



Pirates gather for cure, awareness

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Peace. Love. Pirates. Cure. That's what Campus Wellness, the ECU Department of Women's Studies, Healthy Pirates and other organizations participated in yesterday at the Bate Building on campus. The event, a cancer awareness fair, drew hundreds of students, faculty and members of the community to honor loved ones who had passed away from cancer, celebrate cancer survivors, get information about the disease and rack up on free goodies.

The fair, held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., was the first to include information about all types of cancer.

"We used to do breast cancer awareness every year," said Georgia Childs, assistant director of Campus Wellness—Peer Health, who helped organize the fair. "We would educate students on campus just about breast cancer and over the last year, we decided to start talking about different types of cancer. There are so many types of cancer that affect even college students."

The event stretched down the hallway on the first floor of the building, boasting dozens of tables of information and prizes.

Information about prostate, ovarian, testicular, breast, lung and oral, colon, skin, uterine and other cancers were available at the booths; other tables held information about Locks of Love, an organization that donates real hair wigs to people battling with cancer and tips about good diet and exercise, two ways to help keep cancer at bay. One table had a build-your-own-trail mix station, and one booth was passing out yellow "Live Strong" bracelets to passers-by.

A favorite attraction at the fair was the "Tree of Hope," a tree representing cancer victims, as well as survivors. Event-goers could put a ribbon

on the tree to remember loved ones who had passed away from the disease or battled with it. Different types of cancer were symbolized by different colored ribbons (i.e. breast cancer was pink, pancreatic cancer was purple).

Tywanne Jeffries, assistant director of Campus Wellness, helped come up with the "Tree of Hope" concept.

"I thought it would be a really great idea if we could do something for people to honor people that they know who have been affected by cancer," said Jeffries. "[The tree] is not just for people who have died, it's for people who have survived as well, showing that they're here and they have hope to get past the cancer that they have."

According to Childs, the tree showed how many students are touched by the disease.

"A lot of students are affected by cancer, whether it's themselves, a family member or a close friend," Childs said.

One of those students, senior Kristin Campbell, recently suffered the loss of a friend to cancer.

"[My] friend was 28, and he had a baby on the way," Campbell said. "None of my family has had cancer, thank God, but cancer has affected me because [my friend] was close to [the people that are] like my second family."

Another student, senior Maria Modlin, contributed to the fair in a unique way—her senior project was on display. Modlin's work, sponsored by the Women's Studies program, represented four family members who suffered different diseases, including breast and cervical cancer. Modlin used fashion to symbolize each disease.

"I chose to concentrate on heart disease, diabetes, varicose veins and cervical cancer, and to use fashion to draw



Student Kelly Ennis places a ribbon on the "Tree of Hope" in remembrance of a loved one.

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ECU shows 'Voices of Iraq'



Panelists engage in a discussion with audience members after a screening of "Voices of Iraq."

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Five years have passed since the U.S. invaded Iraq in 2003, and public opinion varies concerning the war.

The ECU Student Activities Board Films Committee showed the documentary "Voices of Iraq," a film that consisted of footage from various Iraqi civilians, in Hendrix Theater on Sept. 30.

150 cameras were dispersed into the hands of Iraqis to document the lives of the Iraqi people

and opinion of the presence of U.S. troops.

The event began with an introduction of the documentary by the films committee chair, Jessica Bova, senior English major and films studies minor.

"We [the films committee], decided to do something that was political and I felt that we should do something with Iraq, a country we're familiar with but at the same time not," said Bova.

Shortly after the film ended, a discussion was held. Five panelists took seats on the stage

to answer and discuss questions and comments about the film. Among the five were three members of the Arab Student Union, Claire Taweel, Nawfal Sultan, Nadia Shazly and two ECU professors, Jalil Roshandel, professor of political science and Anna Froula, professor of films studies.

"As an Iraqi person, I made my own point of view," said Sultan, an Iraqi student at ECU, about the film. "Some of the things seen in the film should be more organized and meet a

variety of different people."

The concern that the film, "Voices of Iraq," did not present an entirely unfiltered view or objective was shared among many in the audience and panel.

"It seemed a little biased," said Claire Taweel, sophomore political science major and securities studies minor. "I feel they only portrayed a more pro-American view."

According to Roshandel, many of the perspectives were those of

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Student voters lead effort to create National Voter Awareness Week

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Congressman Walter Jones (R-NC) is one of three U.S. congressmen who worked to help the Student Association for Voter Empowerment (SAVE), a student voting rights group, author a federal resolution that will strengthen civic education.

Jones joined in a bipartisan effort with U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and U.S. Congressman Zack Space (D-OH) to support a student-led initiative to create National Voter Awareness Week. The resolution (HR-1493), which declared this week National Voter Awareness Week, was passed Tuesday.

SAVE Director of Policy and Programs, Bobby Campbell, said that National Voter Awareness Week would allow a continued national discussion about student voting rights, ballot access, voter registration and election protection.

It was the brainchild of SAVE students, who successfully advanced it with the help of U.S. Congressmen. They want to use the week to boost excitement about the political process. They hope grassroots organizations, including educational, religious, cultural and community institutions will use the week as a tool to promote voter awareness and

registration programs.

SAVE is a non-partisan, non-profit organization that was founded less than a year ago by Matthew Segal, who currently serves as executive director. It is a national organization founded and run by students, with a mission to increase youth voter turnout by removing access barriers and promoting stronger civic education.

"Since we founded SAVE roughly one year ago, our student members have wondered why there is a National Constitution Day, but not a time period set aside to foster education about our rights and obligations as citizens to participate in our democratic system," said Segal. "With our country's comparatively low voter participation rate as our impetus, we lobbied our congressional members to set aside such a time period. We are now proud to say that students are responsible for an outstanding initiative to encourage educational, cultural and community institutions to promote civic education and voter registration programs that benefit local election procedure."

Congressman Jones, one of the co-sponsors of the bill, represents the third district of North Carolina, which includes

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Ledonia Wright hosts spoken word artists

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Yesterday at 6 p.m., The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center hosted the first Cultural Café.

The event was organized in an attempt to facilitate interest in the liberal arts and highlighted poets and musicians on the ECU's campus.

"It is an outlet for students to come together," said Ashley Glover, junior communications major, who assisted associate director LaQuesha Foster in organizing and hosting the Café.

LaQuesha said that she organized the event after the success

of a previous Open Mic night, and when she saws that all the seats were filled, was impressed with the turn out.

The event attracted ECU students from many major student organizations such as The Black Student Union, Word of Mouth and the Interested Ladies of Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Incorporated.

Held in the gallery of the cultural center, the event showcased performances from groups such as Word Of Mouth poetry group, and other individual poets and musicians.

"It was a great stepping stone for poetry and the movement of spoken word on ECU's campus,"

said Jonny Martinez, sophomore mathematics major.

The show's master of ceremonies was a performance poet named "Life" from Conway, S.C., who was invited at the request of an alumnus of ECU.

One performer, RaSheeda Waddell, graduate assistant for LWCC, explained that the Café was different from other more serious educational programs hosted by the center, and provided a more relaxed atmosphere for students who enjoy performance art.

"Poets and musicians are welcome," said Waddell, who



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> CULTURAL page 4 Student Kisha Stanback at the Cultural Cafe Wednesday night.

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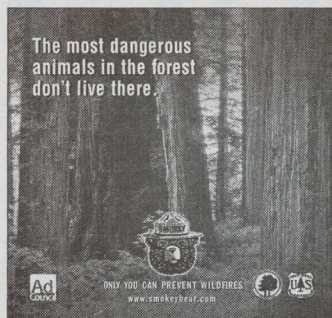
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small children and the few adults in the documentary were either reserved or barely shown due to fear of voicing their opinions.

Sultan commented on Roshandel's point by stating that as an Iraqi, he would not be able to state his true views and opinions in Iraq.

"The fear of speaking freely

will be with me until the day I die," Sultan said.

The event ended around 9:30 p.m. with a final thank you from members of the audience, panelists and Bova to people for expressing their viewpoints openly.

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attention to these specific diseases," said Modlin. "I wanted to direct my study upon illnesses that have affected my life and the women in my life."

Cheryl Dudasik-Wiggs, the director of the Women's Studies department, felt that Modlin's work fit perfectly

with the event.

"We thought that people needed to have a visual imagery of what disease is and what it isn't," said Dudasik-Wiggs. "It's not a death sentence, it's something that you shouldn't hide inside yourself. You should wear it and say, 'this is part of who I am.' I am

not my disease, but I have this disease."

After participants went through the myriad of informational booths, they received a free T-shirt and other free prizes.

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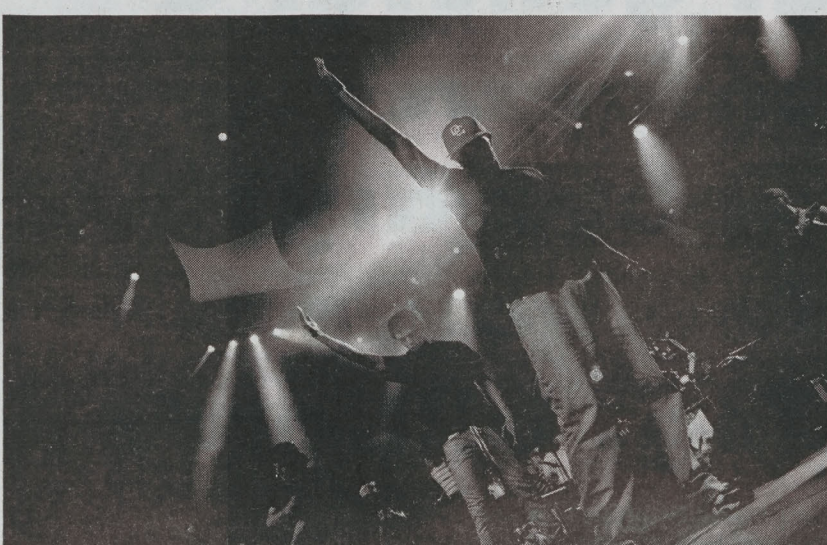
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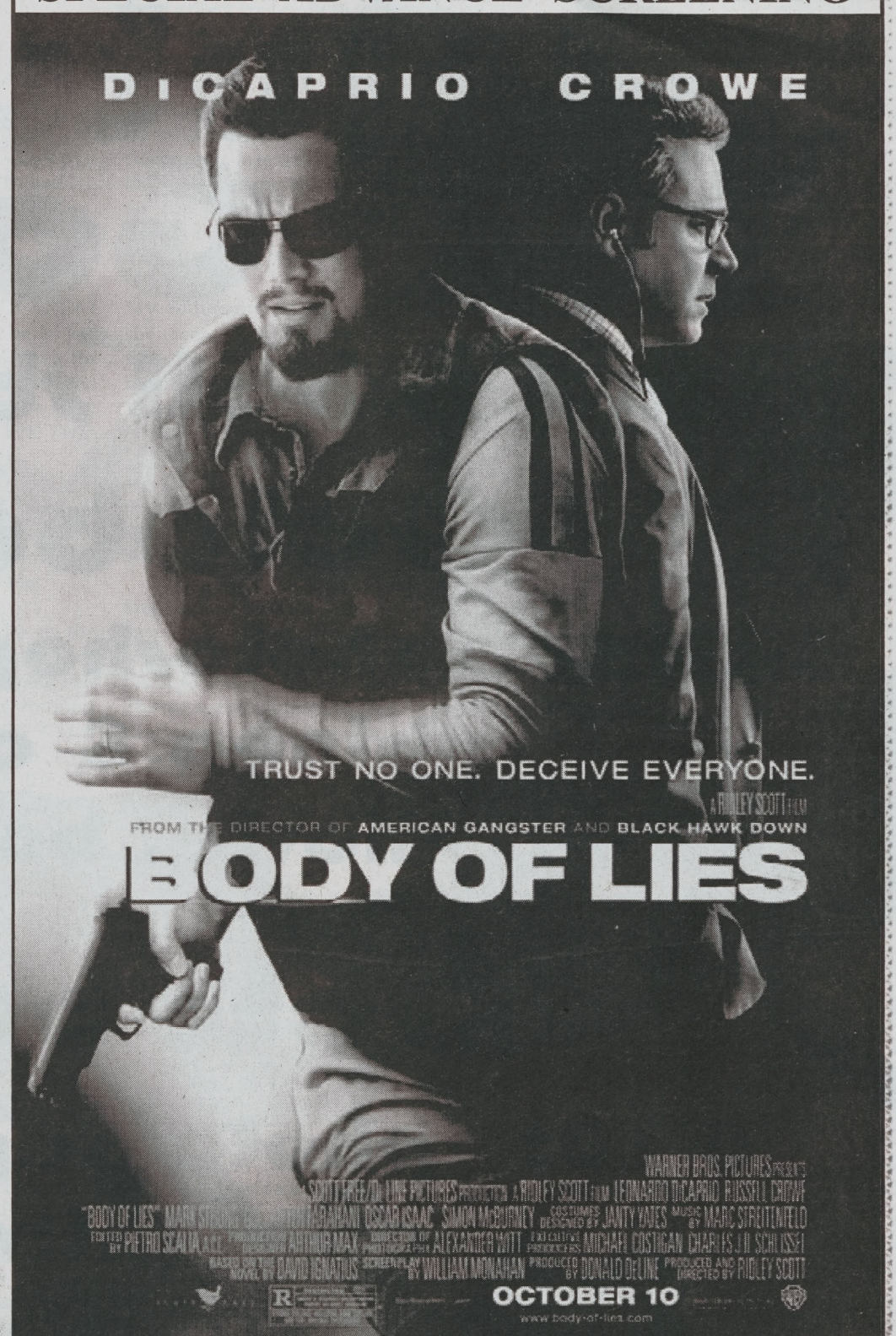


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much of Eastern North Carolina, including Pitt County.

"It's especially important for young people to become engaged in our political system at an early age, because today's elected officials are making decisions that will greatly impact the future of America's youth," Jones said.

Segal praised Congressman Jones saying Jones really "committed to the bipartisanship" of this initiative. According to Segal, because many students tend to be Democratic, Republican support of student voting initiatives is seen less likely than Democratic support. He said Congressman Jones' will-

ingness to support students in their efforts showed that he was "committed to the principles of democracy" and not only concerned with getting votes.

"I am proud to co-sponsor this resolution in support of a National Voter Awareness Week, because citizens' participation in their government is essential to the health of America's representative democracy," Jones said.

SAVE chapters have been founded on over 30 college campuses across the country. They strive to encourage interest in the working of American government, civic participation on all levels and the proper accountability of elected officials.

For more information or to get involved visit www.savevoting.org.

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Congressman Walter Jones.

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MC "Life" addresses the crowd at the Cultural Cafe.

said she was pleased with the turn out.

The Ledonia Wright Cultural center is located in the Bloxton House, in the heart of campus across the mall from Mendenhall and the Recreational Center, and is home to many

educational programs.

The center also showcases African artwork and acts as a resource for multicultural affairs.

The Cultural Café was the first in a series that will continue monthly at the cultural center.

Associate director Foster stated that the Café will be different each month, and expressed her satisfaction with the project thus far.

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The art of debating

Debates have become a form of entertainment, rather than an informative source

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Like many of you, I have watched the recent debate between presidential candidates John McCain and Barack Obama. The candidates handled questions dealing mostly with the economy and foreign affairs. Though the option to judge their responses would be a thorough topic, I want to look at their point-counter-point strategies. The struggle to gain the opinion as to who will be the most qualified president, was seen through the use of a few repeated key words.

When McCain had the floor, he heavily backed up his reasons and points with his experience as a long-term senator. "I have seen" or "I traveled," and several other experience-centered beginnings opened many of his two and five-minute answers and responses. When asked about his thoughts on Afghanistan, McCain had to first set up his answer in comparison to his support in the Gulf War. His experience also gave him the allowance to call Obama out on not understanding the different shades of certain topics. McCain wants to gain the appearance of a seasoned politician by letting the viewer know that he has encountered many different scenarios as a congressional representative, and that he can handle any upcoming situation based on his colorful and aged career.

However, McCain's assuring career under Obama's light was exposed to contradictions and several mistakes. Obama started many of his responses by stating flaws in McCain's career and voting record. He was also very critical about his own career when he felt that McCain was telling untruths, like when he said Obama was anxious to attack Pakistan. Obama's points relied on McCain's policies, compared to those passed in the last eight years. Obama may have been using this tactic in order to achieve an appearance as an investigative leader.

The language in debating is such an art to behold. Each candidate is trying to use equal and strong ethos, pathos and logos to persuade the spectators. Watching the debate was like watching a dance or listening to a complex music style. McCain was stirring up the pathos of emotions when he talked about those who have suffered the loss of a family member in the Iraq war, and Obama had to follow him with his own tale. When Obama pointed out several logical contradictions in McCain's policies, McCain had to counter with his stance as an experienced senator who has accomplished many feats.

We don't watch the debates for information. If you've cared to follow the candidates, you already know where they stand on every topic. If you haven't, you can catch up with endless amounts of press articles. We watch the debates because it's an "American Idol" competition of persuasive words. Watch the further debates with caution because whichever candidate can stir up the most emotion will easily win your vote over whatever research you've done.

At the end of the debate, I still felt undecided. I felt that the two candidates focused more on outdoing each other rather than directly answering the questions. If you want clear information on the candidates' policies, don't just rely on the debates. Watch the debates in order to see how pointedly the two candidates contradict each other.

I feel that the only way to make the right choice is through research. Debates will only bring up the most critical issues, which are important, but each candidate will have plans for topics that usually aren't mentioned in the debates.

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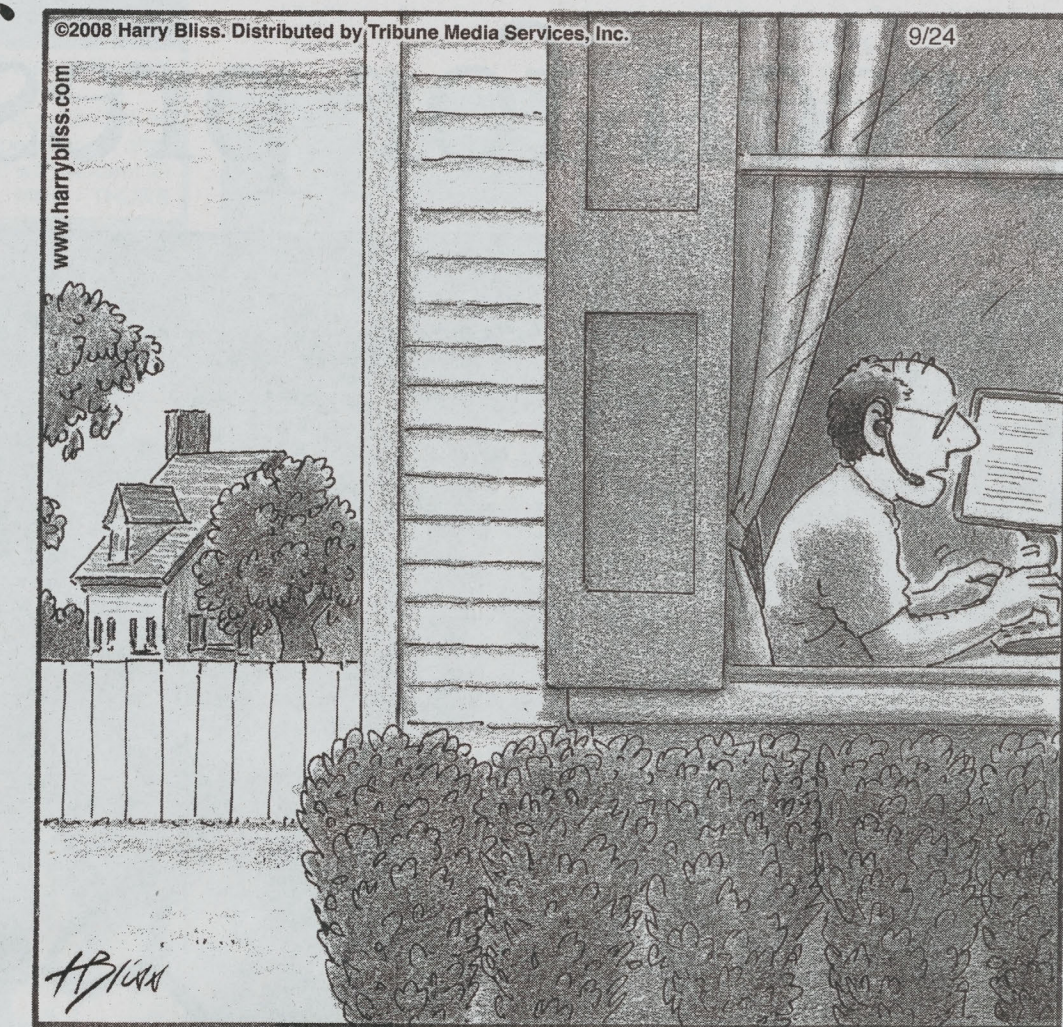
Long distance love lost to the long miles

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Often, college students find themselves in long distance relationships. Leaving that high school sweetheart behind at home is truly one of life's most difficult rites of passage. But the question remains, is holding on to someone so far away really worth it?

In my experience, long distance relationships do not work. When I left home for ECU, I also left my boyfriend of four years behind. Initially, the departure worked fine for the both of us. However, things began to change rapidly once my boyfriend realized that my life was evolving, not in congruence with his own. Trivial issues like not talking long enough on the phone because I had homework caused intense fights between us. Eventually, the fighting created by the distance caused a rift between us so deep that it was no longer repairable. I was miserable, he was miserable; so we broke up.

Couples require togetherness. In the beginning of a relationship, the couple usually decides how much time both people feel



"Marie, forward my calls — I'm working on an ulcer from home today."

PIRATE RANTS

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I don't understand how The Exchange magically changes their name to "The Landing" and then changes it back three days later... I'm so confused. Where do I live?

Don't worry, Ben is back in Greenville... I saw him in the library the other day when he introduced himself to me for the 13th billion time.

I have a 3.7 GPA and still feel like a failure.

Scavenger hunt! Five dollars in the Bell.

I laugh every day at the load of bull he fed you to get you back in bed... Saying my number is in his recent calls to tell me that we can't be friends anymore... HA CAN YOU GET ANYMORE GULLIBLE?

What if they were just making drugs in chem. lab for ECU's profit? Would we ever know?

Ask the girl out upstairs instead of playing Halo all day.

Has anyone seen the girl who recently died her hair really dark and lets it hang all in her face on campus? I often find myself mistaking her for The Grudge until she turns her head and I see how orange her face is. The Grudge girl is way too pale to be her... disappointed.

I'm the only guy in my class and I'm married. Fellas: Now taking bids on my seat.

That's what she said.

Seriously, Sean Kingston to talk about politics? Come on...

Flossin' ain't just for gangstas.

I can't wait to finally take a year off of school and do nothing. Thank you Bush for ruining the economy and making it even more difficult to get student loans!

I'm an early bird and a night owl, so I am wise and I have worms.

To the boy who sits about three desks across from me in sociology Monday, Wednesday and Friday: I think you are gorgeous.

If you were a dirt nasty sex machine, we'd be married already.

Never let a lady Pirate check your prostate. You'll get "hooked."

She didn't "accidentally" get good in bed.

Parents weekend SUCKED! I should not have to be kicked out of my student parking for all the parents and they should NOT tell me to park on West End, or pay the \$20. FIX THIS NEXT YEAR.

My roommate's fish mysteriously died last year. Coincidentally after I sprayed Lysol disinfectant cleaner in the bowl. Oops.

People, when you go to the voting polls on NOV. 4 please do NOT wear any clothing that represents anybody running in this race...THEY WILL TURN YOU AROUND AND REFUSE YOU THE RIGHT TO VOTE. Real talk...pass the word, PLEASE!

Someone called me a cracker... I laughed so hard! I wish my homework was sex; I would do it all the time.

To the girl who started her

period late Saturday night, you left your dirty thong in my dorm room. Please come get it, I'm not sure what to do with this...

The only thing funnier than Tina Fey on SNL as Sarah Palin is the real interview Palin had with Katie Couric. Pew, pew, pew!

To the two boys who play football in the Campus Towers parking lot: Find somewhere else to play. I recommend the huge grassy area right in front of Mendenhall...it's like two feet away.

To: The straight, short, dark-haired gal with freckles and the tie die shirt that walks to class like she's walking the cat walk for iPod. From: The lesbian you think is awesome. WHY CAN'T YOU BE CURIOUS?!!?!?

My roommate moans when she sleeps. I can handle it if you snore, but moaning...I just have one question for you, WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!!

My boyfriend puts on camouflage at least once a week and hides in the woods until I find him.

Stop blaming Bush for the economy. It takes almost a decade for economic policy to kick in. So thank your buddy Clinton. And Clinton can thank Bush, Sr. and Reaganomics for his "apparent" economic success.

Brunettes, take a hint. Pigtails are sexy! national rainforest.

OK, so I get the poof hair when it looks neat, but why do other girls on this campus think it is cute to have a rat's nest on their head? Or maybe the IBF look?

Frustration builds up, especially if you were telling the truth about having too much homework, and it then can turn into one person accusing the other of trying to prevent them from studying. Due to high levels of emotion from the distance, every single fight, big or small, turns into a huge issue. Eventually you forget why you initially were together, because all you concentrate on is the fighting.

Couple therapists suggest frequent face-to-face visits in order to make long distance relationships work. However, that is not always a possibility when you are taking on school, new friends and possibly a new job.

Distance doesn't necessarily make the heart grow fonder; the common trend seems to show that it only makes it grow farther away. The pain that one has to experience from the frustration of a long-distance relationship is not worth it, especially when the likelihood of having the same kind of relationship you used to have is slim to none.

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Don't worry, be happy

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With midterms just around the corner, students are spending longer hours studying, fewer hours sleeping and much more time stressing about how to balance friends, family and schoolwork.

I know I'm one of many procrastinators at ECU, and once test time rolls around, I'm completely frazzled and loaded with Amp or Red Bull for nights on end.

Procrastination seems to be a great idea for some students, but the stress that can build up due to putting off assignments and study time will begin to take its toll soon enough.

Some days seem as though not a single thing can go right and even the simplest of tasks feel overwhelming, zapping all of your energy. Though daily stresses can be caused by a number of things, from test anxiety to the angst of driving down Greenville Boulevard in 5 p.m. traffic, our response to stress can be beneficial but most of the time, it is harmful. Because stress is an inevitable part of life, we have to prepare ourselves to cope with stress before it has more hazardous effects on our health.

It is not ironic, or pleasant, that students tend to have hacking coughs, runny noses and fevers around test time. Approximately 60 to 90 percent of illness is stress-related. Stress prevents the body from fighting off disease and infection. It affects the digestive system as well. Our mentality is also thrown into overdrive by stress, but the effects of anxiety, depression and substance abuse are often not as obvious as the physical problems we tend to suffer. Such stress results generally take longer to acknowledge and cope with, as opposed to stress-related aches and pains.

External stressors are not the only things responsible for deteriorated health. Worrying about grades or upcoming tests, having a pessimistic attitude or having unrealistic expectations can also lead to chronic symptoms of stress. Pain, migraines and heartburn are medical conditions associated with stress, as well as skin problems and irritable bowel syndrome. Stress also leads students to do a number of things in excess or less of, such as sleeping or eating. I often suffer from the I-don't-want-to-get-out-of-bed-and-face-the-world-syndrome.

Weight gain is likely one of the most obvious or recognizable effects of stress, which is why some of us are befuddled when we can't find anything that fits right during some of the more stressful times in life.

Those pounds that seem to pack around the abdominal area aren't necessarily from the doughnuts you ate for breakfast or the late night pizza run. Cortisol is a stress hormone that can slow metabolism when released during the "fight or flight" response to stress.

There is no way to get away from stress—it's everywhere. But I feel that it is necessary to take steps to avoid negative effects on your health. Stay active, take time to relax and prioritize appropriately.

I try to make lists of priorities, but inevitably waste more time listing what needs to be done, than actually doing the tasks. Avoid procrastination, even though we are all guilty of it at some point in time, and make it a point to avoid additional stressors.

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Wintergreen for president!



Sam Jenkins (played by Tim Prince) assists contestants in the upcoming musical.

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Step aside McCain and Obama. There's a new politician in town.

ERIN EDWARDS
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Fresh off the scandal that rocked the White House, presidential candidate John P. Wintergreen promises love for the American people.

Where can you catch his platform and see him in action? At the McGinnis Theatre at ECU, of course.

From Oct. 2 - Oct. 7, the ECU/Loessin Playhouse will feature "Of Thee I Sing," a musical comedy that focuses on

Wintergreen and his journey to Washington.

Featuring a cast of 43, the largest ever on the McGinnis stage, "Of Thee I Sing" is the only musical to win a Pulitzer Prize.

"Of Thee I Sing" focuses on John P. Wintergreen, the newest candidate for the presidency. After the current president is accused of an affair, Congress sets out to find a replacement. For Wintergreen, his only qualification is his "presidential"-sounding name, so a political party sets out to find a platform for the ideal candidate.

So, what do they do?

Since Wintergreen is a bachelor, they decide to base his campaign around love. Desperate to get him into the White House,

an Atlantic City beauty pageant commences, with Wintergreen set to marry the winner. When he falls for someone else and refuses to marry the contest winner, the public easily turns against him and declares impeachment.

ECU student Von Lewis stars as Wintergreen, the fallen candidate.

"I think anyone that comes to see the show is going to love it," said Lewis. "All of the political jokes are hilarious and I absolutely love that I get a chance to play this part; it is such an honor."

The musical comes at the right time as the election season sets in. Jeffery Woodruff, the managing director for the ECU School of Theatre and Dance, believes that anyone who attends

the show will understand why.

"It's right on with the current political season," said Woodruff. "I think it reflects in a comical way how politics haven't changed and I definitely believe that people will enjoy it."

While the show is not intended to offer a critique on the current state of politics, "Of Thee I Sing" intends to offer insight into the state of affairs in 1931 and the contemporary scenarios seen in politics.

The show will run from Oct. 2 - Oct. 7 in McGinnis Theatre. Tickets for students are \$12 in advance; all other tickets cost \$17.50.

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Presidential candidate Wintergreen (Von Lewis) and one of his campaign managers, Frances X. Gilhooley (Greg Jernigan).

What goes into a show production

VON LEWIS
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

"I want to be a producer, with a hit show on Broadway!" sings Leo Bloom, in the Mel Brooks musical comedy, *The Producers*.

Did Leo Bloom know what he was getting himself into? Does he really know what it means to be a producer? Did he know how much work it would take to put on a show?

Luckily for Bloom, and anyone who desires to be the driving force in a production, being a producer doesn't mean that you are alone in the process.

At the ECU School of Theatre and Dance, handling the job of a producer is a group effort.

"There are a lot of different inputs into producing a show and they all have to do with our mission," said John Shearin, director of the School of Theatre and Dance. "We have a very clearly stated mission for the school, which is to provide the highest quality of programming and production, taken from the world's dramatic literature repertoire."

One of the important jobs of a producer is to choose season, meaning to select the shows to put on during the year. Different variables involved in and around the prospective time of producing each show are examined and decisions are made based on the variables for which shows will be selected.

This rings true for the first show produced this semester, "Of Thee I Sing."

"This year is an election year, and I knew of an enormous musical by George and Ira Gershwin that won a Pulitzer Prize back in the 1930s, about presidential politics," Shearin said. "It just so happens that we have the right people for that show this year, and in other election years, I haven't been able to do this show."

Along with selecting a season, another crucial deciding factor in preparation of a production is budgeting.

"One of the advantages of having done this [producing] for a while is that you have previous shows and budgets to look at," said Jeffery Woodruff, the managing director for the School of Theatre and Dance. "We can

look at a certain type of show and know about how much it is going to cost us based on that previous production."

While selecting and budgeting are two main facets that go into producing a show, a producer must be ready to deal with the worst-case scenario. Anything can go wrong, especially late in the process, but when things get difficult, a producer must act quickly to remedy the situation.

"It's sort of like being a juggler, throwing a hundred different balls up in the air and trying not to drop any on the way down," Woodruff said. "Producing a show is a tremendous amount of work, but it is really enjoyable work. Of course the worst part of producing a show is to do all of this work and to just see it fail and bomb."

Shearin and Woodruff both enjoy working with the theatre and dance department at ECU, and want the rest of the community to love it just as much as they do.

"Something that I think would surprise people is to realize just how labor-intensive this business can be," Woodruff said.



VON LEWIS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

John Shearin takes a break from working on a set.

Shearin agrees. "We have a minimum 150 people, students and faculty, working their behinds off to make this show ['Of Thee I Sing'] a success," Shearin said. "However, it's what I do. It's the

thing I enjoy doing more than anything else in the world."

For more information on this year's season and ticketing information contact the school of theatre and dance box office at 328-6829. For general ques-

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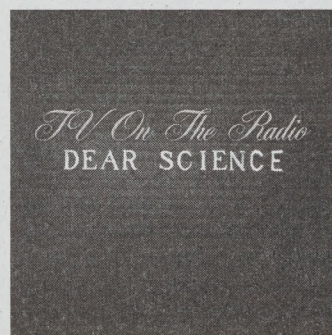
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TV on the Radio score perfect, Plain White T's struggle

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do with a collection of songs that are simply that — a collection of songs that sound amazing.



TV on the Radio — *Dear Science*, 5 out of 5

With the swirling ambient synths, 1980s drumbeats, and falsetto funk grooves worthy of the almighty Prince, TV on the Radio's *Dear Science* is a magnificent album. It works on a track-by-track basis, reeling in an eclectic mix of influences yet never faltering to sound uniquely like the band. These are indie rockers who aren't afraid to stand on a stage in front of 20,000 people, but not self-conscious or self-deprecating enough to stay latched to an indie label. Whether it's the neo soul of "Dancing Choose," the minimalist "Crying" (that sounds like a distant cousin of Kiss), or the pulsing "Halfway Home," TV on the Radio always sounds focused, which is hard to

Cold War Kids — *Loyalty to Loyalty*, 4 out of 5

Loyalty to Loyalty will polarize critics and fans of Cold War Kids, as it isn't as ambitious as their debut. But Cold War Kids is a band that's confused, not exactly sure of where to go from where they are. So what's the solution? Write what they know — confusion. *Loyalty to Loyalty* is a slow album, rarely jumping into pounding beats. The most "exciting" moments are the yell-fest of "Something is Not Right With Me" and the waltzing "I've Seen Enough," though its numbers like the jazzy "Against Privacy," the deep, growling guitar riffs of "Mexican Dogs," and the Barrett Strong-esque "Every Valley is Not a Lake" that make *Loyalty to Loyalty* the interesting album it is.

Plain White T's — *Big Bad World*, 3 out of 5

For those who remember, Plain White T's performed at 2007's Barefoot on the Mall. Back then, they were just on the verge of breaking into the mainstream, and their single "Hey There Delilah" track launched the band into new territories. It's not strange, then, that *Big Bad World* is not so much an album as it is a quest for another hit. They've still got bland emo lyrics like "When you're all alone/Stuck in the dark," blah, blah, blah, and it renders them almost hopeless. *Big Bad World* isn't a bad album, but it's not good enough to be recognized by critics and not profound enough to win over any new fans. People who weren't thrilled by their debut won't hear anything to change their mind, as the album is more restrained than others.

Kings of Leon — *Only By the Night*, 3 out of 5

The band crowned as "the Southern Strokes" fights back with a new album, and yet again, an almost new sound. KOL are desperate to make it big in the United States, as they've somehow already won over the United Kingdom. Songs like "Crawl" feature interesting Who or Zeppelin-like riffs, but for a band who wants to try out that sound, they've got to get with the blues. How else do you think bands like the Black Keys, the White Stripes and the Raconteurs became successful? Simple. Dan Auerbach and Jack White get the blues. KOL haven't traced it back that far and as a result they wind up being an alternative to those who are dismayed by the breakup of Wolfmother.

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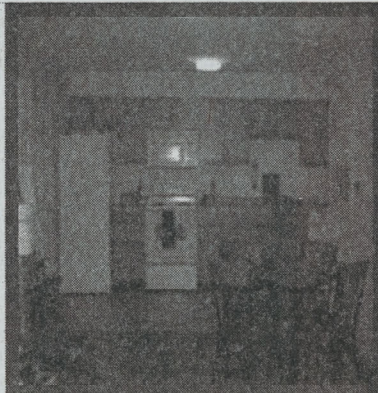
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A day in the life of an RA My bout with cancer

ASHLEY ABERNATHY
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Have you ever wondered how residence halls keep students (sometimes more than 500), from going completely crazy?

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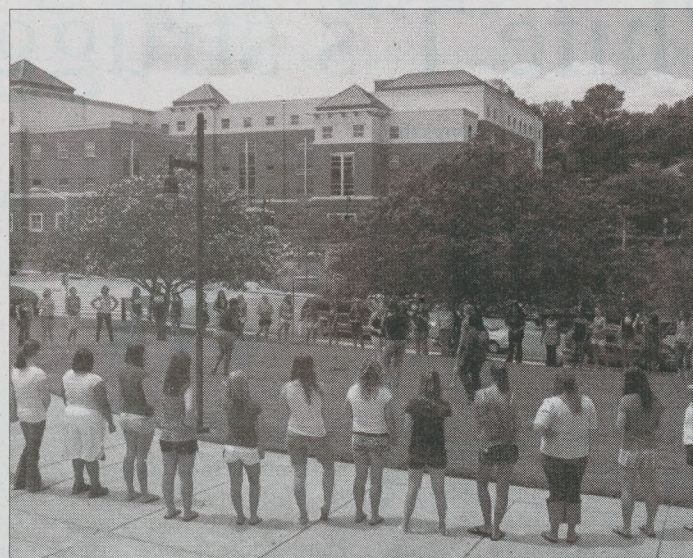
Though the answer may be simple, the job of an RA is quite the contraire.

There are more than 100 RAs on ECU's campus, and each RA must go through a lengthy application process that consists of several different interviews.

Second year RA Brittney Dunn applied for the position her sophomore year.

"If you're going to have a job on campus, you might as well have one that allows you to help others," said Dunn.

RAs serve many roles, including being a resource for residents as well as mediators



ASHLEY ABERNATHY | THE EAST CAROLINIAN
Aycock residents participate in a meeting with their RAs.

between students when conflicts arise.

There are several ECU policies that RAs try to enforce in the residence halls, including no visi-

tation of the opposite sex after 2 a.m., no loaning out keys and ECU's Zero Tolerance Policy of

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BILL ATWELL
CONTRIBUTOR TO
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Billy Atwell is an ECU student and a cancer survivor. As a part of cancer awareness events on campus this week, Atwell wrote this piece outlining his struggle with cancer and how he got through it all.

On July 17, 2002, I was diagnosed with testicular cancer. It had spread up into my abdomen onto lymph nodes behind my kidneys. After fighting through three heavy rounds of chemotherapy, three major operations, and a few minor surgeries, I was cured.

I was again diagnosed with cancer, though of a different kind, in the spring of 2007, all before my 21st birthday. This surgery required the removal of a large mass and then a reconstruction of my hip.

I do not want to spend much time on what happened to me; rather, I want to write about how I emotionally pulled through that terrible fight. There are countless stories of suffering to be read about downtrodden cancer survivors, and those who never pulled through. Mine is hardly significant being that it is so comparable to many others that you have read.

People have told me, "I don't know how you did it. I could never be as strong as you when you were sick." The first sentence of that statement is always a puzzle to me. I did it because I had no choice. There is no moral worth to the fact that I have suffered because I did not choose it. Yes, I have been made a better person in light of my experiences but I would never have chosen the path in life I have been given.

The second sentence of that statement is of greater value

to those who are interested in cancer counseling and recovery. I have heard a quote that changed the way I view suffering. It reads, "It is not what happens to a man that matters, rather it is what happens within him that truly counts."

Overcoming cancer with a sound body is left up to the doctors, physicians and other experts. You have little to no accountability as to how your physical self pulls through an illness like cancer. Mentally, though, we have much more control over what happens. Having suffered through cancer twice I have taken two approaches: optimism and pessimism.

My optimism came in my first bout with cancer. I was, and still am, a firm believer in the God. I was raised Roman Catholic my entire life and my faith has played a key role in

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BY THE NUMBERS

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Number of players currently listed on the ECU football injury list. Major additions include Patrick Pinkney, Dwayne Harris, Pierre Bell, Leon Best, Kevin Gidrey, T.J. Lee, Stanley Bryant and Quentin Cotton. Holtz hopes to use to bye week as an advantage in getting his players back healthy.

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Turnovers committed by ECU so far on the season through five games. In 13 games last season, the Pirates only turned the ball over 14 times. A majority of the turnovers this year are the result of fumbles in which ECU has put it on the ground 12 times while losing seven. Patrick Pinkney has thrown three interceptions while Rob Kass has thrown one.

22

The percentage of third-down conversions for the ECU offense during the last three games. The Pirates have faced third down 35 times combined against Tulane, N.C. State and Houston and converted only five times. During the first two games against Virginia Tech and West Virginia, ECU converted 15 times on 29 tries.

13

ECU soccer ranking in the Southeast according to Soccer Buzz, the exclusive women collegiate soccer publication. The ranking marks the highest for ECU [7-3,2-0] since 1999. The Pirates currently sit atop the Conference USA standings after two shutout wins against Rice and Houston.

100

Number of years since the Chicago Cubs last won a World Series. The Cubs rolled to a 97-64 mark in the National League this year and have their sights set on a World Championship. Manager Lou Piniella has made quite a difference in the Cubs organization after leading them to back-to-back playoff appearances for the first time since 1906-08.

THEY SAID IT

"It seems like your taking one or two out of the mix every week."
-Skip Holtz on players injuries

"It is already behind us. You learn from your mistakes. Obviously there's some frustration there but you learn from that and move on; that's what a mature football team does and that's what we are."

-Junior quarterback Rob Kass

"It's a lot of passionate guys on defense; a lot of guys with great intensity and strong personalities so those things happen in the heat of battle. On Sunday it's already all behind us and we have moved on already. It's not a big thing to worry about."

-Junior defensive back Van Eskridge

"We just have to focus in and just hone in on doing what we know how to do. Every guy that's out there has to take care of his responsibility and do it the way he has been coached to do it and if that happens we should be ok."

-Van Eskridge v

ECU receives timely bye week



TRAVIS BARTLETT | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Linebacker Pierre Bell (above) is one of ECU's players who has been playing banged up, and is most likely using the bye week to recover.

Pirates using time to heal up, get over losses

JARED JACKSON
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

A week off couldn't have come at a better time for the Pirates.

After winning the first three games of the season for the first time since 1999, ECU [3-2,1-1] has gone from on top of the world to nonexistent after critical losses to N.C. State and Houston.

Last season the Pirates played 11 straight weeks before their bye week. This season, the first bye week comes after five games; something ECU coach Skip Holtz believes will be extremely beneficial to his team.

"It's huge," said Holtz of the bye week. "I think we need it for a number of reasons. We need it from a physical standpoint; we have 32 names on the injury report right now and hopefully we can turn and get some of those guys healthy by not banging on them so hard during the course of the week and then not having a game on Saturday. We can get some guys healthy."

When ECU plays its next game on Oct. 11 at Virginia,

Holtz will be trying to win his third straight game after a bye week.

"It also comes at a great time for a mental standpoint. I don't think we played very well Saturday [against Houston], obviously," Holtz said. "I don't think we responded very well from an execution standpoint and how we came back after the N.C. State game. I think they're playing extremely well and want to be good, but we just have to look at the film and see where we're making the mistakes and how critical every little play is."

Perhaps the most devastating news to come out of Saturday's 41-24 loss to Houston is that senior quarterback Patrick Pinkney is nursing an injury to his ankle. It remains to be seen just how long, if at all, Pinkney will be out.

Junior quarterback Rob Kass saw playing time Saturday in place of a hurt and underachieving Pinkney, but Kass says that no matter who is playing signal caller, it all comes down to winning.

"Both of us are out here working to get better every single day," said Kass. "I have to prepare every single game like I'm the starter; I have to be mentally and physically prepared. I know

that going into the next couple of games there is an opportunity for me to get in there and play, and I'm going to take full advantage of it."

"Patrick is the captain of our team, he is a leader, but I also bring a sense of leadership to the team too," he said. "Last year we both played well and played together and if we have to go back to that [two quarterback system] for us to continue to win, then I guarantee you this team is all for it."

The Pirate offense was less than stellar last Saturday against Houston, producing only 275 total yards, most of which came when there was no doubt that Houston would take the win.

In the first half alone, ECU only passed for 15 yards, while gaining 79 on the ground.

While the offense may be a cause of concern, Kass doesn't believe there is a cause for worry.

"I would say our problem doesn't come down to really 'X's' and 'O's,' it just comes down to execution," Kass said. "The first three games we were converting on third down and protecting the ball as an offense and we know we have to go back and refocus on those things."

Kass is hoping the offense can learn from the mistakes it

made against Houston.

"It is already behind us," Kass said of the Houston game. "You learn from your mistakes. Obviously there's some frustration there but you learn from that and move on; that's what a mature football team does and that's what we are."

The ECU defense was the strong point for the first three games of the season, but bumps and bruises have taken their toll on the unit.

"This bye week is very important from the standpoint of putting the tough losses to Houston and N.C. State behind us and fixing some of the internal things such as injuries," said junior defensive back Van Eskridge. "The injury bug has hit us pretty hard this season. We've played in some tough football games this season and a lot of our key guys have bumps and bruises so it's very, very important to us."

The defensive secondary has taken a lot of heat in the wake of Houston's 399-yard air attack against ECU. Even so, Eskridge believes his unit can rebound.

"Houston has a great offense if you go back and look at their resume," Eskridge said. "They have been a team for a long time that puts up a lot of points and throws for a lot of yards because

that's what they do. If you ask me, there's nothing wrong with the defense, there's nothing wrong with the secondary. We just have to do what we know how to do better."

The bye week, according to Kass, also "gives us an opportunity to look back at the previous five games and get better while learning from our mistakes."

And what a first five games they were. ECU was once No. 14 in the nation before the two heartbreaking losses forced the Pirates out of the polls.

While the losses did hurt the team, they are now focused on moving on and preparing for the rest of the season.

"Of course we are disappointed at losing," Eskridge said. "Any time you lose it hurts; it's like it leaves a hole in your stomach. But you know, we're 3-2 and there is a lot of football left to be played this season. We can still reach a lot of the goals that we set at the beginning of the season. We just have to come out and keep playing, keep grinding, keeping pushing and try to end this thing the best we can and hopefully that will be 10-2."

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ECU swimmers dive in this weekend



ECU SID

Sophomore Andrew Johnson for the men's team.



ECU SID

Senior Amanda Duncan in action last season.

SEAN LABAR
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The ECU swim team is preparing for another outstanding season this year with the purple/gold inter-squad meet on Friday.

The event has been an annual tradition since 1953, and will serve as a preview for coaches and fans alike, as to what will come this season.

"This is a pretty important meet for us, especially the freshman," said head coach

Rick Kobe. "Your only as good as the talent of the freshman coming in...we only take so many people on the bus so we expect a lot of good races."

Confidence filled the voice of Kobe as he reiterated the importance of the purple/gold meet in preparation for the season opener against the powerhouse West Virginia next Saturday. West Virginia is tough competition for the Pirates, and certainly won't be a cakewalk.

Kobe admits that WVU is talented, but says that if

ECU swims up to the team's potential, than they should have no problem claiming an early victory.

This weekend should help determine where the Pirates stand as they head into the meet with the Mountaineers.

"West Virginia is the best team on our schedule," said Kobe. "If we swim as fast as we're capable of swimming at that given time, than it is what it is."

Kobe linked the hopeful success of the upcoming season

with the legendary winning reputation ECU swimming upholds. It is a winning tradition that is constantly preached, which keeps the swimmers both motivated and confident.

"Swimming has a very high standard and outstanding tradition," said Kobe. "We've won a ton of championships, we've been in three conferences [championships] since I have been here...we won all three. When freshmen come in here they realize they are part of upholding

that tradition."

The team appeared well coached and disciplined at practice this week, as they prepared for the upcoming season.

After setting the all-time record for consecutive winning seasons for any team in ECU history last year, the team has the attitude and momentum to succeed once again.

Despite losing some key members from last year's squad, ECU plenty of experi-

October brings playoff baseball

HART HOLLOMAN
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Milwaukee Brewers vs. Philadelphia Phillies

The Phillies come in benefiting from another choke job by the Mets, but they certainly have the experience edge over the Brewers, who are in the playoffs for the first time since 1982.

The Phillies made the playoffs last year, but were swept by the Rockies in the first round. Still, the Phillies do have the past two NL MVP's in Ryan Howard and Jimmy Rollins. The Brewers come in riding the big arm of C.C. Sabathia. With Ben Sheets out for remainder of the season, Sabathia will need to pitch every chance he gets to keep the Brew Crew going. In a short series, that may be enough.

With both lineups finding it difficult to score runs in recent weeks, pitching may just decide the series. Once you get through Sabathia, the Brewers may find it hard just to find a live arm to put out on the mound. Look for the Phillies to ride their superior depth in their rotation and bullpen to the series win, but it will take five games, with Sabathia winning both of his starts. **Pick: Phillies**

LA Dodgers vs. Chicago Cubs

The Cubs are on cloud nine as they enter the playoffs with the best record in the NL and the favorites to win the pennant. The Dodgers are limping in with a mere 84 wins coming out of the worst division in baseball.

This looks to be the biggest mismatch in the playoffs, and it should play out that way on the field. While the Cubs will trot out Ryan Dempster, Carlos Zambrano and Rich Harden in the first three games, the Dodgers will give the ball to Derek Lowe, Chad Billingsley and Hiroki Kuroda, advantage Cubbies. You can also give the Cubs an edge in defense, offense and the bullpen. But, there is the matter of the Billy Goat. Still the Cubs should have no trouble winning three in a row against the over-matched Dodgers. Cubs will sweep and have the opportunity to rest their aces for the NLCS. **Pick: Cubs**

Boston Red Sox vs. LA Angels of Anaheim

The defending champion Red Sox come in to the series a little nicked up. Mike Lowell and J.D. Drew are returning from the disabled list, and Josh Beckett missed his last start. All are expected to play, but the Sox will need all three at 100 percent to edge out the well-managed Angels.

The Angels win with defense and pitching, the Sox with overwhelming offense...and pitching. But, if Beckett can't get back the magic that has made him unbeatable in the playoffs throughout his career, then the Sox don't have a chance.

This will also be the first playoff series the Sox enter without Manny Ramirez since 1999. Boston has lived off he and David Ortiz's timely hitting in recent years, but will it continue without ManRam? The Sox will have to find out—and quick—because late-inning heroics will be hard to come by against Angels ace closer Francisco Rodriguez. Expect some close games in what should be the best series of the opening round, but the Angels should win in five, with K-Rod slamming the door on close leads for the Angels. **Pick: Angels**

Rays vs. White Sox

This is the most intriguing match up of the divisional round. The Rays were the surprise team of the year. They are a young team that relies on a great defense and pitching to out-work other teams. They were front-runners most of the season in the best division in baseball and didn't crack under the pressure of having the two most successful teams of the past 15 years breathing down their necks. The White Sox come in two years removed from a World Series title but sneaked into the playoffs by virtue of a one game playoff with the Twins for the Central Division crown.

The feeling is that this is the last chance for most of the Chicago players in White Sox uniforms. The aging team is due for some changes and that could help their mentality in this series. It is the age-old question of youth verses experience, and youth will win this one. The Rays are just too strong in the field for the mistake-prone White Sox, and Tampa's young, powerful arms will keep the veteran Sox line-up in check. Get to know these young Rays, people, because they are for real. Rays win in four and Ozzie Guillen has a meltdown in front of the press....again. **Pick: Rays**

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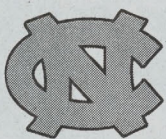
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Week six: Ranking the Carolinas

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1. N. CAROLINA



Record: 3-1
Last week: Won at Miami, 28-24

The Heels take the top spot in the Carolinas after their triumphant win at Miami last Saturday. According to the Associated Press, Miami was 225-13 since 1985 when leading at any point after the third quarter, but UNC has now made that number 225-14. The Heels erased a 10-point fourth quarter deficit behind the unexpected play of quarterback Cameron Sexton. Sexton threw two touchdown passes in the final quarter, including a 14-yarder to Brooks Foster with 0:46 left, which made the score 28-24. Sexton's heroics erased the memory of injured starter T.J. Yates, but UNC shouldn't start beating its chest just yet—a hungry UConn team will be in Chapel Hill this weekend. Can the Heels bring it two weeks in a row? We'll see.

2. DUKE



Record: 3-1
Last week: Won vs. Virginia, 31-3

You want a reason for Duke being ahead of Wake Forest in these rankings, you got it. The Blue Devils beat Navy 41-31 almost three weeks ago, and that same Navy team beat Wake last weekend. The Blue Devils have two very valuable things in the conference that they play in: a quarterback and a coach. Duke dominated Virginia last weekend, snapping a 25-game ACC losing streak. Like it or not, the Blue Devils are for real this year. The only problem is that they have played all of their games at home so far. Six of their final nine games are on the road, including this week's game against Georgia Tech. Duke will have to show the same kind of heart on the road that it has at home this season.

3. WAKE FOREST



Record: 3-1
Last week: Lost vs. Navy 24-13

Wake Forest followed up its dominating win at Florida State with a loss to Navy at home last Saturday. How can somebody possibly justify that? Here's one shot at it: when Navy gets a lead, it is very difficult to come back. The Midshipmen jumped out to an early lead against Wake, and led 17-0 at halftime. Wake tried to come back, winning the third quarter 10-0, but it just was too steep of a task. Navy feverishly ran out the clock after gaining its early lead, attempting only four passes—compared to 59 runs—the entire game. Navy had 249 more rushing yards than Wake and dominated time of possession, controlling the ball for 13 minutes and 38 seconds more than Wake Forest.

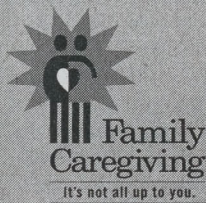
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ence returning this Fall. The returnees will also be joined by a slew of talented newcomers.

"We are very excited about the future of Pirate swimming and diving with this incredible group that will be joining us in the fall," Kobe said after signing his freshmen class. "This is a very talented group of divers and

fast group of swimmers. They each have some very notable credentials and we expect each of them to have outstanding careers at ECU."

Senior captain Adam Papendick remained calm and focused while stretching after a long practice Wednesday afternoon. When asked about the possibility of going unde-

feated this season and performing even better than last year Papendick confidently replied, "There's always a shot."

Papendick and rest of the team will be on display at Minges Coliseum this Friday, starting at 3 p.m.

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RANKING continued from B2

4.S. CAROLINA



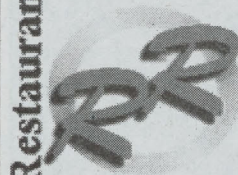
Record: 3-2
Last week: Won vs. UAB, 26-13

South Carolina hasn't looked overly impressive the past two weeks, but it has won. The Gamecocks' defense has played well all year, but the problem has been on offense. Head Coach Steve Spurrier might have found his answer on the offensive side of the ball, however. Super-talented freshman quarterback Stephen Garcia finally got his chance to show Spurrier what he can do last week, going 13-of-20 for 131 yards and a touchdown, while adding 86 rushing yards and one more touchdown in his first significant action of his career. Garcia will start this week against Ole Miss, and Spurrier might have finally found the spark he needed. USC looks to have new life and Ole Miss could still be thinking about its win last week at Florida come Saturday. Advantage: Gamecocks.

Record: 3-2
Last week: Lost vs. Maryland, 20-17

Clemson remains in the rankings by default this week. It came down to Clemson, ECU or N.C. State. This season, Clemson has beat N.C. State, which then beat ECU—so Clemson gets the nod. With that said, the Tigers suffered another bad loss last Saturday, losing at home to Maryland despite winning for most of the game. Just like ECU, Clemson is on a bye week right now and has time to figure out how to turn things around despite having two disappointing losses in the loss column. The Tigers play at Wake Forest on Oct. 9; will that be a game that Clemson wants to win or will it go through the motions like it has so many times before? I'm not sure anyone has the answer for that one, except for the Clemson players.

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After posting two shutouts to begin conference play, the Pirates soccer team has garnered a No. 13 Southeast Region ranking, according to a release by Soccer Buzz, the exclusive collegiate publication for women's soccer.

The squad currently holds the top position in the C-USA standings in addition to the regional ranking.

The ranking is the highest for the Pirates (7-3-0, 2-0-0 C-USA) since 1999, when they were ranked 10th going into the final week of the season. That team would go on to finish 11-5. It is also the first week since

September of the 2006 season that the program has earned a ranking, as on Sept. 7, the squad was ranked No. 14.

North Carolina and Duke are ranked first and second in this week's poll, respectively, both with 9-1-1 records. Other North Carolina schools appearing in the Southeast Region poll include Wake Forest (No. 5), N.C. State (No. 9), Charlotte (No. 11) and UNC Greensboro (No. 12). UNC Wilmington, which East Carolina downed 2-1 in overtime on Sept. 5, is receiving votes in the poll.

Last weekend, ECU started conference play off on the right foot by shutting out Rice, 2-0, at the Rice Soccer Stadium.

Freshman Amanda Malk-

iewicz led the Pirates in shots against Rice with two, while Savanna Russo produced the assist on both scores. Campbell turned in her fourth shutout of the season and 25th of her career. The victory marked the second consecutive time that East Carolina has held Rice scoreless as the Pirates garnered a 1-0 win at Bunting Field last season.

ECU recorded another shutout on the following day, recording a 1-0 victory over Rice.

Blair Heffner provided the game's only goal in the waning minutes. The senior finally broke the deadlock when she tallied her second goal of the season, taking a half chance that rebounded off a Houston player in the box and

slotting it home. Sophomore Jessica Cunningham picked up the lone assist on the play.

Campbell was brilliant for the second straight game for East Carolina, recording five saves to preserve her fifth shutout of the season and 26th of her career. The senior now has two clean sheets to begin conference play.

"We struggled in the first half but came on strong in the second," head coach Rob Donnenwirth commented. "We started winning 50-50 balls and it paid off with a goal in the end. Our backs and Amber had another great game."

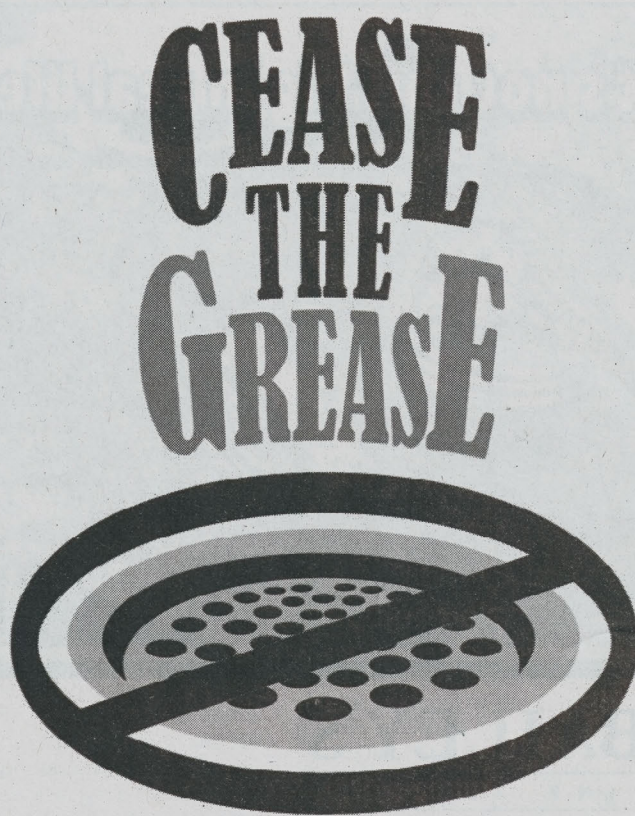
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at 1:30 a.m. during the week and 10 a.m.-last call on weekends.

With a European-influenced menu offering everything from soup, salad and appetizers to lasagna, crab cakes and fettuccine Alfredo, there's something for everyone, even the late night crowd.

Christy's also features a dinner special each night.

Specials don't stop at the food, however. Each night offers a different drink special as well. Drink specials typically consist of a mixed drink and a beer discounted each night. Christy's bar offers imported beer, high gravity beer, draft beer, domestic beer, mixed drinks and an extensive wine selection.

According to Christy's bartender of nine month, Aly Morgan, "we have a very vast selection of beer."

With indoor and outdoor covered seating, Christy's is a great place to unwind any time of the year.

"People can come in here and see people they call friends. Our staff won't just take your money and leave, they make you feel more welcome than most," Mims said.

Christy's also draws a very diverse crowd ranging from graduate students and professionals to an older patrons, with regulars making up about 75 percent of the clientele.

"The regulars are all very friendly and we draw a diverse crowd age-wise," Morgan said.

Christy's is a great alternative to the headache that can be downtown, and is very easy to find. It also provides a large parking lot for those living outside of walking distance.

"Christy's is a nice and relaxing place to wind down with a group of friends and have a few good drinks and some great conversations," said Christy's patron, Casey Davis.

The next time you and your friends want to relax with some great food and drinks in a laid-back atmosphere, you should head no further than Christy's Europub.

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Tired of the same old Halloween?

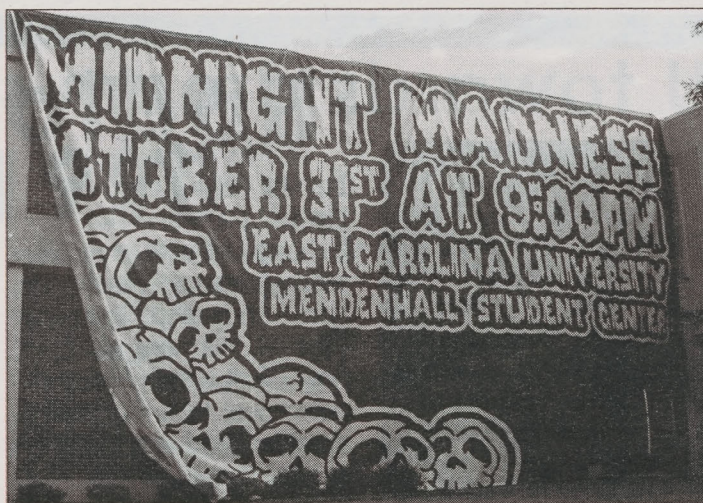
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ERIN EDWARDS

Halloween has always been an unpredictable time at ECU and in Greenville, but for students looking for something a little different than downtown, they can look no further than Mendenhall Student Center.

The annual Midnight Madness event is held at Mendenhall to provide an alternative to what is usually a congested downtown scene. The event offers a variety of activities that are free for all students and a guest.

"Since the mid-1990s, Midnight Madness has provided students and their guests with an alternative to the downtown Halloween celebration,"



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said Jacob Tidwell, the assistant director of student activities and major events. "We want students to have the option of a fun, entertaining atmosphere without the dangers of going into the crowded festivities downtown."

The theme for Midnight Madness this year is "Legend of the Dark Pirate,"

in reference to The Dark Knight film that opened earlier this year. The activities will begin around 9 p.m. at Mendenhall Student Center, followed by a dance in the Student Recreation Center at 10 a.m. All festivities will end at approximately 1:30 a.m.

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Letter from the Editor

Fall is here, and with it brings an exciting new semester, a lot of Pirate football, a multitude of seasonal festivities to engage in and the return of ECU's very own Arts and Entertainment Magazine, Pulse.

You may have already noticed the new look of Pulse but rest assured, the content is much the same with a few new additions here and there.

To fill your weekends with artistic bliss, Pulse will continue to feature the Pulse Calendar in each issue as well as Pulse Live. Pulse Live will not only feature local Greenville favorites but also include music in nearby areas for those looking to commute to hear some of their favorite musicians.

For this first issue of Pulse, we have taken an in-depth look at the progression of Pirate football over the past two decades and even scored an interview with ECU's star quarterback, Patrick Pinkney.

We have also included a look into the beloved tradition

of Homecoming, another festive football-related event that many Pirates enjoy each year.

However, Pulse not only covers the artsy and entertaining aspects of the ECU campus, but also features a look into life outside of the university by featuring local hot spots in the area, so look for the local venue review in this issue and other Greenville guides in the future.

The coming year is sure to be a great one and Pulse strives to feature as many arts and entertainment favorites as possible for the reading pleasure of every Pirate.

Upcoming issues of Pulse will hit newsstands on Nov. 6, Jan. 15, Feb. 5, March 5 and April 2.

We hope you enjoy this issue of Pulse and look forward to providing you with the best of the Greenville and ECU arts and entertainment scene for the 2008-2009 year.

As always, go Pirates!

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Pinkney leading ECU towards dream season

JARED JACKSON

No. 23 ECU is 3-1 this season with wins over perennial powerhouses Virginia Tech and West Virginia. A large part of the success has to do with the stellar play of quarterback Patrick Pinkney. The fifth year senior from Fayetteville, N.C. grew up a Pirate as his father Reggie played for ECU in the mid 70's. Though the ride hasn't always been this smooth, Pinkney has had multiple shoulder injuries; the 6'0 scrambling quarterback has the Pirates poised for a big season and perhaps a Conference USA title.

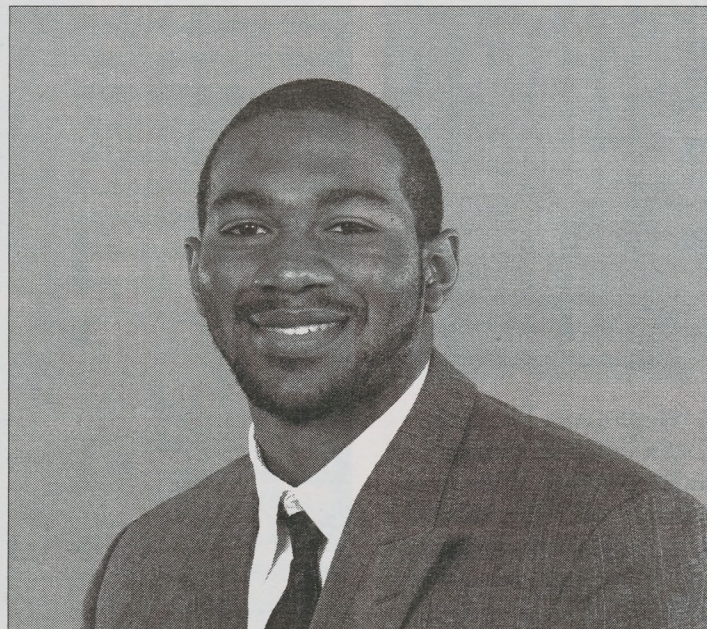
Q: What does it mean to you to be the starting quarterback at East Carolina University and represent the university.

A: It's a great honor, you know with the great quarterback's before me. It's a huge role and I'm just taking it and having fun with leading this team. When you have guys that believe in you it makes my job easier and I can just go out there and play my role.

Q: What drew you to East Carolina?

A: I grew up a Pirate. A lot of other schools wanted me to play a different position but East Carolina wanted to give the chance to play quarterback. That was one of the main reasons for coming here.

Q: When you got here the program was in a state of despair, did you ever believe that it



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could be turned around this fast?

A: I think every program has its down years, but you have to have great leaders in the right spots and great senior leadership to motivate your other teammates. With that, you're going to get better and not go back down. When you expect to win your going to get better every year as you can see [we have].

Q: What's it like having all the media attention surrounding the program?

A: I have fun with it. When I come out here [football field], I forget all about that stuff. It's all about business when you step in between the lines.

Q: With ECU all over television and the Internet, do you watch/read the coverage or try to avoid it?

A: Your going to look at it because it's there but that comes with the business. Like I said it's

the game of football, when your mindset is to win football games, all that just disappears.

Q: How does your father help you with him being a former Pirate?

A: He motivates me. He always told me to keep God first and when you get your opportunity you have to take advantage of it. My mother motivates me more because she calls me everyday to see how I'm doing and I really appreciate that. Love both of them to death; I have great support.

Q: What are the pressures of your position?

A: As a senior staying out of trouble like everyone else and making the right choices [is important]. In my position, I can't be out every night. I just try to make the right choices and follow Jesus.

Q: Has the success of the football team so far changed you in any way?

A: No, defiantly not I'm still Patrick Pinkney. I'm laid back and like to hang out with my teammates and be at home and watch The First 48. With one class now I just watch film and come over here [football stadium] and meet with the coaches. I'm just a regular person. God made everyone different but at the same time not everyone's has this opportunity so I'm just having fun with it.

Q: What's the advantage of being a fifth year senior?

A: When you start in school early you have to take advantage of the

early years and try to get all your credits done and out of the way early. When you do become a senior you don't have much homework and classes to worry about and that has really helped me this season.

Q: If the opportunity arises for you to come back for a sixth year due to medical hardship, would you entertain it?

A: Definitely, it's college football. But at the same time I'm not going to worry about that. When the time comes I'll make my decision then.

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In the 1990s, ECU was well respected around that nation as a football program. Coached by Bill Lewis and Steve Logan, the Pirates were consistently in the top-25 and appearing in bowl games at season's end.

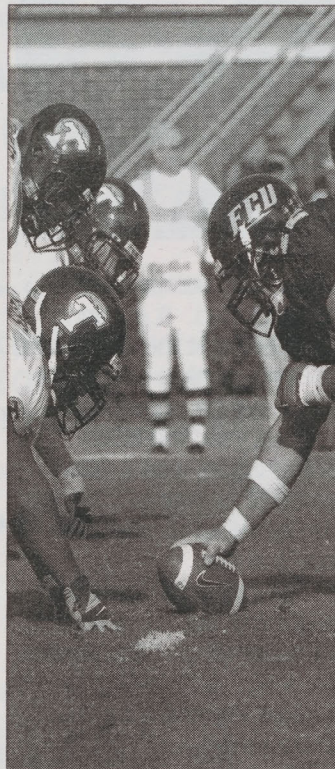
However, toward the end of the 1990s and the beginning of the 21st century, ECU's program fell drastically. Logan was fired soon after and replaced by John Thompson, who managed only three

wins in two seasons before Skip Holtz was hired before the 2005 season.

With the leadership of Holtz, the Pirates have consistently improved each year. This fall, ECU started the season with wins over Virginia Tech and West Virginia, and has vaulted itself back into the national spotlight.

Here's a look at the ups-and-downs the ECU football program has gone through in the past 18 years.

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The Pirates score a dramatic comeback victory over archrival N.C. State in the Peach Bowl. ECU wins the bowl game 37-34, finishing the season with an 11-1 record and ranked No. 9 in the nation, which is the highest-ranking ECU has ever received.

• Dec. 30, 1995

Led by Head Coach Steve Logan, ECU wins its first Liberty Bowl—a 19-13 win over Stanford in Memphis, T.N. The Pirates went to the Liberty Bowl the year before, but got shutout by Illinois, 30-0.

• Sept. 25, 1999

Quarterback David Garrard leads ECU to a 27-23 emotional victory over No. 9 Miami. The win was the Pirates' first win over a top-10 team ever. Making it even more amazing, the game had to be played in Raleigh because just weeks earlier, Hurricane Floyd ripped through Greenville, N.C., causing extreme flooding.

• Dec. 19, 2001

ECU and Marshall play one of the most memorable bowl games ever, the 2001 GMAC Bowl. Marshall quarterback Byron Leftwich governs his team to a 64-61, double-overtime win over the Pirates. The 125 points scored in that game still stand as the most points ever scored in a bowl game.

• Dec. 7, 2002

The day after losing to Cincinnati 42-26 in Greenville and finishing the 2002 season 4-8, Steve Logan is fired as ECU's football coach. The 2002 season was Logan's first losing season in four years, and he still stands as ECU's highest winning football coach, with 69 wins.

• Nov. 27, 2004

After winning only one game in 2003 and two games in 2004, ECU is embarrassed by archrival N.C. State, 52-14, in Charlotte, N.C. The loss was Head Coach John Thompson's last game as coach of the Pirates, finishing his two-year tenure in Greenville with a 3-20 record as ECU's football image hits rock bottom.

• Dec. 3, 2004

ECU hires Skip Holtz, son of legendary football coach Lou Holtz, to replace John Thompson. Holtz was an offensive assistant at South Carolina at the time, and had previous head coaching experience at the University of Connecticut.

• Nov. 23, 2007

Senior running back Chris Johnson sets a NCAA bowl record with 408 all-purpose yards, leading the Pirates to a stunning 41-38 victory over No. 24 Boise State in the Hawaii Bowl. It is ECU's first bowl win since 2000 and weeks later, Johnson was drafted in the first round of the NFL draft by the Tennessee Titans, and is now off to a successful start in his rookie season with the Titans.

• Sept. 6, 2008

ECU follows up its season-opening win over Virginia Tech with a 24-3 domination of No. 8 West Virginia, the highest-ranked team the Pirates have ever beat, at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. ECU's students rush the field after the win. Two days later, ECU found itself ranked No. 15 in the nation, which is the highest ranking since finishing the 1991 season No. 9.

Homecoming has organizations 'going for the gold'

ERIN EDWARDS

The summer Olympics may be over in Beijing, but for ECU students, the games are just beginning.

For ECU Homecoming this year, all organizations are invited to participate in events to get others into the spirit and excitement of the yearly tradition. The theme for the 2008 celebration will reflect on the summer's Olympic Games.

"The theme for this year is 'Go for the Gold,' which is in regards to the Olympics," said Emily Agler, the associate director of student activities and major events.

The week before the ECU Pirates play Marshall in the Homecoming game on Nov. 8, various organizations on campus will have the opportunity to compete for the spirit cup. The student organization

that builds up the most points in assorted events will be awarded the Spirit Cup and \$1,000. The highest quantity of points that can be awarded is 3,500.

Groups will have many chances to gain points for the Spirit Cup, including decorating an original banner, creating and performing a skit, decorating a hall or lawn, collecting cans for a non-perishable food drive and designing a float for the annual parade. Judging for each organization is based on creativity, originality, design, workmanship and use of theme.

New to the Homecoming festivities this year is the Cannon Ball, which will be held on Oct. 30. The Cannon Ball is a formal dance that 40 percent of members in participating organizations must attend in order to



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receive 200 points toward the Spirit Cup. It is during this event that the candidates for Homecoming King and Queen will be introduced.

Last year, the ECU Ambassadors won a clean sweep of all events, claiming the Spirit Cup for the fifth year in a row.

"Homecoming takes a lot of work but we always pull together and accomplish our goals," said Jessica Dunlow, member of ECU Ambassadors.

Ambassadors created

an interactive lawn in which Dunlow and another member dressed up as a pirate and dragon, performing for those who passed by. The organization also took a different approach to the normal routine of performing a skit by playing off the popular High School Musical movies.

"I think the reason we [Ambassadors] continue to do so well in the Spirit Cup competitions is because we are creative and somehow manage to have an unlimited supply of talented students," Dunlow said. "I've never known more talented people than those that I work with in Ambassadors."

In addition to competitive activities for organizations, Homecoming will also feature events open to all students. The Student Activities Board will

be hosting a fall concert that students voted on in the past few months.

"Although a winner has been chosen, we are still in the process of negotiations," said Agler. "The winner will be announced once contracts are finished."

According to Agler, over 3,000 students voted on OneStop from July to September for the artist who would perform at the concert. The event is new to the Student Activities Board and will be held on Nov. 6 in Minges Coliseum. Tickets and additional information will be available in the next few weeks.

The National Pan-Hellenic Council will also be sponsoring the annual Step Show on Friday, Nov. 5 at Wright Auditorium.

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"The purpose of Midnight Madness is to provide a safe, nonalcoholic alternative for students on Halloween," said Emily Agler, the associate director of student activities. "We usually have an average of 2,000 students stop by the event to check it out."

Throughout the night, there will be a variety of entertainment for students and guests to enjoy. Students will be provided with many chances to enjoy their Halloween in an environment that is extremely different from what many will experience in downtown Greenville.

"We plan not only to provide the usual free bowling and billiards to students, but Midnight Madness will also offer a comedic juggler, movies, a

dance, a Fear Factor-type competition and numerous novelty activities," Tidwell said.

Students will also be treated to a midnight breakfast, as well as catching classic horror films, such as Nightmare on Elm Street and Friday the 13th in Hendrix Theater.

Students will be admitted showing a valid 1Card, but for those who want to bring a guest, they must pick up a guest pass the week before the event. Passes are available for pick-up at the Student Recreation Center, Mendenhall Student Center and Todd Dining Hall. Guest passes are free, but are limited to one per student.

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