the day I die, baby.

I agree with one of the secrets from the secret speaker article. My Star Wars girlfriend is bangin'.

I think that if I had a time machine, I would introduce Elvis to some Simple Plan albums before recording his first record. Afterwards I would say, "These are the horrible children of your life's work." Until technology prevails, I can merely hate and loathe the animal screams that are of the band Simple Plan.

Middle Class for BARACK OBAMA! Rich people, get ready to pay them TAXES!!!

McDonald's didn't even hire me...

I do have a health problem...it's called: I'm HUGE.

Maybe if you don't want to get slammed, you shouldn't storm the field. Put yourself on the other side of the law...for once.

I guess those cops feel like real men now, beating up on unarmed students.

Dear Friend: You got a dog so your cat has to stay with friends who don't want it and now you're talking about giving away the cat. You never play with your dog, only complain about it bothering you while you're playing your videogame. You're being very selfish and you never should have any animals. Ever.

Just because you throw game winning touchdowns and all of Greenville loves you, doesn't

mean I still do...please leave me alone.

To the religious yellers: Thank you so much for spreading God's love. I hope that one day, I too can share the love of Jesus and call people harlots. It's reassuring to know that EVERYONE here is going to hell! At least we'll have friends!

So let me get this straight. Because someone in Financial Aid messed up, I go from getting a \$300 refund check to owing the school \$620. Is there a way to fire HR and Financial Aid? HR for hiring these people and Financial Aid for being incompetent?

I have yet to figure out why so many people at ECU end up cheating. Is it really so hard to just break up with someone before you plunge yourself waist-high into the next?

To the person who thinks Obama is Muslim: I'm a McCain supporter, and I still don't like what you said. Learn the truth about the candidates, darn it, and quit making us conservatives look bad!

I hate political Pirate Rants!

To the person wondering about me wetting the bed to get rid of my roommate: We don't sleep together, I just have top bunk.

What's the deal with everybody wanting to pee on something? Listening to too much R. Kelly I guess...

I love how people at ECU show off their individuality. They all get the exact same giraffe print bags, but with different color straps.

If Obama were white, I wonder what people would think of him then...

I've been putting in Pirate Rants for three years, and not one has made it yet! Do you guys just not like me?

When the bus is full and people are standing up, why are there more guys sitting and more girls standing? What happened to people's manners? You are in the south now, so where did all the southern gentlemen go?

My roomie sounds like Darth Vader when she sleeps.

I saw Safe Ride run a red light.

Why do people keep the tags and stickers on their hats? Do they really think it looks cool or does everyone agree with me and think they all look like complete idiots?

Greenville P.D. used "unnecessary force?" Shocker...

It's cool to get high. It's not cool to get high and eat up all your baby's cereal.

I would give anything to be Michael Phelps' Speedo.

We used to hook up in high school and now you can't even say "hi" to me...sketch.

No one should ever consider going to Still Life again. They ripped me off and made me pay \$20 to get in. What the heck?

I think the ECU buses should be called the Pirate Ships!

To the person who turned my wallet into Belk...THANK YOU!

If John McCain is elected I'm moving to France.

Stop trying to buy me drinks when I'm crying at the club...I'm already drunk.

## The right to vote...or not

CAT POTTER  
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

At 22 years old, I have had the opportunity to vote in one major presidential election. This November I will have the opportunity to vote, yet again, for president of the United States. The difference is that I will be four years older, a bit wiser (by my own standards), much more educated and this time, I might actually vote. Keyword: MIGHT. I haven't yet decided.

I can hear the gasps now. As a freshman at Appalachian State I was swept up in the middle of the "political crazies", as I referred to them—the students that spent much of their day outside of my dorm or central campus trying to convince other students to vote in the 2004 election between George W. Bush and John Kerry.

For days prior to the election I repeatedly heard phrases like "exercise your right to vote!" or "vote for Kerry/Bush!" all over campus by very enthusiastic students.

Many of these avid campaigners were some of my best friends. When they learned that I was abstaining from the voting process, they were much less avid and slightly livid.

All I heard for days after the election were things like, "You have no right to a political opinion because you didn't even vote," or "If Bush wins you have no right to complain about anything that happens." Anything I said pertaining to the election or politics was completely negated because of my decision not to vote.

My decision not to vote wasn't because I didn't care. My decision was made after limited research on both candidates. I didn't personally feel that either one would be much better than the other at running the country. I suppose one of my biggest problems is politicians in general. I simply don't trust them. I have never learned of one politician that I felt was completely honest and had the well being of the country at heart. Because of this, I felt that setting out to vote for a candidate that I did not fully support, or voting for a candidate solely to oppose the reinstatement of another, was not in my best interest, or in the best interest of the country.

I believe that every vote counts, and for me to vote for a candidate that I didn't fully support would be dishonest and against my own personal belief of how the voting process should be carried out.

In November of 2004, I was barely 19 and in many ways, still a child. The most knowledge I'd accrued in politics was a year of civics in high school, minimal reading on my own, viewings of the conventions while playing drinking games (which many of my avid campaigner BFFs also participated in) and the opinions thrown out by my friends and family. In no way did I feel educated enough to make such an important decision. And yes, voting is much more than a task on my to-do list. It is something I want to be prepared for and educated on.

I think it is ridiculous to be chastised for the decision to abstain. Having the right to vote in a free country is something I am very grateful for. Surely, I understand that not all countries are so lucky, but one thing that is so great about this country is that we have the choice. Just as my avid campaigners chant, "exercise the right to vote," I have just that—the right to vote, not the obligation. Saying that I have no right to an opinion because I don't participate in the voting process is contradictory and unfair.

This year, I have watched both conventions and have done much more research on both candidates and political parties. I feel educated in the ideas of both candidates and although my feelings remain the same on the true intentions of any politician, in this election I am prepared to exercise my right to vote...or not to vote. No matter what, I will be exercising my right to choose.

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Elise Phillips  
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## A word from Mrs. Obama

MICHELLE OBAMA

When I was a kid, my father volunteered as a precinct captain for the Democratic Party in our neighborhood on the South Side of Chicago. Some of my earliest memories are of tagging along as he went from door to door. He registered people to vote.

He did all this because he believed in the value of each person's voice in the political process. But it took me years to appreciate what he was teaching me during those walks around the neighborhood.

Like so many people, I took my right to vote for granted.

But now I feel differently. And I hope every young person in this country can learn from me. Because what my dad was trying to show me was that voting is not a dry responsibility. Participating in the political process is challenging, fascinating and fun.

Many young Americans already know this. During the past 19 months, I've traveled to every corner of the country with my husband on his thrilling campaign for the presidency. We have been dazzled by the young people we've met.

So far, youth turnout in this campaign has been remarkable! More than six million young voters participated in primaries or caucuses this year. That's an increase of more than 100 percent since 2004. And at the Democratic National Convention in Denver, nearly 1 in 5 delegates were between the ages of 18 and 29.

I've seen this youthful energy and optimism before—when I met Barack 20 years ago.

When we were first getting to know one another, Barack took me to a community meeting in a neighborhood in Chicago where people were working hard

to get back on their feet after local steel plants shut down and jobs dried up. There, Barack gave a talk about his experiences as a community organizer. He spoke about the gap between the world as it is and the world as it should be.

I fell in love with that idea. When we vote, we don't just choose a candidate. We choose to begin building the world as it should be.

When we vote this November, we'll be casting our ballots for that world.

I've heard people say, "My vote doesn't matter," "My vote won't count," or, "I'm just one person. What possible difference can I make?" But this year, all our votes matter more than ever.

If you are satisfied with the world as it is, your choice this fall is easy. But if you believe, as I do, that we can change the world together, please join me in voting on Nov. 4.

Voting is easy. So is registering to vote. It takes just a minute, but it makes a huge difference. The Obama campaign has set up a Web site to help: voteforchange.com. There, you can register to vote in your state, arrange an absentee ballot, or find out if you're already registered. In some states, you can vote early. Our Web site will help you figure that out, too.

This year, I'll be voting for my daughters' future and my father's memory. I'll vote for the thousands of regular folks who fought to get me the right to vote. And I'll vote for young people across America—and the generations of young people that will follow, who will someday look back at this time with gratitude that we summoned the courage to begin building the world as it should be.

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## Did you know?

Eggplants aren't vegetables. They're really fruits.

Only one book has been distributed in more copies than the Bible--The IKEA catalog.

Long Island, NY is shaped like a fish.

Pringles light potato chips may not be labeled either "Light" or "Potato Chips" per FDA regulations.

It is illegal to purchase or consume Jack Daniel's whiskey in the town that it is produced.

You can start a fire with ice.

Real diamonds can be made from peanut butter.

The inventor of Vaseline ate a spoonful of the stuff every morning.

McDonald's salads can contain up to 60 percent more fat than their burgers.

Coca-Cola's 'Super Pure' Dasani bottled water is just filtered tap water.

Donkeys are commonly used by the Iraqi Military to launch rockets.

Frozen lobsters can come back to life when thawed.

In 2003, the U.S. Government spent about \$2 million on potato research.

Redheads require more anesthesia to 'go under' than other hair colors do.

In West Virginia if you run over an animal, you can legally take it home and cook it for dinner.

In Holland, you can be fined for not using a shopping basket at a grocery store.

Apple seeds are poisonous.

Most NASCAR Teams use nitrogen in their tires instead of air.

In France, it is legal to marry a dead person.

The word 'Indiana' is Native American for 'Land of the Indians', yet less than 16,000 Native Americans live there.

First-cousin marriages are legal in Utah, so long as both parties are 65 or older.

Sheep can recognize other sheep from pictures.

The Bank of America was originally the Bank of Italy.

Farmers in England are required by law to provide their pigs with toys.

Check your map. The Pacific entrance of the Panama Canal is farther east than the Atlantic entrance.

A recent study at Harvard has shown that eating chocolate can actually help you live longer.

Kermit the frog delivered the commencement address at Southampton College located in the state of New York in 1996.

When the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers play football at home, the stadium becomes the state's third largest city.

Most car horns honk in the key of 'F'.

During lunch breaks in Carlsbad, New Mexico no couple should engage in a sexual act while parked in their vehicle, unless their car has curtains.

In Connersville, Wisconsin no man shall shoot off a gun while his female partner is having a sexual orgasm.

In Harrisburg, Pennsylvania it is illegal to have sex with a truck driver inside a toll booth.

In Michigan, a woman isn't allowed to cut her own hair without her husband's permission.

In Oblong, Illinois, it's punishable by law to make love while hunting or fishing on your wedding day.

In Texas it's illegal to put graffiti on someone else's cow.

The sloth (a mammal) moves so slowly that green algae can grow undisturbed on its fur.

In ancient Rome it was considered a sign of leadership to be born with a crooked nose.

Slugs have four noses.

It's illegal in Alabama to wear a fake moustache that causes laughter in church.

## Student Government Association gives back



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Student leaders of the Student Government Association

**Taking time to say "thank you" to students**

ERIN EDWARDS

THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The Student Government Association cares about you, and they want to take the time to show that.

Sept. 19, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Wright Plaza, SGA will spend time giving back to students.

"The event is set to show the students of ECU how much their government appreciates everything that they give to the University," said SGA President Drew Griffin.

The event is geared towards all students, whether they are

heavily involved on campus or they simply go to class or work and do not participate much in campus activities.

In expressing their gratitude, Griffin and the rest of SGA will be passing out as many free bubble sheets and blue books as possible in preparation for the first exams of the semester. "The University gives them away free during finals but not during midterms, so we want to try and help with that," Griffin said.

Griffin adds that SGA is currently collaborating with Dowdy Student Stories in order to give out more free items throughout the semester. Along with these items for all students, Griffin says they will also reward those who attend the most SGA events.

"For every SGA event held we will add names to a raffle box, and at the end of the semester we will draw three names out at one of the basketball games to give away various free items to students," Griffin said.

Earlier this semester, SGA tested the new concept of giving back to students by drawing names for students to receive six free tickets to the ECU vs. Virginia Tech football game. The response was overwhelming, with hundreds of students signing up at the possibility of winning tickets that were already hard to get.

SGA Treasurer Guil-

laume Bagal believes that the special day set aside for students will help assure them how important they are to the organization.

"We want students to realize that they are a part of SGA, and that there really is a way for their voices to be heard through our elected positions," said Bagal. "Our goal is to get students involved in different aspects of our platform, which will enhance their experience as students of East Carolina University."

This won't be the first day of appreciation that SGA is planning. Along with the Sept. 19 date, SGA plans to be stationed at Wright Plaza throughout the rest of the semester, with tentative dates including Oct. 7 and Nov. 12.

Along with recurring student appreciation days, Bagal adds that SGA will be hosting a series called "Success for Life Workshops," in which the main goal is to educate interested students on several topics essential to everyday life.

"We will have presentations on mental health and relationships, along with a representative from the Counseling Center, just to name a few," Bagal said.

All interested students can email Griffin at sgapresident@ecu.edu, or stop by the SGA Suite in Mendenhall.

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## Students express themselves in *Expressions* magazine



LAKEISHA GOODMAN

The East Carolinian Walking around campus, students will find newsstands with various publications including newspapers, flyers and magazines. One publication that is commonly overlooked is *Expressions*, a minority magazine. Unfortunately, many ECU students have never heard of *Expressions* or have passed by it without bothering to look at it and see what it is all about. So, what exactly is *Expressions*? *Expressions* is a student-run publication that allows minority students to showcase their writing and artistic abilities. "Being a minority applies to more than race," said Erica Chan, art director for *Expressions*. "It can be anything." According to *Expressions*, a minority is any group of students that feels outside of the norm or mainstream. In other words, any student who feels different from other students on campus in any kind of way is welcome to submit their work. *Expressions*' mission is to provide an alternative voice to address the special concerns and problems of minority groups on campus. The vision of the magazine is to present the opinions of various minority voices in order to inform, entertain and affect social change and understanding. *Expressions* magazine is published twice a semester and features short stories, poetry, art and photography. Each publication has a central theme that brings all of the writing and art

together. Normally all submissions are published, but they are all reviewed for content to make sure that they fit the theme. The magazine used to be solely media based, but now, according to Chaunte' Rucker, general manager of *Expressions*, things are changing. "We are evolving more into an organization," said Rucker. She expressed that she wanted students to meet and get to know other students who have the same passion for writing and art. Rucker also spoke of plans for workshops in collaboration with other student organizations. "We are going to become more involved around campus," she said. There was a contributors meeting on Monday night where some of the students who have submitted work got together to discuss plans. It's not too late for anyone who is interested in submitting work for *Expressions*. The deadline to submit work for the upcoming publication is Sept. 16. For those who are more interested in reading the work and absorbing the art, be sure to pick up the next issue of *Expressions*, coming out this December.

For more information call, *Expressions* at 328-9274, check out the Web site at expressions.ecu.edu, or stop by the office in the Self-Help building at 301 S. Evans St., Suite 202-A.

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## PRSSA offers unique opportunity to students

ERIN EDWARDS

For recent graduates or those approaching their big day, the prospect of the real world is setting in. For some, this includes the ritualistic task of job searching with a freshly obtained degree.

However, in the job market today, the mission of seeking the perfect job can be met with let downs and hang-ups. Either the seeker doesn't have enough experience or just doesn't fit the profile.

For some, college is the time to gain a type of preliminary experience with work ethic, and for members of the Public Relations Student Society of America, this is done daily.

"The organization aims to enhance professional development of its members," said Harry Lundy, the publicist for the organization. "PRSSA allows public relations majors to be part of a student organization that keeps them abreast of what is going on in the world of public relations,"

Lundy added.

PRSSA is a national organization based out of New York City. Established by its parent organization, the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) in 1968, it has grown to almost 10,000 members. There are approximately 285 chapters and various colleges and universities in 43 states across America. The chapter at ECU is in its sixth year and is working up to a total membership of almost 100 students.

The overall goal of PRSSA

is to enhance the student experience of working in the field of public relations but also to give members opportunities to earn scholarships and search for potential jobs and internships on the national Web site. However, the organization is not just for public relations majors.

Any area of concentration within communication, including journalism, event planning, fund raising and community involvement can make use of the networking in the group.

Returning president Cait-

lin Watterson believes that the organization has directly influenced her work ethic and expanded her knowledge in the field of public relations.

"PRSSA has challenged me in a variety of ways," said Watterson. "My organization skills, time management and leadership skills have all been put to the test. Being in this society has played a major role in preparing me for life after college and I hope that all



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### Cool Runnings

Stars: John Candy

### The Plot:

When Jamaican sprinter Derice Bannock is disqualified from the Olympic Games but still wants to compete, he searches for other areas for which he is suited. He finds that he would be able to bobsled in the winter games because essentially, it's just running and jumping in a sled. He hears of a former bobsled coach, Irving Blitzer, who was disqualified from the Olympics years ago when he placed weights in his sled to give his team an unfair advantage. He disgraced his country and his teammates and never returned to the sport. Bannock puts together a team and convinces Blitzer to coach the first ever Jamaican Bobsled team.

### Why you should watch:

With all of the hype over the Olympics, it is time to watch something that doesn't have Michael Phelps plastered all over it. If you don't carry around a pet egg for good luck for a week after seeing this film, I truly feel sorry for you. This film is a perfect balance between emotion and humor that leaves you feeling fantastic. This is a heart-warming comedy that displays the power of overcoming obstacles and following your dreams. Then again, what do you expect the moral to be? This is a Disney Movie.

### Weekend at Bernie's

Stars: Andrew McCarthy, Jonathan Silverman, and Terry Kiser

### The Plot:

Richard and Larry discover that someone in the company they work for is smuggling money. They report this to their boss Bernie, who is thrilled that the boys found this and invite them for the weekend at his beach house to relax and enjoy some women. Bernie is murdered and no one seems to notice. In order to not become suspects, Richard and Larry make a human puppet out of Bernie and parade him around parties as a man that can't hold his liquor. The real murderer of Bernie finds out that he has been seen at a number of parties and events and sets out to kill him...again.

### Why you should watch:

This movie is a Grade 'A' white trash classic and I am proud to call it one of my favorites as well. Earlier this year, two 65-year-old men tried pulling a stunt like the movie, and rolled a deceased friend to the bank to cash his social security check. That proves that even the older generation gets their ideas for crimes straight from the movies. However, whether or not you watch the movie, you can be reminded of the plot weekly at 2 a.m. when

everyone seems to be doing the "Weekend at Bernie's walk" as they leave the clubs.

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## De la Rocha is triumphant, DiFranco just sounds tired

STEPHEN MASON  
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### Ani DiFranco - Red Letter Year (Righteous Babe) 2 out of 5

DiFranco's appeal has always been more associated with her words than the actual music. In the 90s, she was a young woman braving the world of men while lending her unapologetic political insights, but now the world has changed and so has DiFranco. The changes ripple through her newest CD, *Red Letter Year*, and not in the best ways. Her political shtick is downsized and uninspired. Her love songs are empty and insincere. The problem is that DiFranco can never say a lot with a little. Instead, her lyrics are long and extended, and while

they may get the point across, they've absolutely no fervor. She sings, "You'd think at my age I'd have thought of something better to do." Agreed, Ani. Agreed.

### Ra Ra Riot - The Rhumb Line (Barsuk) 4 out of 5

Comparisons to Vampire Weekend are unfair, and it's certainly a lazy reference, as Ra Ra Riot has their own brand of indie rock. They have colorful string arrangements and driving beats, headlined by front man Wes Miles' soft tenor voice. It starts with a bang on "Ghost Under Rocks," and the blast of energy is never lost, even on the practically classical piece "Winter '05." To top it off, they may be the only band in recent history to turn an E.E. Cummings poem into coherent lyrics. *The*

*Rhumb Line* may sound to some like *Neon Bible's* lesser cousin, and to some extent it is, but Ra Ra Riot have already cemented themselves as one of the most exciting debuts of 2008.

### One Day As a Lion - One Day As a Lion EP (Anti) 4 out of 5

Zack de la Rocha of Rage Against the Machine paired with ex-Mars Volta drummer Jon Theodore may be one of the best pairings in recent music history, maybe more so than Cee-Lo and Danger Mouse. The concept is simple and stupendous: a stripped-down, drum-and-keyboard alternative hip-hop approach filled to the brim with spiteful political rhetoric. Theo-

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members are able to take advantage of the opportunities that it has to offer.

Lundy believes that he has gained experience as well, citing that his new leadership role in the organization will be beneficial to upcoming prospects that he is

about to assume.

"PRSSA has allowed me the opportunity to write articles that have been published, one of those being a press release for ECU hosting their first Relay for Life event," said Lundy, who will be the editor of the

organization's newsletter, *The Practioner*.

PRSSA meets every Monday at 5:30 p.m. in room 202 of Joyner East.

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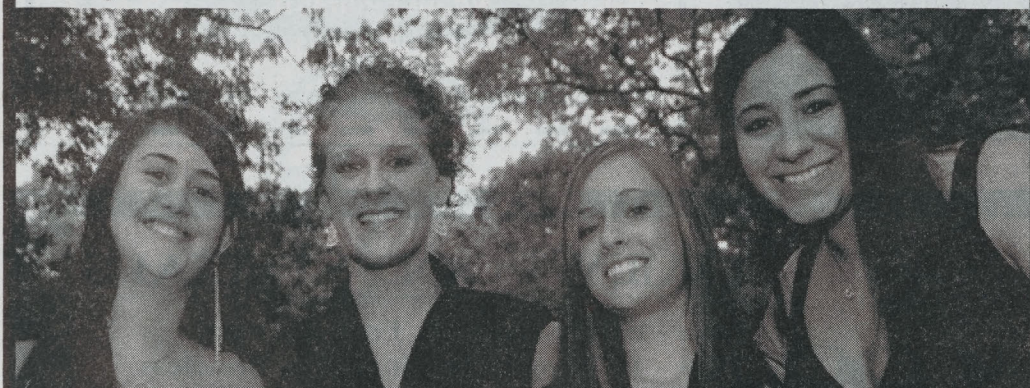
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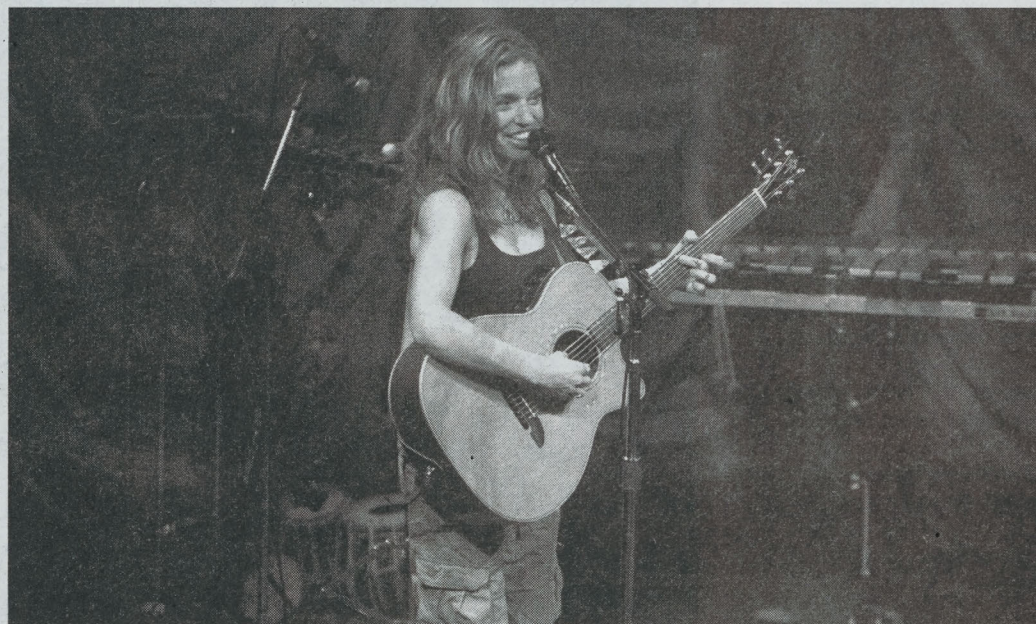
dore's drumming is outstanding, not only developing an effective, unique beat for each track, but for taking a central stance in filling in a lot of sound. Likewise, de la Rocha's keyboards blast like sirens, and his message hasn't changed. *One Day As a Lion* is an explosive, start-and-stop album, and de la Rocha has shown in his lyrics that he has matured over time – but still has all the fire he did back in 1994.

**Apollo Sunshine – Shall Noise Upon (Headless Heroes) 4 out of 5**

*Shall Noise Upon* doesn't try to act like something new. From the beginning, the band and the listener acknowledge that the idea is to emulate late 60s psychedelic rock. From the Beatles to Cream, from Hendrix to the Byrds, there isn't any style that they've missed. It's not exactly copying; none of the music sounds like it's been

directly lifted from anything else, but songs like "Singing to the Earth" are easily identified as George Harrison-esque pop tunes while "The Funky Chamberlain" is a fantastic blend of Pink Floyd prog and Galactic funk. This isn't a statement of anything new, it's only for entertainment, and since there's no one who is unaware of this, *Shall Noise Upon* works wonderfully.

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 Ani Di Franco fails to deliver on her new album.



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 Zack de la Rocha side project, *One Day As a Lion*.

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Six percent of men propose over the telephone.

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Blueberry Jelly Bellies were created especially for Ronald Reagan.

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The Eiffel Tower has 2,500,000 rivets in it.

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There is about 200 times more gold in the world's oceans, than has been mined in our entire history.

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Sorry partygoers, this rumor is not true. The legend has spanned decades, spawning rumors that the Pirate Nation appeared on the list in the late 1970s. However, Playboy has only compiled the list twice, first in 1987 and second in 2002.

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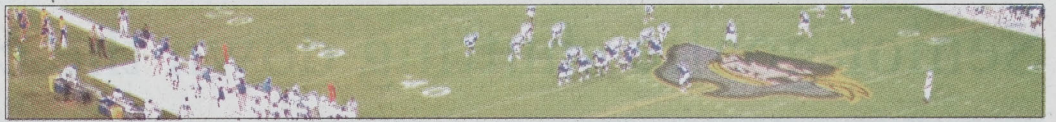
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Throughout the week, the Special Collections Department of Joyner Library will present an exhibit in Mendenhall Student Center entitled *Amendment 1: Freedom of Speech* and the Teaching Resource Center in Joyner Library will create and exhibit a *Children's Literature and the Constitution* display. Additional information can be found at <http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/cfe/constitutionday.cfm>





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## Underdog role no longer on ECU's side



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### Favored Pirates face first true road game

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#### Tulane Starting Lineup



##### Offense

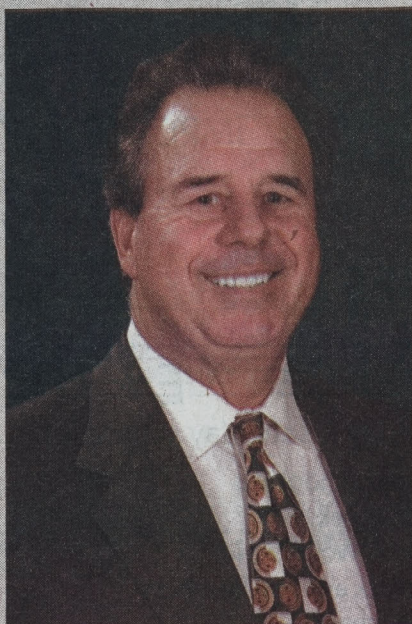
QB- Kevin Moore, Soph.  
RB- Andre Anderson, Jr.  
FB- Kasey Stelly, Fr.  
WR- Brian King, Sr.  
WR- Jeremy Williams, Jr.  
TE- Justin Kessler, Sr.  
LT- Troy Kropog, Sr.  
LG- Tyler Rice, Jr.  
C- Michael Parenton, Sr.  
RG- Andrew Nierman, Soph.  
RT- Pete Hehdrickson, Soph.

##### Defense

DE- Reggie Scott, Sr.  
DE- Adam Kwentua, Jr.  
DT- Julian Shives-Sams, Sr.  
DT- Oscar Ponce de Leon, Soph.  
LB- Travis Burks, Jr.  
LB- Evan Lee, Sr.  
LB- Devin Holland, Soph.  
CB- Josh Lumar, Sr.  
CB- Charles Harris, Jr.  
FS- Chinonso Echebelem, Jr.  
SS- Corey Sonnier, Jr.

##### Special Teams

K- Ross Thevenot, Jr.  
P- Darren deRouchemont, Soph.  
KR- Jeremy Williams, Jr., Travis Burks, Jr.  
PR- Casey Robottom, Soph.



TOLEDO

"If I were a betting man, I would've told you they [ECU] were going to probably win those first two games and they have. They're experienced. They're extremely physical. They're very athletic. I just think they're outstanding."

The fairytale start of beating two top-20 teams back-to-back is now a thing of the past.

This week, No. 14 ECU (2-0) packs its bags and heads to New Orleans to face Tulane (0-1) in the Pirates' first true road game, as well as the Conference USA opener for both teams.

"This is a huge game for us in many respects, but the main one is because it's the next one on the schedule and our main goal is to just go 1-0," ECU coach Skip Holtz said.

ECU will not only have to worry about the Green Wave this weekend, but also the expectations and media coverage that comes with being ranked for the first time since 1999.

"The last two weeks we've had an opportunity to go play a team with a ranking next to their name," Holtz said. "That has been motivation for our players and it has gotten them geared up and riled up. Now we're walking into a game where we not only have to play with a ranking next to our name, but we've got to go play steady football and put forth one of our better efforts if we want to be victorious."

Although the national attention has increased significantly over the last two weeks, senior defensive lineman Khalif Mitchell is cherishing the exposure.

"It can all end tomorrow," Mitchell said. "It is an experience. I'm just glad we're focused and all on the right page. It's not that you necessarily block it out because it's there. You more or less have to be a man and understand a man has to handle his business and do his work."

The Pirates, who are 13-point favorites over Tulane, now move away from the home comfort that was Bank of America stadium against Virginia Tech and Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium against West Virginia.

"It's going to be a phenomenal challenge for our football team, not just on the field with it being Tulane's home opening game and with their talented football team, but maybe the biggest challenge we have is being able to go play with a little bit more of a target on our chest," Holtz said.

Mitchell goes further than Holtz in suggesting that "they're [Tulane] no different than we were two weeks ago. Their playing a top ranked team and they have an opportunity to try and knock us off."

Against Virginia Tech and WVU, the Pirates' defense was able to feed off a home crowd, delivering two spectacular performances. Now they must rely on each other.

"We've been playing pretty smart," Mitchell said. "It's always good to have your home games and crowd. When I was tired the crowd gave me energy. Now I'm going to rely more on my 10 other guys that I'm playing with to give me that pat on the back."

Senior quarterback Patrick Pinkney also understands the challenges of playing the first road game of the season.

"We have to stick together on the road, no matter who we're playing against," said Pinkney, who is 41-of-51 with two touchdowns this season. "All we have is each other."

Last year ECU crushed Tulane, 35-12, at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. However, the Green Wave lead the series in New Orleans, 2-1.

"This week we play a very good Tulane football team," Holtz said. "I know people are going to look at it and say that last year they only won four games and that this is a team which has been on the lower side of the conference when you look at it over the last five to 10 years. But I think coach Toledo has done a great job with this football team."

The Green Wave certainly did look like a changed team last week in a 20-6 losing effort against No. 11 Alabama. Tulane out-gained the Crimson Tide 318-172 in total offense and if not for a few costly special team mistakes and an inability to get into the end zone, an upset could have certainly happened.

"This is a football team that on Saturday walked into Alabama, a team which absolutely dismantled Clemson on national television a week ago, and only gave up 172 yards, which is less than we have held either of our two opponents to," Holtz said. "They also held them to less than seven points. Defensively, I have been extremely impressed and I think their defense is just as good as the last two defenses we lined up and played."

Tulane's defense is led by defensive end Reggie Scott, defensive tackle Julian Shives, middle linebacker Evan Lee and right cornerback Charles Scott; all four are seniors. The Green Wave defense held the Crimson Tide to only 11 first downs on 13 drives.

As for the Green Wave offense, it is led by sophomore signal caller Kevin Moore, who was 28-of-49 for 225 yards against Alabama.

"Where they're new is in the backfield at tailback and quarterback, but both of those guys are talented and are doing a nice job right now of managing the game," Holtz said. "I think their quarterback is really going in there and making sure that he's solid and steady. He's giving them a chance to win right now."

The wide receiver and tight end position is where the Tulane offense features its most skilled playmakers.

Junior wide receiver Jeremy Williams did it all against the Crimson Tide last weekend. He had four catches, four carries and one kickoff return to total 55 all-purpose yards. Senior tight end Justin Kessler had one catch for 26 yards in the game.

Add those weapons to an experience offensive line and the Green Wave could give the Pirate defense some headaches come Saturday.

ECU is not expected to lose to Tulane and could possibly be favored in every game the rest of the season. But with being favored, Pinkney knows that each team is going to play up to the Pirates.

"A team is not going to lay down for you since your ranked now," Pinkney said. "Tulane is a great team. You watch film and see they've gotten so much better than last year. If we just take care of ourselves, execute on both sides of the ball and keep playing hard, then we'll be fine."

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#### East Carolina Starting Lineup



##### Offense

QB- Patrick Pinkney, Sr.  
RB- Brandon Simmons, Sr.  
FB- Kevin Gidrey, Soph.  
WR- Dwayne Harris, Soph.  
WR- Jamar Bryant, Jr.  
TE- Davon Drew, Sr.  
LT- Stanley Bryant, Sr.  
LG- Cory Dowless, Soph.  
C- Sean Allen, Jr.  
RG- Doug Palmer, Jr.  
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DT- Khalif Mitchell, Sr.  
DE- C.J. Wilson, Jr.  
LB- Quentin Cotton, Sr.  
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LB- Jeremy Chambliss, Jr.  
CB- Jerek Hewitt, Sr.  
CB- Dekota Marshall, Soph.  
FS- Van Eskridge, Jr.  
SS- J.J. Millbrook, Sr.

##### Special Teams

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HOLTZ

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## Senior goalie shutting down the competition



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The ECU soccer team is off to a hot start in its 2008 campaign, and senior goalie Amber Campbell is a big reason why. The two-time C-USA second team selection has allowed only two goals in the team's first four games, including two shutouts.

Sunday, the Pirates (3-1) defeated in-state rival UNC Wilmington 2-1, as junior Jessica Swanson scored the golden goal in OT in a thrilling come from behind road victory over the Seahawks.

It has been Campbell's steady play that has led ECU to their third straight 3-1 start. But what else would be expected of the four-year starter from Fredrick, Md., she set the ECU single season record for minutes played by a goalie her freshman year with 1,917, and is sure to break the career mark later this season. With all that time in goal, she has developed into a top-notch stopper for the Pirates' defense.

Her career 1.05 goals against average is tops for an ECU net-minder. Her 0.79 GAA sophomore year, and 0.59 GAA last year rank, as the top two

Goalie Amber Campbell soars, preventing a Rice goal last season.

single-season marks in program history. She also set the career mark for shutouts earlier this season when she kept a clean sheet against Francis Marion on the road in Florence, S.C.

Yet, even with all her individual achievements, Campbell is more focused on the team's accomplishments than hers.

"We want to win the conference this year and all our home games," she said. "We are really focused on getting that done."

Despite their good start, Campbell realizes that there is always room for improvement, for both her and the team.

"Watching film, coach [Rob Donnenwirth] was just talking about how we need to work better as team," said Campbell. "To move better with the ball as a team, and defend better together. And part of that is me communicating with the defense better."

She also mentioned the contribution of the younger players, and how they have had a hand in the team's success.

"The freshmen this year have really helped us out a lot," said Campbell. "They have stepped in and done really well for us."

Campbell credits a lot of

her success to her older brother Zane, who played at Guilford College and holds the career GAA record for the Quakers.

"He got me started playing goalie when I was in ninth grade," she said. "He really taught me a lot about the game."

Campbell was selected to the preseason all-conference first team this year, and has high hopes for living up to that honor.

"It's like coach told me, it's not where you are at the beginning of the season it's where you are at the end."

Campbell will have plenty of help as five starters and 18 letterwinners return from last year's squad. That includes the team's leading scorer from last season (Blair Heffner), co-captains Madison Keller and Nicole Moore, and last season's lone representative to the C-USA All-Freshman team, Amanda Broz.

The Lady Pirates travel to Philadelphia this weekend to compete in the Penn tournament where they will face Hofstra on Friday and hosts Penn on Saturday.

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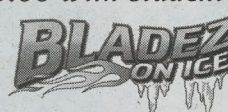
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### Q & A with two AP voters

KELLEN HOLTZMAN  
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

College football's weekly AP Top 25 poll is comprised by 65 media members from all over the nation. ECU checked in at No. 14 this week, marking the first time the Pirates are ranked since 1999. The highest ECU has ever been ranked was in 1991, when it finished the season ninth in the nation.

The East Carolinian caught up with two of the AP voters this week. Kirk Bohls, from Austin, Texas, voted ECU No. 2 in the nation, which was the highest of any voter. Joe Giglio, from Raleigh, N.C., voted ECU No. 14.

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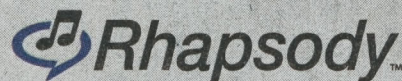
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## Q&A continued from 12

### Kirk Bohls

Austin American Statesman  
Austin, Texas

### Joe Giglio

The News and Observer  
Raleigh, N.C.

**Q: Why did you vote ECU No. 2 in the nation?**

**A:** Well, who's done more than ECU? I don't think any school out of 119 Division I schools had a more impressive start to the season. For ECU to beat two nationally ranked teams from BCS conferences and one of those on the road just shouts out, 'Hey, look at us.' If Texas had beaten West Virginia and Virginia Tech, they would be beating their chests and saying, 'Why aren't we No. 1?' I really don't understand how some voters penalize ECU in not ranking them higher just because they are not a traditional powerhouse. To me, that runs contrary to what our instructions are from New York every year...I think Skip Holtz is off to such a great start. I even considered voting them No. 1...This is what we're supposed to do. We're supposed to—not predict—but reward teams for results.

**Q: If USC loses to Ohio State and ECU wins...**

**A:** If ECU blows out Tulane, who gave Alabama a tough time and USC were to lose, we'll have to consider ECU. If I did vote ECU No. 1, I bet you I'd probably be the only person in the country. I think everybody else would give it to Ohio State.

**Q: What do you think ECU's national perception is?**

**A:** ECU is getting more attention this week. Chris Johnson had such a great debut with the Tennessee Titans. I wish I had him on my fantasy team. The more players you put in the NFL and the more big wins you put by your resume, I think people are going start giving ECU the attention it deserves.

**Q: Does ECU have a shot at a BCS bowl?**

**A:** I think [ECU] has every reason to hope they can get to a BCS bowl. You look at the teams that have, teams like Hawaii, Utah and Boise State—I don't think any of them have the defense like the Pirates do. I think the danger ECU is going to find is keeping that intensity week-to-week, not getting ahead of itself, not thinking, 'Okay, we can be in a BCS bowl.' I think that's the biggest concern Skip [Holtz] has. Now [ECU] has everybody's attention. ECU isn't going to sneak up on anybody.

**Q: What's your criteria for voting?**

**A:** In general, I look to see who teams have beaten. Quality wins is what I mostly look for. In ECU's case, I actually saw them in person last week so that usually helps to determine how to gauge a team. I had them at No. 21 the week before, but I don't really know how good Virginia Tech is. We don't really know how good West Virginia is either. I thought the way [ECU's] defense played, the way that Patrick Pinkney played...there isn't a team behind them that I think they couldn't beat. I jumped them over BYU, Oregon, Penn State and South Florida. I jumped them over a bunch of teams because I think they were more impressive than those teams."

**Q: Your thoughts on the three voters who voted ECU in the top-5?**

**A:** I think it's a little early for that...I'd have a hard time moving ECU above those other teams just based on beating West Virginia and Virginia Tech. [West Virginia] would have to go on to win the Big East and Virginia Tech would have to go on to win the ACC before I could move them up that much more.

**Q: What's the buzz in the Triangle, regarding ECU?**

**A:** I think there's a lot of college football fans around here that aren't affiliated with N.C. State and UNC, or certainly not Duke. I think there are casual fans who can see ECU as a team they can back and take interest in because the [Triangle] teams in the ACC are making an entry on a national level."

**Q: Can you see ECU playing in a BCS Bowl this season?**

**A:** I can. I really can. The dynamic is going to change for them because ECU has always wanted a piece of teams like N.C. State and Virginia...Now those teams are going to be gunning after ECU and they will see the same thing in C-USA...It's not going to be a cakewalk but it's wide open for them. They certainly cleared the two toughest hurdles."

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#### Bohls Top 15

1. USC
2. ECU
3. Oklahoma
4. Florida
5. Georgia
6. Missouri
7. Ohio State
8. Texas
9. LSU
10. Alabama
11. USF
12. Wisconsin
13. Penn State
14. Auburn
15. Texas Tech

#### Giglio's Top 15

1. USC
2. Georgia
3. Oklahoma
4. Florida
5. Missouri
6. LSU
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