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## ECU student arrested in case of alleged 'mistaken identity'

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Last Sunday, ECU junior Jarmichael Harris' life changed.

Around 7 p.m. on Sept. 28, Harris was approached by two ECU police officers who said that he fit the description of a suspect in an assault case that had taken place near Fletcher Hall just 12 hours earlier. The description? Allegedly, the attacker was a black male with glasses, roughly 5 feet 6 inches tall.

Harris was subsequently arrested on Thursday, Oct. 2 in front of Fletcher Hall on campus. He was released on an unsecured bond, with the understanding that he will show up to his Oct. 22 court date.

The ECU police department was unavailable for comment.

Harris claims that he was in his dorm room in White Hall at the time of the attack, which occurred at

approximately 3 a.m. The victim's name has not been released, but Harris claims that neither he nor the victim know each other.

"I don't know him [and] he doesn't know me at all," said Harris, a rehab studies major. "Clearly he wants to know who did it, but I'm not the guy."

Harris, who is also the chief of staff for ECU's Black Student Union, is outraged at the vague description that landed him in handcuffs.

According to Kyndall Peele, vice president of BSU, the organization has been campaigning to have the "race" factor of the ECU alert system removed, although this incident involving Harris did not appear on the alert system at the university.

"I feel that if they're going to include race, then they need to include other races besides the African-American community," said Peele. "If you



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Jarmichael Harris was arrested on Thursday on charges of assault.

notice, a majority of students of color are identified while the majority [of other races] are not. I think that this just adds to the stereotype that minorities are criminals."

"How often do you receive an alert, whether it's off-campus or on-campus of a black male wearing a black shirt? That could be any person at any time," Harris said.

Harris says a description other than race should be used to describe victims and/or suspects on the ECU alert system.

"When giving a description of someone, maybe give a description of a tattoo or a scar, something the average person wouldn't have—a birthmark, mole, something," Harris said.

Harris also said that he doesn't feel that this is a racial case; rather, he would like the system to clearly identify people in order to make a valid arrest.

"I would like to make this very

clear that this is not a racial case, but a case of mistaken identity, and this could happen to anybody," he said. "Too often, there are these very vague descriptions [of people]."

Peele agrees.

"This has nothing to do with race," she said. "I believe that it is an issue of equal opportunity. Our world is a diverse world and we are trying to get rid of the race [factor] that is on everyone's head."

Tomorrow, at 5 p.m. in Hendrix theatre, BSU will be addressing the incident involving Harris.

"We will be talking about a solution [to the problem]," Peele said.

After the meeting, members and attendees will be marching to the ECU police station to show their "support" for Harris and to raise awareness about mistaken identity cases.

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## Republican veep nominee to visit ECU

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THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Republican vice presidential nominee, Sarah Palin, will be speaking at Minges Coliseum as a part of the campaign's "Road to Victory" tour, on the eve of the second presidential debate.

Doors will open at 3:30 p.m. and Palin is scheduled to speak at approximately 7 p.m.

Afternoon classes normally held at Minges have been relocated for the day.

SGA President Drew Griffin is planned to be one of three university officials welcoming Palin to ECU, along with provost Marilyn Sheerer and Kevin Seitz, vice chancellor for administration and finance.

University spokesperson Jeanine Hutson said that the staff at Minges will plan to have limited concession available for attendees; Hutson also said that parking will be an issue at the event, so people should plan accordingly.

"Because of the number of people expected to attend, park-



Sarah Palin speaks in Clearwater, Florida at the "Road to Victory" tour yesterday.

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ing and traffic around Minges will be difficult on Tuesday afternoon and evening," said Hutson. "Attendees are strongly encouraged to carpool."

Tickets were handed out at the GOP office on Commerce Street in Greenville yesterday starting at 3 p.m.; a limited number of tickets were also available in various cities across the state, including Jacksonville, Fayetteville, Raleigh, Goldsboro, Rocky Mount and Wilmington.

Overflow seating will be available for those who did not get tickets at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, where they can watch Palin's speech via a big screen.

After the rally, participants are invited to stay and watch the second presidential debate, which begins at 9 p.m. tomorrow night.

Other stops for the "Road to Victory" campaign this week for the vice presidential nominee include Ohio, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

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Participants in Casey's Race leave the starting line at the beginning of the 5k road race.

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## Greek life runs for a cause

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On Sunday, Oct. 5, at 12 p.m., the brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon hosted the fourth annual Casey's Race.

The event was held in memory of Casey Rogers, a brother of the fraternity who lost his life in 2003.

The 5K race, in which participants were allowed to jog or walk, was held in the Town Commons in downtown Greenville. The course was set to wrap around the Town Commons and end at the park's entrance on First Street.

The brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon have organized the race each year with the support from

Rogers' family, who still participate in the event.

"I used to run with Casey, and since his death I have been running in the race," said Matt Robitaille, ECU alumnus and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity member.

East Carolina Road Racing was the official time-keeping company used to accurately show the first, second and third place win-

ners for each age group of runners and the first place winner received a trophy for their efforts.

"I was interested in giving back to the community," Nate Fox, senior marketing major and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity member, said about his involvement in the race.

## Business class attracts all

FATEN HUSNI ODEH  
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Finance 1904, a business class that teaches students about financial wellness and the necessary knowledge it takes to survive paying off loans and debts, has been luring ECU students by the hundreds.

"There are many institutions and businesses that prey on financial ignorance," Len Rhodes, Ph.D., assistant dean for graduate programs in the College of Business.

"In class we talk about school loans, the effects of debt and we help students figure out how to calculate house payments and other financial situations."

According to Rhodes, there are 500 students enrolled this semester in Finance 1904, which is comprised of two sections of 250 students. The amount of students enrolled this semester has increased from about 60 to 500 in the last couple of years.

When asked why the massive increase in students' attraction to Finance 1904 since when the class first got started about six or seven years ago, Rhodes said that "the skills that they take away from the class and the ability to put it to immediate use" is a selling point for the course.

Samuel Shalhoub, a senior majoring in business management, stated that the amount

of students taking this course is beneficial.

"It's good in the sense that it educates the young people in how those things work so that they know what they're getting into when entering the financial world and so that they are not ignorant about those things and do not end up digging themselves a hole or go into debt or have to declare bankruptcy," said Shalhoub.

Former ECU student, Dr. Ruba Hamdan, believes Finance 1904 is a great class that every student should take.

"From paying off home mortgages to credit card bills I think it is very important that students take this opportunity to gain knowledge of what they will be getting into in the future," said Hamdan.

Rhodes and Mark Weitzel, Ph.D., director of the Financial Wellness Institute, teach the class. "Between the two of us in each of the lectures students are able to get two perspectives in one class lecture," Rhodes said.

Finance 1904 is open to all ECU students.

"This semester's class is only 20 percent business majors, [while] 80 percent of the students enrolled are not business majors," Rhodes said.

For more information contact the ECU College of Business.

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All proceeds from the race were donated to the Boys and Girls club of Pitt County and contributions have risen each year with the number of supporters.

With many Greenville sponsors, such as Pita Pitt and Sup Dogs, as well as support from the community, many Greek Life members feel that the race will continue to be successful.

The race started in 2005 with about 70 runners, and has doubled its numbers in the last two years.

The event has become a yearly project for not only the brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, but for the whole Greek Life community.

Sororities such as Delta Zeta, Sigma Sigma Sigma and Alpha Omicron Pi volunteered and ran in the race in support of their fellow Greek life members.

"We support each other," said Brianne Furr, sophomore nursing major and Delta Zeta sorority member.

"The race is something



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Runners cross the finish line at Casey's Race.

positive for the community," said Adam Goldwyn, senior marketing major and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity member.

Goldwyn also commented that the race helps to defeat the

negative stereotypes about fraternities and sororities while promoting Greek involvement in the community.

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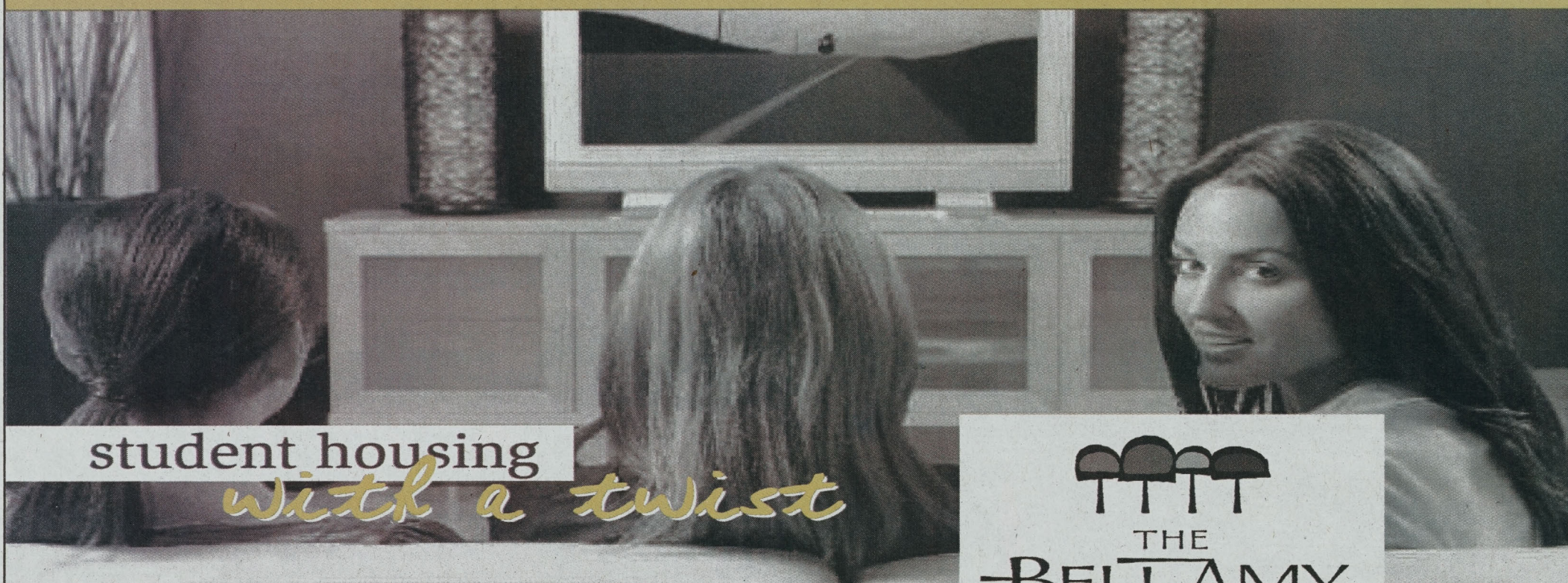
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# Opinion

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## It's time to put the trolls to bed

Why Internet comments kill polite discourse  
LARA OLIVER  
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

We've all been there. You're reading an article in a magazine or a newspaper and you think, "Oh my God, this person is an idiot!"

Just a few short years ago, the way many people would act on this realization would be to get up, grab a piece of paper, and send a letter to the editor of the publication entailing their thoughts. You'd have your real name and address attached to your opinion and, if you were lucky, it would be printed in the newspaper/magazine so you could show all your friends how justified you were in your opinion of that idiot writer.

Well, not today. After seeing the popularity of commenting on sites like Blogger and Xanga, major publications felt it necessary to implement their own commenting features on the web version of their print editions.

From major newspapers like The New York Times to our own paper The East Carolinian, Internet comments have become almost as necessary as the articles.

But are they really saying anything?

The idea of Internet comments, and the philosophy that is espoused by people who support them, claims that they allow for an immediate discourse on the article connected to the article itself.

Theoretically, an article about Governor Sarah Palin and the current Trooper Gate scandal would turn into a debate on the problems inherent in running for national office while in the midst of an investigation – and whether that should affect someone's bid for vice presidency.

Instead, it turns into a flurry of four letter words being slung either at the author of the article, fellow commenters or Mrs. Palin herself.

This is obviously not the polite discourse that implementing Internet comments intended to encourage. By allowing for an immediate, gratifying response to the "Oh my God, this person is an idiot" impulse, many readers no longer feel the need to bother with the slightly longer process of writing a letter to the editor in order to vent their frustration.

Personally, I don't see the point to keeping Internet comments on sites for newspapers and magazines. In the context of social sites like LiveJournal and Blogger, it's usually someone you know writing on your site, and you can attach their name to their opinion. With magazines and newspapers, it's random readers without much attachment to the article.

Allowing Internet comments on newspapers and magazine sites allows for nothing but angry and hateful comments, hidden behind the anonymity of cyberspace.

It also allows for what has been called "sock puppeting," where the author of the article creates alter egos in order to either support their ideas through the comments or attack those who don't agree.

If more publications went through the process of hiring moderators to trim hateful and unnecessary comments from their articles, this probably wouldn't be a problem. However, this would probably be more trouble than it's worth, considering how small the ratio of well thought-out comments to hate speech is.

Many newspapers in California are already disabling their Internet comments features, and major sites like Gawker require a person register to comment on the site, and face deletion if their comments turn into personal attacks and hate speech rather than discussion of the article.

Hopefully more sites maintained by newspapers and magazines will attempt the Gawker method of maintaining Internet comments.

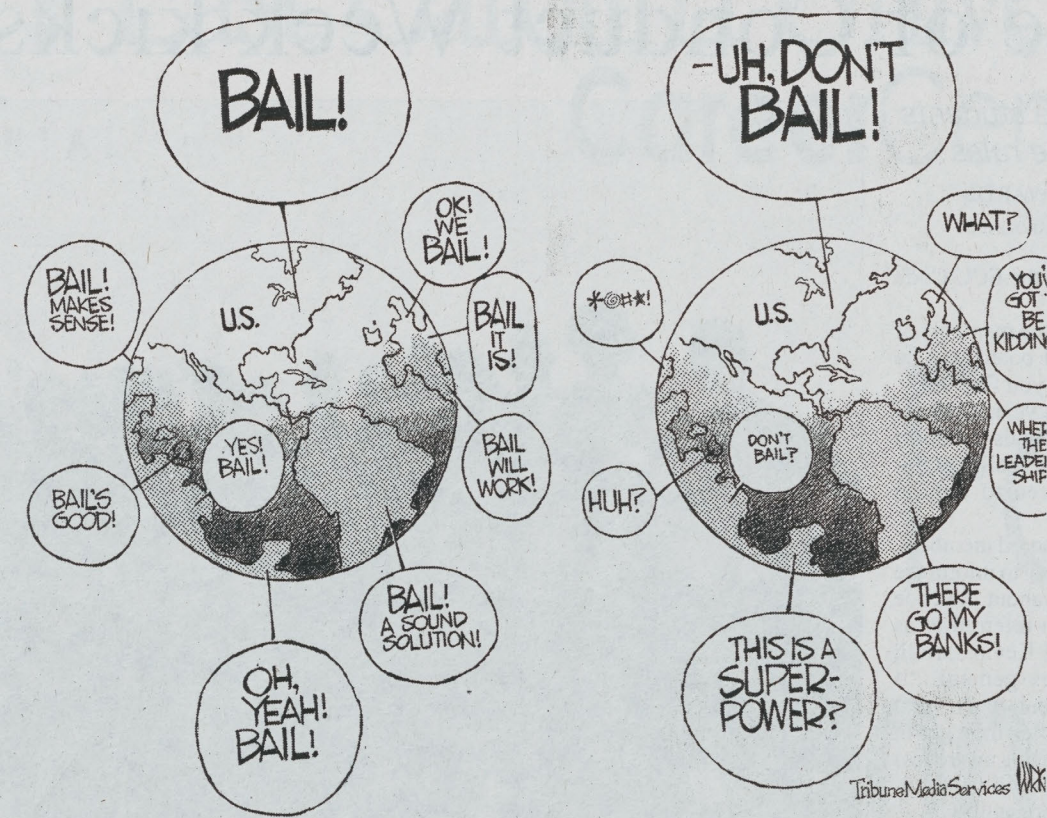
Until then, I think the best solution would be to just get rid of them all together.

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## Skateboarding your way to a better you

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It is no secret that skateboarding has been under the scrutiny of mainstream society since its beginning. But that is simply because most people do not fully understand it. Skateboarding is more than just a pastime; it is a form of art and freedom of expression. I have been skateboarding since I was a little sixth grade squirt, and few things have brought me as much exhilaration and excitement. For some reason it is most people's belief that skateboarders go out with the sole purpose of destroying property and causing mischief, but they couldn't be more wrong. Many people today have become dependent on television, computers and video games to pass the time and entertain themselves with little to no physical activity. According to the latest statistics on America's obesity epidemic by America Sports Data, Inc., 63 percent of Americans are overweight with a body mass index in excess of 25. Another 31 percent are obese, with a BMI in excess of 30. This inactivity is leading to a nation of unhealthy



## PIRATE RANTS

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To the people that run up to the bus after it pulls away from the stop at the designated time: If the driver refuses to let you on, SUCKS FOR YOU, DOESN'T IT?

Can someone fix the puddle situation we have on campus?

I just love waking up to the sound of garbage trucks backing up every morning... Wow, Greene is just like staying at the Hilton!

Ladies, please don't stop wearing bras or panties.

To the girls who get on my bus from North Campus on Thursday and Friday nights: STOP FLIRTING WITH ME...I'M GAY!!!

I am absolutely disgusted with rude people in Greenville, especially on campus. When you bump into me, you're supposed to say, "excuse me." When I hold the door for you, say, "thank you." Didn't your mamas teach you any manners?

I slept with a Miller delivery guy the other night...It was so bad I can't even look at or drink Miller products anymore without laughing!

Dear Kappa Delta girl, I slept with your ex last night. It was pretty funny listening to him tell me all your embarrassing secrets!

I hope everyone knows that Bush isn't the problem and changing presidents isn't going to fix things...the problem is that America has too many greedy people...fix that!

To the girl wearing the super skimpy tiny dress last night, thank you for not bending over or squatting down.

OK, I'm 5'7" and you're 6'1", but girl we can make it work.

I didn't come to ECU for you...so stop acting like I'm a psycho ex-girlfriend!

To the guy at Chick-fil-A: Thank you for using your Pirate bucks for my meal. THANK YOU! It's not called sloppy seconds when you couldn't get with

him first.

This girl freaked out on me because she was removed from my top friends. How FUNNY is that?

To the girl in my class who continues to tell the professor how "powerful" and "profound" his ideas are: Stop sucking up. IT WON'T AFFECT YOUR GRADE WEIRDO!

Sometimes my cat gets so annoying that I imagine punting him across the room...

To the girl in my geography class who finds it necessary to complain EVERY SINGLE DAY: Please stop flapping your gums, no one cares anyways.

I graduate next December, and I still don't know what to do with my life. Sorry mom.

To the person who feels bad about the drivers in front of Bate, pedestrians HAVE the right away and we are actually going to class, not driving to Starbucks.

I know you lied about your RA catching us doing it so you would have an excuse to kick me out.

Excuse me while I kiss the sky!

I want to kick my teacher in the head... does this make me a bad person?

Please slam your door all night long!! I love being kept up all night!

I got caught admiring my manly outline in the bathroom....

To the guy next to me in the library: Quit singing! Even though you're wearing your headphones, I can still hear you. And you're terrible.

I'm ashamed of what I did for a Klondike bar...

Is it bad that I have failed nearly all of my first exams this semester?

I am completely convinced that Greenville is a communist city.

To the girl that is always eyeing my boyfriend: He's evidently

taken and wouldn't date you in a million years because you look like a horse with a bad weave.

Oh yeah, just to let you know ... just because you're Egyptian DOES NOT make you GOD, so that's why I don't say hey to you –that and your breath is not always the greatest.

Sorry to have to tell you, but you're not all that cute, I was actually looking at your friend.

You may not work in a place like "The Office," but if you play a good game of BS and butt kissing, at least you'll be successful.

How is it that I am more excited at 4:19 p.m. than at 5:19 p.m.?

To the couple that sits in the far right corner of our finance class: PLEASE SHUT UP! I didn't pay \$320 to hear y'all whisper for an hour every Monday, Wednesday and Friday!

You stalk me because you want to be me.

I saw Ben in the library on Monday! I was sooo happy to see him! : )

To the girls that have orange suntans: When did Willy Wonka free the Oompa Loompas?

I can't stand people who go to the bathroom and do NOT wash their hands...you are DISGUSTING...I hope you get sick.

To the guy who sits in front of me in my mass media class: YOU STINK, take a freakin' shower!

To the person who said the girl with a blue L.L. Bean backpack had a sexy waist: Thank you. Even if you were not talking about me, it still made me smile to think MAYBE, just maybe, it was me you were talking about.

My body is not comfortable with taking poops in dorm bathrooms...

I love it when it rains just so I can laugh at all the people who are dumb enough to not carry an umbrella with them on a daily basis.

I wanna find out if you really taste like ginger.

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## Where's your butt going?

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Not all students at ECU are smokers, but it would be great if the majority of smokers acknowledged that other people share the air with them. ECU implemented the 25-foot smoking policy in 2007, yet smokers still linger right at the entrances of buildings. Aside from walking through the cancerous cloud of those who light up, people are forced to wade through the cigarette butts that accumulate around the doors of most campus buildings as they make their way inside.

If people are clearly going to ignore the rule and flick their filtered ends throughout the campus, it would be nice to have a designated place to put them, as opposed to throwing them all over the campus grounds. There may be a handful of people who put their cigarettes out and then place them in a trashcan, but the rest of those Pirates who choose to smoke could care less where their butts go.

I actually spent time kicking cigarette butts into a pile, as I smoked one myself, during a night class break. Because there was no place to put them, I dropped mine with the pile and shuffled them closer to the trashcan. I figured it would at least make the job of the next campus cleaner slightly easier. Had there been a pit of sand or the familiar tin can, I would have gladly placed the cigarette butts there. There may be a few remaining places for butt dumping, but I am starting to believe the ground is just the best place for most.

There are a few dorms with the small black boxes for cigarette butts. Ironically, they are located by the doors of these buildings, so they can't be used efficiently. Apparently the sign suggesting the boxes are not for trash is not clear enough for the ignorant folks who think a piece or two will be OK. Of course, why should everyone follow the rules? There's just a sign for fun.

We should definitely have more places for dumping our butts. After all, cigarette butts are said to take 18 months to 10 years to degrade.

Currently, 19 states prohibit smoking in most public places, including restaurants and some bars. These states include Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Rhode Island, Washington and Vermont. Other states are beginning to take similar action, but North Carolina is currently not listed for the change. Since tobacco is a key cash crop in the Tarheel state, it doesn't surprise me that we haven't jumped on the bandwagon yet.

Aside from the obvious health risks to smokers who puff on their daily cancer sticks, secondhand smoke is just as dangerous. Secondhand smoke is also cancer-causing with hundreds of toxic and carcinogenic chemicals. For nonsmokers, the health risks aren't the only concerns regarding campus smokers. It's unpleasant walking through a stinky puff of smoke on your way to class or suffering an asthma attack because someone would rather blow their cancer-causing fun on someone else.

It seems impossible to completely abolish the smoking on campus, but it would be convenient for nonsmokers to have the right to a breath of fresh air. As a smoker myself, I still try to be considerate of people around me, and I apologize to those I have disrespected if it bothers them.

Unfortunately, due to the lack of ashtrays conveniently located around campus, the presence of one butt compels me to join the one from my mouth with those on the ground.

I'm willing to make an effort to keep the campus clean, but what about everyone else?

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{ Campus Scene }

## Horoscopes

### Leo

Drop the independent attitude and get involved with groups. Be careful with the law, this is a perfect time for you to get caught.

### Virgo

Relationships and long-term goals top your list this month. Be generous, a future lover is watching.

### Libra

Avoid petty confrontations and do not take any unnecessary risks during the first part of the month. An old chum re-enters your life on the 20th to tap back into your life.

### Scorpio

Pay attention to detail concerning your work, something you have overlooked may cause you to lose it. Around the 10th introduce your secret hobby, it may prove to be a hit for you.

### Sagittarius

You are working hard in your relationship to keep it alive, but it isn't working out as you expected. Don't worry, next month things will fall into place.

### Capricorn

Your romantic nature has reached its pinnacle. Make sure your lines of communication are open.

### Aquarius

Too much responsibility may be too much for you this month. Take a load off or you may end up with some serious problems.

### Pisces

A crush will enter your life, act fast—the window of opportunity will not be open very long.

### Aries

Although you may have an abundance of energy now, this month it will be easy to get lazy. An event at the end of the month will stop your laziness and bring you back your spontaneous nature.

### Taurus

This month expect a lot of free time for things you've always wanted to do. Don't turn down any new opportunities.

### Gemini

You are prone to making money—and big spending. Be more cautious this month with your finances.

### Cancer

This month marks the end of your problems for this season, but don't let your guard down just yet, the year is not over and a Cancer's ego is easily bruised.

## Political trivia

1. What famous document begins: "When in the course of human events..."?
2. What current branch of the U.S. military was a corps of only 50 soldiers when World War I broke out?
3. Who said: "I'm the President of the U.S. and I'm not going to eat any more broccoli"?
4. What so-called "war" spawned the dueling slogans: "Better Dead Than RED" and "Better Red Than Dead" in the 1950s?
5. What president was shot while walking to California Gov. Jerry Brown's office?
6. Who earned infamy for noting: "A billion dollars isn't worth what it used to be"?
7. What ethnic group was largely responsible for building most of the early railways in the western U.S.?

(Answers at bottom of page)

## Upcoming events around campus

- Oct. 7**  
Body of Lies (Advanced Screening)  
Hendrix Theatre 7 p.m.  
Pick up free tickets at Central Ticket Office
- Oct. 8**  
ECU Voyages of Discovery Lecture Series: Premiere Lecture  
Featured speaker: Walter Isaacson (former CEO of CNN)  
Wright Auditorium 7 p.m.  
Tickets required: free for students
- Oct. 9**  
Fire Extinguisher Demo  
Todd Dining Hall  
5 p.m.-7 p.m.

# Code of Conduct Week kicks off at ECU

Making sure students know the rules

ERIN EDWARDS  
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Do you know the ECU Code of Conduct?

On Oct. 6-9, the members of the ECU judicial board will be making sure that you find out.

In its second year, Code of Conduct Week intends to inform students about the policies students are required to uphold at ECU.

"As judicial board members, we feel it is our duty to inform the students of ECU about the code of conduct, often referred to as the 'code,'" said Kevin Jarrell, the SGA attorney general. "It seems as if students only learn about the code after they get in trouble, and by raising awareness the judicial board will have fulfilled a great responsibility."

But what exactly is the code of conduct all about?

According to the ECU Web site, "any students whose conduct on or off campus become unsatisfactory in the judgment of university officials in light of the foregoing statements or policies will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action."

The code of conduct affects all ECU students, along with student organizations on campus.

During the weeklong event, members of the judicial board will rally outside Wright Plaza, handing out flyers that contain the code, along with the Rights of Accused Students and the overall duties of the judicial board. Students can also learn more by playing games that focus on the code. Other organizations have been invited to participate in the event as well.

"While in Wright Plaza, any and all students can sign the large banner that we will have on hand that states they [the student] will uphold the code and abide by the rules," Jarrell said.



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ECU's judicial board is presenting the weeklong event for all students.

"Promotional items will also be given away throughout the week, including the student favorite, T-Shirts, along with other prizes and items."

On Thursday, a banner-hanging ceremony will take place in Mendenhall as a way to end the week and allow students the opportunity to interact with judicial board members.

For Jarrell and other members of the judicial board, using Code of Conduct Week

can inform students and possibly even prevent future incidents from occurring.

"By raising awareness and informing the public of the policies, it is our hope to steer students away from violating the rules and avoid the consequences of those actions," Jarrell said. "As a whole, if we make one student knowledgeable of what the code is, then we have achieved our responsibility."

Many students are unaware of the various rules and procedures that the Code of Conduct establishes, including the presenting of a student I-card to a university official when prompted to, withholding information from ECU and gambling.

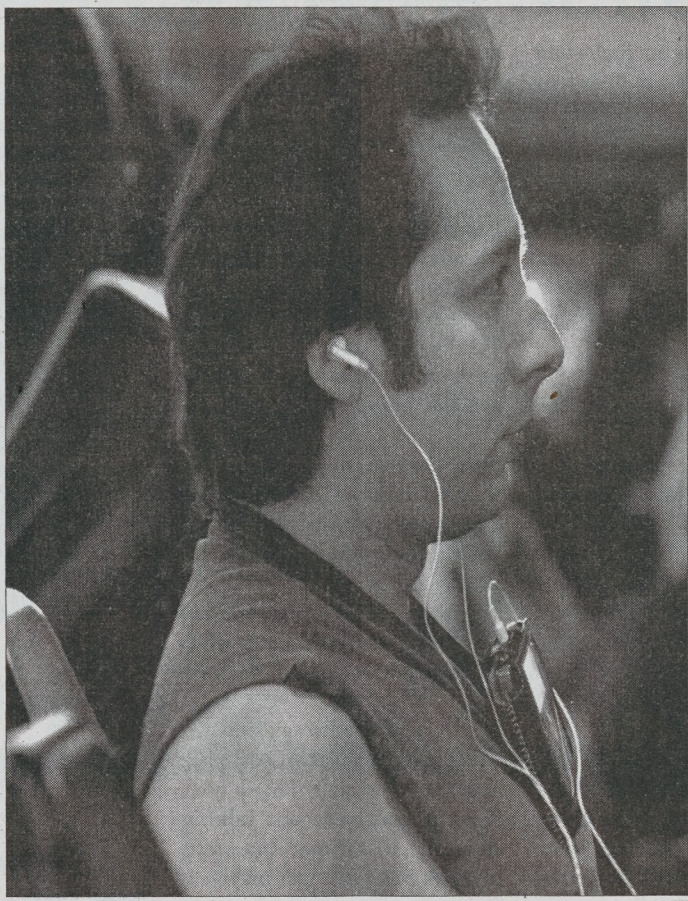
"Our hope is that everyone will come out knowing the code, knowing how not to violate it and just overall knowing that there is a code

they are to uphold," Jarrell said. "All too often students get in trouble and realize that they did something that did not abide by the Code of Conduct."

To find out more about the judicial board, call the attorney general's office at 328-4052 or visit the Web site at [ecu.edu/sga](http://ecu.edu/sga).

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# iPods, electronics believed to spark antisocial behavior



MCT

Some believe that iPods allow users to drown out friends, family.

## MCT CAMPUS

When Josh Adams sees other students at Manhattan's School of Visual Arts each plugged into an iPod, he figures they're being antisocial.

"I feel like they're trying to shut people out, maybe even unintentionally," says the 18-year-old Manhattan resident.

For New York University student Dante Lima, it's entirely intentional. With his ear buds in place, he's never bothered by sidewalk hucksters.

"If you want to get away from them, just start listening to your iPod," says Lima, 20. "They don't approach people with headphones on."

Wearing headphones has become the modern equivalent of wearing a "Do Not Disturb" sign around one's neck.

Perhaps that's no surprise. The MP3 player is only the latest in a number of gadgets, starting with the Sony Walkman, leading to the cellphone and now the iPod, that give people the ability to close off the outside world.

Shoppers chat on their cellphones, stopping only to talk briefly to a cashier. Children watch films on the car's DVD player instead of playing license-tag bingo. Airline passengers watch movies on laptops or answer e-mail on BlackBerries rather than chatting with the person in the next seat.

But is tuning out the rest of the world good for us?

"We're living in a world where technology is a huge part of our lives, but it can be a blessing and a curse," says Jacqueline Whitmore, author of "Business Class: Etiquette Essentials for Success at Work" (St. Martin's Press, 2005).

"Some people think this technology can make us more productive," she says. "But it's not helping us with social skills. It's alienating us from other people."

Adams, who has downloaded 2,300 songs into his own iPod, admits he used the device to duck conversation in high school. These days, he says, he's plugged in less often.

"Being in college promotes being more social," he says. "Now I normally listen when I'm going to school or coming home, to make the time go by. But if someone asks me something,

I always answer them. I don't have it on so loud that I can't hear the people around me."

Many users of portable MP3 players say the devices help them relieve stress or, particularly at work, concentrate.

A New Jersey manufacturing foreman says that even 40 years ago, many of his plant's employees listened to music during work. Some of them still prefer radios to MP3s. Younger workers' iPods keep the music from bothering others, he says, yet may be distracting to the user.

"The younger people are more wrapped up in their music rather than using it as background," he says. "We've encouraged iPods if they do want to listen to music, but they have greater concentration if they don't."

If MP3 players help you tune out noisy co-workers or help you relax while waiting for a doctor's appointment, then what's the harm in cocooning inside your own technological bubble?

The danger, says one sociologist, is that we start losing touch with the people in our lives—even if it's just the cashier—because we won't get off the phone or take off headphones to exchange pleasantries.

Studies show that these mini-conversations—with the same woman at the coffee shop each morning or the regular banter with the guy who owns the gas station—are important to our psychological well-being.

"If you have a regular routine and you go back to the same places, your day can be filled up with these short contacts with people you see regularly," says Richard Lachmann, sociology professor at the University of Albany. "People who don't have that are really missing something."

Evidence suggests, says Lachmann, that these interactions help us cope with the stresses of everyday life and give us a feeling of community that is "as much good as having a bunch of cousins who live nearby."

"If people lose that," Lachmann says, "it's going to become a big problem."

Still, the fuss about the iPod strikes some as much ado about nothing.

Although he admits that "we go around in a kind of fog of technological insulation," cultural historian Timothy Burke says most Americans already avoid making eye contact on planes, trains and, in particular, elevators.

"Before the iPod, in subways or on buses, people carried books or newspapers. Or they looked at the ground," says Burke, a professor at Swarthmore College.

"In that way, there's nothing novel about the iPod. It's just one more way of controlling the social space around you."

Bruce MacKenzie, 44, argues that iPods allow that phenomenon to be taken to extremes.

Riding the ferry to and from Hoboken every day, he notes, "Everybody's in their own world, with those things in their ears blocking out the sound. Often I give a greeting and there's no reaction because they don't even realize I'm sitting next to them."

He prefers to use his own iPod to enhance already allocated "alone time."

But while MacKenzie dislikes the way MP3 players "silo" people rather than making them part of a collective, he relies on the devices more and more in his work as senior vice president for entertainment marketing at Manning, Selvage & Lee.

"We're finding it's impossible to reach target markets anymore through traditional means," he says.

"We're using alternative media, whether iPods or cellphones, to deliver branded messages in ways that interest people."

He finds it ironic that one of his projects, the federal government's VERB anti-obesity campaign, encourages kids to turn off their iPods and computers for one hour a day of physical activity, but must use those very devices to deliver the message.

"That's where (kids) spend their time," MacKenzie says with resignation. "Even in the golden age of television, potentially you'd interact with those around you. Now you're in your own little universe."

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## ECU Army ROTC sponsors Wounded Warrior program

STAFF REPORT  
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The first Annual ECU Army ROTC Pirate Battalion, Wounded Warrior 10k and one-mile road races will take place on Nov. 8.

The course runs through the scenic Lynndale neighborhood. Both events take place at 8:30 a.m. behind Food Lion off Red Banks Road. Registration is \$20 if postmarked before Nov. 3 and \$25 on race day.

T-shirts will be given to the first 150 to register.

Everyone is invited to participate. Immediately following the races, an award ceremony will commence.

This event will benefit the Fort Bragg Wounded Warrior Program.



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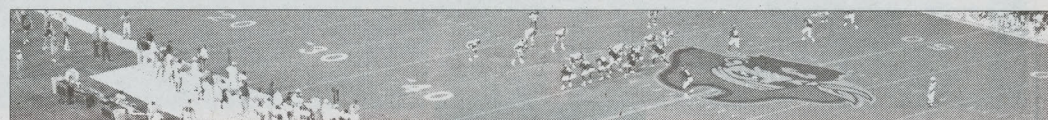
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By the numbers

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Over their last two home games against Richmond and Maryland, the Virginia football team has allowed zero points. The only team to score at Scott Stadium this season is USC, who at the time was ranked No.3 in the nation. The Trojans hung 52 points on the Cavaliers.

1

Only one goal has been given up by the ECU soccer team in conference play all year. The Pirates are 3-0-1 in Conference USA thus far, with a tie coming from their play at UCF on Sunday. ECU has outscored their C-USA opponents 6-1 in four games.

2

ECU is 2-0 all time against Virginia in football. In 1975, the Pirates beat the Cavaliers 61-10 in Charlottesville and in 2006 won 31-21 in Greenville. ECU has averaged 46 points per game in the series while Virginia has only averaged 15.

5

The ECU volleyball team has lost the last five games, four of which has come in five sets. Prior to the losing streak, the Pirates were 11-4 overall. They have since fallen to 11-9 and currently rank 11th in Conference USA with only one win.

6

Number of records set in the annual Purple-Gold intrasquad swimming meet. Some of the records include freshman Ailton Temotio in the 50 [21.13] and the 100 free [47.13]. Sophomore Andrew Stoker set a new meet record in the 100 fly [51.15], while Senior Amanda Duncan set a new record in the 100 fly [56.83]. Stoker also helped freshman Miles Maximini, sophomore Tommy Ryan and junior Jason Guzewich set a new record in the 200 medley relay [1:36.34]. The Gold won the men's meet 131-129, while the Purple took the women's meet 129-120.

8

Number of players listed on the ECU football injury report in comparison to 32 last week. The bye week certainly paid dividends as the only players listed are Marcus Hands, Khalif Mitchell, Scotty Robinson, Leon Best, Kevin Gidrey, T.J. Lee, Stanley Bryant and Quentin Cotton.

## Campbell returning to freshman form



ECU SID

Campbell is back in the ECU starting lineup after sitting out the entire 2007 season because of heart problems.

### Lineman is starting for ECU again

HART HOLLOMAN  
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

When Terence Campbell takes the field for the Pirates, it's more than just a good player getting a chance to play college football.

For those who don't know his story, Campbell was a starting tackle for the Pirates as a freshman in 2006, and was selected for the C-USA All-Freshman team at the end of the season. However, in February of 2007, after feeling numbness in his chest and arms, he was diagnosed with a blood clot in his heart. Two days later, he underwent surgery to relieve a condition called acute coronary thrombosis. The surgery was successful, but his athletic future was uncertain. He was forced to sit out the rest of the

year, unable to run, lift weights or play any kind of football.

"It was kind of difficult at first, just wanting to do the things you used to do and not being able to; [it] was tough," said Campbell.

He recovered from the surgery, and his heart was fully functional when doctors cleared him to participate this January.

"It took a lot of work [getting back]," Campbell said. "It took a lot of time and patience trying not to get back too fast. That was the most difficult thing."

Now Campbell is back, and focused on helping the Pirates achieve victory. He began the season as a back up, but managed a lot of playing time in the rotational system used by the coaching staff. However, an injury to starting tackle Stanley Bryant forced Campbell into the starting role he enjoyed as a freshman two years ago. You won't hear Campbell complain-

ing; to him, the transition is nothing more than stepping up and contributing what he can to the team.

"I've been preparing myself each week as if I was a starter," said Campbell. "With the number of plays I play it wasn't much of a big difference. But I just felt like I needed to step up and help this team out any way I can."

And while some people may have reservations about his continuing to play after his health issues, Campbell is certainly not one of them.

"I feel strong like I was before, and I feel healthy," he said.

The coaching staff is also pleased with Campbell's return because of the contributions he makes to the team both on and off the field.

"Before he had his medical issue he was really a very good player for us, and we missed

that," said Steve Shankweiler, ECU's offensive line coach. "Last week against Houston he began to play like he did two years ago. He played full speed. He played very, very good. Having a good player back obviously helps the team."

Campbell's situation has also helped the coaches motivate other players in the process.

"Having a guy come back who has overcome what he has, all you have to do is look at number 74 and say, 'this is the example you need to follow,' and he's a great leader for us in that respect," said Shankweiler.

However, injuries have forced some changes to the preferred system of rotating the offensive linemen, which was so effective in the Pirates' first three victories.

"[Campbell] is having to play too much. I don't like for anyone to play a whole game and he has pretty much played

two whole games in a row," said Shankweiler.

Help should be on the way for Campbell and the rest of the offensive line.

"If we can get through this week I think we'll get Stanley Bryant back and that should help out," Shankweiler said. "Since tackle is one of the least experienced and deep positions we have on offense, D.J. [Scott] and Terence have pretty much had to play the whole game for us and I think it's affected us."

Getting healthy was one of the focal points for the Pirates during their off week, but they will still be short-handed when they travel to Virginia this Saturday. Campbell is used to that kind of grind by now, and you can bet he will be ready to go on game day.

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## Opinion: Pirates will have to get physical in Charlottesville

RONNIE WOODWARD  
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Don't expect to see many five wide receiver sets from Virginia this Saturday. The five players who are most important to the Cavaliers offensive are the five who make up the offensive line.

With a formation similar to coach Ed Henry and the Marshall High School team in the state championship game of *Remember the Titans*, Houston out-finished the Pirates two Saturdays ago with the shotgun formation and spread offense.

UVA will probably take a different approach this Saturday. The Cavaliers have been successful in years past—and this year—when they physically dominate the opposing team and win the battles in the trenches. With four of its five starters at least 6-foot-6 and over 300 pounds, UVA's offensive line looks especially menacing, which ECU coach Skip Holtz pointed out at his Monday press conference.

The most impressive thing about the Pirates' season opening wins over Virginia Tech and West Virginia was the way they dominated physically. ECU hasn't played well since then, and there are a ton of reasons why: there have been key injuries, it's been an emotional roller coaster and ECU hasn't played with the same physical attitude as it did in the season's first two games.

To win in Charlottesville this weekend, ECU will have to regain that same swagger it played with over a month ago.

"When they get into that two-back offense, we're going to have to stern up front," said Holtz of UVA. "It's going to be a

very physical football game and a real challenge for our linebackers and defensive linemen, because of their size and athleticism with their offensive linemen. Defensively, they try and stop the run and on offense they try and line up and run the ball. They have that type of mindset and they do a good job with it."

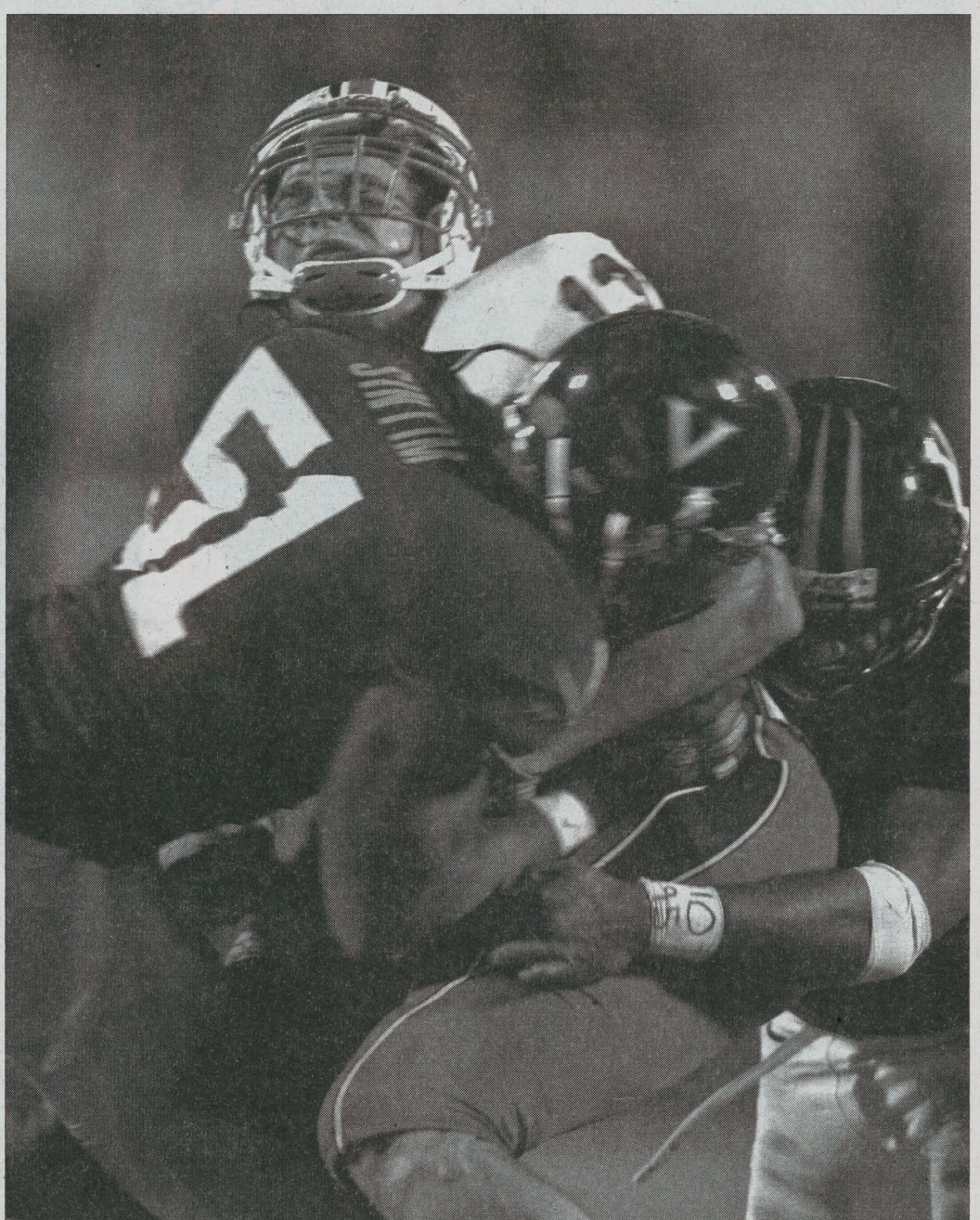
The Cavaliers definitely had that type of mindset in a 31-0 domination of Maryland this past Saturday.

UVA came into the Maryland game struggling on offense, trying to find an identity, as it had only scored 20 total points against Division-I competition.

Against the Terrapins, however, UVA looked like the Cavaliers of old. They ran for 201 yards and controlled the time of possession and line of scrimmage, while newly promoted quarterback Mark Verica managed the game and hit big plays when the opportunity was presented.

Part of this offensive resurgence is due to senior running back Cedric Peerman, who has been hampered most of the season with a knee injury. Peerman had 17 carries for 110 yards and a touchdown against Maryland, maybe giving the UVA offense the physical aspect it had been missing.

"Ced [Peerman] is a hard-nosed guy. He runs as hard as anyone," wide receiver Kevin Ogletree told the *Charlottesville Daily Progress*. "It was good to see. He gave us some confidence, we started doing some things well and we were moving the ball—running it well and passing it well."



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Clint Sintim (51) and the Cavaliers got physical with Maryland on Saturday.

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# ECU Soccer remains atop Conference USA

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The ECU soccer team maintained its first place ranking in Conference USA with a 2-0 victory over Southern Miss and a 1-1 tie at UCF over the weekend.

On Sunday, ECU's Alexis Foltz scored her third goal in conference play. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough to ensure the team's fourth consecutive C-USA victory. UCF scored a late goal to salvage a 1-1 tie at the UCF Soccer Stadium. The Pirates move to 8-3-1 on the season and 3-0-1 in C-USA play.

The Knights outshot the Pirates 10-1 in the first half while also committing more fouls 5-4. Senior keeper Amber Campbell made one save during the stanza.

ECU came out more aggressively in the second half, shooting twice on net in the first five minutes. UCF had a golden opportunity in the 58th minute when it was awarded a penalty kick, but the shot sailed wide to preserve the scoreless tie. The Pirates took the advantage in the 68th minute when Foltz took a pass from freshman Leah Bagonis

and put it top shelf above Reis to give ECU the 1-0 lead.

The game seemed destined for the 1-0 win for ECU but with 1:01 left in the match, Yvonne George found Lauren Halbert inside the 18-foot net and put the ball past Campbell from 11 yards out to send the match into overtime.

Although each squad had three attempts in the two overtime periods, no one could cash in, and the contest ended 1-1.

"This was a tough game," said Head Coach Rob Donnenwirth. "We had to battle for a 1-0 lead but we couldn't hold

on. Our backs and Amber played tough and Alexis is scoring some big goals. It was a great team effort but you have to give credit to UCF for the game they played."

ECU's victory on Friday marked the first time the Pirates have won its first three C-USA contests, all of them on the road.

Junior Alexis Foltz came through in the 43rd minute, and with an assist from freshman Kimmy Cummings put it into the back of the net to give the Pirates a 1-0 advantage at halftime.

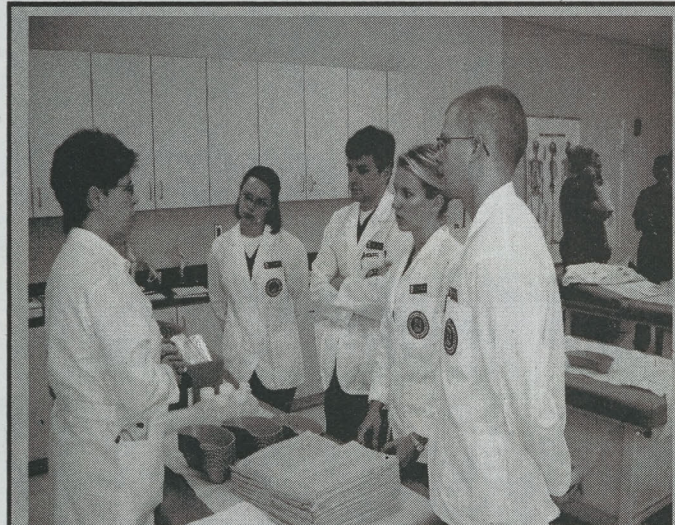
Senior Blair Heffner scored in her second straight game, this time in the 58th minute to give ECU the 2-0 lead. Freshman Jessica Woodward picked up the assist on the play. Southern Miss tried to jumpstart its offense late in the contest but came up short, thanks in large part to three saves from Campbell in the last 10 minutes.

Campbell turned in her sixth shutout of the season and third in C-USA play. The reigning C-USA Defensive Player-of-the-Week made five saves, and is now 19 behind Amy Horton for the ECU career lead.

"I thought we moved the ball well in the first half and Alexis finished a great cross from Kimmy," Donnenwirth said. "Our defensive pressure was very good in the second half and it helped us create our second goal."

ECU returns home for the first time in four matches on Friday, as it plays host to Tulsa in a C-USA contest. The match is scheduled for 4 p.m. inside Bunting Field.

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On defense, UVA played with the same physical attitude. UVA held Maryland under 100 yards rushing and shutout the same Maryland team that knocked off Clemson the week before.

The Cavaliers have now shutout their last two opponents at home, and it looks like they might have regained the physical aspect their program has relied on

for so many years. ECU played very physically in this season's first two games, and it will need to bring that same attitude to the game this weekend.

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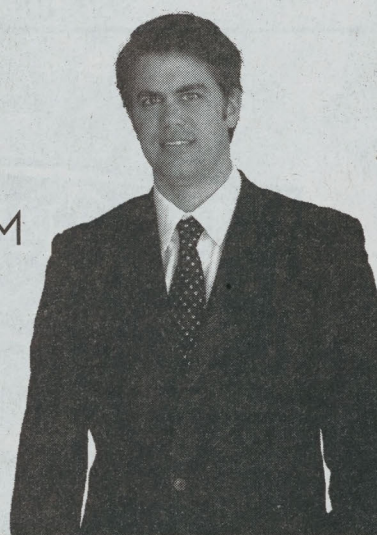
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