



NC no longer a red state



Bev Perdue, new governor of North Carolina.



Kay Hagan for the U.S. Senate.

(AP)

Whether this year's election marked a permanent or temporary turning point toward the Democrats, the results indicate just how much North Carolina has changed in the six years since arch conservative Sen. Jesse Helms left office.

Helms' seat is now in Democratic hands for the first time since 1973, and the party handily snatched it from one of the GOP's most respected names, Elizabeth Dole, by putting forth a pro-abortion candidate that few had ever heard of, Kay Hagan.

That Barack Obama is on the brink of becoming the first Democrat to win here since 1976 underscores a daunting downfall for Republicans in a state that just one election ago backed Pres. Bush by 12 percentage points — the same year that John Edwards, a North Carolinian, was on the Democratic ticket.

Exit poll numbers indicate

that Obama's aggressive push here, which helped sweep in Hagan and gubernatorial candidate Bev Perdue, may have established a brawny base that could be here for years to come.

Voters under the age of 30 comprised 17 percent of the electorate this year, higher than the 14 percent from four years ago. And they broke heavily to Obama, with more than seven in 10 choosing the Democrat. Hagan and Perdue rode those coattails, backed by more than six in 10 of younger voters.

By comparison, Democratic hopeful John Kerry won just over half of the support of voters under 30 in North Carolina four years ago. And Democrat Al Gore won less than half of that demographic in 2000.

Paul Shumaker, a Republican political consultant who works with Sen. Richard Burr, said the party needs to become competitive in growing urban areas by talking about kitchen-table

issues instead of ideology.

He said Charlotte Mayor Pat McCrory was the ideal candidate for the state — a pro-business moderate — but that he failed to win because of an unreliable donor base. The Democrats have a more steady stream of donations that have long helped keep them in office, and Perdue far outpaced him in such fundraising.

"We cannot approach these campaigns with a 1980s mentality and a 1980s budget," said Shumaker, arguing that the GOP needs to reorganize in the state to bring forward a common message that has broad appeal.

But Shumaker disputed the idea that this year's election marked an ideological shift. He said the race was a matter of issues that matter to voters. With the right candidates and the right message at the right time, the Republicans will make a comeback, he said.

"Politics is fluid," Shumaker said. "It swings to the left; it swings to the right.

It can't swing any further to the left."

It's no coincidence that North Carolina's sharp trajectory away from the era of Helms came during its rapid growth spurt. North Carolina has added more than one million residents since the beginning of the decade, with the most recent years showing growth of 200,000 new people annually.

Much of that growth has come in the state's more liberal communities along the Interstate-85 corridor. Tryon Street in Charlotte — home to the Bank of America Corp. and the remnants of Wachovia Corp. — feels more like Wall Street. The Research Triangle Park serves as the source for thousands of high-tech jobs. Both regions have young work forces drawn in part from the nationally ranked colleges and universities in North Carolina.

And those areas broke heavily to Obama. Durham County went to him by a remarkable 52 points. He won

Orange County by 43 points, Mecklenburg County by 25 points, Guilford County by 18 points and Wake County by 15 points.

In other words, for political purposes, North Carolina's urban areas looked more like a northern state than a southern one.

Obama did well with voters on both ends of the education spectrum, winning spectrum winning big among those who didn't finish high school and having a slight advantage with voters who've done at least some postgraduate study. Voters in between — high school grads

and college, but not graduate school — leaned toward McCain.

Hagan and Perdue had similar advantages in their respective races at both ends of the educational spectrum. They ran roughly even with their Republican opponents among voters in-between.

Jack Hawke, McCrory's chief political strategist, attributed the Democrats'

victories at the top of the ticket to the Obama campaign strategy in North Carolina.

"[He] had one of the best organizational ground-game type efforts that has ever been seen in the state. ... It's amazing," Hawke said. "The Obama ground game was delivering party voters. They were not delivering split-ticket voters. So that helped the entire Democratic ticket."

Hunter Bacot, the poll director at Elon University, said the GOP in North Carolina will have to evolve quickly to keep the state competitive by winning new residents into their fold. After all, those retirees from the north that are coming to North Carolina also tend to be wealthy and somewhat conservative.

"The Republicans are going to have to transition to this new Republican — more of a pro-business Republican — which in North Carolina is very similar to the Democrats," Bacot said. "So what you

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ROTC bring home another win from Ranger Challenge

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For the second year in a row, ECU's Army ROTC Pirate Battalion brought home a win from the Ranger Challenge.

Held the weekend of October 24-26 at Fort Pickett, V.A., the Ranger Challenge is a two-day competition between 22 schools from North Carolina and Virginia.

According to team captain Matthew Kane, the team was chosen from the 118 cadets in the ROTC program at ECU. Cadets are able to tryout for the team, and must train five days a week starting in August. After a month and a half of tryouts, the selection is dwindled down to about 15 people, and the final cut is made two weeks before the challenge. Each team consists of nine males and one female along with two alternates.

"Everyone involved sacrificed a lot of time," Kane said.



The Black Division with the first place trophies.

"It's all you do for the first two and a half months of school."

The teams were divided into the Black and Gold divisions based on school size. ECU was a part of the Black Division, which

is comprised of larger schools, and took first place in its division and overall.

The first day of the challenge consisted of the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT), the written

land navigation test and the night land navigation test.

The APFT is comprised of two minutes of pushups, two

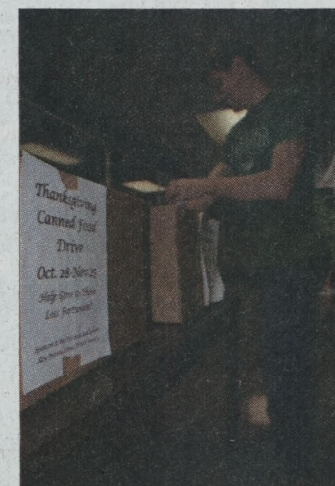
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Golden Key taking donations for Thanksgiving holiday

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ECU's Golden Key International Honor Society is currently running a canned food drive, in an effort to provide Thanksgiving meals to needy families in Pitt County. Golden Key, the ECU Gospel Choir and Beta Beta Beta National Biological Honor Society are working together to make this year's Thanksgiving a little brighter for the less fortunate. They will give all the donations received to the Pitt County Department of Social Services, to be distributed to those in need.

Director of External Communication and affiliate of the Golden Key International Honor Society Dianna Carroll said this year is the first year that the canned food drive has been implemented. Carroll hopes "to collect enough to benefit Pitt County's families well into the Christmas season," although there will not be a separate food drive during the Christmas holiday.



Travis Bartlett
A student contributes.

The drive began Oct. 28 and will continue until Tuesday, Nov. 18. Canned and non-perishable foods will be collected in several locations on campus, and monetary donations are accepted as well. ECU's Gospel Choir collected food at their fall concert

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minutes of sit-ups and a two-mile run. ECU took second place in this event.

The navigation tests require the teams to navigate themselves to a number of different points. Using only a compass, they must find these points using eight digit coordinates that they plot on a map. ECU took first place in the written land navigation test.

On the second day of the challenge the teams competed in the one rope bridge challenge, the basic rifle marksmanship challenge, the grenade assault course,

the squad tactical exercise, the day land navigation test and the 10K ruck march.

"The competition is definitely physical, and in preparation we ran about four miles a day," Kane said.

The Ranger Challenge is a great way for cadets to build leadership skills and improve their commission status, according to members of the team.

"Kane provided us with really good training," said Ranger Challenge team member, Ted Brennis. "It was hard, and we got frustrated

sometimes, but he definitely prepared us for the competition."

ECU's ROTC cadets went into the challenge in hopes of dominating the competition.

"I had absolutely no doubt that we wouldn't take anything less than first place regardless of the rhetoric that we received from other universities," said Eric Fitzgerald, Ranger Challenge co-captain.

ECU's Army ROTC Pirate Battalion will also be participating in the First Annual Wounded Warrior 10K and 1 Mile Road

Race "Warriors Supporting Warriors" to benefit the Fort Bragg Wounded Warrior Program.

The races will be held Saturday, Nov. 8 at 8:30 a.m. and start behind the Food Lion off of Red Banks Road.

Registration is \$25 and awards will be given out to various age groups.

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on Saturday, Nov. 1 in Wright Auditorium.

Students and faculty can drop off their canned collections at 214-A in Mendenhall Student Center. Tri-Beta will also have a collection table in Howell Science Building on weekdays from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Gospel Choir president D. Braxton Mercer said that the organization expects to sponsor an additional drive for the spring concert to help families during Easter.

Additional canned food drives are currently running to benefit unfortunate families during the upcoming holidays. Sonya Holley, a social worker with the Pitt County Department of Social Services, will be collecting food from ECU efforts as well as collections at Cornerstone Church.

"We need to have food on site for people walking in with an immediate need for food,"

said Holley. "There are people who come in that haven't eaten in days that need to be provided with food not just for the holidays, but really, any time of the year."

Holley also facilitates an Adult Foster Care Drive that targets rest home residents. Socks, T-shirts and personal hygiene necessities are always useful to people who struggle with paying for medical bills, prescription medicine and gas.

For people who are unable to bring canned goods to campus, Lowes Foods is also hosting its 14th annual Friends Feeding Friends food drive until Dec. 31. More than 617,000 pounds of food was collected by Lowes Foods last year and given to Second Harvest Food Banks. The Greenville Lowes Foods is located at 3160 S. Evans St.

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might actually see is a fusion where they come close together rather than farther apart."

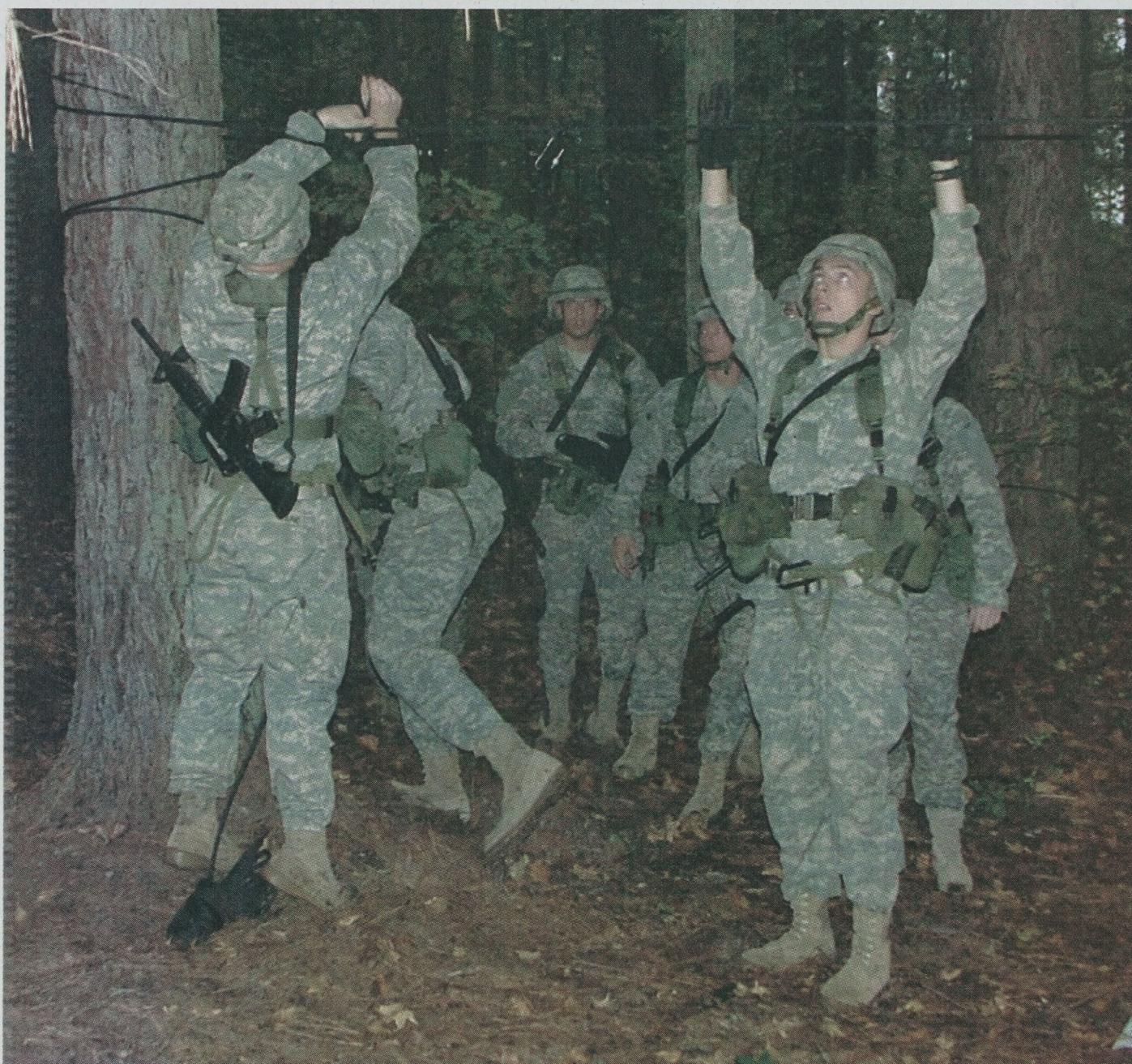
Bacot said one example of the Republican needed for the future would be the state Senate's Burr.

Problem is, the GOP landed with such a candidate for governor. McCrory still lost, and didn't even win his home county of Mecklenburg — the

state's largest.

Likewise, Tuesday's election served as a warning to Republican candidates for President who can no longer assume that North Carolina's in their column.

"They can't be complacent with North Carolina anymore," Bacot said. "They're going to have to come in to work. How intense that will be remains to be seen."



The team tries the one rope bridge before sending the eight cadets across.

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Events planned by the East Carolina Alumni Association and other campus departments include an open house, awards ceremony, homecoming parade and tailgating before the ECU vs. Marshall University football game.

A luncheon at the Mendenhall Student Center will kick off the weekend on Friday, Nov. 7, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Attendees will hear about plans to remodel the student center and other new projects taking place at ECU.

On Friday afternoon, visitors can take a bus tour of campus or attend ECU Classroom Experiences meant to take alumni back to their college days.

Gerald Prokopowicz, ECU history professor, will lead a discussion on his book, "Did Lincoln Own Slaves?: And Other Frequently Asked Questions about Abraham Lincoln" at 1 p.m. in Joyner Library.

Pat Dunn, mayor of Greenville and a 1958 ECU graduate and professor emeritus, will speak on her vision for the city and the revitalization of uptown Greenville at 2:15 p.m. in Joyner Library. Archivists will discuss how University Archives and Special Collections preserve ECU's history at 2:15 p.m. in Joyner Library.

Lt. General Gary North, a 1976 graduate of ECU and Commander, 9th Air Force and U.S. Central Command Air Forces, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., will present a special guest lecture at 2:15 p.m., in the Mendenhall Student Center.

At 6 p.m. on Friday, alumni are invited to a cocktail reception at the Hilton Greenville to honor this year's recipients of the Outstanding Alumni, Honorary Alumni and Distinguished Service awards. A ceremony and dinner will follow.

On Saturday, the Alumni Center on Fifth Street is hosting an open house with complimentary breakfast from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. for all ECU alumni and friends. The Homecoming Parade will make its way down Fifth Street from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This year's floats will embody the Homecoming Theme, "ECU Goes for the Gold."

A Homecoming Alumni Tailgate will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, at Gate 1 outside Minges Coliseum.

Individual colleges and campus groups have special events planned for Homecoming weekend. More information about those activities can be found online, <http://www.piratealumni.com/homecoming>. For more information, visit the web site listed above or call the alumni association at 328-6072.

College and school homecoming events are as follows:

Division of Health Sciences

• The Brody School of Medicine Alumni Society will be hosting a homecoming pre-game barbecue and social Nov. 8. All students and alumni and their families are invited. Dr. Paul R.G. Cunningham, dean of the school of medicine, and Dr. Phyllis Horns, interim vice chancellor of the health sciences division, will be there. The tailgate will begin at noon at Bunting Field. For more information, visit <http://www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/mhsfoundation/alumni.cfm>. • The College of Allied Health Sciences will honor 40 outstanding students in celebration of its 40th anniversary. Last year, the college honored 40 distinguished alumni as part of the anniversary. A "Welcome Home" reception will be held 8-8:30 a.m., Saturday, in the allied health sciences lobby of the Health Sciences Building. Departmental visits and tours will be held 8:30-9:30 a.m. and a brunch buffet and awards ceremony for the students will be held 10-11:30 a.m. in the former library on the first floor of the Brody School of Medicine. The distinguished alumni will present the awards to the students. For more information, log onto www.ecu.edu/ah.

The College of Nursing will honor the inaugural inductees to the new Golden Lamp Society as 2008 Distinguished Alumni Honorees. The college will host a reception 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, in the College of Nursing lobby of the Health Sciences Building. Alumni and friends are invited to attend. The Golden Lamp Society recognizes individuals who give annually to the college.

College of Education

The College of Education will offer donuts and coffee for the Homecoming parade on the front porch of the Speight building Nov. 8 at 9 a.m.

Harriot College of Arts and Sciences

The department of chemistry will hold a reception from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Nov. 7, on the third floor of the Science and Technology Building. The department will pay tribute to its oldest alumnus and scholarship supporter, Frank D. Kizer, who is 92 years old. He graduated from East Carolina Teachers College in 1942 and received a masters degree in 1949 and is now a retired educator in Virginia. He is the first of four generations of ECU alumni.

Also at the homecoming celebration on Nov. 7, the chemistry department will receive a \$10,000 donation from DSM Pharmaceuticals, Inc., which will be used to purchase new undergraduate teaching laboratory equipment that includes stirring hotplates and balances. Contact: 252-737-1566 or holmesk@ecu.edu.

College of Business

The College of Business will host a Homecoming Social for alumni, faculty, staff, students, and friends during the Homecoming Parade on Saturday, Nov. 8. Constituents and their families are invited to stop by for coffee, continental breakfast, and Pirate hospitality – and enjoy the Homecoming Parade. The College of Business tent will be located across from the ECU Chancellor's residence on Fifth Street, in front of Jenkins Fine Arts Center. The event is free and is scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

School of Music

The School of Music Alumni Board invites alumni from all years to attend the Alumni Reunion & Recital to be held in the A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall at 8 pm on Friday, Nov. 7, during homecoming weekend 2008. A reception will be held in Fletcher B110 immediately following the recital.

Student Life

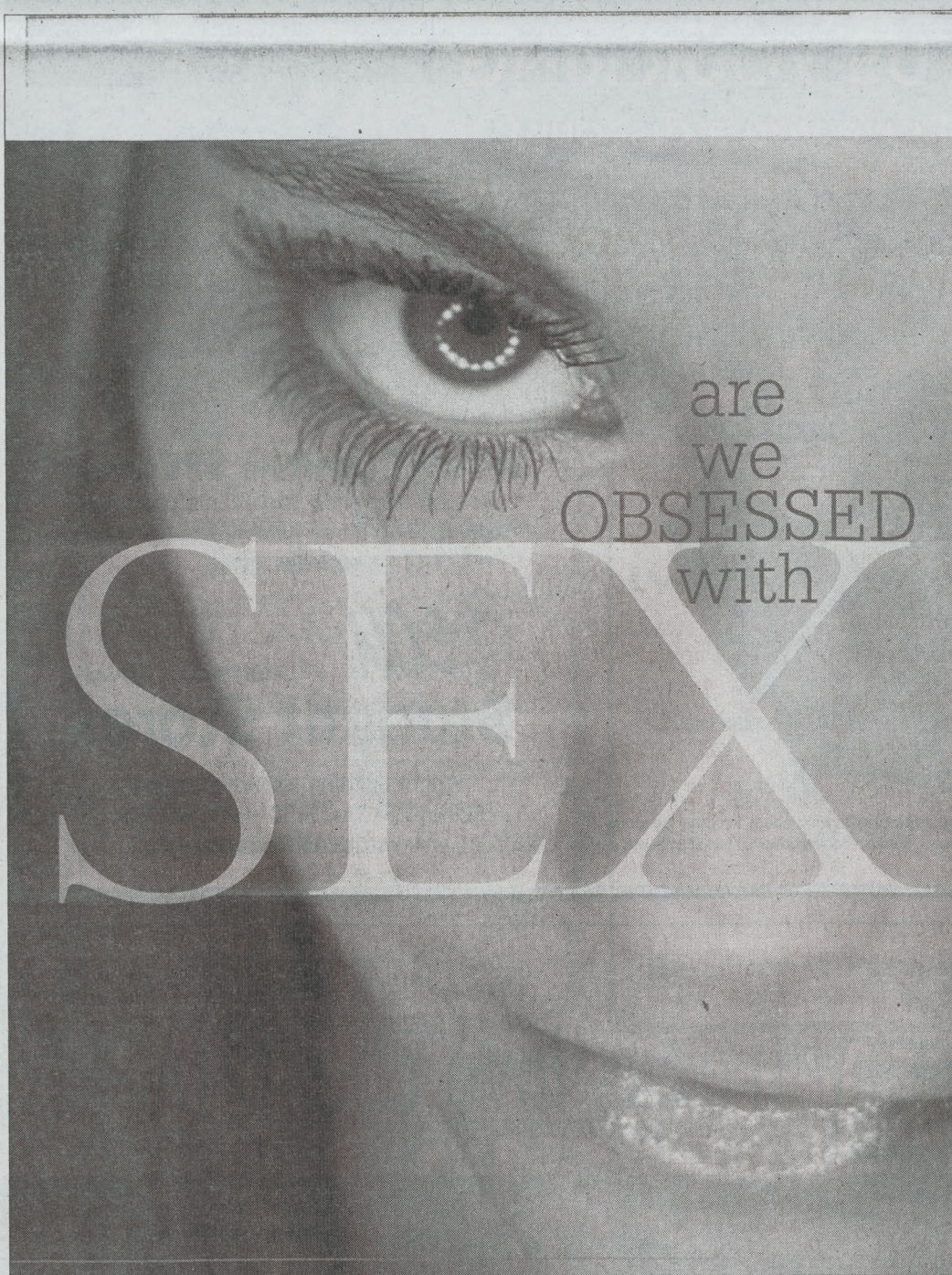
ECU's Student Recreation Center is celebrating Homecoming 2008 by inviting all ECU Alumni and current students to use the Recreational facilities. One guest is allowed, free of charge on Nov. 7 and 8. Current students are allowed to bring up to three guests for free on Saturday. All participants must present a picture ID at sign-in.

ECU's University Unions and Student Experiences has planned a week-long celebration for Homecoming 2008. Programs will begin Monday, Nov. 3 with the annual Banner Contest and

Canned Food Drive. Other events include Homecoming Lawn Theme Competition, Skit Competition, Homecoming Concert, Pep-Rally, NPHC Step Show, Float Competition, Homecoming Parade, and the Army ROTC Warrior 10K Road Race. For more detailed information contact Mendenhall Student Center at 252-328-4700 or visit <http://www.ecu.edu/cs-studentlife/universityunions/Homecoming-2008.cfm>

The ECU Student Activities Board is sponsoring the Grammy award-winning artist Lupe Fiasco for this year's Homecoming

concert. The concert will be held in Minges Coliseum Nov. 6. Tickets can be purchased at the Mendenhall Student Center Central Ticket Office from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., until Thursday. Tickets are also available at the Minges Athletic Ticket Office Tuesday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for ECU students with a valid ECU OneCard and \$25 for all non-ECU students. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and Lupe Fiasco will take the stage at approximately 8:00 p.m.



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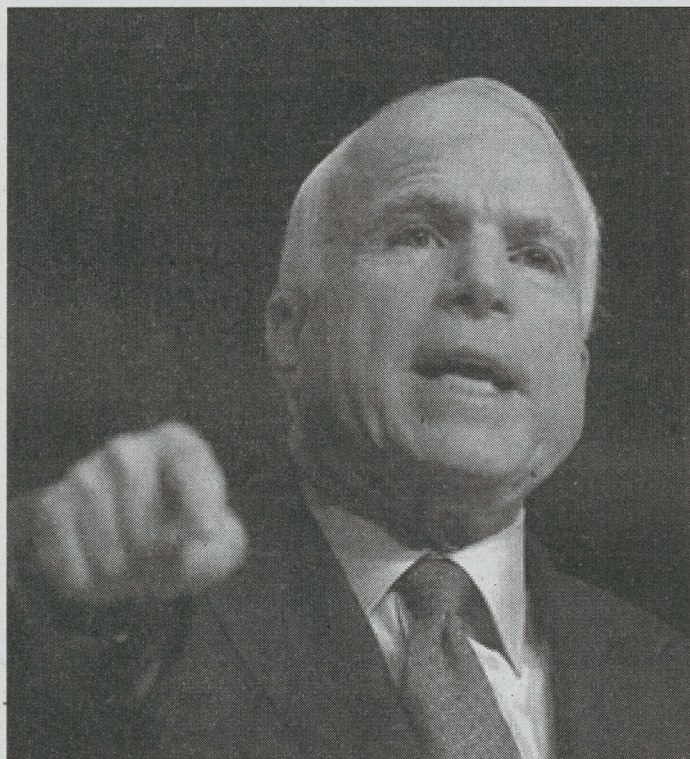
Dr. Linda A. Mooney in the Department of Sociology, in conjunction with the ECU Center for Survey Research, the Center for Diversity and Inequality Research, and the GLBT Student Union, is conducting a confidential and anonymous survey of all ECU GLBT faculty, staff, and students. The survey will be available online, from October 28 through November 18, 2008. The survey link is:

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The survey is also available off of the Department of Sociology homepage and the GLBT Student Union homepage.

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McCain starts mapping out a new role in the Senate



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

(AP)

Before resting from the grueling presidential race, John McCain began discussing with senior aides what role he will play in the Senate now that he has promised to work with the man who defeated him for president.

Democrats, who padded their majorities in the House and Senate, have a suggestion: McCain can mediate solutions to partisan standoffs on key legislation as he did to help avert a constitutional meltdown over judicial confirmations in 2005.

"There's a need for the old John McCain, a leader who worked in a bipartisan way," Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said Wednesday.

GOP leaders, never fond of McCain's independent streak or blunt style, nonetheless are reaching out to keep him in the fold and keep Republican ranks as robust as possible during the next Congress, two knowledgeable GOP officials said on condition they not be named because the conversations were private.

One obvious focus will be the war in Iraq. After two years spent more on the campaign than in the Senate, McCain will return as the ranking Republican

on the Armed Services Committee. That will put the four-term Arizona senator in a position to influence Democrat Barack Obama's plan to set a timetable to withdraw U.S. troops from combat in Iraq.

"That would be good," Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., said in a telephone interview. "I would love to see McCain work with President Obama in dealing with Iraq in a way that Republicans and Democrats could agree on."

During the campaign, McCain staunchly opposed setting such a time frame, even as the Iraqi government began working with the Bush administration to do so.

But in conceding the presidency to Obama Tuesday night at a Phoenix hotel, McCain pledged "to do all in my power to help him lead us through the many challenges we face."

He allowed that defeat was disappointing but said that starting Wednesday "we must move beyond it and work together to get our country moving again."

Aides said they believed McCain would work well with Obama as president because much of his best work in the

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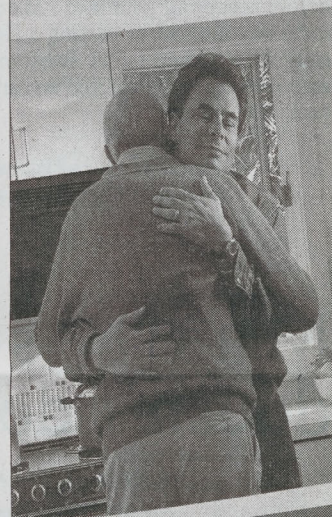
The day after Election Day quickly returned McCain to something much closer to normal life. After months of travel on his campaign bus or plane, McCain and his wife, Cindy, drove themselves to Starbucks for coffee near their Phoenix condominium.

McCain and his family planned to spend a few days at their vacation compound near Sedona, Ariz., to rest from the long contest.

Friends said that despite his disappointment, McCain also was relieved that the demanding campaign was finally over. Aides said he was relaxed Tuesday night — at peace with his loss and confident that he had done his best in a political climate where a failing economy, an unpopular GOP president and two lingering wars set steep odds against a Republican victory.

"We fought as hard as we could. And though we fell short, the failure is mine, not yours," McCain told supporters Tuesday night. "I don't know what more we could have done to try to win this election. I'll leave that to others to determine."

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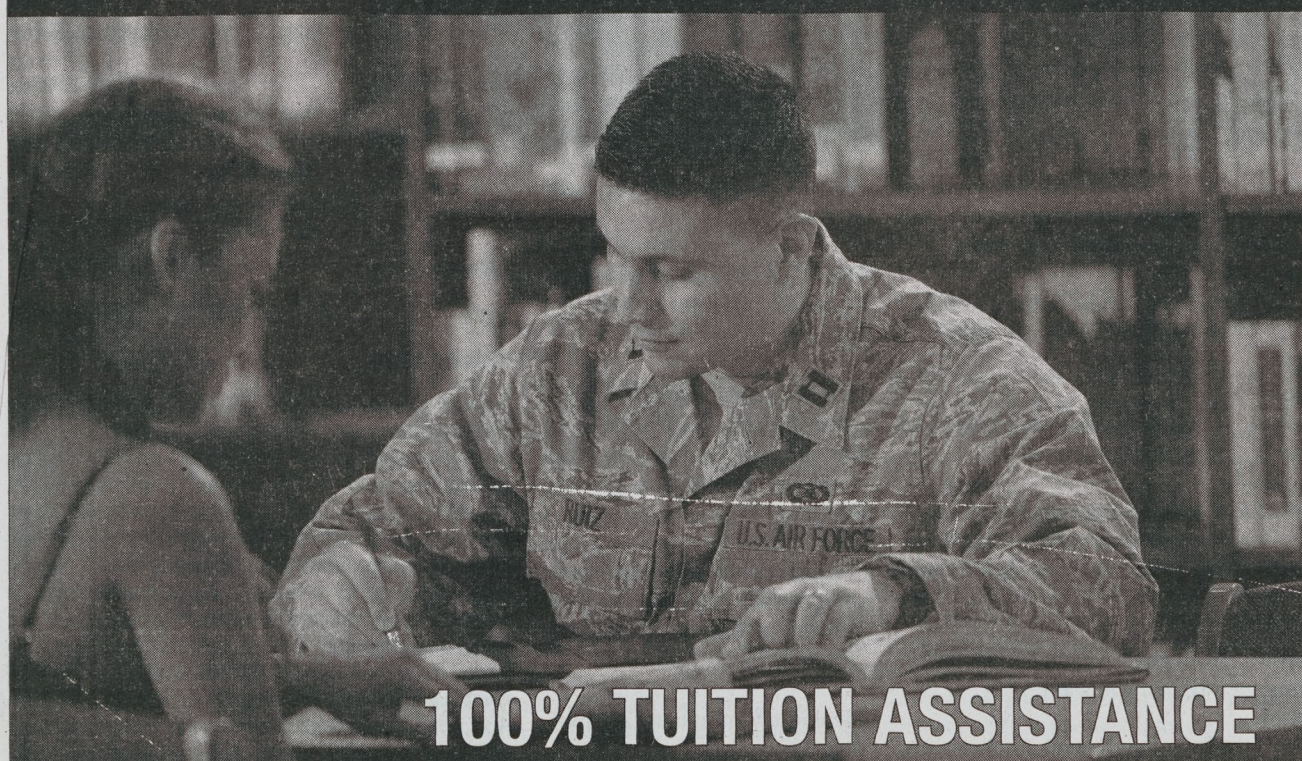
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Get hammered!

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THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Alcohol consumption is often associated with college students and college towns, but not every student drinks alcohol and not everyone wants to drink every night. There should be alternative fun for people who don't feel like drowning their brain with intoxicating liquids.

Drinking is encouraged by daily drink specials, competitive games and the ever-present peer pressure around Greenville, and, judging by the number of people you can see stumbling from bar to bar in the city every night, people are continually being wooed into forgetting their evenings. Although I am legally old enough to drink, I often find myself longing to do something other than go to a bar or house party.

I find it incredibly difficult to believe that I am the only person who feels this way. I've seen organizations associated with the university that offer sober alternatives, but they require some sort of skill or religious affiliation. Then I stumbled across hammered.org, which is a chapter organization that avoids preaching about drinking woes, but provides fun for students who simply don't feel like drinking.

Universities across the nation participate in hammered.org's programs, but North Carolina doesn't have a single chapter. This type of organization would be awesome for students who want to get to know new people and connect with students who share similar interests. Maybe there are people who can play hours of board games, cards or Wii. Perhaps groups of people want to go see movies, try a new restaurant or start up a game of dodge ball. Because I live off campus, a Hammered chapter would give me the chance to develop social networks with people on campus, without making a new drinking buddy.

The hammered.org concept may sound like a bore to some, but consider the side effects of drinking before slamming the people who may be interested in getting "Hammered."

Don't be mistaken, I am not chastising those who choose to drink, but simply suggesting an alternative to alcohol consumption. At the very least, consider the risks associated with drinking before accepting your next red cup. If there seems to be any interest in starting a Hammered chapter at ECU, it would be an awesome addition to the activities currently offered on campus that I would back 100 percent.

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Music scene doesn't deliver

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For those not from the area, Roanoke Rapids is the leftovers of a town that lost all of its industries and small businesses during the 1970s and 1980s. Since then, the town has lost all of its drive to be anything more than a town for younger people to leave, and for older people to retire.

Carolina Crossroads and The Roanoke Rapids Theatre were built in the small town just a few years ago. The plan was to help stimulate the economy and add a new set of venues for the state. Judging by the lack of progress that I've seen from both places, it seems safe for me to say that my hometown has, yet again, made a faulty investment.

The two venues sit like two gleaming—but empty—jewels, filled only with false hopes and promises due to their lack of shows and poor attendance rates. In my opinion, the venues have failed for three fundamental reasons.

One: Most of the shows have been country acts. If two sibling venues are going to open up next to each other, they should not host only one style of performance—they should have Hank Williams, Jr. one week and Slipknot the next. The idea that this would be an all country music venue is horrible, because a venue should bring in all music genres and appeal to many demographics. The Alltel Pavilion at Walnut Creek in Raleigh has variety. Their events range from comedians to bands including Metallica, Madonna and Cobra Starship. The only event that wasn't country music at Carolina Crossroads was the Boston and Styx performance a few months ago. This effort was too little too late and failed at making a decent first impression.

Two: They advertise the events as if the citizens in Halifax Co. are going to be the only ones that show up. When I saw the Boston and Styx flyers on the kiosk at Mendenhall, I felt a little bit of pride that the baby venue took its first steps beyond local advertising. If I were in charge of calling attention to the venues, I would make every event sound like the announcement of the Rolling Stones final show ever, in the format of a radio ad for a monster truck show. Building the venues right off of Highway 95 should not have been the main advertising tactic.

Three: Roanoke Rapids is centered around nothing. As I've told many people who have asked, it's the perfect place for hopelessness and despair. The officials of Roanoke Rapids should have spent the \$21.5 million they borrowed on making the small town into a small city with ample business. Opening something more than another chain store on the strip mall beside Wal-Mart would have been the better investment. For example, look at Raleigh or Virginia Beach. These two places draw business through industries and geographical locations. The top-notch venues are just additions to the wealth they pull in every year. Maybe if the town had jobs that paid higher salaries, then the people could spend their money more freely on the tickets.

The venues need a good management system to start booking more shows and appealing to a wider audience. Until that time, Carolina Crossroads and The Roanoke Rapids Theatre are to be seen as just two quick attempts to spark life into a dead old town.

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PIRATE RANTS

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Sometimes I wish I were French, so I wouldn't have to shave my armpits.

I lost my iPhone on Halloween on the Pirate's Cove drunk bus... someone please help me get my life back!

Dear God, please smite all the jaywalkers. You know what? Screw it... I'll do it myself.

Your bed is easier to get into than community college.

Dear ECU, is it really necessary to have visitation in the dorms?

CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES! It is NOT OK to wear the same thing three times a week.

Have some respect for the other people you live with. Really. And stop complaining when I take naps. I'm sorry I have a real major and have to stay up until 2 a.m. studying while you worry about practicing your piano.

I have officially started a collage of all the Pirate Rants that pertain to my life. Is that weird?

To the ladies of Greene Hall, specifically the fifth floor: Please trim your undercarriage parts in the shower, not the sink. Thank you.

Wow...some girl ran into my friend's glass door on Halloween. We woke up the next morning and definitely saw the face print the chick left. PRICELESS!

I'm tired of hearing you people mix religion with politics. Since when did the Bible tell me how to vote or think?

To the guy who came into White computer lab today while I was working: Too bad you didn't ask for my number. If you come back the same time next week, I'll be here.

I overheard a girl on campus ask a guy for a cigarette and then specified she only wanted it if it was a menthol. I have to say I was turned on... NOT!

I hate when you don't show up for class or leave class early! You're stealing time I could be spending with you!

My friend is a creeper. I should probably get a new wingman...

Best Halloween costume: The Mario Kart Guys... classic.

I don't know why I ever considered going anywhere else. I LOVE ECU! It's the only place that has ever felt like home to me.

LUPE FIASCO IS COMING TO ECU NOV. 6! Get your tickets now! Ten dollars for students. The money goes towards Barefoot on the Mall in the spring, so show your support!

THE WORLD WILL END IN THE YEAR 2012!

To my neighbor at U. Manor who likes my guitar playing: Come by anytime for a private session.

Not everyone at Chick-fil-A wants to watch BET in the afternoon.

To the girl in the pink shirt who cut everybody in line Tuesday waiting to get football tickets: There are about 300 people who strongly dislike you and your, "it's all about me" attitude.

I heard a store in New York City is giving out a free sex toy if you get out and vote today... why can't that be in Greenville?!

Obama '08 to infinity!

It's easier for me to wake up at 7 a.m. to watch Saved By the Bell than it is to wake up for an 11 a.m. class.

The only reason I go home is to see my cat.

Know what's better than Pirate Rants...the daily crime log on the ECU Police Web site. Check it out.

Wow, I got those too! You're like the only other person that I heard of that got those! Hey, we got a lot in common here!

The kid who sits next to me in class keeps passing gas that smells like skittles. Someone really needs to tell him to stop "tasting the rainbow!" It's disturbing.

"We decided not to be your friend anymore because you're crazy and chose your ex-boyfriend over us. Oh, and you cry all the time and that's annoying."

Does that preacher guy realize that he is not going to be the only one in heaven with Jesus? I think he will be so shocked to see some of us there...

I pooted in line at the polls. And it really stank. It was like a stink bomb. Sorry if you were there.

I have way too many mean thoughts, so I put them in Pirate Rants and pretend I have no idea who wrote them when I get called out.

In case you forgot, leggings are NOT pants!

I'm sorry that people think I'm the pretty roommate.

When you say, "Don't get an attitude," I wonder if you're my roommate or my mother?

If I had wanted two roommates then I would have signed up for a three bedroom apartment. Tell your boyfriend to go home.

Man, if I came home and found my coffee pot in my shower I would freak!

I met the coolest dog today and her name is Cannoli!

I'm your frat neighbor, and I thought your cowgirl outfit was sexy. Maybe you should join our frat?

You guys can have my bacon anytime you want.

How come when I am there, you

are quiet and awkward, but you are funny and loud with everyone while I am away?

To the person who used to get high on life and eventually built up a tolerance: I have something else you can get high with.

To the girl who brought her mom downtown on Saturday: Get her under control! Having a belligerent drunk 50-something mom who flashes people in a bar does not make you cool... AT ALL.

I hate my roommate so much... I'm thinking about peeing on her toothbrush tonight.

You sound really ignorant using the term, "Yankee," to describe someone from the North.

To the girl at the party last weekend: Please wear underwear next time you decide to party too hard and lose your mind.

I feel pretty when guys wait and hold the door for me.

Pirate Rants are better than a therapist. They're free and there's no time limit for venting.

At some point, I will return the favor of you backstabbing me.

What constitutes a "mistake?"

OBAMA '08! He did it!

Sometimes I feel like I need a seat belt when I ride the bus.

Is it cheating when you are regularly getting back massages and cuddling with your hot girl friends? Distance does kill relationships, but it also makes it easy to hide.

To all the nice guys: Maybe you all should find one place to hang out so all us nice girls know where to find you.

I'm getting married in July and I am so happy!

Yay! No more election!

If I fail any of my classes, Facebook is totally at fault.

Johnny Bravo was my first crush and he's a cartoon!

STOP SENDING ME MIXED SIGNALS! Don't call me sexy and ask me to lunch, but then pretend I don't exist in Todd Dining Hall! It's simple! If you like me, tell me! If not, stop flirting!

Don't be afraid to graduate—there's still a lot of livin' left to do.

I think Obama would have been really disappointed if he had seen the behavior of some of the black people on this campus Tuesday night.

Sometimes the most agreeable thing to say is, "I respect your opinion, although I disagree with it."

Me and my roommate are plotting our revenge.

Has race gone out the window?

Obama's win may signify a 'maturing' America

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Less than 50 years ago, whites and blacks couldn't share the same bathroom. Less than 50 years ago, whites and blacks couldn't sit in the same part of a city bus in many parts of the country. Less than 50 years ago, blacks fought for the right to eat lunch at the same counter as whites.

But on Tuesday, after years of injustice, prejudice and wrongdoing, the American people elected its first black president—Barack Obama.

And he won by a landslide—he pocketed almost twice the Electoral votes that McCain did—349, well over the 270 he needed to win the presidency.

No hanging chads or recounts here.

Whether you voted for Obama and agree with his politics or not, his win is an unprecedented event in our nation's history. But does his win signify a change in prejudice attitudes in our country? Have we evolved as a nation?

According to an MSNBC exit poll released yesterday, 43 percent of eligible white voters in the United States voted for Obama.

Does that mean that that almost half of the country has no issues with race? Or does that mean that 43 percent of the U.S. doesn't care about the color of their president but do care about race in other contexts?

I think the latter. I think that a brilliant, eloquent, sincere half-white, half-Kenyan man won the hearts of the majority of Americans. But I don't think that bigotry in America is on its way out. I think that we have just begun the journey of healing and restoration between races in our country.

I feel like I can talk about this, because I am white and engaged to a black man, and I have seen the nasty looks and heard the comments. I've experienced discriminatory attitudes. In fact, on Election Day, I witnessed some of these attitudes first-hand. I had the wrong color fiancé, and therefore was almost prohibited from entering the polling place with him. What a shame.

The media can talk about how far we have come as a country all they want, but like I said, this path will be a long and hard one—even though Obama's victory is historical.

What does Obama's win mean for our state? For Greenville? For ECU?

As of yesterday, hours after the announcement that Obama had defeated McCain, it was still too close to call in North Carolina. And judging by the Facebook comments I've seen over the last few days, ECU students aren't too much closer to achieving racial harmony.

I think we'll get there, but we aren't there yet. We are a maturing America, not a complete one. Not yet.

Maybe I'm wrong. Maybe I'm underestimating America's power to change. But maybe I'm just echoing what President-elect, Obama said himself Tuesday night, "The road ahead will be long. Our climb will be steep. We may not get there in one year or even one term, but America - I have never been more hopeful than I am tonight that we will get there. I promise you - we as a people will get there."

Maybe 50 years from now, I'll be writing an article about the fifth or sixth black president, or the second or third Hispanic president or the first gay president, but right now, we have not arrived.

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Did you know?

Every second, Americans collectively eat 100 pounds of chocolate.

A fetus develops fingerprints at 18 weeks.

The fear of vegetables is called "Lachanophobia."

There are approximately 50 Bibles sold each minute across the world.

An earthquake on Dec. 16, 1811 caused parts of the Mississippi River to flow backwards.

A person uses approximately 57 sheets of toilet paper each day.

Honolulu is the only place in the United States that has a royal palace.

One gallon of used motor oil can ruin approximately one million gallons of fresh water.

More money is spent on gardening than on any other hobby.

In 32 years, there are about one billion seconds.

Rice paper does not have any rice in it.

In the 1880s in England, "pants" was considered a dirty word.

Most dust particles in your house are made from dead skin.

The "blesbok," a South African antelope, is almost the same color as grapejuice.

The average person laughs 13 times a day.

Dogs can hear sounds that you can't.

It is estimated that millions of trees in the world are accidentally planted by squirrels that bury nuts and then forget where they hid them.

Ernest Vincent Wright wrote a novel, Gadsby, which contained over 50,000 words -- none of them with the letter "E."

Of all the words in the English language, the word "set" has the most definitions.

A toothpick is the object most often choked on by Americans.

Every 45 seconds, a house catches on fire in the U.S.

The sun is 330,330 times larger than the Earth.

During your lifetime, you'll eat about 60,000 pounds of food-- that's the weight of about six elephants!

Some ribbon worms will eat themselves if they can't find any food.

In the White House, there are 13,092 knives, forks and spoons.

Slugs have four noses!

Recycling one glass jar saves enough energy to watch TV for three hours!

Lightning strikes about 6,000 times per minute.

In Texas, it's against the law for anyone to have a pair of pliers in his or her possession.

In West Virginia, only babies can ride in a baby carriage.

In Philadelphia, you can't put pretzels in bags, based on an act of 1760.

Alaska law says that you can't look at a moose from an airplane.

In Corpus Christie, Tex., it is illegal to raise alligators in your home.

In Miami, it is forbidden to imitate an animal.

It is against the law to mispronounce the name of the state of Arkansas in that state.

In Georgia, it is against the law to slap a man on the back or front.

A barber is not to advertise prices in the state of Georgia.

In Louisiana, a bill was introduced years ago in the State House of Representatives that fixed a ceiling on haircuts for bald men of 25 cents.

In Oklahoma, no baseball team can hit the ball over the fence or out of a ballpark.

In the state of Kansas, you're not allowed to drive a buffalo through a street.

Rings that signify a promise

Purity rings now popular in some groups

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Most wear wedding rings on their left ring finger, but not freshmen Carrie Adams.

For Adams, she wears a different type of ring, a ring that, according to her, is a symbol of a strong belief.

Her ring is an outward symbol that lets others know she is waiting to have sex until she is married: a purity ring.

Purity rings became popular in the 90s after Christian affiliated organizations started programs educating and teaching sexual abstinence.

Purity rings are commonly given to adolescents and are meant to be worn until marriage.

When one decides to wear a purity ring, the person takes a personal vow, like Adams, to wait until marriage to become sexually active.

"Not only is it a promise to myself, but a promise to the person I will marry," Adams said.

There are several groups like True Love Waits and Silver Ring Thing that are based on Christian beliefs that promote sexual abstinence outside of marriage.

"I feel like these programs are good because it teaches you what your religion wants you to know," Adams said.

Adams received a purity ring after participating in a program like True Love Waits though her church when she was in middle school.

But, why are abstinence programs and purity rings such a hot topic these days?

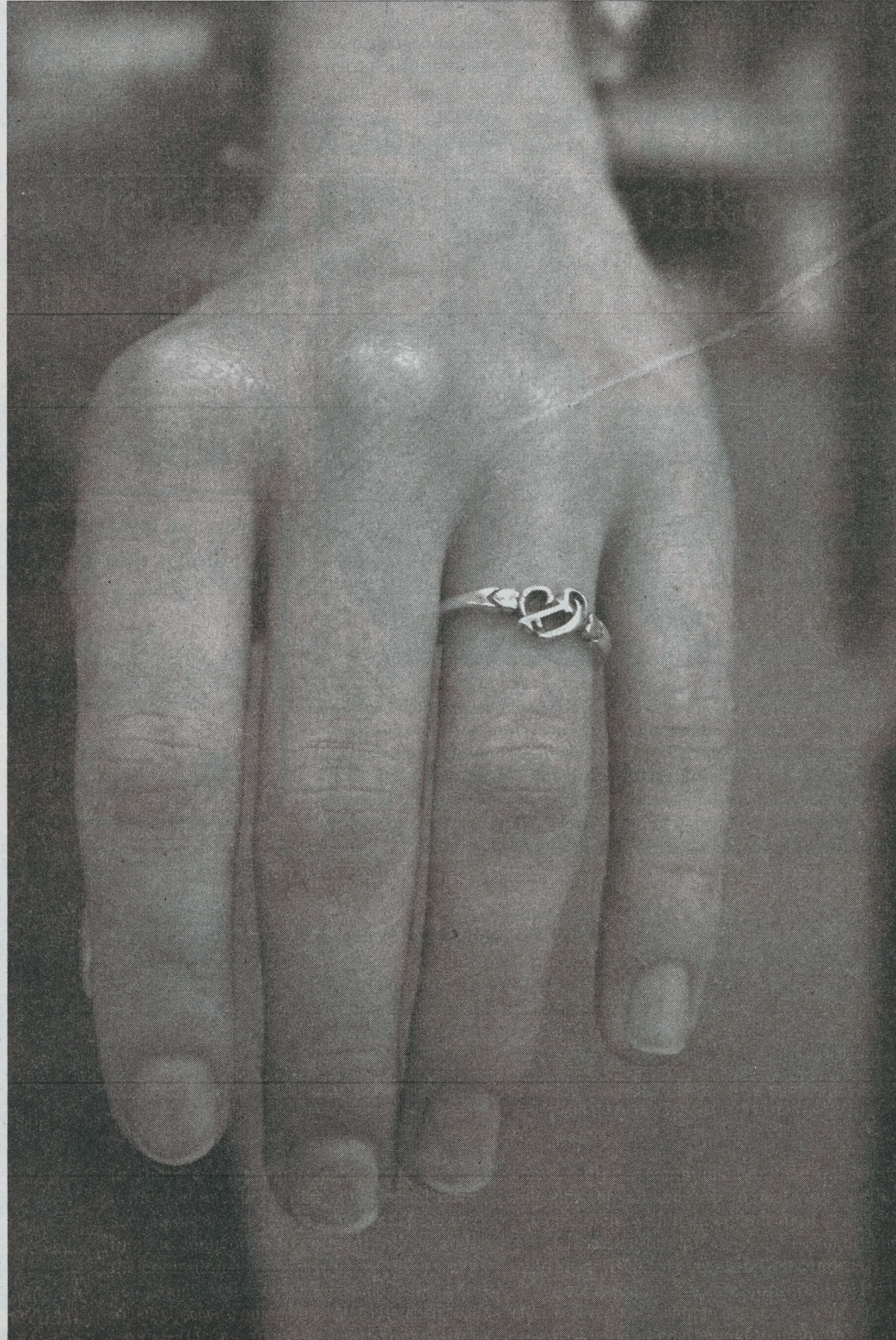
Some feel sexual behavior has become more prevalent in the media and according to Adams, "It's hard to stay pure especially in today's society."

However, Adams is still wearing her ring that she received in eighth grade.

Although purity rings seem to encourage moral behavior in adolescents, people still criticize them.

Recently at the 2008 VMAs, the hugely famous Jonas Brothers were mocked because of their decision to wear purity rings by host Russell Brand.

"Whether people choose to wait until marriage or not, it's a personal decision," Adams said. Singer Jordan Sparks also



Many young people wear purity rings.

outwardly wears a ring which she showed off at this year's VMAs.

"It's not bad to wear a promise ring, because not everybody, guy or girl, wants to be a slut," she said commenting on Brand's remark aimed at the Jonas Brothers.

There are many opinions on what purity rings stand for and

why they're worn.

Freshmen Samantha Wenger chooses not to wear a ring because she feels it is only a symbol and people can break what that symbol stands for at anytime while continuing to wear the ring.

"I don't think the ring is exactly going to make you pure,"

Wenger said. "It's something you have to work at and do yourself."

"It's a personal choice that shows that I have decided to stay pure and it's a promise," Adams said.

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Female students, faculty 'make connections' at annual conference



WILD Conference participants.

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This weekend, ECU women took a step into the world of leadership.

As part of the ninth annual Women in Leadership Development Conference (WILD), 34 female students and faculty engaged in connecting and networking with other schools across the state. According to the official conference description, the mission of the WILD Conference is to "inspire, develop and empower a diverse community of collegiate women as leaders, striving to do this by teaching relevant skills, creating networking opportunities, recognizing and challenging structural barriers and encouraging self-reflection."

"Making Connections" served as the theme for this year's conference, and intended

to show women participants how to make critical connections that are deemed necessary in order to become a leader. These steps include connecting to yourself, others and to the community.

"Many of the workshops talked about how to network with others in order to succeed," said Brooke Barton, a student leadership assistant at the ECU Center for Student Leadership and Civic Engagement. "During lunch, we had the opportunity to network with people across the state, and we discussed our dreams and goals for the future and offered advice to each other about how to get internships, organizations to get involved in and people we knew who could possibly help others accomplish their career goals."

Other workshops focused on how to learn and improve participants' strengths and weak-

nesses, proper communication and interviewing tips for job and how to deal with conflict management within an organization.

Cheri Britton, an Asheville resident who works at BOOM Thinking, served as the keynote speaker for the conference. Britton offered the women leaders advice about networking and challenged them to write out goals they hoped to accomplish, along with discussing it with others around them to find ways to achieve those goals.

"You can't have what you want if you do it alone," said Britton, whose main focus for the women participants was to show how important proper networking is for emerging leaders and how people must connect in order to reach individual goals.

The good, the bad and the ugly

Seth Rogen & Elizabeth Banks made a movie so titillating that we can only show you this drawing.



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Zack and Miri
Make a Porno

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Stars: Seth Rogen, Elizabeth Banks, Jason Mewes and Craig Robinson.

Synopsis

It is time for best friends Zack (Seth Rogen) and Miri (Elizabeth Banks) to dress up and head to their high school reunion, where Miri runs into her high school crush Bobby Long (Brandon Routh, of *Superman Returns* fame). While Miri is trying to sweet talk her way into Long's good graces, Zack catches up with Brandon (Justin Long). Brandon just so happens to be Long's gay porn-star boyfriend.

This sparks a lengthy conversation between Brandon and Zack about the porn business, which continues between Zack and Miri later on at a bar. After discovering that their power and water has been shut off, Zack comes up with the idea of making a porno to pay the bills because Brandon claimed to have made \$100,000 last year alone.

The Good

Craig Robinson's portrayal of Delaney, the producer of Zack and Miri's porno and Zack's friend, was almost too good to be true. One of the funniest scenes of the film involved Delaney (Robinson) dancing on camera. While his character of Darryl Philbin on NBC's *The Office* is exquisite, his comedic performance really shines in *Zack and Miri*.

The Bad

Long's portrayal of Brandon was OK, but it is hard to imagine him as something besides the Mac guy on the commercials. He tried to change his voice and his mannerisms for the film, and while the attempt didn't fail, his face is too familiar not to think of buying a Mac over a PC. Even an Apple iPod makes a cameo as Brandon's phone.

While his performance lacked a bit, Routh's was less than acceptable. While his character lacked any form of distinguishable personality, he also seemed to be vastly uncomfortable with the kiss that took place between him and Long.

The Ugly

The worst part of the film would have to be the actual making of the porno. Graphic and uncomfortable to watch at times, it is almost expected, especially when the title has the word porno in it. Looking back at Seth Rogen's resume, this film was more uncomfortable than *Superbad* and *40 Year-Old Virgin* combined.

Verdict

A great comedy to watch with a group of friends, but don't take your parents or grandma to this one.

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Britton also shared words of wisdom from Ivan Misner, the founder of Business Network International.

"First, you have to be visible in the community," Britton said. "You have to get out there and connect with people; it's not called net-sitting or net-eating—it is called networking."

For Barton and the rest of the leaders, the opportunity to attend the conference was not only an opportunity to improve

individual skills, but also to meet with other women leaders that thrive at ECU.

"Not only did we have the opportunity to meet students from across the state and network with them, but we also had the opportunity to get to know students from ECU," Barton said. "One of the most rewarding parts of the trip was when a non-traditional, commuter student and a current junior stood up on the bus and thanked everyone for making

her feel more a part of the ECU community. She said through this trip, she had the opportunity to make several new friends from ECU and feel like she was more at home at ECU."

ECU brought the largest delegation at the conference, complete with PeeDee the Pirate stickers.

"Overall, this conference was a huge success," Barton said.

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New from John Legend, Ry Cooder and more

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John Legend Evolver, 4 out of 5

There are a raft of guest stars on *Evolver*, John Legend's follow-up to 2006's *Once Again*. Fortunately, Legend's own considerable talents form the foundation for these 13 songs, which don't really need any additional boost from A-listers such as Kanye West, OutKast's Andre 3000 and Brandy.

In an era of histrionic *American Idol* types, Legend is one of the rare singers willing to approach his work with restraint. That easy style is well suited to mid-tempo love songs such as "Everybody Knows," with its sweet melody that unfolds above a mannered rock beat and soft cushion of backing voices.

When Legend does collaborate, he has a knack for matching the visitors with material. Andre 3000's rap lends a nice edge to the ultra-cool dance groove of "Green Light," while West provides a more boister-



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ous presence in the sassy yet slick "It's Over." Brandy injects some nice harmonies on "Quickly."

On the album's second half, Legend goes it alone on songs such as the majestic piano ballad "This Time," the lilting "Take Me Away"

and others. Despite the occasional bump, such as the repetitive, uninviting hook in "Satisfaction," Legend shows that he is still a master of pretty, gently delivered R&B. When it comes to that, he doesn't need any help.

Ry Cooder The UFO Has Landed, 5 out of 5

God bless the archivist assigned to pin down the eclectic contributions of Ry Cooder. After all, Cooder's four-decade career spans early blues and roots music to film soundtracks to Buena Vista Social Club to recent genre-benders such as *My Name is Buddy* (2007) and the new *I, Flathead*. It's a lot of ground to cover.

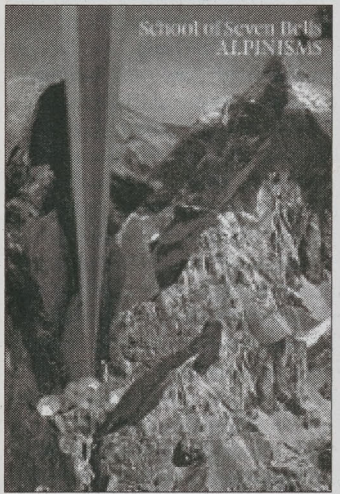
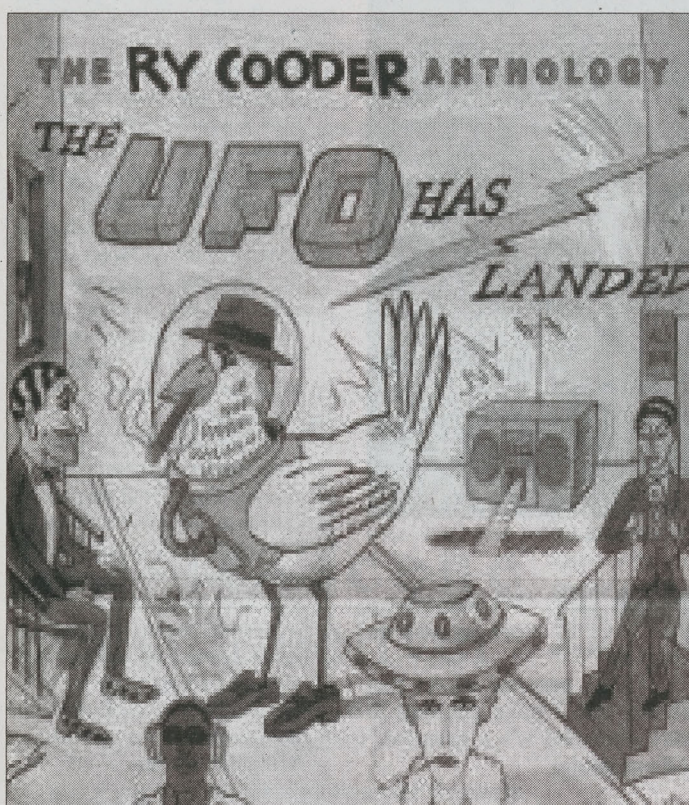
Produced by Cooder's son and collaborator, Joachim, *The UFO Has Landed* admirably blends old and new in a two-disc, 34-song collection. There's only one unreleased track, a version of "Let's Work Together" with Buckwheat Zydeco, but the collective effect is still stunning and enlightening.

It's an astounding reminder of Cooder's flawless touch with slide guitar, as well as his sense of humor and understanding of good music from Woody Guthrie to Flaco Jimenez. God bless this *UFO*.

That's too deep for me, but songs such as the opening "Iamundernodisguise" and "Face to Face on High Places" showcase a captivating combination of shimmering psychedelic hooks, icy laptop beats and noise reminiscent of a more mannered My Bloody Valentine.

Although there's softness to some of the tracks, School of Seven Bells is capable of indulging its more raucous side, as it does on "Wired for Light."

Yet even in such moments, the rock tendencies are layered into a bed of dance-worthy beats and electronic weirdness that makes it lofty indeed.



School of Seven Bells Alpinisms, 3 out of 5

Alpinism is defined as the "art of climbing mountains," and there's a similar lofty aspiration at work in these 11 songs.

Supposedly, the members of School of Seven Bells—Benjamin Curtis (Secret Machines) and sisters Claudia and Alejandra Deheza (On!Air!Library!)—have packed the songs with secret messages between imaginary characters. The band's name, by the way, comes from a mythical South American pickpocket academy, which may or may not exist.

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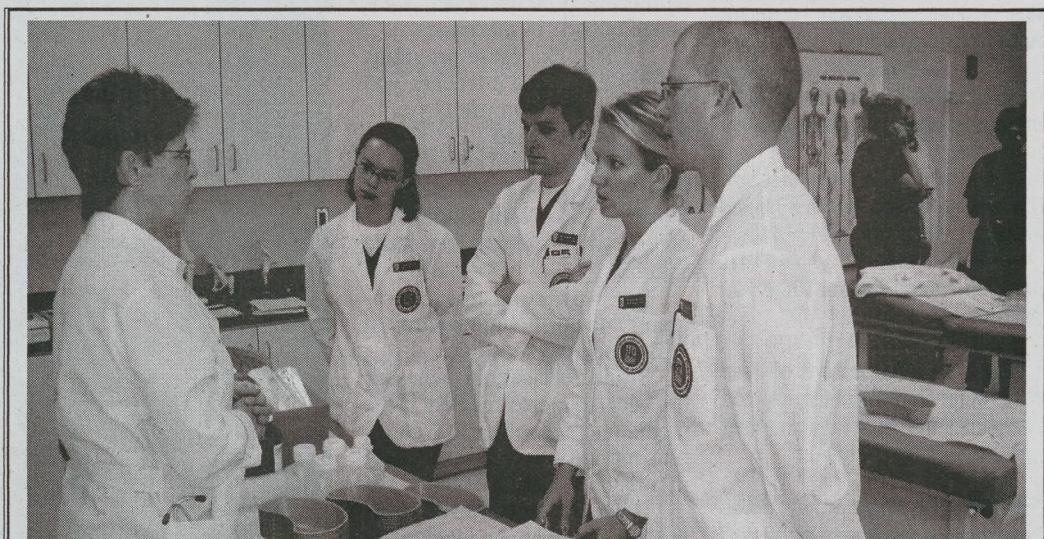
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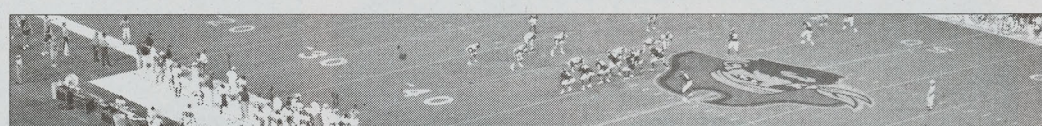
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WR- Bryant Milligan, Soph.

TE- Cody Slate, Jr.
LT- Ryan Tillman, Fr.
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RG- Matt Altobello, Sr.
RT- C.J. Wood, Fr.

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LB- Maurice Kitchens, Sr.
LB- Mario Harvey, Jr.
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Marshall presents roadblock yet again

KELLEN HOLTZMAN
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

For the second consecutive season, ECU's road to the Conference USA Championship game will have to go through Marshall.

Last season, the Thundering Herd abruptly ended the Pirates' dreams with a dominating 26-7 victory in Huntington, W.Va. ECU was in control of its own destiny before the loss cost the team its first trip to a C-USA title game.

"[Last year] we had an opportunity to go to the conference championship game up in West Virginia and unfortunately we didn't execute," said quarterback Rob Kass. "We really didn't do our job and that's obviously in the back of our minds."

This season, both teams are 3-1 in conference play and tied for first in the East Division. The winner of this year's matchup will take firm control of the division.

The Pirates will be forced to bounce back quickly from Sunday night's thrilling win over UCF, while Marshall has been resting up since its 37-23 win over Houston last Tuesday.

"I think Marshall is a very good football team," said ECU coach Skip Holtz. "They've had a difficult schedule as they have played Wisconsin and West Virginia on the road and Cincinnati at home. You look at their win-loss record and say they've lost some football games, but they've lost to some very talented BCS football teams."

The talented teams Holtz mentioned all won in convincing fashion over the Herd (4-4, 3-1). Marshall lost the games against Wisconsin, West Virginia and Cincinnati by an average of 28 points.

However, the Herd seem to be playing their best football of the year after last week's strong win over Houston, a team that ran ECU (5-3, 3-1) off the field in September.

Once again, the battle at quarterback is the hot topic surrounding the Pirates this week. Both Patrick Pinkney and Kass saw action on Sunday night, but neither gave spectacular performances. Pinkney went six-for-14 for 84 yards off the bench while Kass went seven-for-19 for 65 yards with one interception.

"I can't really say this is definitely what we're going to do this week-end," Holtz said of this week's plan. "Looking back at it right now, there's a possibility they could both play. We're just going to have to see what we're going to do as a game plan and how it fits."

Holtz inserted Pinkney against UCF when the offensive line struggled to contain the Golden Knights' pass rush—and re-inserted Kass when the Pirates aimed to pass the ball downfield.

Kass reiterated that the two competitors are more concerned about wins and losses than which player takes the most snaps.

"Each and every week, Patrick and I are pushing each other to make this team better," Kass said. "It really doesn't matter as long as this team continues to win. That's all that matters to Patrick and I."

Holtz believes improving the passing game is the main concern for his team this week. Pinkney and Kass combined for just 149 passing yards and no touchdowns against UCF.

Pass defense will continue to be a concern for ECU, even though it ranks third in C-USA. The Pirates will be without senior cornerback Jerek Hewett, who is now expected to miss the remainder of the season.

The injury to Hewett has forced players like redshirt freshman cornerback Emanuel Davis to play an even bigger role. Davis rose to the challenge last week, forcing and recovering a fumble in the fourth quarter, as well as snagging the overtime interception that led to a Ben Hartman game-winning field goal.

"With Jerek Hewett being out with the shoulder injury, that forces a lot of guys to step up," said Davis. "I had been getting a little playing time before [the UCF game]. I was trying to get comfortable getting out there and get a feel for the game."

Although some of its most talented players reside in the receiving corps, Marshall still ranks next to last in the league in pass offense.

Wide receiver Darius Passmore leads the Herd with 795 receiving yards and five touchdowns. Junior tight end Cody Slate has led Marshall in receiving the past two seasons and is a two-time All-C-USA selection.

With the both sides struggling through the air, the game could prove to be a grind-it-out affair in the rushing game.

ECU coped with the loss of suspended running back Jonathan Williams better than expected, as Norman Whitley ran for 142 yards and one touchdown against UCF.

This week, however, the Pirates will likely be without offensive tackle Stanley Bryant, who suffered a knee injury against the Golden Knights. Bryant's fellow tackle, D.J. Scott, is listed as questionable with a concussion.

The Herd's fierce linebacker duo of Mario Harvey and Maurice Kitchens will make it even more difficult for ECU as C-USA's top two scoring defenses battle it out.

"When you look at their two linebackers inside, [Harvey and Kitchens], I think they're two of the best linebackers we're going to play," Holtz said. "They're both about 240 pounds and they're fast and extremely physical."

Marshall running back Darius Marshall is putting together a solid season of his own—with nearly 700 yards rushing and five touchdowns.

A win over the Herd will go a long way in remedying last season's heartbreaking loss and putting ECU back in the East Division driver's seat. But the game isn't necessarily make-or-break either. Marshall still has an away game at Rice (6-3, 5-1) and a test against Tulsa (8-1, 5-0) on its schedule.

Becoming bowl-eligible for the third consecutive season is also at stake for the Pirates. But players like Whitley seem to have their priorities in order.

"I've got a team to worry about," said Whitley. "I've got offensive linemen to worry about. I have to do whatever I have to do to get my team ready for Marshall and whoever else we play against. I'm not worried about getting bowl eligible. I'm worried about winning a conference championship."

East Carolina Starting Lineup



Offense

QB- Rob Kass, Jr. or Patrick Pinkney, Sr.
RB- Norman Whitley, Soph. or Brandon Simmons, Sr.
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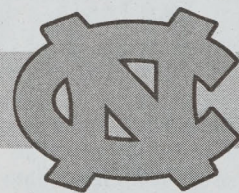
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Week 10: Ranking the Carolinas

RONNIE WOODWARD
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

1.N.Carolina

Record: 6-2 Last week: Bye week



The Heels are going to have to fight to hold onto the top spot from here on out. South Carolina is on fire right now, but UNC can distance itself from USC with two wins in the next two weeks. UNC hosts No. 20 Georgia Tech this weekend and plays at No. 23 Maryland next week. Former starting quarterback T.J. Yates is also practicing again after an injury earlier this season. Star wide receiver Brandon Tate will not be returning any time soon, but having Yates and Cam Sexton available to throw the ball could be valuable as UNC closes out its regular season.

2.S.Carolina

Record: 6-3 Last week: Won vs. Tennessee, 27-6



Something tells me that Steve Spurrier enjoyed costing Phillip Fulmer his job last weekend by flat-out embarrassing the reeling Vols on national television. The Gamecocks put together their best effort of the season in that game, and Fulmer—who was the thorn in Spurrier's side when he was at Florida—was fired on Monday. USC plays Arkansas this week and then Spurrier and his Gamecocks travel to Florida the following week. I have a feeling Arkansas might be overlooked a little this week, as Spurrier would love to beat Tennessee and win at the Swamp all in one season.

3.Wake Forest

Record: 5-3 Last week: Won vs. Duke, 33-30



In last week's battle for third place in the rankings game, Wake Forest came out on top—barely. After Duke missed what would have been the game-winning field with two seconds left in regulation, the Deacons capitalized. Wake knocked down a field goal in its overtime possession, and star cornerback Alphonso Smith ended the game when he picked off a Thaddeus Lewis pass in the end zone, and the game ended.

4.Duke

Record: 4-4 Last week: Lost at Wake Forest, 33-30



Turning a loser into a winner is a process. David Cutcliffe has changed everything about the Duke football program this season except for one key thing: The Blue Devils still can't win an ACC road game. With the heartbreaking loss at Wake last Saturday, Duke has now lost 18 straight conference road games. Duke was shutout at Georgia Tech earlier this year and suffered a second half collapse at Miami a couple of weeks ago. This inability to win on the road could severely hurt Duke's chance of reaching that possible bowl game. Duke has two road games and two home games to finish out the regular season. Two wins against that slate is starting to look like a tough task.

5.ECU

Record: 5-3 Last week: Won at UCF, 13-10



The Pirates looked inept on offense and special teams for most of their game against the Knights last Sunday. The defense brought it's "A" game however, and ECU snuck out of Orlando with an overtime win. Following up that hard-fought win will be tough, as this team is struggling to find an identity and banged up at key positions. Marshall comes to Greenville this weekend rested and finding its mark. A maximum effort from all of the Pirates will be needed for them to continue their mini winning streak.



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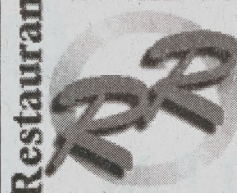
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ECU swimmers establish confidence

SEAN LABAR
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Coach Rick Kobe is confident and determined as the ECU swim team heads into the midpoint of its season with tough competition in the latter part of the schedule.

With a 9-2 overall record this season, the Pirates are defining themselves as a force to be reckoned with in the upcoming ACC and SEC conferences.

The Pirates won three of four dual meets last weekend, defeating Georgetown and Towson. At McCarthy pool against Georgetown, the Pirates set seven records, a feat that has never happened before at ECU's home pool.

"Setting those records was good for our team," said Kobe. "The wins over the weekend solidified the team's confidence."

Senior Amanda Duncan holds one of the three records set by the Pirates. Duncan teamed

with Kelsey Brosi, Jessica Brinkley and Jenna Stewart to set the record in the 200-yard medley relay. Rachel Blue and Kali Gaskill then joined Duncan and Brosi in a record-setting 200-yard freestyle performance. Duncan then won the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 56.62.

The men dominated Georgetown and Towson. Sophomore Thiago Cavalcanti led the way with a record-breaking time of 1:43.03 in the 200-meter freestyle.

With an impressive meet now behind them, Kobe feels his team has good morale heading into a critical part of the season.

"We have been swimming really fast," said Kobe. "Everyone has been swimming great, even the freshmen have been a crucial part of the team this year."

Kobe considers a victory against the College of Charleston this weekend crucial as the team prepares to battle tough competition at the Gamecock Invitational in Columbia, S.C. the following

weekend. The Invitational will host an experienced blend of nationally ranked teams coming from the ACC and SCC.

"We are excited about competing against those ACC and SEC teams," said Kobe. "Beating those nationally ranked teams would be great."

The outstanding start for the Pirates could prove to be the defining factor in predicting how the remainder of the season will play out. Kobe has high expectations for his team, and feels it carries the skill and maturity to compete with teams at any collegiate level.

"We feel like we can win every meet; they are all so big," he said. "We are pretty happy with losing just two...we are hoping to have the girls be 5-1 and the guys be 6-1."

For the Pirate swim team, a long, tough road is ahead, a challenge that Kobe is ready to face head on.

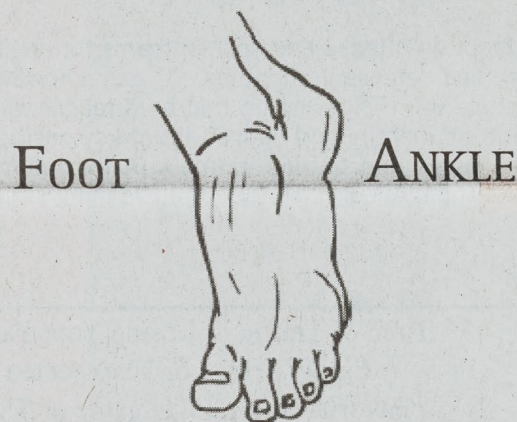
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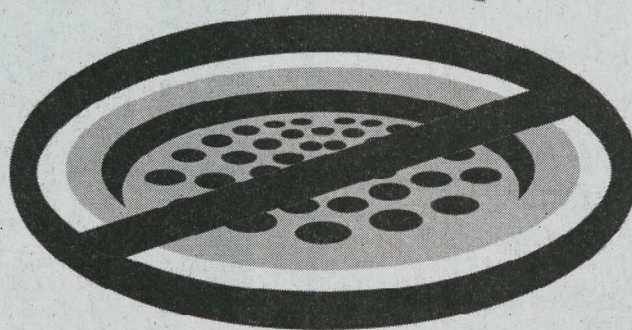
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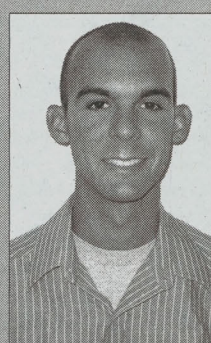
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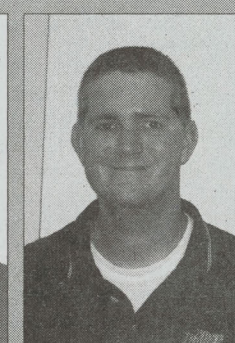
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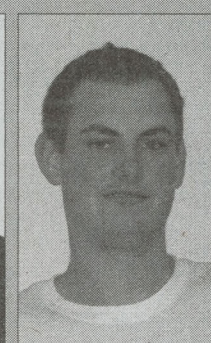
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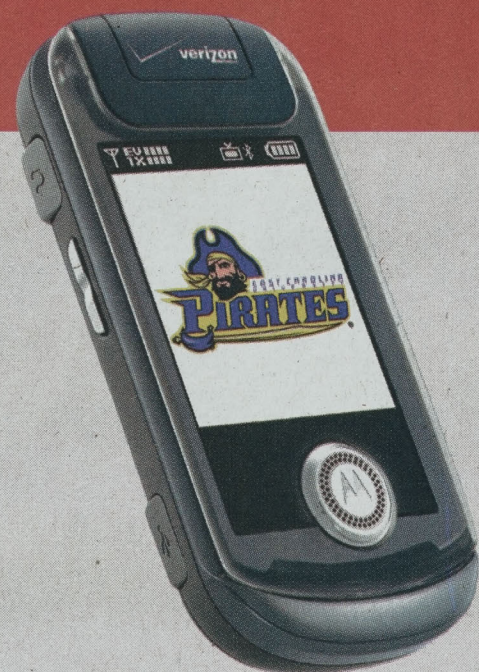
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dissertation Defense by Bruce E. Mock, Doctoral Candidate, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. "Functional Aging of Inner Ear Sensory Systems in Mouse Models of Age Related Hearing Loss" will be presented on Friday, November 14, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 2365 of the Health Sciences Building. All are invited to attend.

For more information, please contact Kathryn Dail at daik@ecu.edu.

Auditions for "The Vagina Monologues" will be held November 10th and 11th at 7:00 p.m. in Bate 1019. You do not have to prepare a reading unless you want to, and monologues will be provided at the door for those who don't. You are only required to come to one evening to audition. If you have any questions, please contact Leia Cain at LKC0307@ecu.edu

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Are you a gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender ECU employee or student? Make sure you complete the anonymous and confidential survey being conducted between October 28 and November 18 on the ECU campus. Go to the Department of Sociology homepage, the GLBT Student Union homepage, or go directly to http://www.ecu.edu/glb Make yourself heard!

Pirate's Den now has a new menu featuring new sandwiches and wraps. We have also added 8 HDTVs so you can catch all the games.

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