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## David Kaczynski shares story of turning in the "Unabomber"

Crowd listens to emotional story of the Kaczynski family

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David Kaczynski, brother of Theodore Kaczynski who is more commonly known as the "Unabomber," told his emotional story to an audience at Hendrix Theater in Mendenhall Student Center last night.

Sponsored by the Student Activities Board, Kaczynski felt he was invited to ECU to provide a lecture about an important and personal issue: mental illnesses' link with capital punishment.

In 1995, David Kaczynski and his wife, Linda, found themselves considering the possibility that David's brother, Ted, could be responsible for 17 years worth of placing and sending through mail 16 bombs that injured dozens and killed three.

The couple's nightmare began when Linda approached David with the question of whether or not he thought his brother could be the "Unabomber."

"I was taken aback and asked her, 'how could you ever think something like that?'" David said.

However, after Linda explained the reasons for her suspicions, the possibility began to run through David's mind as well. Linda had found articles

that believed the Unabomber was born in Chicago and had a connection with the University of California at Berkeley because bombs had been sent to each. Ted also was born in Chicago and had been a professor of mathematics at UC Berkeley.

After that, evidence continued to solidify David and Linda's suspicions. After reading the "Unabomber's" Manifesto, which was a critique of modern technology and had been published in The Washington Post, David said that some parts did sound like his brother who lived alone in a cabin in Montana with no electricity, but he still



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David Kaczynski shares his emotional story with the crowd.

## Purdue makes pit stop in Greenville

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Lt. Gov. Bev Purdue's down-to-the-wire sweep of North Carolina continued yesterday morning when she visited local landmark, The Tippy Teapot, in Greenville.

The New Bern native was greeted by a smattering of local government and organizations, including members of the Greenville City Council, the local school board, State Employees for North Carolina, the Pitt County Commissioners office and the ECU College Democrats.

"This is our last Eastern swing before the election," said Tim Crowley, Purdue's press secretary. "It's important for Bev to come back to where she knows best."

Purdue, who is campaigning for governor of North Carolina, spoke to a small audience crowded in the restaurant/café about her goals if elected, and also about her opponent, Charlotte mayor Pat McCrory.

"It's great for me to be back in Eastern North Carolina," Purdue said. "We're traveling all over North Carolina in these last two weeks, doing what I like best: seeing folks like you and remembering everyday close up and personal how important it is for North Carolina to have a strong leader during these challenging economic times."

During her speech, Purdue focused on education, the economy, job creation and the environment as priorities for the state of North Carolina; she also brought up the importance of both rural and urban areas of the state, a point that Purdue says her opponent is using to divide North Carolina.

"From Murphy to Manteo, all [one] hundred counties—I will never pick the east or the west. I will never pit urban North Carolina against rural North Carolina. I will stand up for Charlotte like I'll stand up for the rest of the state," Purdue said in response to what she says McCrory advocates: giving more money to urbanized areas of North Carolina, to the point of opposing "paved roads" issued in rural parts of the state.

Purdue stressed the importance of bolstering economies all over the state, from rural to urban areas, by creating jobs and improving education.

"Everyday, I get up understanding fundamentally that the stakes in this election are so high," she said. "The economy is in a mess, we have a continually escalating unemployment rate and you and I both know that of all times, these times demand that North Carolina have a strong, serious governor. [This election] is about your kids and your



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Bev Purdue addresses members of the Greenville community.

grandkids; it is about the fact that America and North Carolina, in my mind, are in the most serious and perplexing dilemma in my entire lifetime."

"This is one governor that will lead North Carolina through these challenging times, and we'll come out the way we always come out: as winners."

Purdue also emphasized her plan to make North Carolina a leader in the area of the environment.

"I'm reading a book right now," she said. "And [the author] says that, 'the state or the country that gets green right will own the

world in the next 50 years.' I intend for North Carolina to be that state."

After her speech, Purdue spoke briefly with members of the crowd, pausing to take pictures and answer questions before heading off to Goldsboro, N.C. for more campaigning.

ECU student and junior class president, Tremayne Smith, attended the gathering at The Tippy Teapot, and said that students should be involved in this "important" election.

"The youth is a lot of times underrepresented," said Smith.

"A lot of times we're not given a lot of credit [but] we're the future and, like Lt. Gov. Purdue said, we have a stake in the American dream."

With only 12 days left before Election Day, Purdue will be traveling all over the state this week and next campaigning.

For more information about Purdue or her policies for North Carolina, visit bev-purdue.com.

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## Professor gives students lesson about celebrities, stardom

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The ECU English Department hosted Professor Moya Luckett's presentation of "Celebrity, Self-Awareness and the Consciousness of Self" on Monday.

Luckett, a visiting professor from CUNY-Queens College, presented her expertise in early American cinema. She is also a co-editor of *Swinging Single: Representing Sexuality in the 1960s* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1999).

Amanda Klein, who currently teaches an American and International Film History course at ECU, felt that Luckett's lecture would benefit students interested in more than just film studies. Klein feels that because limited time in the classroom only allows a brief overview, the lecture would benefit her students as well.

"Dr. Luckett has done so much fascinating research that requires months of pouring through microfiche and dusty archives. She really filled in the gaps," said Klein.

Luckett's presentation provided insight for students and faculty on celebrity and stardom in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. She discussed the films *How Molly Made Good* (1915) and *A Girl's Folly* (1917). Luckett said that these movies reflected the celebrity culture of the early 1900s and the public's obsession with famous stars.

Although there are television shows focused on stars, and newspapers and magazines fill the racks of stores worldwide, the public's interest in the life and culture of celebrities has not drastically changed over time, according to Luckett, a fascination that she says "has been embedded since its conception."

Luckett discussed that by 1916, the movie system was out

of control and stars were considered necessary and a liability. As celebrities accomplished more outside of the cinema, they became more marketable, forcing production teams to pay these celebrities more, she said.

According to Luckett, even before big stars, Albert Einstein and Thomas Edison were considered celebrities for their ability to make themselves known in a variety of settings. Lillian Russell, a star of the early 1900s, increased her marketability by being a combination of actress, singer and news columnist, Luckett explained.

Celebrities like Paris Hilton are icons of stardom that seek celebrity status without the work, Luckett told the class. These unique individuals are known for their self-promotion, money or scandalous lifestyle, she said. Media coverage of Lohan's potential drug abuse or Britney Spears shaving her head often leave people feeling that the industry has changed, but things were the same in the early 1900s, Luckett said, pulling more modern celebrities into the conversation.

Klein says that the ECU faculty has been collaborating to build an interdisciplinary minor in film studies, particularly with the School of Communication. As of spring 2009, there will be 13 courses available at the graduate and undergraduate level in film studies. The courses will come from the departments of English, communication and Russian and German languages.

Klein also hopes to continue having more speaking events in the future.

"Anytime a scholar from outside of the ECU community is brought to campus to share his/her knowledge and research, it benefits everyone on campus," Klein said.

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## ECU students 'program' their way to Sweden

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This weekend ECU students will have the opportunity to compete against universities around the world in the 33rd annual ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest.

The competition is comprised of three sections--local contests in which universities choose one or more teams to represent them in the next step of the competition, regional contests in which selected teams compete to select the 100 teams that will compete

in the world finals and world finals where the teams compete for awards prizes and a year's worth of bragging rights.

This weekend's section of the competition is the regional round consisting of problem-solving activities and will include universities such as UNC, Duke, ECU and UNCC.

A team consisting of three students will solve complex problems related to real world issues within a five-hour time limit. The team that completes

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Running Back Jonathan Williams is facing legal charges and is not currently with the ECU football team.

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## NEWSLINE

## ACORN under review by the FBI

Yesterday, House Republican leader, John Boehner, urged President Bush to block all federal funds to a grass-roots community group that has been accused of voter registration fraud.

ACORN, a group that has led liberal causes since it was formed in 1970, this year was responsible for signing up voters in minority and poor neighborhoods in 21 states. Some of the 1.3 million registration cards submitted to local election officials bore the names of cartoon characters or pro football players and were obviously phony and spurred GOP charges of widespread misconduct.

ACORN has said their own quality-control workers first noticed the problem and have submitted all of the cards to local election officials.

Local law enforcement agencies in about a dozen states are investigating fake registrations submitted by ACORN workers and the FBI is reviewing those cases.

## Presidential race tightening as election approaches

The presidential race tightened after the final debate, with John McCain gaining among whites and people earning less than \$50,000, according to an Associated Press-GfK poll that shows McCain and Obama essentially running even in the election homestretch.

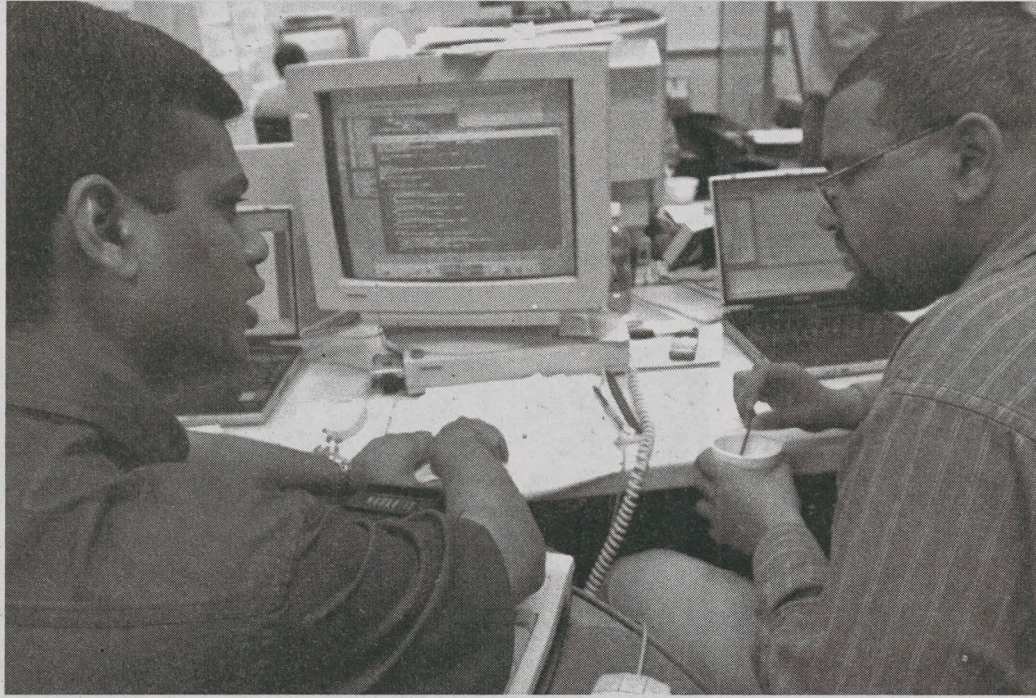
The poll, which found Obama at 44 percent and McCain at 43 percent, supports that the race narrowed after the third debate.

Three weeks ago, an AP-GfK survey found that Obama had rocketed to a seven-point lead over McCain, lifted by voters who thought the Democrat was better suited to lead the nation through its sudden economic crisis.

Obama and McCain were essentially tied among likely voters in the latest George Washington University Battleground Poll.

In other surveys focusing on likely voters, a Washington Post-ABC News poll and a Wall Street Journal-NBC News survey have Obama up by 11 points, and a poll by the nonpartisan Pew Research Center has him leading by 14.

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Students engage in computer programming problems similar to those in Battle of the Brains.

the most problems in the least amount of time will go on to the national competition this April in the library of KTH in Stockholm, Sweden.

This year ECU will be sending two teams into the competition: dubbed "The Pirates" and "More Pirates." Although the competition is stiff, the main purpose is to have fun and to learn.

"The programming contest provides a context for learning new things in a fun yet competitive environment [but] the competition never takes precedence over school work," said Dr. Robert Hochberg, ECU professor and the teams' coach.

In this leg of the competition students will have eight problems

to solve, which involve designing test beds, building software systems, ranking the problems on a scale of difficulty and assigning requirements to each problem. The judging process is strict and teams are judged on speed, accuracy and number of attempts made.

ACM is a primary source for the technology field, providing recourses such as journals, magazines and interest groups dedicated to technological advancement and education.

The competition got its start in 1970 at Texas A&M, and was hosted by the Alpha Chapter of the UPE Computer Science Honor Society.

The competition gained great popularity and eventually was

picked up by a global network of universities.

IBM became the sponsor in 1997, and in turn, the contest grew exponentially, and now involves 1,821 universities from 83 countries on six continents, and is the oldest, largest and most distinguished programming contest.

The contest is also supported by Upsilon Pi Epsilon International Computer Science Honor Society and Baylor University.

The contest is a test of each team's creative skills, innovative technique and teamwork strategies. Last year's first place team was AGH University of Science and Technology.

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only believed it was a one in one thousand chance.

David continued to weigh the possibilities, but said the turning point came to him in a dream.

"I woke up the next morning with the deepest depression I have ever felt," David said. "I was considering that my only brother is a serial murderer, the most wanted person in America."

David and Linda then realized that they had a responsibility, however, any decision they made could result in someone's death and quite possibly, the death of his only brother.

"I questioned myself, what would it be like to go through my life with my brother's blood on my hands?" David said.

David and Linda went to the police with their suspicions, and over time the FBI placed Ted at the top of their subject list. Eventually David realized he needed to tell his mother and that the FBI needed to question her.

A week later, Ted was arrested. Diaries, plans, pieces of bombs and a live bomb were all found in Ted's cabin in Montana and were used as evidence against him at his trial in Sacramento, CA.

A total of \$8 million was spent on Ted's trial, and in David's eyes, that is the reason Ted is still alive.

After a two-year mission of trying to save Ted's life, which was successful, Ted is now serving a life sentence, David and Linda found themselves strugg-

ling with how they could go on with their own lives. David and his mother met with family members of a victim of Ted's who told them that, "all they ever wanted was for the violence to stop."

David believes that Ted is now living in two prisons; the one he will spend the rest of his life in and the other, mental illness.

David and his mother, who is now 91 and in increasingly poor health, have no idea of their brother or son's condition. Ted refuses to sign a release that allows the prison to disclose information of his condition to his family.

"He hasn't reached out at all," David said. "I feel his illness is why he doesn't communicate. If he hadn't gotten sick I believe he would be a professor somewhere." David stated that Ted had attended Harvard and once tested at a 165 I.Q. level.

As far as justice in the courtroom for defendants with mental illness is concerned, David feels the court's have a long way to go, stating that experts aren't finding a consensus but rather people at both extremes are arguing with each other to an uninformed jury.

David is in strong opposition of capital punishment and hopes that one-day justice will truly be applied evenly.

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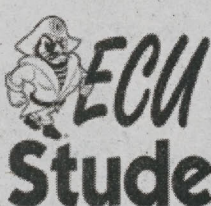
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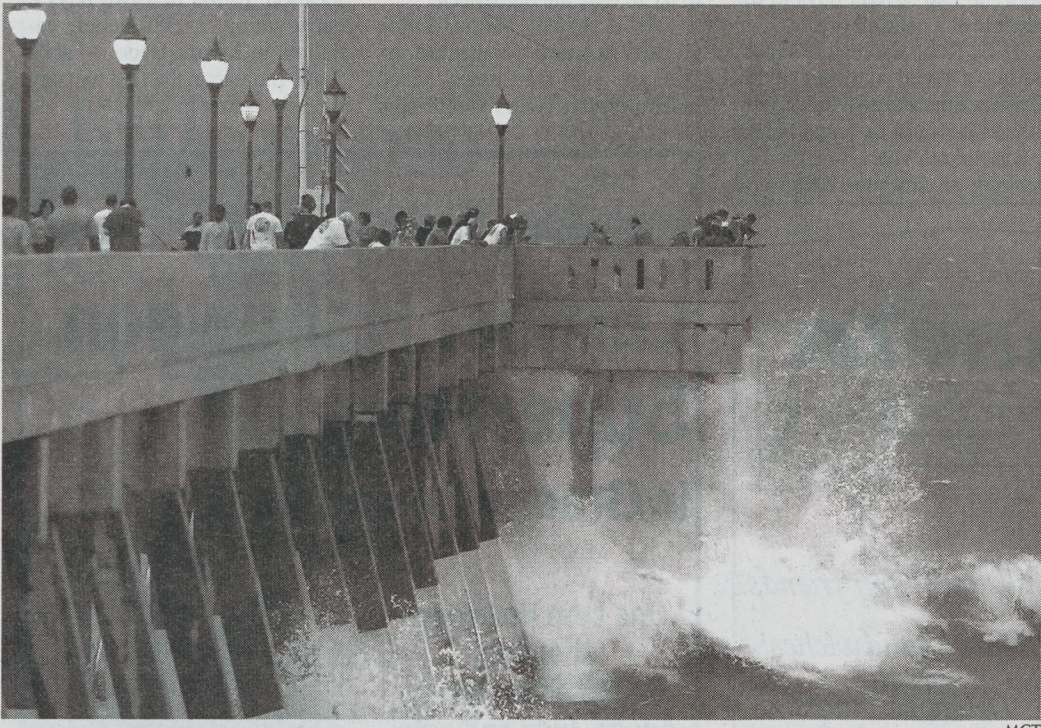
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# New Web site informs public of coastal hazards



Wrightsville Beach, N.C. endures Tropical Storm Hanna, similar to hazards found on NC COHAZ.

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On Oct. 15, ECU introduced a cutting edge Web site dedicated to informing the public about hurricanes, storm surges and their effect on the North Carolina coast.

ECU's Institute for Coastal Science and Policy and the departments of Geological Sciences and Geography provide the Web site, NC COHAZ, with the latest research in a way that is understandable to the general public. The site also features links to research from scientists across North Carolina.

Previously it had been difficult to gather information regarding coastal hazards; therefore the site is a means of connecting and presenting the information in a sort of one stop shop for viewers.

Many are unaware of the potential dangers that can occur in cities so close to the ocean shoreline.

"The coast of North Carolina

is at risk to a diversity of hazards, and these hazards can have major consequences for people who live, work and recreate in areas along the coast," said J.P. Walsh, ECU geology professor.

The site was developed with the help of Walsh and geology colleague Reide Corbett, along with ECU geographers Tom Allen, Tom Crawford and Stephan Sanchagrin.

Support for the site is provided by RENCI, and NC grants.

The site will be vital in providing insight into the development on storms and minimizing the impact of coastal hazards on the inhabitants of the coastal region.

"The web site provides useful information for students too because it shows geology in real life instead of just textbooks and graphs," said Liz Gurkin, freshman Geology student.

The use of satellite images that show areas such as the Outer Banks which are at risk for flooding and erosion and other map-

ping tools, are just a few of the prevention methods employed by the site.

"We believe it is beneficial to have this info out and accessible where it can be considered and explored," Walsh said.

Other features of the sight include a Hazards Glossary, Mitigation plans and information on how to prepare for a weather emergency.

"The navigation tools make the site easy to maneuver, and the video clips and visuals make the information interesting," said Rose Bobbitt, freshman Geology major.

"We hope this site will improve communication and information exchange around the state," Walsh said.

The site is also looking to expand in the near future to include the latest analysis and research relevant to the safety of citizens on the coast.

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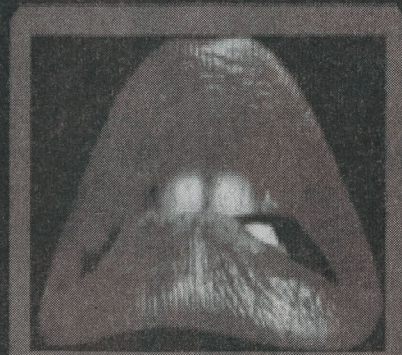
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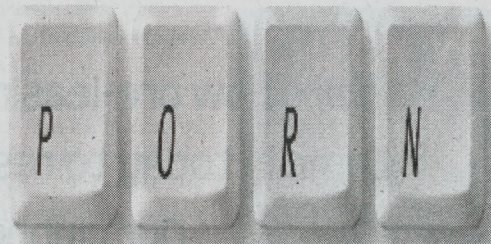
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# Long voting lines at early voting sites in the South

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Unprecedented numbers of early voters in Florida and other southern states are prompting election officials to add equipment, extend schedules and hand out water and chairs to make people comfortable as they wait for hours to cast their ballots.

About 150,000 people cast ballots Monday and Tuesday, the first two days of early voting in Florida.

"It doesn't matter if there's lines," 81-year-old Doris Vance, a Barack Obama supporter in Pompano Beach, Fla., said Wednesday. "I knew there would be lines, but I don't mind it. The weather is good."

The Sunshine State is again key this election season, with a

prize of 27 electoral votes — 10 percent of the 270 needed to clinch the election. The state's disputed election in 2000 gave the presidency to George W. Bush, and he captured the state in 2004. This year, Republican John McCain and Democrat Obama are locked in a close race.

The excitement of casting a ballot in the presidential race has outweighed the long lines for hundreds of thousands of early voters nationwide, including in several key battleground states like Florida, Ohio and Nevada.

Voters in every state can cast early ballots and results won't be released until Nov. 4. About a third of the entire electorate is expected to vote early this year.

In Georgia, an elderly woman collapsed in the heat on Tuesday

while waiting — but officials say she soon recovered. Early voters there were already double the number in 2004. As of Wednesday, some 825,000 had cast their ballots, about 15 percent of Georgia's registered voters. The state has 15 electoral votes.

And in North Carolina, which also has 15 electoral votes, more

than a half-million people have cast ballots, prompting at least one county to add several days to the schedule at a handful of sites.

U.S. Rep. Kendrick Meek, D-Fla., arrived at noon at his Miami polling site on Monday and realized it would be hours before he was able to vote. He ended up grabbing an absentee ballot and

meeting with supervisors of elections in two South Florida counties to try to ease the bottleneck.

As a result, Miami-Dade County agreed to update its Web site with wait times, added machines that voters use to sign

for their ballots and provided chairs for senior citizens at each location. In the first two days of early voting, 25,388 people cast ballots in Miami-Dade — about 3,000 more than the first two days of early voting in 2004.



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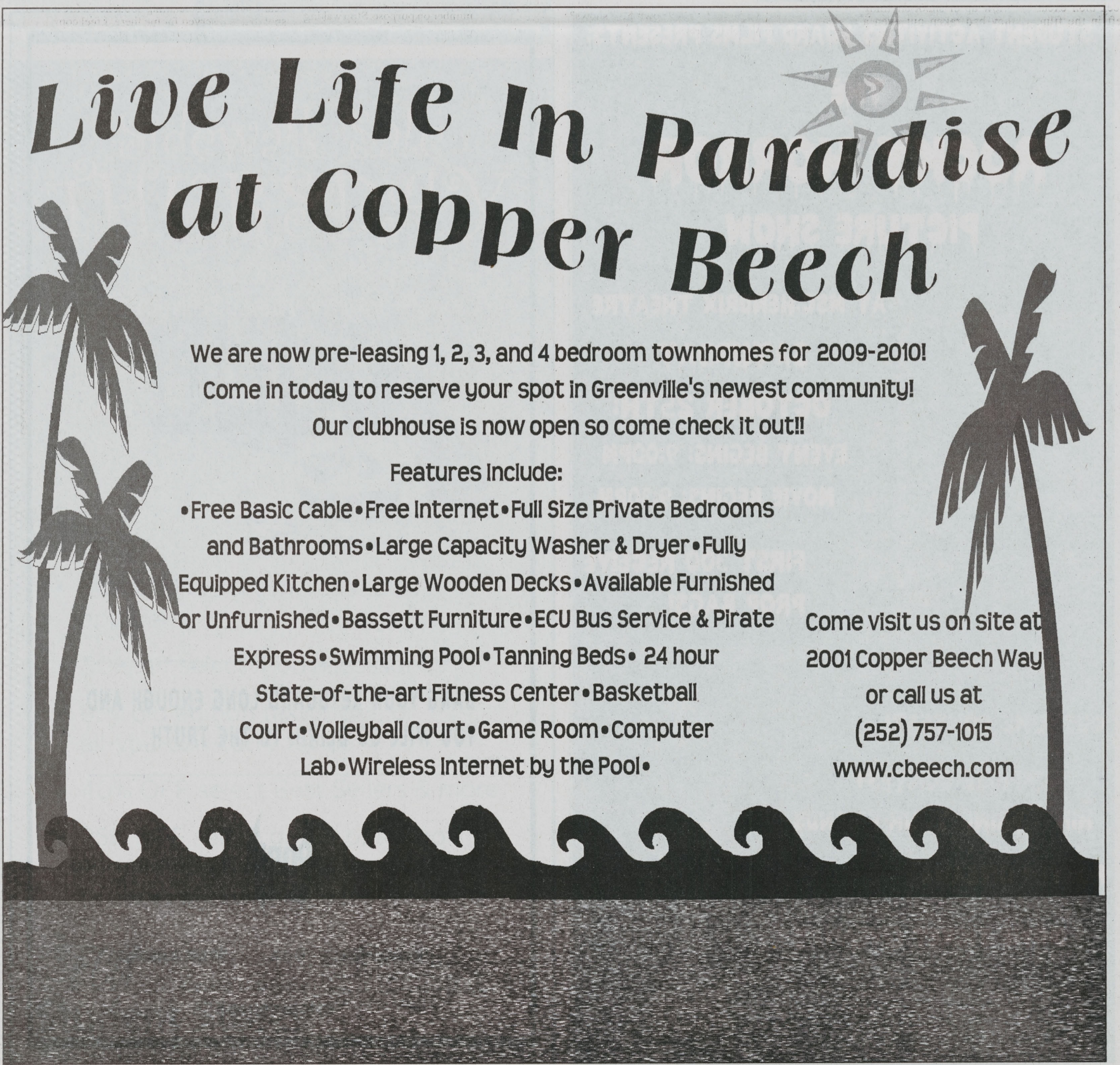
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Special effects take an ordinary movie and make it spectacular. There is nothing better than going to see a summer blockbuster and having your mind blown by the cinematic journey. Details in movies help the audience understand what they're seeing, and often make the movie itself more aesthetically pleasing. However, Hollywood is starting to rely more and more on special effects, thereby sacrificing the plot, the most important element of a film. Without a strong plot, viewers not only lose interest in the story, but in the whole experience in general. When executed properly, the marriage between plot and special effects can ignite a high grossing movie. Take 2008's smash hit *The Dark Knight*. Not only were the special effects intense, but the movie had an amazing plot as well. Nothing was short-changed in that production, and that's why it not only raked in the most cash this year, it was the second highest grossing film ever. In recent months, special effects have taken the place of a good story. *Max Payne* was released last Friday, and it has already faced harsh criticism. The film production of the movie was reminiscent of 2005's *Sin City*. Every frame was beautifully shot, and the movie spared no expense with its special effects. Mark Wahlberg was appropriately cast as the tortured police officer seeking revenge for his murdered wife and son. His performance lacked no effort at all. However, the story was hard to follow—without giving any plot points away, the ending of the movie did not give any kind of resolution to the situation of the villain. We are taken through an abyss of demons and gangsters don't have anything to do with each other. If *Max Payne* creators had spent as much time on its plot as they did on the special effects, that movie would possibly have given *The Dark Knight* a run for its money. Action films are not the only movie genre that relies on the effects to pull it through. Case in point: 2008's *Pineapple Express*. James Franco and Seth Rogan are truly a comedic duo that never had to stretch for laughs. However, the last 30 minutes of the movie seemed to have been their excuse to blow up or shoot anything left in the film. If they had taken out even a few minutes of the unnecessarily long fight scene, the film would have been OK. It's almost like they were TRYING to kill the audience's remaining high... that they got from the movie. Our generation has been spoiled when it comes to technology. Even 20 years ago, movies had to have a good plot or else the film bombed. The original *Indiana Jones* films are three of the most adored films in movie history. George Lucas and Stephen Spielberg had limited technology to provide dazzling effects to the audience, so they made up what they lacked with amazing plot. However, this summer's release of *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull* left Indy fans feeling used and sad. As talented of an actor as Harrison Ford is, Indy was far too old to reprise his role, and the movie was completely farfetched and 100 percent unlike any previous *Indiana Jones* films. They should have left a good thing alone. When going to see a movie, people expect a certain level of effort to have been put into the plot—and special effects can't take the place of it. Replacing plot with effects is almost the same as wrapping a post-it in a large sparkly box. It looks pretty from the outside, but when you open it up...well, you know.

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## PIRATE RANTS

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- Girls always want to know where the good guys at ECU are. Maybe if you look in places other than the bars you will find one.
- I can't pass my classes because I used all my brain in the beginning of the semester talking with financial aid.
- I have an identical twin sister. Could we please tell the people at West End that so that I can get food? I am not the same person coming up twice!
- To the guy who sat beside me at the game and then glared at me because I stood up and cheered: Sorry if I have school pride.
- If you pee on my floor one more time, I'm going to pee in your bed.
- Who wants a maverick for president? How about a PIRATE?
- I want to know why my professor yells words like "the" and "perhaps." Unless those are answers for questions on the test, you don't have to yell them.
- The Bible says that the meek shall inherit the earth. We're waiting!
- A new lime for my Corona? Yes, please!
- I find it ironic that my environmentalist professor uses more paper on his slides than any other professor I've ever had.
- The Pumpkin Javalanche is boo-tastic!
- My nose hairs wilt when I open my friend's dorm room.
- When you laugh with your head bobbing up and down, you look like a horse eating hay.
- My roommate is a pathological liar. If you know who you are, I know you lie ALL the time!
- Sometimes I think the editor of the Pirate Rants is more of a romantic than anything else. Why else would my rants against couples and PDA not get in?
- I know we're just friends, but I like imagining sleeping with you while I stare at the back of your head in class.
- Lil' Wayne for president.
- EMELIO!
- Why do cast members of VH1's love shows keep getting their own love shows?
- I'm glad it decided to get cold right when I got my new Speedo.
- To the Pirate guy with the parrot: I love you and want to have your babies!
- To the people that would rather use that 99.9 percent germ killing sanitizer: You really wanna walk around with sanitized doo doo on your hands?
- I think that the zero tolerance policy should include stupidity.
- Is it bad that I think Tina Fey plays a better Sarah Palin than Sarah herself?
- To whoever tore down the Bob Barr signs and replaced them with Obama signs: Congratulations. You showed just how "open-minded" you pawns really are. As if Obama really needs more exposure. Everyone knows who he is!
- I always see candy corn in bags, but never fresh on the candy cob.
- How was my weekend? I woke up wearing a ski hat and holding a glow stick.
- My roommate is on so many drugs I think she has officially fried her brain.
- Halloween: The only time of year where you can dress like a whore, get drunk, make mistakes and not THAT many people will give you grief for it.
- A guy named Steve keeps calling me at 7 a.m. looking for a girl named Laura. Steve, Laura probably gave you the wrong number on purpose. Stop waking me up.
- My cat shakes his butt when he poops.
- To the guy in the suite next to mine: Quit singing. PLEASE?
- I wish someone would have told me how much work college was going to be—I would have taken 10 years off after high school.
- Don't get caught with your pants down.
- I HATE ECU SQUIRRELS! Apparently, they don't know the unspoken rule about always needing to have five feet between people and squirrels!
- Did you know that ECU has a 33 percent STD rate? Something to think about when randomly sleeping with anything with a pulse
- My roommate is pissing me off.

## Where did all the love go?

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Every year it never ceases to amaze me that evangelists come to our campus and proceed to yell about how immoral we are and how our immortal souls will be damned. I cannot express to you how disgusted I become by the fact that these individuals, who are supposedly trying to save us, do nothing more than turn more people away from Christianity by preaching the torture of which you will be subjected if you do not change. Have they forgotten the old saying, "you catch more flies with honey than vinegar?"

Do not think for a second that I am trying to insinuate that evangelists should not be able to come to college campuses or other public places and teach others about Christianity. I just feel that it is blatantly obvious that these individuals would be much more successful at meeting their goals if they would use a better approach.

Theology is a very interesting topic that many people are willing to discuss, if they feel that the person with whom they are speaking is actually listening to them. When speaking to an evangelist and that person begins to yell over you about how you're doomed, what I do is become angry and begin to argue or tune them out. As a result, everything that the evangelist is saying falls upon deaf ears.

We learn through communicating with others that most people tend to stop listening when they feel like someone is attacking them. Therefore, if you're walking on campus and someone yells that you're going to burn in Hell because you're a fornicator, more than likely you will think "yes I am and proud of it," and continue walking.

I'm also not saying that evangelists should not tell people that immorality is considered to be a one-way ticket to hell. I feel that there is a more tactful manner to do so without evoking fear or potentially turning people away from the religion. Instead of directly saying, "you deserve hell" (and yes, I actually saw a little girl holding a sign which read that), calmly explain that you could go to hell if you don't lead the Christian lifestyle.

I have been to many Christian events where we were spoken to about the love that God has for us, and I never left one of those places feeling angry or turned off by the thought of religion. Because of the good messages that I was receiving, I wanted to go to more of these events. However, every time I hear evangelists screaming about hell's fire and the spot that is reserved for me there, I feel compelled to tell them to go to the same place!

Why not teach the love of God? I feel that more people would be more inclined to actually listen to what these people have to say, if they delivered their messages in more amiable ways.

No one likes to be called a horrible person, especially if that statement is followed up by a 12-point lesson explaining that your sins will find you in cahoots with Satan.

Perhaps if the fire-and-brimstone evangelists would explain the love and forgiveness that God has for his children, then people would care about what was being said, instead of forming a negative opinion towards the evangelist himself, as well as Christianity in general.

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## Adderall not a cure for complacency

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Among the many psychological ailments of society today, it seems as though everyone is suffering from some type of attention deficit disorder or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. Instead of maintaining healthy lifestyles, learning to cope with stress and better time management, people assume they have a disorder that interferes with their ability to focus and complete simple tasks.

Parents immediately assume their children have an attention deficit because they squirm around in the classroom and have difficulty focusing on assignments. Even college students and adults feel that they have problems staying focused on academic tasks and work.

What is ADHD? ADHD is a biological platter of poor attention and distractibility with a side of hyperactive and impulsive behaviors. If not treated, ADHD can lead to poor school and work performance, poor social relationships and a general feeling of low self-esteem. The causes of this disorder are linked to genetic and biological components; therefore, you can't just suddenly develop an attention deficit, like many people seem to believe.

Treating ADHD should start from childhood. It's estimated that only one student in a class of 25-30 students will actually have ADHD, and males are more likely to develop the disorder. Ritalin, Adderall, Concerta, Strattera and various

antidepressants and mood stabilizers are often provided to those suffering from the overwhelming symptoms of ADHD.

Perhaps there isn't actually a problem with the nation's brains, but a problem with the rapid pace of American society. Before public schools shifted to a stricter curriculum, students were able to participate in hands-on activities that kept them more engaged in classroom material. Now teachers are forced to rush and cram lectures with information in order for students to pass standardized tests.

With the wider availability of and easy access to the Internet, the United States has become dependent on immediate access to information. Why attend hours of boring lectures, when with the click of a button you can have instant gratification—hundreds of Web sites providing the same information? Because this vast array of information is readily available, people become antsy when they have to do things the "old-fashioned" way.

The prevalence of ADHD and those claiming to have it send doctors into overdrive writing prescriptions and treating patients. If you don't actually have trouble paying attention and are not generally distracted easily, the side effects of the medications can cause sleeplessness, decreased appetite and nervousness.

College students have used these medications to stay awake studying, but the additional side effects should be considered—aside from the ethics of prescription drug abuse. Side effects like nausea, ticks, increased blood pressure,

heart palpitations, mood swings, skin rash and dizziness could easily be avoided by relying on a prioritized schedule, instead of a pill.

Because our lives are loaded with educational and work-related tasks and maintaining social and family relationships, we often find little time to relax and release stress. If we feel unsettled or anxious and are unable to find the time for physical activity, then of course it's ADHD!

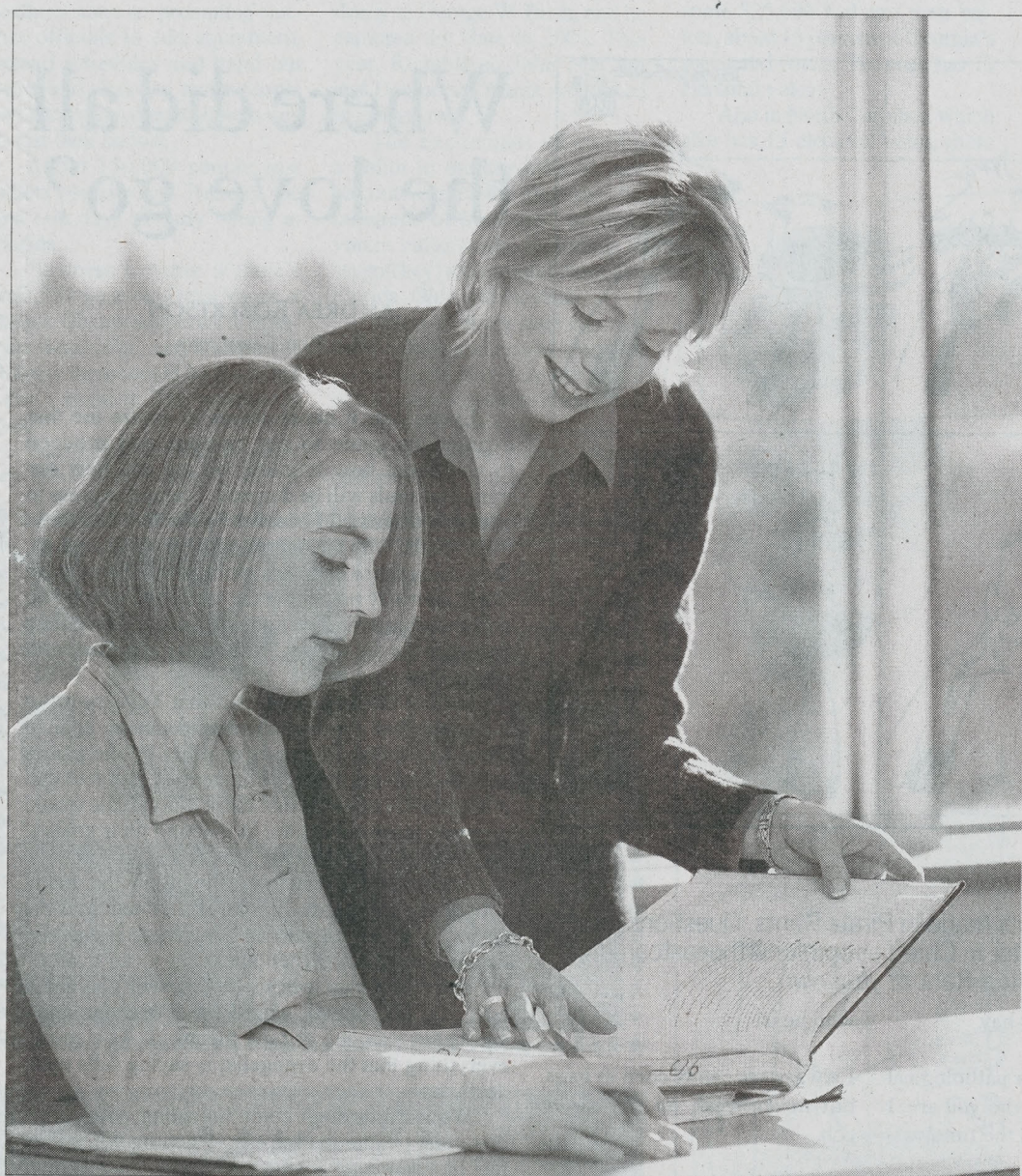
People have it set in their minds that when they feel they can't handle things on their own, the root must be some psychological issue. And of course, it seems there is a pill for everything, so let's all just pick up a prescription to make everything better.

Give me a break! We're a drug hungry nation. It just seems that, right now, we are in the throes of an ADHD frenzy.

The ridiculous amount of people pointing their fingers at a possible disorder should probably point a finger at themselves instead. I'm sure stress and Internet pop-ups have a lot to do with the ADHD hype. Just because it can take hours to write a simple paper doesn't mean I have some kind of disorder, it just means that I don't limit my distractions. Facebook, MySpace, email, text messaging and cleaning are just a few on the list that could easily be taken care of with a little self-control. It's a lot harder to focus when those items are within reach.

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Women are stepping up across the world to assume leadership roles.

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## Women in leadership

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Leaders during and before our time have shaped the lives around them. From politics to human rights, people have stepped up to the challenge of leadership in order to make a change.

Men and women both assume the responsibilities of leaders. However, women can often be overlooked and underappreciated when it comes to the business and professional world.

The Center for Student Leadership and Civic Engagement is giving the opportunity for women to gain vital leadership skills

through a Women in Leadership Conference (WILD). Held on the campus of Duke University, the conference aims to bring together women leaders from colleges across North Carolina on Nov. 1.

With a specific gearing toward women, the conference is set to explore not only the challenges that leadership may present, but will assist in training women to discover and use their leadership traits to the best of their ability.

"Possessing the perfect combination of leadership training, skill sets and experiences can lead you to accomplish anything," said Krista Wilhelm, the assistant director for the Center of Student Leadership and Civic Engage-

ment. "In effort to provide diverse leadership opportunities to women student leaders on our campus, we are very excited to be attending to the WILD Conference."

"It is my hope that those attending will gain and enhance their leadership skills, be able to address challenge that are faced by women within leadership roles and recognize the unique common bond that we share as women."

According to the Center for Women's Business Research, around 10.6 million firms are at least 50% owned by a woman or a team of women, along with 48% of all privately held firms.

Even around the world, women are finding their place in leadership

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## Winter sun still poses a threat to skin

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During summer months, sunscreen is a must for days spent outside in the sun. While sunscreen can be effective in protecting against the dreaded sunburn, the blocking of harmful rays can be beneficial in the long run, defending from more than just sunburns. But don't be fooled by the shining sun and blistering heat, because skin care during the winter is just as important as during the summer. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United

States. Because of this, skin care methods are crucial year-round. During winter months, around 85 percent of the sun's rays penetrate clouds, and 85 percent of UV rays reflect through snow (even though we don't see much of that here in Greenville). Dr. Elizabeth Hale of the Coppertone Solar Research Center offers five tips to help keep your skin safe this winter: Protect your Face. While arms and legs are generally covered during cool seasons, your face is one of the only parts of the body that receives year-round sun exposure. Choose a broad-spectrum sunscreen and apply it to the face, neck and chest before going

outside to run or do other activities. Coppertone's Oil Free Faces SPF 30 and Sport Faces SPF 50 products provide protection from both UVB and UVA rays.

Don't forget the hands. If you aren't wearing gloves, the skin on your hands is just as susceptible to sun damage as the skin on your face. Smoothing on a sunscreen lotion daily can help protect the skin from unintentional damage, helping to prevent premature aging such as sun spots and wrinkles and may help moisturize dry skin.

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Although summer is over, winter care for skin is just as important.

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No matter the genre, music addiction can happen to anyone.

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## Face it —you're addicted

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Music has been in existence since the first caveman carved a hole in a mammoth bone and realized its sound was pleasant. From Mozart to emo rock, music is the one thing that everyone in the world seems to have in common. No one can deny the overall power music has on humans.

Some music lovers can't get enough of it.

But can it be deemed an addiction? Is too much of a good thing bad?

Sophomore Leigh Murphy doesn't seem to think so.

"There is only too much of the same kind; we need variety. I am currently listening to Daft Punk and there's only so much of that I can take, because all their songs sound the same sometimes," said Murphy.

With the pressures of school and work, some turn to music to relieve stress, if only for four minutes at a time. With the advancement of music technology, it has become easier to fit days worth of music into one small device. The current iPod Classic is capable of 120 GB of

storage —roughly 30,000 songs. This type of technology makes it easier to escape the world around you for extended amounts of time. With the storage on iPods soaring every few months, eventually you will never have to leave Narnia.

I decided to survey students on ECU's campus about their musical tastes.

The average person on campus listens to one to two hours of music a day, while those who consider themselves addicts listen to four to six hours a day.

Going to concerts is a way to satisfy the hunger for music; perhaps, though, it only allows the addiction to swell.

"Going to concerts allows me to feel a bond with the band and the music," said self-proclaimed music addict Morgan Waltston. "It is a form of rejuvenation for me, and going to a show just makes whatever is going on in my life disappear for just a couple hours."

Music addicts like to feel at one with the music, making a certain song or album a description of their summer or school year. A song can take them back years with just the sound of an intro.

Those who consider themselves addicts seem to

know and understand that it is a life choice and not an unbearable disease.

Are you wondering if you are a music addict? Just ask yourself the following questions:

Do you feel more at home at concert venues than you do in your own home?

If your iPod dies, does a little piece of you die also?

Have you ever skipped class, or considered skipping, because you have not made the perfect walking playlist for the day?

Have you ever forgotten to eat because the new Coheed and Cambria CD goes on sale in 15 hours?

Is your iTunes bill more than your electric bill? Answering yes to any of these questions can make it safe to assume that you are in fact, addicted to music.

It is important to remember that there is no cure and not even Dr. Drew can help you.

So enjoy your life's driving force. Create, share and make some noise.

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## ECU to iRock the vote

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Election day is approaching. For many students, this coming election will be the first of which they have actively participated in, casting their first vote towards either of the prospective candidates.

The Student Government Association, in conjunction with the College Democrats, College Republicans and the Resident Hall Associa-

tion is looking to make this voting experience a smooth one, shedding light on voting in Greenville.

The initiative is being called the "iRock the Vote," and will be held this coming Tuesday, Oct. 28 between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. in Todd Dining hall.

"We are looking to encourage and show all college-age students, no matter [their] affiliation, the importance of voting and having a voice in every election," said Brad Teasley, the SGA Chief of Staff.

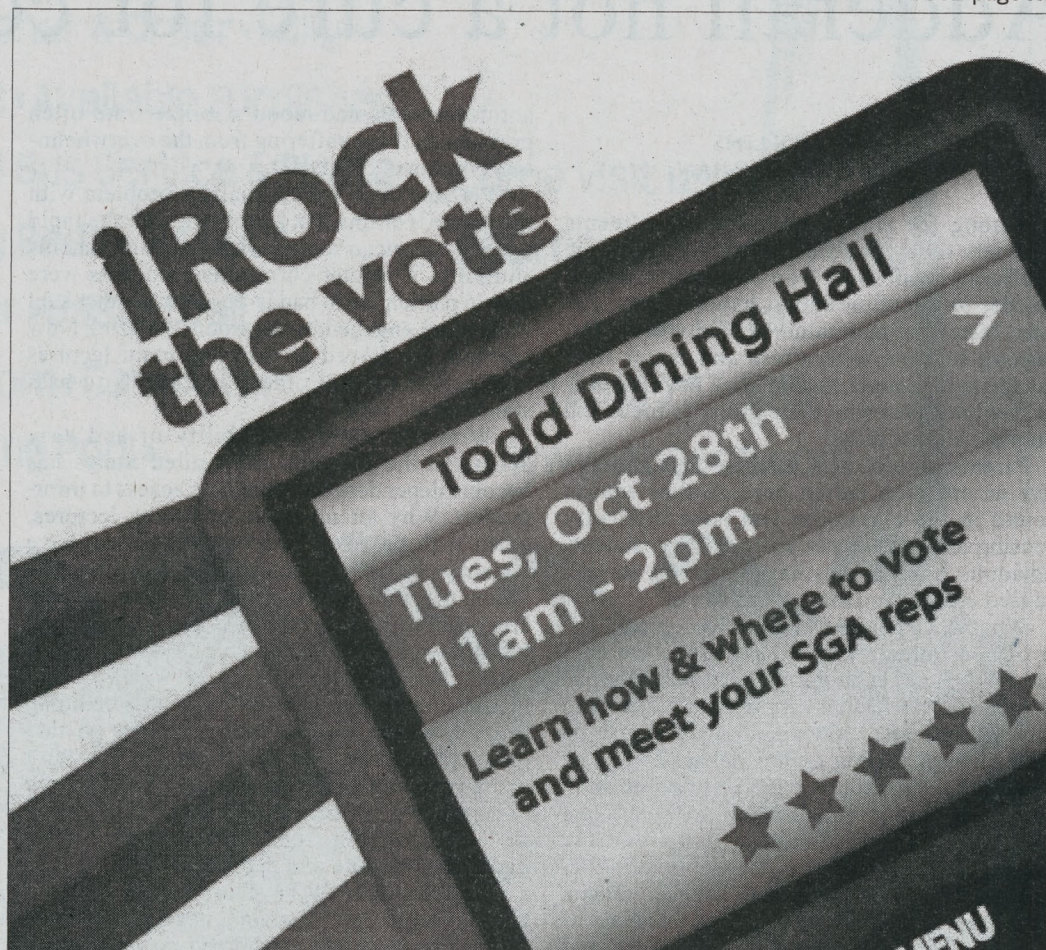
Students at "iRock the Vote" will have the opportunity to speak

with politically affiliated clubs and organizations about state and local government.

The event will provide students with the opportunity to learn briefly about the stance of prospective candidates with only a few days left before the election.

"We wanted students to have a chance to meet and greet with their Student Government Association representatives as well as representatives from the Residence Hall Association," said Wintre Clark,

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iRock the Vote is free for all students to attend.

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roles that can shape decisions made around them. According to the Worldwide Guide to Women in Leadership, 17% of members in national parliaments worldwide are women, with Russia possessing the highest proportion of women parliamentarians in the world with a National Assembly comprised of 48.8% women.

Interestingly enough, developing countries, including Mozambique, Vietnam and Namibia, have just under 40% of seats in the lower house of Parliament held by women. In developed countries, including the US, women assume less than 20% of seats.

"I think it is important that women develop valuable leadership skills necessary to succeed

in today's world," said Brooke Barton, a student leadership assistant for the center. "In today's competitive market, women need have strong leadership skills and we hope this conference will help to develop their skills and allow them the opportunity to meet other women leaders from ECU and other colleges in North Carolina."

For more information on the WILD conference or general information about leadership opportunities for all students, contact the Center of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement at (252) 737-2091.

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You're never "above" sun protection. Whether you are hiking up mountainous terrain or speeding down the slopes, the sun's rays become stronger as altitude increases. According to the Skin Cancer Foundation, UV exposure increases 8-10 percent for every 1,000 feet of elevation; therefore, choose a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a high SPF.

Break a sweat, but make sure to wear a sunscreen that is sweat and waterproof. For outdoor activities that get your adrenaline and heart pumping, make sure to wear a sunscreen that can withstand your sweat. Coppertone Sport Faces is formulated to stay put when you get wet, so your skin stays protected and lotion doesn't get in your eyes.

See a dermatologist once a year for a skin check—no matter what your age. If detected early, melanoma can be treatable (survival rates for patients with early detection are about 99 percent,

but decrease depending on how far the melanoma has spread). However, the sun isn't the only factor that can affect the skin. Cold air can always take a toll on the skin, leaving it chapped and incredibly dry. The mixture of outdoor cold that lacks humidity and indoor heating can further increase irritation of the skin, which can squeeze out the natural oily texture of the skin. To avoid this, make sure to drink plenty of fluids to keep the skin hydrated, along with regularly moisturizing skin with lotion. The same is even true with lips, which can become easily chapped from the harsh cold. Applying lip balm will reduce the chances of lips cracking or peeling, which is a common problem for many. So before bundling up and heading out the door this winter, make sure you are covered and ready to protect your skin.

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# Universities take action over roommates



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Roommate woes are causing universities to take action.

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For many college freshmen, their randomly assigned roommate can be a nightmare. The late-night partier paired with the studious church-goer, the co-eds who loathe each other's musical tastes, the roommate who borrows clothes without asking—all a result of too few questions posed on roommate questionnaires, some say.

To combat this issue, some universities are using alternative methods of matching roommates, matching students by hand instead of computer or asking more in-depth questions. Most universities use a simple five-question form that asks basic things such as how clean a student is or if they smoke, saying randomness in roommate matching is part of the college experience.

But Michael Gaynor, 20, said he knows from experience a more in-depth roommate matching process can be beneficial. The University of Richmond senior lives with his roommate from freshman year, as well as two others who were freshman-year roommates. The university has been matching roommates by

hand based on in-depth questions since the 1970s.

When Gaynor and his freshman-year roommate unpacked their bags, they realized they both had DVD collections of the TV shows Family Guy and Saturday Night Live, and had many of the same CDs as well.

"That was a great match; whoever did it that year did a really good job," he said.

The experience was part of the reason Gaynor wanted to work for the Office of Undergraduate Housing over the summer, spending four weeks hand-matching roommates.

"When you're going to college your first time really away from home—the last thing you want is a roommate who's your complete polar opposite," he said. "A student's room should be their little haven after a long day of class."

While Gaynor said most people put general things on their roommate questionnaires (shopping for girls, Sunday football for guys), he said he found two girls who both listed Japanese anime among their interests, and realized the rest of their questionnaires were nearly identical.

"You have to look at those really common answers and derive something deeper to find the perfect match for each one," Gaynor said.

Carolyn Bigler, the assistant director for undergraduate housing at Richmond, agreed, saying she'll frame certain questions in an indirect way. For example, she asks a question about how often students nap.

"The purpose isn't to tell me whose napping, but to tell me how much time they'll be in the room," she said. "One big complaint is 'my roommate is always in the room, I never have any privacy.' What I'm asking is not always what I'm really interested in. I don't care if you nap."

Like at the University of Richmond, Tomi Greenslade-Smith of Ohio State University sorts roommate questionnaires by hand. But while Richmond gets less than 3,000 applications each year, Ohio State gets around 9,200 applications.

"Less than one percent [of students] request for a room change as a result of their roommate match," she said. "Our sense is that the students are pretty pleased with how

we handle their material and their assignment."

At the University of Maryland, College Park, a group of student leaders is trying to expand the roommate questionnaire to include more questions.

"A lot of people had talked about the basic questions: 'Do you study in your room?' or 'Do you smoke?' and decided they just weren't enough to get you with someone similar enough to get along with," said Alex Beuchler, a 21-year-old senior and president of the Residence Halls Association.

The process is still in its planning stage, she said, but the group wants to eventually submit recommendations to the Department of Resident Life to add possible questions such as "how important is your privacy?"

"We're trying to foster community and give people the best first year experience, without interfering with people's ability to meet people who aren't like them, because that's part of the college experience," said Beuchler.

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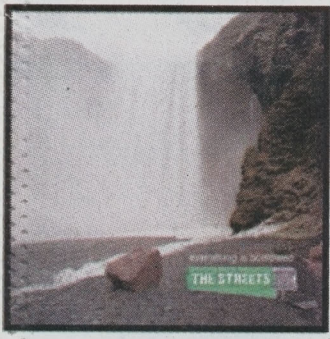
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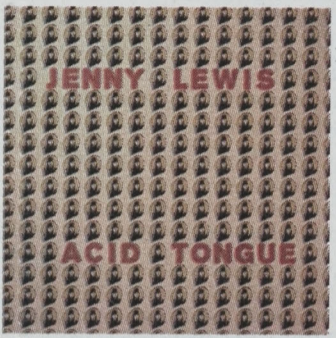
## Jenny Lewis' tongue is sharp; Anberlin still emo



STEPHEN MASON  
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

**The Streets – Everything is Borrowed, 2.5 out of 5**

Apart from the interesting synthesizer progression in the opening number, *Everything is Borrowed* finds The Streets – an alternative hip-hop artist named Mike Skinner from Britain – saying things that have been said better. It's obvious he doesn't care too much for right-wing politics or religion, but even his bigger statements ("The Way of the Dodo") only create cringes. Skinner's heavy accent distracts from his messages, especially when he decides to sing. It's not a travesty, but it's certainly nothing bold – as he might want us to think.



**Jenny Lewis – Acid Tongue, 4.5 out of 5**

Taking a break from her main group, Rilo Kiley, Jenny Lewis has decided to take a more rural route with *Acid Tongue*, an album full of folk, southern rock and even alternative country. It's a strange transition for sure, but Lewis' second studio album may be better than anything she's done with Rilo Kiley. After the epic nine-minute "New Messiah," a series of amazing moments happen. The rollicking "See Fernando" and "Jack Killed Mom," the piano ballad

"Godspeed" topped with upper-register vocals and the album's title track, a simple acoustic song that someone like Neil Young will have wished he wrote. *Acid Tongue* is an amazing statement by one of rock's more underrated female stars.



**Keane – Perfect Symmetry, 3 out of 5**

Groups like the Killers brought the new wave "back," and groups like OK Go made dorkiness cool. Keane is somewhere in between. They have fully adopted the cheesy sounds of the 1980s and are trying to embrace being quirky, but still take themselves a little too seriously. It was passable with songs like "Somewhere Only We Know," but when you create an album driven by synths, trying to appear noteworthy is difficult. The energy that Keane has works for a short while, as "Spiralling" and "The Lovers are Losing" start things off in style. But that level of energy is hard to obtain and hard to keep going without seeming drab, and Keane can't quite pull it off. If they aren't

onto anything altogether groundbreaking, they're entertaining... for a few moments, at least.



**Anberlin – New Surrender, 2 out of 5**

Emo is a fad. I wish I could have written "was," but I can't. Even bands like Fall Out Boy have begun to back into more pop and punk influences (as heard on *Infinity On High*). Anberlin, however, stand strong – in the sense that they haven't changed their sound. If they could get any louder, they did. If they could get any faster, they did. If they could get more annoying... well, they did that, too. *New Surrender* is a by-the-numbers emo album chockfull of three-to-four minute tunes that never amount to anything more than they've already done. Experimentation into the unknown isn't necessary to progress as a band; it can be done in subtle ways. Cranking the amps to "11" certainly isn't one of them.

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the director of Student Affairs for SGA.

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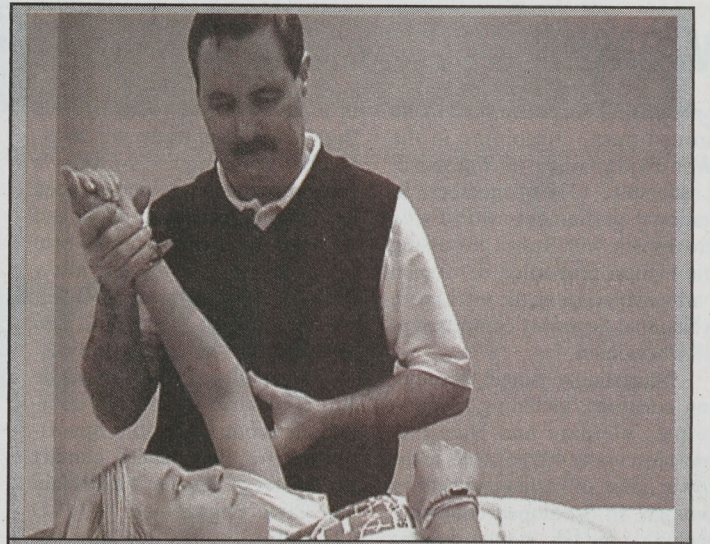
According to the U.S. Census Bureau, approximately 126 million registered voters took part in the 2004 election, about 89 percent of registered voters at the time.

Early voting kicked off in North Carolina on Oct. 16, with voters having an opportunity to skip lines on Election Day. For those not already registered, North Carolina law allows everyone to register and vote at the same time during early voting sites across the state.

There are six different sites in Pitt County, including the first ever site on ECU's campus, at the Newman Catholic Center on Tenth Street. Voting at this location begins on Friday. All interested voters must present a form of identification and proof of residence in the county in which they reside.

"iRock the Vote" is one program in a list of events that will be occurring over the course of the year as part of the SGA's Talk-it-Tuesday initiative. The program allows members of the SGA to promote topics and concerns on campus as to better assist students while giving back to the student body through giveaways and prizes.

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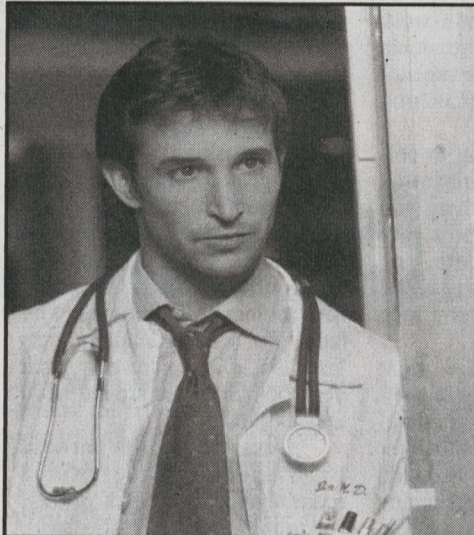
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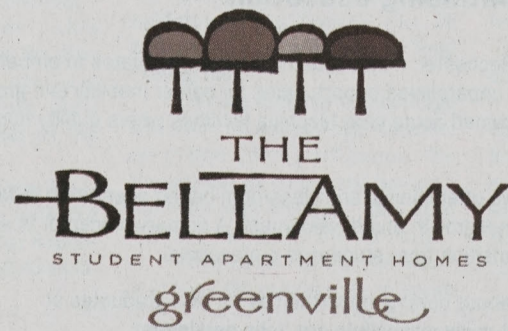
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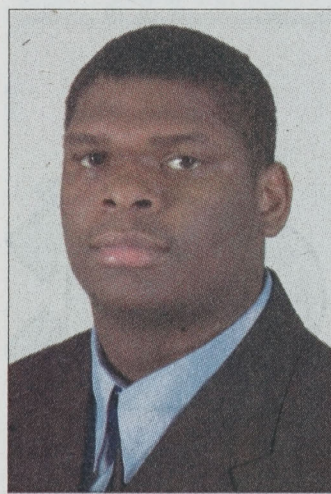
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## SGA SPOTLIGHT

C.J. Wilson has been a huge asset to the ECU Football team this year. The 6-foot-4, 271-pound defensive end has aspirations of one day making it to the NFL and having the family of his dreams. We asked the athlete of the month a few questions:

**Favorite food:**

Lasagna

**Major:**

Communication

**In his spare time:**

Plays piano

**Favorite song on the iPod:**

"I Can't Believe It" by T-Pain

**Playing football since:**

He was nine years old

**Favorite game this year so far:**

West Virginia

**After the game:**

Hangs out with the fam

**Goals for this season:**

To double what he accomplished last season

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## ECU ADDS APPALACHIAN STATE TO 2009 SCHEDULE

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ECU announced Tuesday that the Pirates have added Appalachian State University to their 2009 football schedule.

The game, which will be played Sept. 5 at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium in Greenville, will renew an in-state football rivalry that covers 77 years. It will also mark ECU's first match-up against a Football Championship Subdivision (FCS), formerly known as Division I-AA, opponent since 2001.

The Mountaineers own a 19-10 lead in a series that dates back to 1932, but the two programs haven't met since the Pirates posted a 38-21 victory over ASU in Boone on Nov. 3, 1979.

"Although this is a single-game contract with Appalachian State for the 2009 season only, it is my hope that this game will be a springboard for a great in-state rivalry in the future," said ECU director of athletics Terry Holland. "The Mountaineers have proven their ability to compete against the very best programs in the area and in the nation."

Appalachian State, winner of three consecutive FCS national championships under coach Jerry Moore, has also posted the second-highest combined win total in the last seven-plus years among the classification's scholarship programs.

In addition, the contest against the Pirates will continue a 31-year streak of consecutive Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) opponents on ASU's schedule that recently has featured meetings against N.C. State (2006), Michigan (2007) and LSU (2008).

The Pirates have recorded an all-time 40-2 record against FCS programs since the classification was established in 1978, but have only faced five since 1990--UCF (1991, 1993), East Tennessee State (1996), Chattanooga (1998) and William & Mary (2001).

# Williams suspended after arrests

STAFF REPORT  
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

ECU running back Jonathan Williams has been suspended indefinitely after being arrested for the second time in the month of the October and third time in the past year.

Williams, ECU's leading rusher, was charged with two misdemeanor accounts of assault with a deadly weapon on Tuesday after turning himself in at the Pitt County Detention Center, police said at a press conference on Wednesday.

A release sent out by the athletic department on Tuesday said that any football player could not return to the team until cleared by university and athletic department officials.

Williams, who leads the Pirates with 380 rushing yards and five touchdowns, was not at practice Tuesday or Wednesday.

"Any player charged with a crime will not represent ECU in any manner until cleared to do so by the university and athletic department administrators," Holtz said in the release. "Our basic expectation for every member of our program has always been that they must earn the right to represent ECU on the football field every week and that they will be held accountable for their actions on and off the field."



Jonathan Williams has been arrested twice in October.

ECU SID

Holtz has declined to elaborate on the situation since Tuesday's release was sent out.

"I made a release yesterday and when it changes from that release, I will turn and inform everybody," he said after Wednesday's practice. "At this point, it's not a day-to-day manner."

Holtz also said that he hasn't addressed the situation with his team.

"I don't want it to be an ongoing saga, a day-to-day [thing]," Holtz said on Wednesday. "It's just like if you were to be injured, you close the ranks and you've got to move on. I hate to say that, but that's kind of where we are right now."

ECU will turn to sophomore Norman Whitley and senior Brandon Simmons for the time being. Whitley was the starter in ECU's last game, rushing for 60 yards on 15 carries in the Pirates' win over Memphis.

Whitley said that he recently texted Williams for support.

"I texted Jon and told him that if he needed anything to give me a call," Whitley said. "He's been my brother since day one, just like all these guys out here, and when something happens they bond together and get closer together. That's what we've been doing."

According to the police report, Williams, 20, was released on a \$2,500 bond and has a court

date scheduled for Nov. 19.

He was also arrested on Oct. 5 for resisting a public officer and last April for driving while intoxicated and underage consumption of alcohol.

Williams' latest arrest stems from an incident that happened outside of a North Campus Crossing apartment building early Sunday morning.

Police said Douglas Edwards, a 20-year-old male, and Bailey Hattem, a 19-year-old female, were both struck by Williams with a beer bottle during a confrontation outside of a party around 1:14 a.m. on Sunday. Hattem was struck on the arm and Edwards was struck on the neck. One of the victims identified Williams as the person who struck them and both were transported to the hospital and released for minor injuries, police said.

Just before the assault on Edwards and Hattem, a third victim, Tyler Kelly, 20, was approached by four men outside of the party. Kelly told the police that he was grabbed by the four men and when he tried to defend himself, he was struck several times in the head with a beer bottle.

Kelly received thirty stitches in the head, and police are still investigating who it was that struck him, as Kelly could not identify the suspect. Police said the other three suspects are

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# McCarthy hopes Pirates continue improvement

KELLEN HOLTZMAN  
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

In his first season at the helm of ECU men's basketball, coach Mack McCarthy helped reenergize a lifeless program.

Now entering his second season and first without an "interim" tag, McCarthy is aiming to take the team a step closer to its first winning season since 1996-1997.

Last season the Pirates finished 11-19, but gave fans a glimpse of the potential the program has with wins over N.C. State, Houston and George Mason.

"We're really excited about the second year of our program going forward," said McCarthy on Monday. "... We've got a long ways to go, but we feel like we're on the right track. We finished strong with three wins in our last four regular season games. We didn't finish the [Conference USA] tournament like we wanted to but we feel like we did make some positive steps. Now we'll try to grow on that."

One of the challenges for McCarthy will be replacing six outgoing players with five freshmen and a transfer walk-on.

A rash of off-season attrition overshadowed the news that McCarthy would be retained as

Head Coach for the next five seasons. ECU expected to replace seniors Darrell Jenkins, Cory Farmer and Taylor Gagnon, but replacing six players came as a surprise.

Forward Gabe Blair, one of the top rebounders in C-USA, decided to transfer to Wichita State. John Fields, another low post presence and talented shot blocker, will be suiting up for rival UNC-Wilmington next

**"We're really excited about the second year of our program going forward."**

MACK MCCARTHY

ECU MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH

season. Guard Brandon Evans left the Pirates for the Spartans of UNC-Greensboro.

Sam Hinnant will be one of two seniors, along with James Legan, expected to pick up the slack and provide on and off the court leadership.

"We're all on the same page," said Hinnant. "Last year, we had some teammates who only cared about themselves but this year everybody is worried about the team and not about their own individual stats. We just want to

come out and play hard for East Carolina and not for ourselves."

Hinnant emerged as ECU's most reliable scoring threat last season averaging 11.0 points per game and netting 30 points twice, against N.C. State and Houston.

Hinnant will be the centerpiece of a backcourt that features his classmate James Legan. Hinnant and Legan are the biggest reason why the Pirates had the top three-point field goal percentage in C-USA last season. The two combined for nearly 130 total made three-point shots in 2007-2008.

"I'm really pleased with those two guys," said McCarthy. "That's going to be critical. If we're going to be good this year, they don't necessarily have to have great years statistically, but they've got to have great years as leaders of this basketball team."

Hinnant and Legan will be backed up on the wing by sophomore Jontae Sherrod and freshmen Chris Turner and Chris Kupets.

Kupets is a combo guard with a knack for scoring who will also compete with sophomore Brock Young at the point guard position. Turner is a versatile player who possesses the skill to become an instant fan-favorite.

"He's a little different from our other guys who can score in that he can [score] in a variety of ways," McCarthy said of Turner. "He can beat you down the floor,



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Mack McCarthy addressed the media on Monday.

take you off the dribble, finish at the rim as well as shoot the basketball... you're going to see flashes of brilliance, but the more we can get him to be consistent, the more he'll contribute right away."

Replacing three post players from a team that ranked dead last in C-USA in rebounding margin will be no easy task. But the cup-

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# Baseball scrimmage sizes up talent

HART HOLLOWAN  
THE EAST CAROLINIAN



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ECU coach Billy Godwin talks with ECU pitcher Seth Maness.

The ECU baseball team concluded its fall practice last week with the Purple-Black World Series.

This wrapped up the month long process of getting back into shape and integrating the new faces into the squad. The Black team took the series two games to one.

The intra-squad, three-game series pitted the split-squad teams against each other for a doubleheader Thursday and a night game on Friday. The scrimmages were used to evaluate the progress of new and returning players, as well as give the team an opportunity to play in a game-like atmosphere.

"We've been playing scrimmages like these in practice for a while, but not at this magnitude," said ECU coach Billy Godwin. "When they put on the uniform and come out and the scoreboard is on, it has a different feel to it, and it is important to see how these guys react to that."

Game one saw a tight finish when senior Stephen Batts drove in the winning run with a walk-

off single in the bottom of the seventh inning. Batts was the star of the game collecting three hits, two RBIs and scoring a run himself to lead the Black team

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BILLY GODWIN

ECU BASEBALL COACH

to victory in the first game of the doubleheader 4-3.

In the second game, the Purple team struck back and took the second game 7-4 behind a Trent Whitehead homer as he drove in four runs on the day on two hits. Freshman Corey Thompson also had a good game

for the Purple team, going two for three at the plate with two RBIs. For the Black team, Ryan Wood, Trent Ashcraft and Batts all had solid games, each compiling two hits and combining for three runs and three RBIs in the losing effort.

The final game Friday night saw the Black team emerge victorious in the series as they pummeled the Purple team 9-2 in a rain-shortened game.

Ashcraft drove in five runs on two hits to single-handedly lead the Black team to the win.

Sophomore Stihl Sowers had a good game on the mound for the Black team, going four and one-third innings and only allowing four hits and two runs to get the win.

After the game, Coach Godwin spoke about the team and their progress.

"I see a lot of talent, which is what we knew," he said. "I saw a lot of good things, even out of our young guys. Guys swung the bat well, Trent [Ashcraft] had a really big hit tonight, which is good to see and there were just a lot of positive things to take away from this."

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# Week eight: Ranking the Carolinas

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1. S. Carolina

Record: 5-3  
Last Week: Lost vs. LSU, 24-17

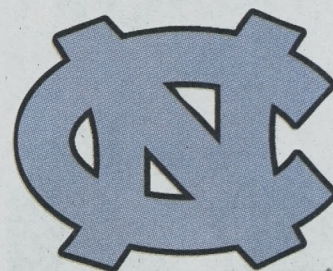
Ranking the Carolinas takes a page from the BCS book, and puts South Carolina at the top despite losing to Georgia last Saturday. USC has lost to LSU, Georgia and Vanderbilt—all ranked teams, and all-by a touchdown. Realistically, a 5-3 USC team that has survived brutal schedule is more attractive than a 5-2 UNC team with its best win coming against Notre Dame. This ranking is more about the future than the past. The Gamecocks are headed in the right direction and finding players on offense; in contrast, the Heels have lost two of their best players on offense and are headed in the opposite direction.



2. N. Carolina

Record: 5-2  
Last Week: Lost at Virginia, 16-13

The ghost of Scott Stadium haunted UNC once again last Saturday, as Virginia extended its home winning streak over the Heels to 14 with a 16-13 victory. Brandon Tate was the best player in the ACC. UNC just isn't the same team without him. The good news is UNC returns home this week to face Boston College, who just beat Virginia Tech. Logic should tell you that UNC will play with revenge on its mind, and BC will be playing on a letdown.



3. Wake Forest

Record: 4-2  
Last Week: Lost at Maryland, 26-0

Wake Forest losing to Maryland last Saturday wasn't a huge shocker, but getting stomped 26-0 was. The Deacons, who were ranked 21st in the nation, were shutout for the first time in 124 games. They only ran for 73 yards, while allowing 470 yards of offense to Maryland. Wake quarterback Riley Skinner told the Associated Press, "I don't really know what happened out there. ... we just did not play good." Skinner is in the same boat as everyone else who follows college football, in reference to understanding what happened to Wake in this game.



4. Duke

Record: 3-3  
Last Week: Lost vs. Miami, 49-31

Duke edges out ECU for the fourth spot—suddenly the Blue Devils' 31-3 thrashing of Virginia a couple weeks ago looks better and better. At the same time, ECU's wins over Virginia Tech and West Virginia are starting to lose their luster—which keeps Duke ahead of the Pirates. Against Miami, Duke led by 10 points early in the second half, but the Hurricanes' freshman quarterback Jacory Harris accounted for five touchdowns in the comeback victory. This game was probably more of a Miami moment than a Duke letdown, but you have to wonder about the Blue Devils—who have lost two-straight after starting the season 3-1.



5. ECU

Record: 4-3  
Last Week: Won vs. Memphis, 30-10

You have to take the Pirates' win over Memphis with a grain of salt. Yes, ECU needed the win, but saying that Memphis was playing shorthanded would be quite an understatement. The Tigers lost their starting quarterback on their first offensive play of the game, and the backup quarterback shortly after that—and still led 7-0 and 10-7 at the half. In the second half, ECU took advantage of a Memphis offense—which was playing with a walk-on at quarterback—cruising to the 30-10 win. The Pirates needed this win, but they will also need another one to move up in these rankings.



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James Legan will be one of two seniors on the roster this season.

Darrius Morrow, a physical 6-foot-8 freshman, is expected to fill the void and should see big minutes this season. Morrow originally committed to play for Dave Odom at South Carolina but had a change of heart following Odom's departure. ESPN.com ranked the Atlanta native as the 30th best power forward prospect in the nation. McCarthy expects the team's only true center, sophomore Chad Wynn, to be a much more formidable force in the post thanks to a long summer spent focusing on strength and conditioning. Wynn will be joined on the low blocks by 6-foot-7 sophomore Daquan Joyner. Joyner should see his playing time increase significantly after being used sparingly last season. Sophomore Jamar Abrams is the team's most dynamic returning player and is looking to capitalize on a promising freshman campaign. Abrams, a natural small forward, was forced into the power forward position last season and is likely to see the same duties this year. Young and Kupets will be assigned the task of replacing Darrell Jenkins, C-USA's leader in assists a season ago. Young served as Jenkins' primary backup last year and gained invaluable experience in his first season as a Pirate. McCarthy is counting on Young

to help lead the fast-paced style he prefers. "They brought me here to make plays and that's what I do," Young said. "The way that we're running and the way that Sam [Hinnant] and James [Legan] are shooting and the way the big guys are running the floor, there will be a lot of opportunities to play up-tempo." ECU will be relying on returning players like Young to help new players acclimate to the potentially brutal schedule awaiting the Pirates. ECU's home schedule will be highlighted by visits from George Mason, VCU, Wake Forest and Memphis. The Pirates away schedule is equally as daunting, with visits to Winthrop, UNCW, N.C. State and Clemson. "The schedule is really, really difficult," said McCarthy. "...Needless to say, we've got a big challenge ahead of us. Conference USA as a whole is a lot better. We've got to grow up and grow up quickly." Last season, ECU proved it could compete. This season, the challenge will be competing on a consistent basis and turning that competition into wins. The Pirates will open the season at home against Coker on Nov. 14.

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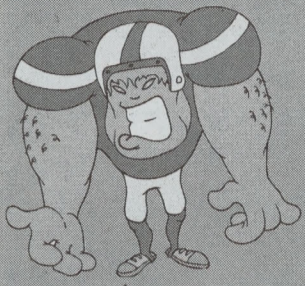
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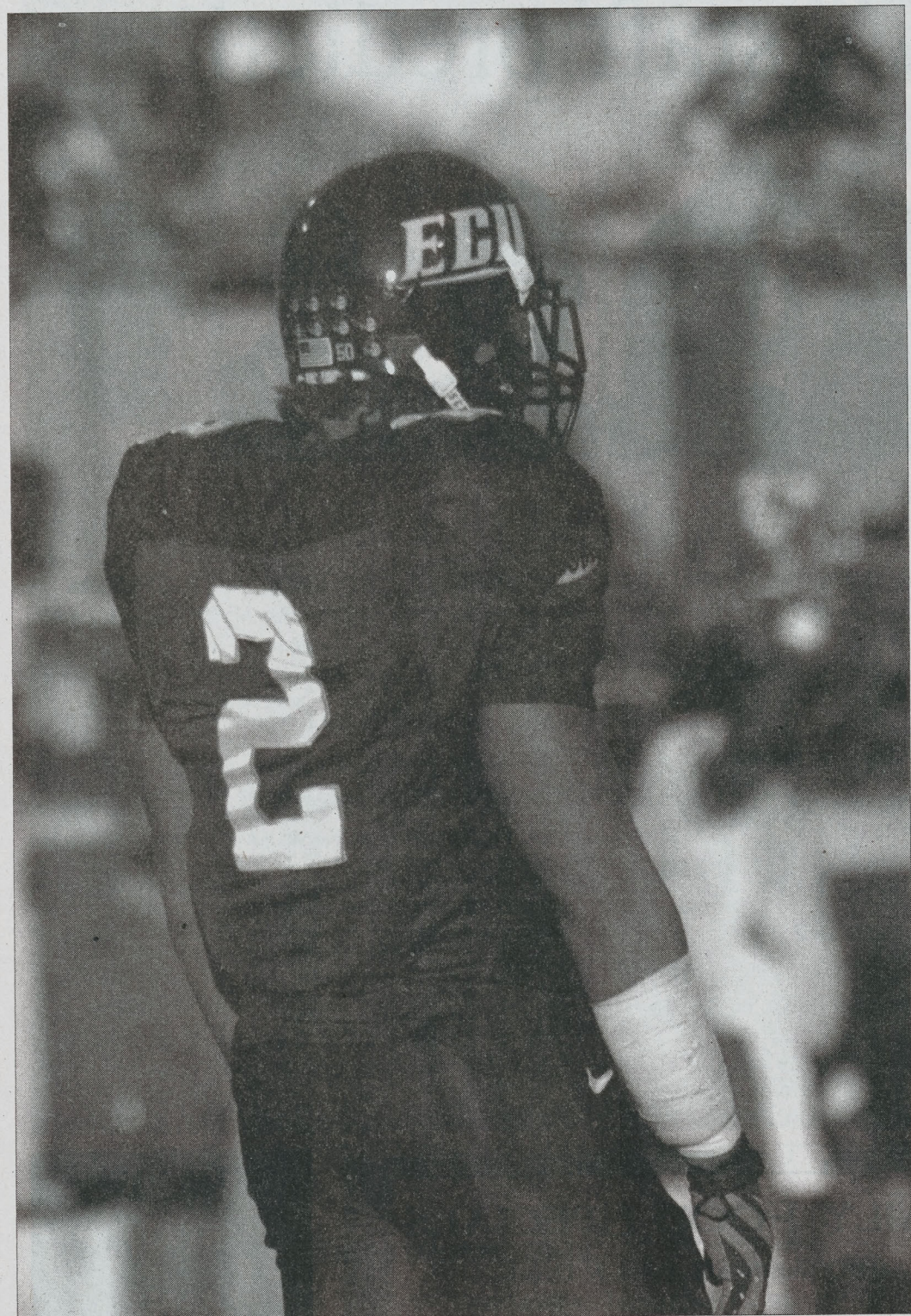
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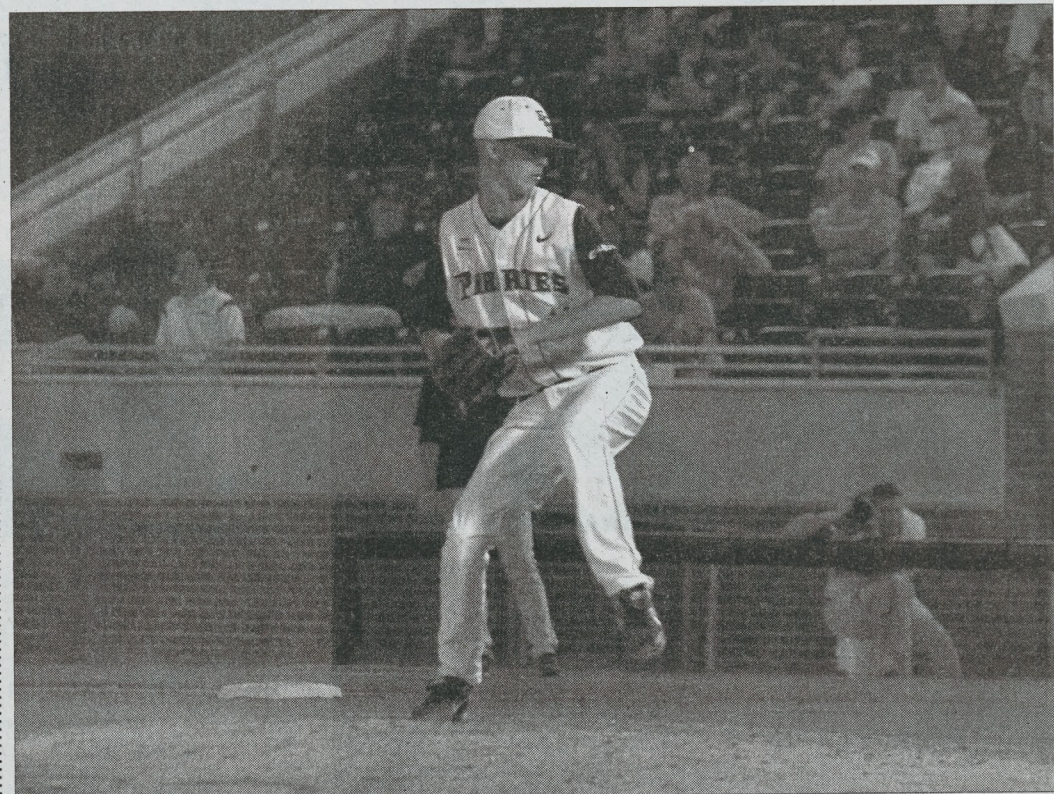
Memphis' media guide, the 190-pound junior's bio says, "He has been a leader for the offensive scout team the last three seasons." Needless to say, Memphis' game plan changed. Even with Toney, who ran an option-heavy offense in high school, Memphis was uncharacteristically limited and unstable on

offense. The Tigers gained an early 7-0 lead because of an ECU miscue, but after the injuries to Hall and Hudgens, they attempted 10 more running plays than passing plays despite losing for most of that time period. "We were obviously feeling very good to start the game, then we lost our two quarter-

backs and I am not going to sit here and say that it didn't hurt us," Memphis coach Tommy West said. "We had a 10-7 lead at halftime and then we couldn't move the ball to start the second half, and that was it."

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**BASEBALL** continued from B1



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Sthil Sowers was the winner pitcher in the third baseball game of the series.

Godwin also acknowledged that the team had a lot to do before the season opens up in February. "Certainly we're not ready to open up right now, but it's a good way to end the fall," said Godwin. "I thought our guys competed, played hard and had fun. The key now is for the next five weeks. We need to get in the weight room and do a lot

of developmental work so when we step on the field [on Feb. 20], we're a whole lot better club." Godwin also noted the overall importance of these types of scrimmages. "I saw some guys step and do some things that they might not do in practice or a controlled scrimmage, which is good," Godwin said. "I think these

games are very important. We can't play outside competition during the fall, so this is as close to simulating a game as we can get." The Pirates will open up the season Feb. 20 when they host Monmouth.

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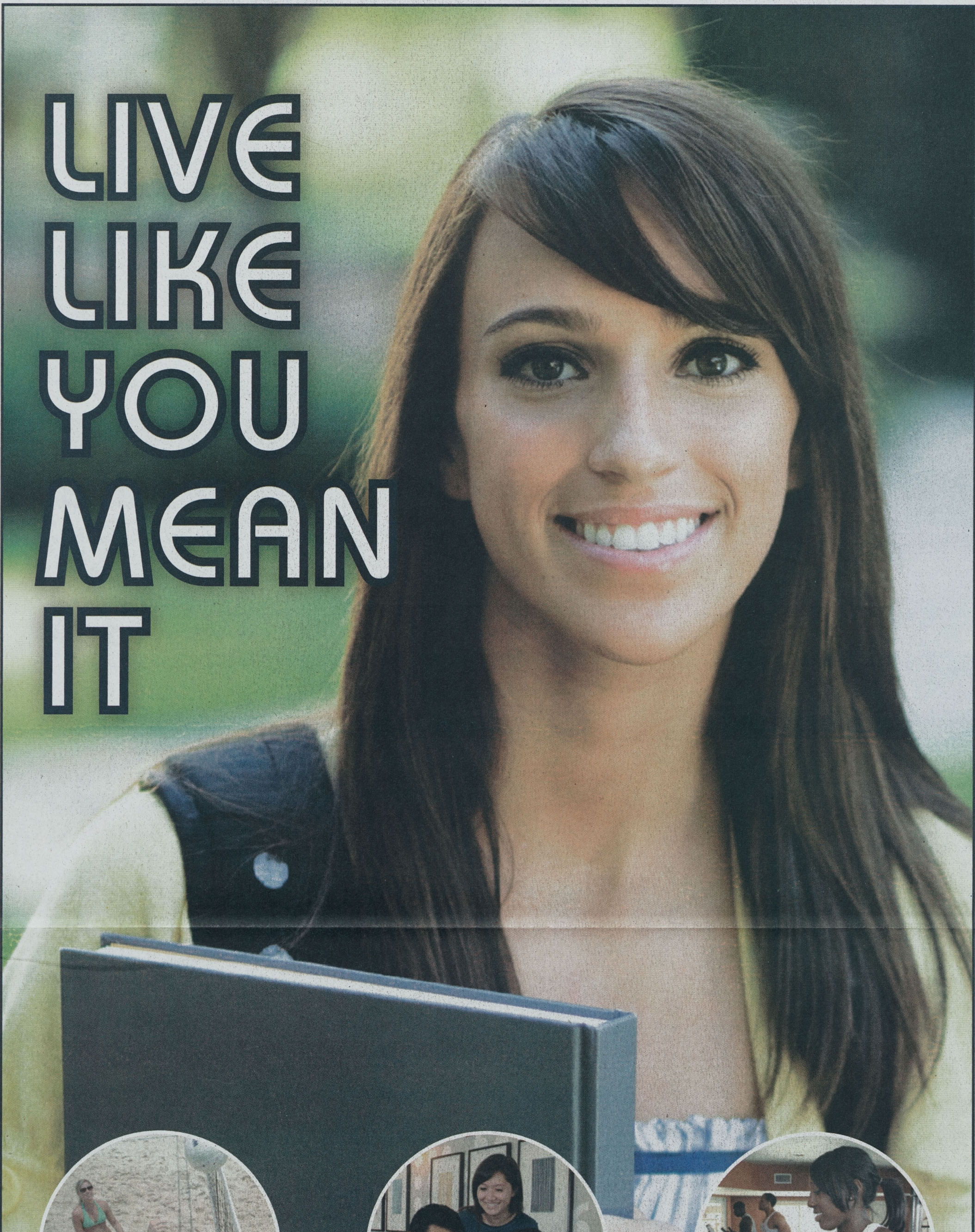
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