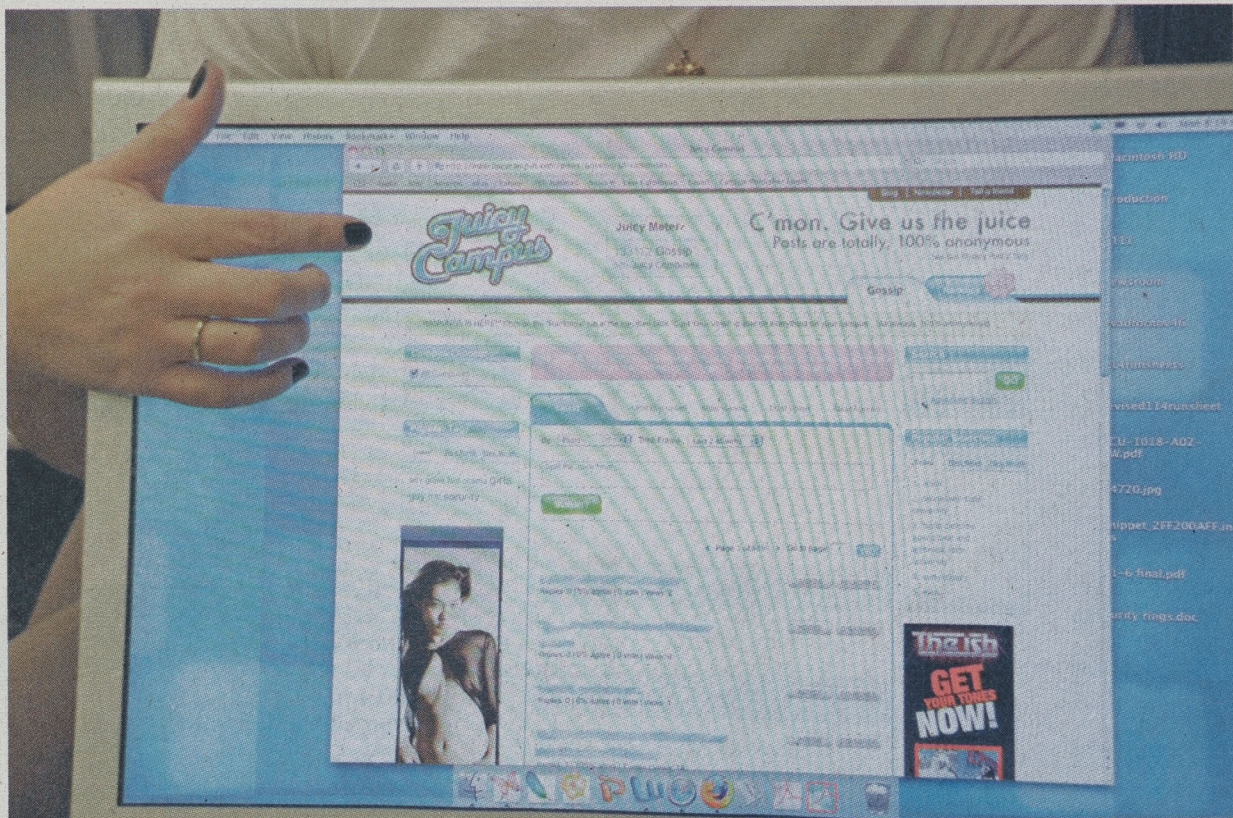


Is 'Juicy Campus' too juicy?



Gossip site stirring student controversy

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"It's like crack, but juicier... Always anonymous, Always juicy..." reads the slogan of the public student gossip site, Juicy Campus.

For anyone that has ever visited the site, it is easy to understand how it got its name: the juicier the post, the better.

The Web site, which was founded in August of 2007 by Duke University graduate Matt Ivester, claims to have "the simple mission of enabling online anonymous free speech on college campuses," according to an article on CNN.com.

However, the issue of where the line of free speech is drawn has been popping up on campuses nationwide.

ECU is listed on the site as one of the "500 Juicy Campuses." With thousands of posts with thread titles ranging from students' full names to "Teachers That You Will Love To Get With," "STD Spreading Gay Boys!?" and "College Hill Whores," Juicy Campus is definitely making waves within the student community.

While some posts are made in good fun, a large number of the posts target specific people, campus organizations, athletic team members and Greek life in a malicious manner, which is raising concern amongst students and administration alike.

"We have been reviewing the issue,"

said university attorney Donna Payne. "Each situation depends on the particular set of circumstances involved."

Payne went on to explain that gossip sites are very careful of staying within the legal parameters and it is extremely difficult to stop such sites.

Thanks to the Communications Decency Act of 1996, the site is protected under the statement that, "the Internet is a unique medium entitled to the highest protection under the free speech protections of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution," according to the Center for Democracy and Technology's Web site.

However, students targeted on Juicy Campus need to be aware that they can in fact take action against their "anonymous posters" if statements are false or defamatory.

According to the director of Student Legal Services at ECU, Peter Romary, the first step in removing a libelous or defamatory post is to get in touch with the site and say that what was posted is defamatory and ask that it be removed.

"Under some circumstances some posts may be violating criminal law in North Carolina depending on the intent of the writer and who the post is directed to," said Romary.

In such cases, a decision may be made by law enforcement and the Attorney General can become involved. If enough

people complain about the site, the Attorney General may step in and assist.

Posters believe they are hiding behind their anonymity, but in reality nothing is anonymous and if subpoenaed, Juicy Campus can be forced to provide IP addresses that trace back to the posters.

"Freedom of speech is a qualified right," Romary said. "You can't engage in conduct that is libelous or speech that is criminal or that could provoke a violent response."

Students are upset about the Web site as well.

"Overall it's a pretty hostile site," said freshmen communication major Derek Schrader. "It's nasty what some people write. I wouldn't know what to do if something was posted about me, but I would try to do something."

The Attorney General in both Connecticut and New Jersey has gotten involved with issues regarding the site as well. New Jersey Attorney General, Anne Milgram, subpoenaed the site's records after contact from concerned parents and students and Connecticut Attorney General, Richard Blumenthal, has launched an investigation of the site.

Posters are reminded that their words have consequences and they need to be cautious of what they post for thousands to view.

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Obama plans U.S. terror trials to replace Guantanamo

(AP)

President-elect Obama's advisers are crafting plans to close the Guantanamo Bay prison and prosecute terrorism suspects in the U.S., a plan that the Bush administration said Monday was easier said than done.

Under the plan being crafted inside Obama's camp, some detainees would be released and others would be charged in U.S. courts, where they would receive constitutional rights and open trials. But, underscoring the difficult decisions Obama must make to fulfill his pledge of shutting down Guantanamo, the plan could require the creation of a new legal system to handle the classified information inherent in some of the most sensitive cases.

Many of the about 250 Guantanamo detainees are cleared for release, but the Bush administration has not been able to find a country willing to take them.

Advisers participating directly in the planning spoke on condition of anonymity because the plans aren't final.

The plan being developed by Obama's team has been championed by legal scholars from both political parties. But as details surfaced Monday, it drew criticism from Democrats who oppose creating a new legal system and from Republicans who oppose bringing terrorism suspects to the U.S. mainland.

The move would mark a sharp change from the Bush administration, which established military tribunals to prosecute detainees at the Navy base in Cuba and strongly opposes bringing prisoners to the United States. At the White House, spokeswoman Dana Perino said Monday that President Bush has faced many challenges in trying to close the prison.

"We've tried very hard to explain to people how complicated it is. When you pick up people off the battlefield that have a terrorist background, it's not just so easy to let them go," Perino said. "These issues are complicated, and we have put forward a process that we think would work in order to put them on trial through military tribunals."

But Obama has been critical of that process and his legal advisers said finding an alternative will be a top priority. One of those advisers, Harvard law professor Laurence Tribe, acknowledges that bringing detainees to the U.S. would be controversial but said it could be accomplished.



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"I think the answer is going to be, they can be as securely guarded on U.S. soil as anywhere else," Tribe said. "We can't put people in a dungeon forever without processing whether they deserve to be there."

The tougher challenge will be allaying fears by Democrats who believe the Bush administration's military commissions were a farce and dislike the idea of giving detainees anything less than the full constitutional rights normally enjoyed by everyone on U.S. soil.

"I think that creating a new alternative court system in response to the abject failure of Guantanamo would be a profound mistake," Jonathan Hafetz, an American Civil Liberties Union attorney who represents detainees, said Monday. "We do not need a new court system. The last eight years are a testament to the problems of trying to create new systems."

Senate Judiciary Committee member John Cornyn, R-Texas, said it would be a "colossal mistake to treat terrorism as a mere crime."

"It would be a stunning disappointment if the one of the new administration's first priorities is to give foreign terror suspects captured on the battlefield the same legal rights and protections as American citizens accused of crimes," Cornyn said Monday, noting that the Senate overwhelmingly passed a nonbinding Senate bill last year opposing bringing detainees to the U.S.

Obama did not vote on that measure. He has said the civilian and military court-martial systems provide "a framework for dealing with the terrorists," and Tribe said the administration would look to those venues before creating a new legal system. But discussions of what

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Career Center gives students a boost

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The ECU Career Center is available to help students find jobs, create resumes and prepare them for entering the work force after graduation.

"Basically what we do is transitioning students from a student to a young professional. We want students to get jobs that they want," says Lindsey Bradsher, assistant director for marketing and job development at the Career Center.

Bradsher stresses the importance of students being proactive before graduation.

"It is so important that [students] come in and get our services. We want [them] to be competitive and have an understanding of what it is to be proactive."

The Career Center offers an online database for students to post their resumes for employers to

view and be able to contact them if there is a career opportunity available. Employers also post opportunities for ECU students.

"Students need to register because not only can they look for jobs, but employers can search for them. I would at least register by posting a resume, because it's free advertising,"

She said the prime time to look for jobs on campus is from the end of one semester to the beginning of the next.

"The best time to look for an on-campus job is now through December because some students graduate," she said.

Lucas Berrini, senior history major, took advantage of

"Basically its free money. Well, it's financial aid, but you don't have to pay it back,"

LUCAS BERRINI
SENIOR HISTORY MAJOR

said Kristen Etheridge, employer relations' specialist at the Career Center.

When asked about on-campus jobs and the stress of finding openings, Etheridge said students could find one on the Career Connections online database.

an on-campus job opportunity by working as a lab assistant in the foreign language lab. Berrini said that earning money that he does not have to pay back is one of the benefits of working on campus.

"Basically its free money.

Well, it's financial aid, but you don't have to pay it back," he said.

By making use of the Federal Work Study Program, Berrini does not have to pay off student loans after college.

"[It's] one less stress you have to worry about because it's not like a loan you have to pay back," he said.

There are many opportunities made available to assist students in finding jobs on campus and preparing students for what comes after graduation. The Career Center also provides assistance on creating resumes, interview etiquette and where to look when searching for career opportunities.

The Career Center is located in a house at the corner of Jarvis and Fifth streets. To make an appointment, call 328-6050.

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Pirate Rant of the Day

Bush has higher approval ratings than the new Pee Dee in the Pirate Nation.

News

Check inside for a calendar of upcoming events.

Features

Hear more about ECU students' dating experiences in the features section.

Sports

The Pirates are now in full control of C-USA's East Division. Turn to the sports section to see how they did it.



November

11 Tues

Veteran's Day

**Ledonia Wright Cultural Center
Dinner and Discussion: "Smoke
Signals"
7 p.m.
Ledonia Wright Cultural Center**

12 Wed

**"U Pirates:" ECU Faculty and Staff
Social
5:30 p.m.-1 p.m.
J.Y. Joyner Library,
2nd floor Administrative Area and
Gallery Exhibit**

13 Thurs

**Native American doctor, author
presents lecture: Lori Arviso
Alvord, M.D.,
4 p.m.
Great Rooms,
Mendenhall Student Center
Reception at Ledonia Wright
Cultural Center**

14 Fri

**ECU hosts conference on climate,
weather and tourism
1 p.m.
Willis Building**

**Family Fare Series:
Three Fat Frogs
7-8:30 p.m.
Wright Auditorium**

**Men's Basketball Coker
7:30 p.m.
Greenville, NC
Women's Basketball Hampton
University
5:30 p.m.
Greenville, NC**

**Combined Jazz Program Concert:
Jazz Ensembles A and B,
Contemporary Ensemble and the
Jazz bones
8:00 p.m.
Greenville Hilton Hotel**

15 Sat

**Cross Country
NCAA Regional Championship
All Day
Clemmons, NC**

**Fall Open House
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Wright Auditorium
ECU Parents Council Meeting: "We
are looking for parents who want
to get involved."
12 p.m.
Following ECU Open House**

**Women's Volleyball Marshall
1:00 p.m.
Huntington, W. Va**

**Football Southern Miss
3 p.m.
Hattiesburg, Miss.**

16 Sun

**Men's Basketball
St. Andrews
1:30 p.m.
Greenville, NC**

**ECU School of Music University
Chorale, St. Cecilia Singers
Concert
3 p.m.
Wright Auditorium**

**Women's Soccer Championship
TBA
Houston, Texas**

17 Mon

**ECU lecture: "Theobald Smith:
Microbe Hunter." - John M.
Lehman, Associate Vice Chancel-
lor for Research in the Division of
Health Sciences
4:30 p.m.
Evelyn Fike Laupus Gallery,
Health Sciences Building**

**Study Abroad Information Fair
5-8 p.m.
Bate Building, First Floor**

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a new system would look like have already started.

An Obama administration will want to avoid the criticisms that have marked the Bush administration's military commissions. Human rights groups and defense attorneys have condemned the commissions for lax evidence rules and intense secrecy. Some military prosecutors have even quit in protest.

"It would have to be some sort of hybrid that involves military commissions that actually administer justice rather than just serve as kangaroo courts," Tribe said. "It will have to both be and

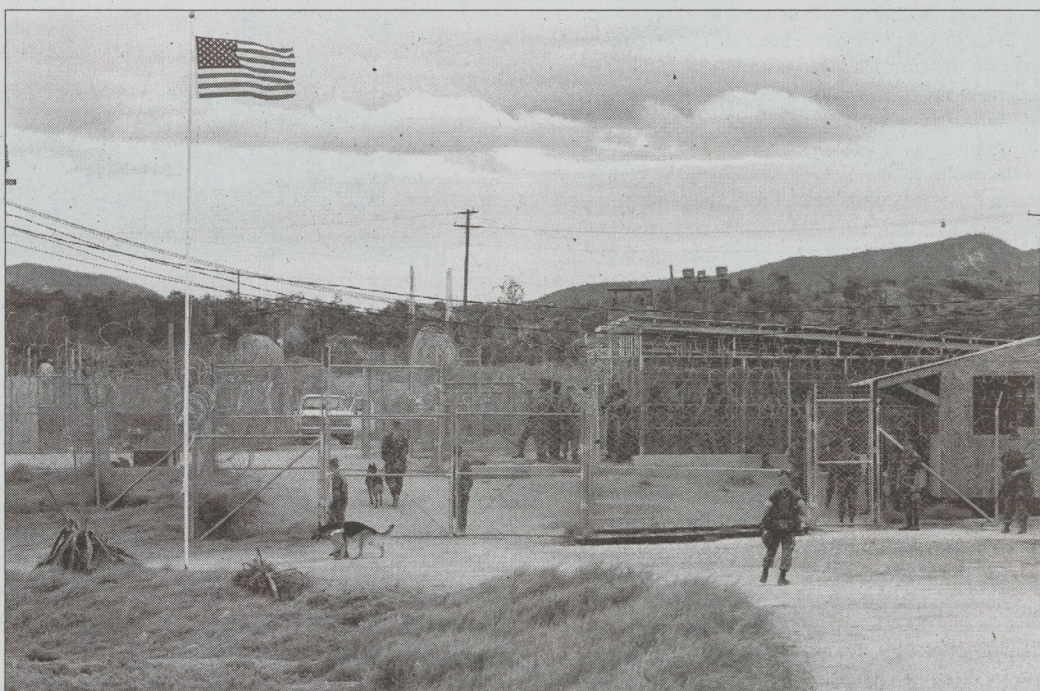
appear to be fundamentally fair in light of the circumstances. I think people are going to give an Obama administration the benefit of the doubt in that regard."

Some weren't so sure. "There would be concern about establishing a completely new system," said Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., a member of the House Judiciary Committee and former federal prosecutor who is aware of the discussions in the Obama camp. "And in the sense that establishing a regimen of detention that includes American citizens and foreign nationals that takes place on U.S. soil and

departs from the criminal justice system — trying to establish that would be very difficult."

Though a hybrid court may be unpopular, other advisers and Democrats involved in the Guantanamo Bay discussions say Obama has few options.

Prosecuting all detainees in federal courts raises many problems. Evidence gathered through military interrogation or from intelligence sources might be thrown out. Defendants would have the right to confront witnesses, meaning undercover CIA officers or terrorist turncoats might have to take the stand, jeop-



Guantanamo Bay prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

ardizing their cover and revealing classified intelligence tactics.

That means something different would need to be done if detainees couldn't be released or prosecuted in traditional courts. Exactly what remains unclear.

"I don't think we need to completely reinvent the wheel, but we need a better tribunal process that is more transparent," Schiff said.

According to three advisers participating in the process, Obama is expected to propose a new court system and may appoint a committee to decide how such a court would operate. Some detainees likely would be returned to the countries where they were first captured for fur-

ther detention or rehabilitation. The rest could probably be prosecuted in U.S. criminal courts, one adviser said. All spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the ongoing talks, which have been private.

One challenge will be figuring out what to do with the 90 or so Yemeni detainees — the largest group in the prison. The Bush administration has sought to negotiate the release of some of those detainees as part of a rehabilitation plan with the Yemeni government. But talks have so far been fruitless.

Waleed Alshahari, who has been following Guantanamo issues for the Yemeni Embassy in Washington, said the plan

being discussed by the Obama team was an improvement over the current system. But he said he expects most detainees to be released rather than stand trial.

"If the U.S. government has any evidence against them, they would try them and put them in jail," Alshahari said. "But it has been obvious they have nothing against them. That is why they have not faced trial."

Whatever Obama decides, he should move quickly, Tribe said.

"In reality and symbolically, the idea that we have people in legal black holes is an extremely serious black mark," Tribe said. "It has to be dealt with."

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2. Leader, Encourager, Motivator, Greeter, Fun, Got Their Groove On, Life Long Learner, Networkers, Icebreaker Kings and Queens, Ropes Course Participant, Entertainers, Hypnotist Eye Witness, Customer Service Specialist, Small Group Leader, Campus Resource Extraordinaire, Club and Organization Expert, Friend, Pirate Tradition Teachers, Question Answerers, Wall Climbers, Cheerleaders, Role Models, Team Workers, Proctors, Errand Runners, College Student Consultants, Check In Workers, Meal Hosts, Mentors, Campus Tour Givers, Excellent Communicators, Dependable, Bowling King Pins, Activity Directors, "Big Booty", **People who Make a Difference.**



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Opinion

{ Your Procrastination Destination }

Cash for grades, or academic bribery?

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Personal pan pizzas for finishing books? So passe. Scholastic Book Fair credits towards books and prizes? Girl, please. Chuck-E-Cheese tokens? Get with the times.

These days, it's cold hard cash the kids want and schools are getting desperate enough to give it to them.

It's nothing new that America's public education system has seen better days. From the No Child Left Behind Act to lowering graduation requirements in high school: the schools have been looking high and low to find a way to energize students and improve test scores. And schools across the country have been turning toward cash for grades programs.

Schools in Atlanta, Baltimore and New York City have all turned toward cash incentives and some schools in Washington, D.C. even offer credits that can be turned in for as much as \$1,000 at the end of the school year.

While it may seem like a great way to increase declining grades in the short term and get your school in the news for its ingenuity, is it really teaching kids the importance of delayed gratification?

Growing up, I always felt jealous of the kids that got paid for their grades. While I was working my butt off to barely make straight "B's" and getting a, "That's great, try harder and you might get an 'A!'" response at home, a handful of my classmates were getting up to \$50 for each "A" they received and \$20 for getting a "C."

That is, until I started noticing what happened to those kids through the years. The \$20 for "C's" in elementary school turned into \$50 for "C's" in middle school and then, once high school came around, nothing. Know how much the kids started caring once they stopped being paid for their grades? Well, I can't really tell you because every single kid I knew who got paid for their grades either got expelled from high school or dropped out. Turns out, you can't always fix a problem by throwing cash at it.

Supporters of these new programs argue that it teaches kids the monetary value of hard work, but what about the dangers of instant gratification? When you teach someone that putting minimal effort results in immediate results, and that their schools and government support the system, where will they learn the value of hard work? Or even that sometimes you have to wait for the rewards of your labor?

And where are we going to get all this money, anyway? Last time I checked, we were in a bit of a recession and, if schools have the piles of money to be handing out cash incentives for grades, why don't they improve the facilities and programs to make school a place kids want to be instead of a place they're paid to go to?

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TV on PC

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I'm tired of watching pixilated clips of "Saturday Night Live" in my free time. I wish that there was some way that I could keep myself from missing every new episode of "South Park" without watching the reruns later. I have longed to see some of the Nickelodeon shows from my childhood again as well.

It seems that there is a simple solution to the problem: Put TV shows on the Internet. I don't see why the networks keep their programs restricted to just television. Streaming TV on the Web would be the sensible idea to draw in more viewers.

I would gladly pay a more expensive Internet access bill every month if I could watch my favorite program anytime I wanted instead of having to pay a cable bill when I rarely have a chance to watch TV, or the schedule compatibility to catch new episodes or having to choose between two programs scheduled at the same time.

Television is a medium of entertainment and information that will be around forever, but it needs to be as flexible as the Internet. All the networks need to put their programs, new and old, on a digital format and upload them to their own Web sites or to YouTube channels.

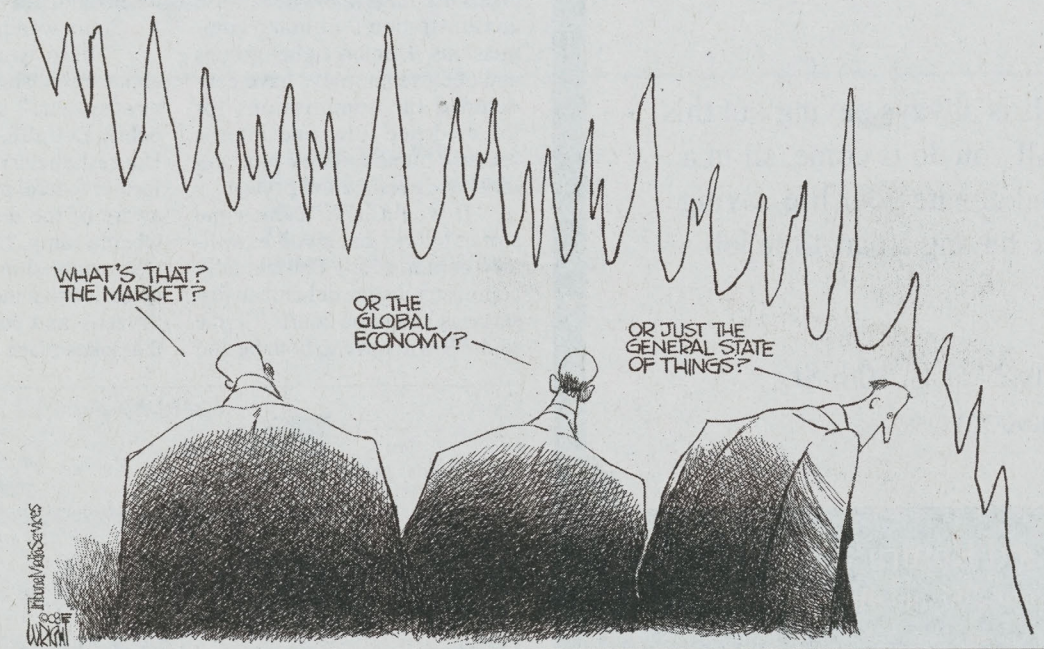
There have been so many times that I hear about an interesting program, but then learn that I've missed the first six episodes. When this happens I either have to keep my interest level in constant check until the network runs a recap marathon of the whole season before the finale or wait until the season is released on DVD.

Well, when the marathon rolls around I'll be busy that day as well, and when the season's DVD is released I'll probably be saving my money to pay next month's rent and bills, including the worthless cable bill.

I can listen to any music that has been recorded since the dawn of audio recording on the Web. Netflix allows me to rent movies--new and old--on DVD format. I can find articles that are decades old on different newspaper Web sites. However, I will never again see segments from "60 Minutes," the seventh "Tree House of Horrors" from "The Simpsons" or a one and time only special tribute to The Who on VH1. I've essentially paid for all of these programs with my cable bill, but did not have the chance to use them.

The music industry learned that compact discs weren't the only medium to sell their product and they have richly benefited from online music sales. You would think that the television networks would have done the same by now.

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PIRATE RANTS

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Sometimes when I'm walking to class, I rate people on their general level of attractiveness on a scale of one to five.

Attention to all skateboarders: You guys are sexy! Keep it up!

To the girl who's always getting it on every night on the eighth floor of White: Please go to his house and do it so I can get some sleep!

Why can't we call our bus line "Pirate Ships" instead of ECU Transit?

To the dude who hit that girl at PB's on Tuesday night: YOU ARE A SCUM BAG!

And who cares about tomorrow? Girl, what more is tomorrow than another day?

Are there any other male vegetarians? Or am I alone?

If my plant dies because the room is at 64 degrees all the time, I'm going to throw some of my roommate's textbooks in the dumpster.

Your obsession with Disney is the reason you don't have a boyfriend.

I wear my roommate's clothes when he is out of town, just to cut down on the laundry.

Next time an idea comes to mind, keep it to yourself.

I love it when someone responds to a Pirate Rant that probably wasn't about them in the first place! Gotta love that guilty conscience. Ha!

To the girl that said she was going to have my lovechild: Let's get started!

To whoever pooted the stink bomb in line at the polls: I WAS there, and apology NOT accepted. I threw up in my mouth. Twice.

Why does fate give us lemons? Why can't she just give us five bucks?

Where are all the Latinas? I need some spice in my life!

I hope the student body starts to drop like the flies on those bug lamps. I need classes and people are in my place!

I love the ridiculous state laws. In one state, it's against the law for a man and woman to ride an ugly horse.

Smile! You're a Pirate!

Do you read the Pirate Rants? Obviously not! You are still telling every professor we have, that they are sooooo profound. STOP, it's so annoying!

"Maybe" = Yes. "I'll see" = No.

Come to the dark side ... We have cookies!

Do work!

To the guy who lives above me at North Campus Crossing: Stop stomping like an elephant and try to pee a little quieter! It's disturbing.

I don't know if I should be happy or sad. I got pulled over by a cop because I did not look old enough to drive!

I don't know how to tell my roommate that I'd rather gouge my eyes out with spoons than live with her again next year.

Thanks for taking my wet clothes out of the dryer and putting your own in to dry ... cause you know I love to wear wet clothes in the cold weather. Wow, pretty ridiculous if you ask me.

I think the reason we are not allowed to have hamsters in the dorms is because they like to run and hide. You can't find them, they die and you still can't find them ...

Dear neighbor: You DON'T live here, so if you're going to be pessimistic and an overall downer, don't bother coming over. OK, thanks.

I almost got hit by a car today while walking through the parking lot because I was reading my boyfriend's Pirate Rant that made the paper!

To my roommate: You are ALWAYS in the room. Get a life outside of our dorm room and give me some space once in awhile! And stop hogging our TV!

To the person whose jeans I took from the Belk dryer: Good luck getting them back, I already sold them on eBay!

To the 300 people I skipped in line to get a ticket: It was so worth it and I'll probably do it again.

Why doesn't rack 'em Willie live in Greenville? My life would be complete if I could personally see him sing "Poison Ivy" to me.

My roommate is too incompetent to remember to shut the front door to our apartment whenever she leaves. Next time I walk downstairs and the door is wide open, I'm going to break her nose.

Every time I get to the last page of Rants I feel like someone kicked my dog.

To the girl in the computer lab: I will be there next Tuesday, and I will ask for your number!

To the artificially tan and blonde girl in my psychology class: I just wanted to let you know ... you talk too much. The next time you don't get the subtle hints and continue to talk, I am going to embarrass you in front of the entire class. I promise.

To the girl at the Lupe concert who I'm pretty sure was wearing flip-flops: I'm the short guy with spiky hair that stepped on your feet ... SORRY!

I'm so sick of cleaning up after my roommates that I peed on there toothbrushes.

Since Pirate Rants are so anonymous: Haha! I did it! I did! I GOT KETCHUP ON YOUR CHANEL PURSE and you will NEVER KNOW MY NAME!

WZMB 91.3FM Radio is having a can food drive and a teddy bear drive from now until December! Come by the station in Mendenhall's basement during business hours and make someone else happy this holiday season with your generous donation!

The two ladies that work in the hall at the Registrar's Office need to get raises. Those women are magical!

North Carolina may be blue but Greenville will always be purple and gold!

Attention all teachers: Your class is not my only class and my life does not revolve around your class--so please don't think that it does.

Burger King has a crown. Taco Bell needs a sombrero.

To the girl who doesn't want to shave her armpits: Please don't! I'm into that sort of thing!

If you don't stop being such a backstabber, I am going to tell your dad about the abortion you just got.

Actually, leggings are sexy! Well ... on some girls.

To the girls in the gym that I always see there around dinnertime and never in the dining hall: No wonder why your work out plan works so well --YOU NEVER EAT!

To the boy who saw me trip down the stairs leading up to College Hill: Thank you for trying to not laugh right in my face.

To all the ginger boys out there: I think I am in LOVE with you!

Please tell us the new Pee Dee was just a big joke. Please ...

Bush has higher approval ratings than the new Pee Dee in the Pirate Nation.

Dear Boyfriend, I know you read Pirate Rants all the time, so I just want to let you know: You told me you loved me. I told you I was pregnant. Now you're ignoring my calls. Well, NEWS FLASH: Get ready to pay child support for the next 18 years of your life!

Fight cancer: JOIN RELAY FOR LIFE!

I want to go around and take pictures with all the statue pirates around Greenville. Who wants to go with?

I have to lock my bedroom door every time I leave my apartment because I have this strange feeling my psycho roommate plans to go in my room and do something to my stuff.

Since I have been living in my apartment--without a job--I have lost almost 10 pounds due to the fact that I can't buy groceries.

Whadayaknow! Even Pee Dee tans!

Do not put my hotdog and fries in the same tray! Gosh.

Let's respect the division

Get rid of religion in Washington

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THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Religion and politics are two ideas that should never intersect; however, we constantly see religion surfacing in the political arena.

Through the First Amendment of the United States' constitution, we have our religious privileges protected from the government. We have been given the guarantee that under no circumstances will the U.S. government take away our right to practice the faith that we believe to be correct. If the government can give us this promise, then the church should stop imposing itself upon the government!

President-elect Barack Obama received much opposition from many individuals due to their religious beliefs. Catholics were instructed that they shouldn't vote for him because he is pro-choice. That view has nothing to do with whether or not Obama would be an adequate leader; that view has everything to do with taking away a woman's right to choose.

Citizens were also opposing Obama because of his Muslim background. In the political arena, we never see discrimination against those who lead a Christian lifestyle, which Obama has been doing since the 1980s. So, why is it OK to discriminate against someone with a Muslim background? We are supposed to have a separation of church and state; therefore, religious beliefs shouldn't even be brought into the equation.

Take a look at Elizabeth Dole, who tried to bring religion into her campaign ads. Her "Godless America" ad against Kay Hagen seriously outraged me! Regardless of whether Hagen believes in God, she should not be thought to be an inadequate leader simply because of this. That is her choice; it is not the choice of other people to say that she, or anyone else, should believe a certain thing.

Religion also sticks its nose where it doesn't belong with the issue of homosexual commitment ceremonies. It isn't right for a religious group to say that it is wrong for two people to pledge their lives to each other, especially when the commitment of two people involves more than religious beliefs--there is a lot of legal issues involved as well. If you spend 20 years of your life with someone and the relationship doesn't work out, you deserve to have some kind of legal protection that will allow you to split things evenly, similar to what takes place during a divorce.

People should be able to make their own choices, regardless of what anyone else believes. God gave us free will, so the church needs to acknowledge that, instead of trying to control the population through control of the government. A good principle for those who have a problem with the supposed lack of God in our government is to teach your children what you believe is right. Stop trying to dominate the world and concentrate on your own.

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Did you know?

Aries

You may believe that you are willing to go deeper than usual as you share your feelings with someone special, but it may be hard to be anything other than positive today. This sounds like a wonderful situation -- and it may be -- yet there's a downside to it also.

Taurus

An intense person could play a significant role in your day, and although you might try to evade him or her at first, there's no need to run. Sure, you tend to enjoy a simpler approach to relationships, yet you now have the chance to form a friendship that can open your mind and teach you much about yourself.

Gemini

The same normal routine of work that is often boring or even stifling seems to be just fine with you now. You may even enjoy yourself while meeting obligations that you sometimes try to avoid. Make up your mind to remember exactly how you feel today so you can recreate this positive attitude sometime in the future when you aren't feeling as cheerful about things.

Cancer

Your creative energy is running rampant today, yet it's up to you to figure out what to do with it. Whatever you choose to start, don't be overly conservative in your approach. Taking a risk could pay off beyond your dreams now, so be bold and daring in the expression of what's in your heart. Don't let fear get in the way of what matters most.

Leo

Others may think they know you, but today even your close friends and family might not fully understand how you're feeling. It's not that you are purposefully hiding anything, nor are you in a bad mood. It's just that your emotions are running deeper than anyone realizes and you don't feel obliged to disclose something that would make you feel more vulnerable now.

Virgo

You can score some extra points with a loved one today, but it won't happen by plotting and calculating your actions. Unrestrained spontaneity is your key to being appreciated, so it's crucial to simply stay as present as you can each moment throughout the day.

Libra

You can see what's happening today from a new and refreshing point of view. Your original ideas may surprise others at work because you have temporarily broken out of the box and seem to be operating from a unique perspective. If you have an opinion, don't hold back for fear of being negatively judged. Do yourself a favor now and let everyone know what you are thinking.

Scorpio

You may be determined to add something new to your daily routine today, but you could get so obsessed with this idea that you get stuck in your own thinking. Accepting guidance from peers might not be easy for you, yet it's a smart strategy at this time. Not only can they act as catalysts, but they will also appreciate your willingness to take their advice into account.

Sagittarius

Even if today means that you must go back to work, your inner world needn't shut down. In fact, you can embark on a spiritual journey now while taking care of your daily chores or engaging in your professional activities without anyone else even realizing it. Be practical and keep up outward appearances, even while traveling to distant galaxies in your mind.

Capricorn

Others marvel at your ability to hold on to your dreams now, even if your job is less than ideal. It's almost as if only you can see a clear and direct path that will reliably transform you from Cinderella into the princess of the ball. Don't let anyone else's negativity get in your way, for even your most unrealistic goals may be within reach.

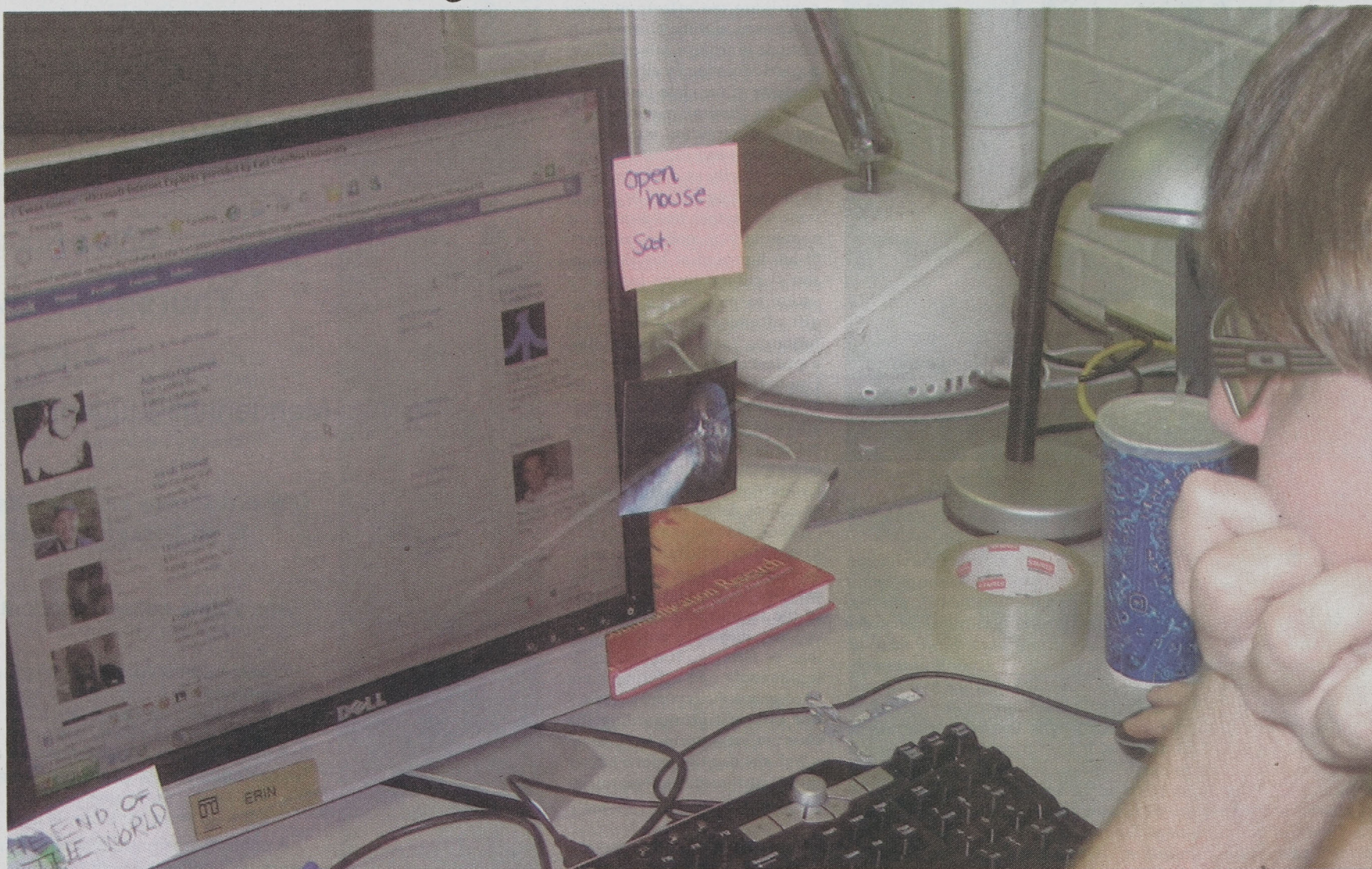
Aquarius

You may need to go head-to-head with someone at work now in order to clarify your responsibilities while also maintaining some of your freedom. Don't be afraid to be very clear about what you can do and what is beyond your ability. Even if you are negotiating with your boss, rather than a co-worker, you have a good chance to get what you need. Just make sure you know when to back down, if necessary. Nothing will be gained by pushing too hard.

Pisces

Your self-esteem is high now and you can be quite eager to take the next step in whatever work you are doing. However, someone may rain on your parade with harsh words or resist your actions in some way. Fortunately, you are in a strong enough frame of mind today that you are able to take criticism constructively and put it to good use.

Check your Facebook



Student Derek Schrader browses his Facebook account.

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When Shenida Adams first came to ECU, social networking sites were the new "it thing" to do. To keep up with the latest craze, she immediately took a part in this new cyber world.

"It seems cool to have a Web page that can reflect on my own unique individuality," said Adams.

Among the many social networking sites, Black Planet, MySpace, and others, Facebook became the most popular to many students on ECU's campus. The main appeal was that Facebook was exclusively for college students.

"It was a great way to keep in touch with friends who went to different schools," Adams said.

However, as Facebook became even more popular, it became open to high school students, and eventually anyone with an e-mail address.

Lorna Poe, a junior at ECU, initially joined one of the social networking communities to keep up with old friends.

While she likes how the sites keep track of all of her friends' birthdays, Poe is a little wary of how open things are.

"The mini-feeds [on Facebook] tell way too much," she said, referring to the list of individual changes that friends have made on their profiles. These informational updates can range from pictures added, relationship status changes and a new blog post.

Potential employers and others who hold authoritative positions are aware of these sites, and are doing checks on potential employees or subordinates. Investigative reports conducted by CBS News found that about 20 percent of employers typically scan online profiles, including pictures on social networking sites. By simply typing in one's name on Google or other search engines, has made it easier for employers to find these profiles.

Adams has mixed feelings about companies checking the profiles of potential employees.

"People should have their privacy rights, but then again a company shouldn't want an employee who reflects the company to have explicit or inappropriate things on their profile pages," Adams said.

While many may feel that what is on their profile should not be a problem, under the USA PATRIOT Act, certain companies have the legal right to search the profiles of potential employees.

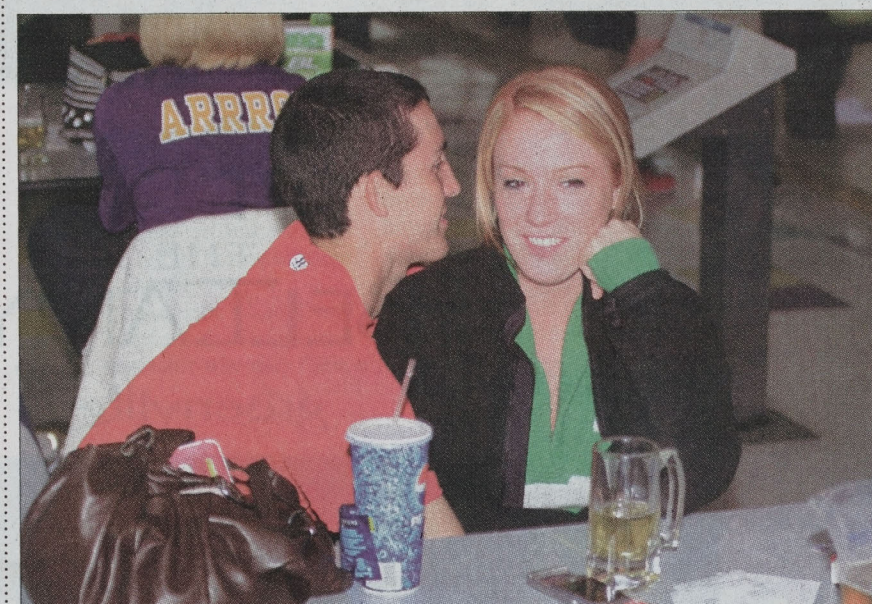
The USA PATRIOT Act, which President George W. Bush signed in 2001 to go into effect, is aimed to allow law enforcement to go through e-mail, telephone records and the like to cut down on the attempts at terrorism.

CNN lists a few Do's and Don'ts to keep in mind the next time you log onto a social networking site.

- Don't talk negatively about current and/or previous employers. It's not a good thing to do at an actual job interview and it's definitely not good to post blogs about how you hate your boss.
- Don't forget that others can see your friends. Be aware of the posts that your friends may put on your page. If someone's profile name contains explicit language, they should not be listed as a top friend for potential employees to see.
- Do clean up your profile. Don't wait until you've left a job interview to clean your profile page. Review your pictures and quotes now to see if anything needs to be updated or taken off.
- Do join groups. Joining groups are a great way to network. However be careful of what groups you join. Employers would rather have someone who's a part of a group that reflects hard work and dedication than one that tells how you can hold all of your liquor.
- In this new day and age, someone's profile is a reflection of who they are, so be sure to keep it up with care.

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The ups and downs of the dating world



NICHOLAS THIGPEN | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Student couple John Allen Hinds and Shelly Carson share a date.

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THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Dating. It can be exciting, awkward and so much more. The rules of dating are so complex that not even Merriam-Webster could come up with a concrete definition.

But, while various definitions to describe relationships and dating, change between generations and individuals, it is still a ritual practiced by almost everyone today.

While each person has their own specific preferences on what to look for in dating someone, some characteristics of a date-worthy person can involve physical appearance and personality.

However, ECU student Antwan Staley looks for a little more in his potential dates.

"How a person treats others is a big thing for me; you can always tell this when going to a restaurant when you think, 'How does she treat the server?'" said Staley. "Of course, intelligence is huge too, because you don't want to be with someone that can't carry on a conversation or someone who does not know what is going on in the world."

Traditional roles are even favored when asking for dates.

"I was raised in the South, and [was] always taught that a gentleman does the asking, but when asking [he] does it with proper manners," said student Trey Kriger.

However, the asking part doesn't always have to start with the guy. While the roles can be reversed, fear of being turned down is a reason that both male and female students do not ask out the opposite sex.



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Student couple Molly Long and Derrick Davis have a date at a local bowling alley.

"You can never tell if they are interested in you or not, so being asked is easier," said student Megan Reavis.

But while traditional methods can be used for asking, the actual scene of the date has changed, according to some students. Opting out of the often traditional "dinner and a movie" night, many prefer to casually interact with one another to get a feel for someone's personality. For some, "hanging out" is the informal process of getting to know another person, while dating can be deemed more intimate and personal.

"Hanging out comes just before dating," said student Chelsea Reich. "You go out in groups, text or talk on the phone. For me, dating is one-on-one with the intentions of hopefully becoming serious."

Aside from the pre-date characteristics and the casual exploration of getting to know someone, what are the good, bad and ugly scenarios of dating?

Some ECU students describe their experiences, baring the details of good and bad dates they have been on.

For Staley, the worst kinds of dates are those set up by friends or relatives.

After being set up by his friend's girlfriend, Staley decided to take his date to a restaurant, where he found out they would be eating for two, plus one.

"My date was pregnant," Staley said, horrified that his friend's girlfriend would set him up with a girl expecting a baby. "My friend and me just looked at each other like, 'Why would she set me up with a pregnant [female]?'"

Even the most obscure or non-traditional dates can be successful. This was true for ECU student Shemeh Shirabad.

Class reaches out to global community



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Mortenson has built 55 schools in remote areas, like Pakistan.

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An ECU sociology of education course has been given the opportunity to raise awareness and lend a hand to a charitable foundation overseas. The Central Asia Institute foundation was launched by Greg Mortenson, who set out to climb Pakistan's K2 Mountain in 1993. By chance, Mortenson arrived in the village of Korphe alongside the mountain and was amazed at the lack of schooling and educa-

tional institutions for the children in the region. Mortenson promised to return and establish schools, focusing especially on the females in the provinces. Since then, he has built 55 schools in remote areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan. "Three Cups of Tea" refers to the book that Mortenson wrote in his mission to "promote peace, one school at a time." The special topics in the sociology of education course, taught by Caroline Schacht, chose the Central Asia Institute foundation as a philanthropy for their

class to focus on and decided amongst themselves a method of raising funds for the Institute. "One of the goals of the sociology of education course is to increase awareness of the state of education in countries around the world," said Schacht. "It is my hope that the story is powerful enough to motivate [the class] to want to contribute the efforts of Greg Mortenson and the Central Asia Institute to achieve universal literacy and education for all children." Students of the class have begun holding fundraising events in hopes of garnering attention to their cause and monetary funds for the charity as a whole, along with reaching out to organizations on campus and around the community to collect support. "I am humbled at his [Mortenson's] perseverance and dedication to provide the powerful gift of education to those less fortunate," said Twana Bradley, a student in the SOCI 4000 class. Upon the completion of the course, students will evaluate their efforts and the efforts of their classmates in the project. While their endeavor will end in December, the Central Asia Institute will continue to collect donations indefinitely. "I feel that education really gives the children choices," said Abey Dessie, who is also enrolled in the class. "In some of the regions where they grow up, they may have only the Taliban or farming. Through building schools and offering them an education, their options increase." For information regarding the class project, students have set up a Web site describing their efforts in full at threecupsofteaproject.org.

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"I went to the airport with the guy and watched planes take off," said Shirbabadi, who also divulges that while the physical date can be successful—there is one deal breaker.

"Any comment about sex between us on the first few dates [is a deal breaker]," she admits.

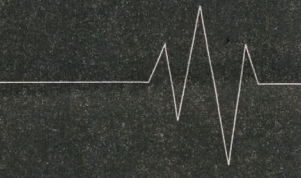
But even traditional dates are still classic for some. Students like

Kristin Zaharis opt for the standard dinner date.

"[A recent date and I] went to Finelli's for dinner and dessert at Cold Stone," said Zaharis. "It was a perfect date, and while I can't say that's why we continued dating, it was our first official date."

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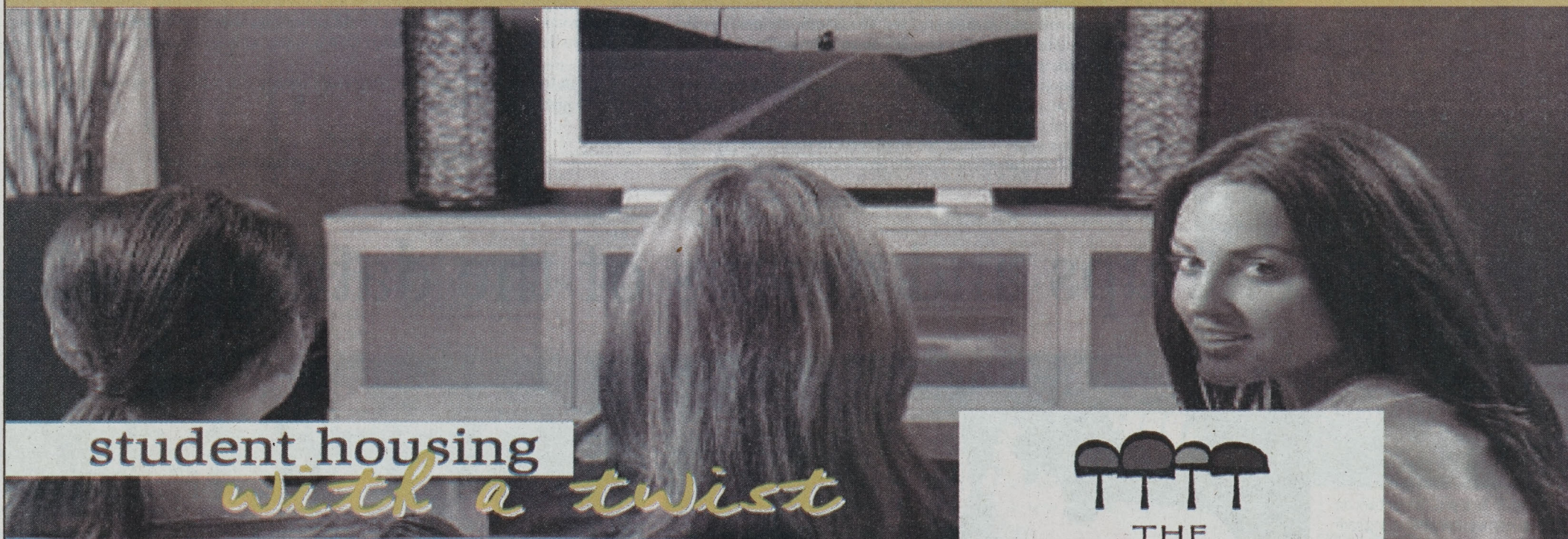
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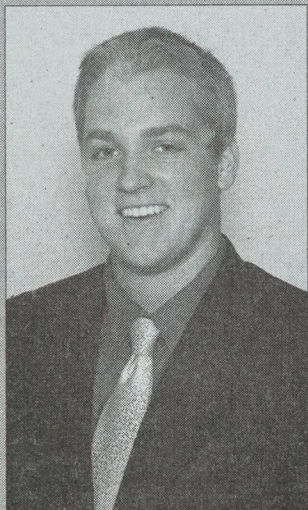
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Most Valuable Pirate



Ben Hartman

ECU junior place kicker Ben Hartman once again saved the day for the Pirates with a game-winning 27-yard field goal on the team's first possession of overtime. The game-winner was the second in as many weeks for Hartman, who against UCF the week before kicked a 39-yard game winner—once again in overtime. Against the Herd, he also connected on kicks from 31, 51 and 21 yards. Nevertheless, Hartman stuck to his script of setting up his own dramatic finishes when he missed a potential game-winner from 42-yards wide left in regulation as time expired.

"I'm proud of Ben Hartman and job that he did. He's kicking the ball really well right now and I have an awful lot of confidence in him."

-Skip Holtz

Pirates take control of East Division

ECU wins second consecutive OT game

JARED JACKSON
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Ben Hartman did it again. ECU's junior kicker boomed a 27-yard field goal on the Pirates' first possession of overtime to defeat Conference USA East division rival Marshall, 19-16, in front of a homecoming crowd of 43,515—the seventh largest ever in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium history.

Hartman also made field goals from 31, 51 and 21 yards in the game, but failed to win the game for the Pirates in regulation when he missed a 42-yarder wide left as time expired.

"It should have been over at the end of four quarters," Hartman said. "Luckily the defense makes a stand and they missed a field goal in overtime, and we win the game," Hartman said.

Hartman isn't a stranger to this situation. His game-winner came on the heels of making a 39-yarder to beat UCF last week-end in overtime. The deciding field goal against the Thundering Herd was also the kicker's fourth career game-winner.

"Anybody that competes [knows] you always want the ball at end of the game to be the deciding factor," Hartman said.

Prior to kickoff, ECU introduced a new look for their mascot, Pee Dee. But once the Pirates hit the gridiron, they resorted back to their effective game plan that proved to, at times, overbear the Thundering Herd.

"[This was] a great win for the program," ECU coach Skip Holtz said. "This was a big game as far as what we are trying to do in the big picture of things and I was just really proud of the way the players hung in there; it was a great team win."

With the win, ECU has lifted a huge monkey off its back. The Pirates now sit in the driver's

seat of the East Division. The position is not unfamiliar territory for the Pirates, who in the last two years have blown a chance at competing in the C-USA title game with late season losses to Rice (2006) and Marshall last year.

But with the victory against the Thundering Herd, the Pirates have what can technically be described as a two-game lead. ECU now owns one more C-USA victory than Marshall, as well as the tiebreaker between the two.

Defense was the story of the day for ECU, as the Pirates were able to hold the Thundering Herd to 286 yards of total offense. On each of Marshall's first two drives, ECU freshman cornerback Emanuel Davis picked off the Herd's freshman quarterback Mark Cann.

"Our mindset this week was to just go out there and play one play at a time and just get the job done," said Davis. "Those two big plays at the beginning of the game just gave us momentum and just carried us throughout."

Did it ever.

Holtz said Saturday's game was the defense's best performance of the season. The Pirates held Cann to 13-of-29 passing for 137 and two touchdowns, along with his early interceptions. Marshall ran for 167 yards on the ground behind 36 carries.

For a while, it seemed like the Thundering Herd would be denied a touchdown, but they opened up the second half with a 10-play scoring drive that concluded with a Cann 7-yard strike to junior tight end Cody Slate, cutting the ECU lead to 13-9. The Herd's point after attempt failed.

Cann and Slate hooked up again on a 34-yard touchdown with 1:21 left in regulation to tie the game at 16, which would be the score at the end of regulation. The Thundering Herd's score came after an ECU punt of 15 yards.

The ECU offense was effi-

cient and got the job done once again, this time with senior quarterback Patrick Pinkney leading the Pirates the whole game.

Pinkney threw for 287 yards and one touchdown on 26-of-37 passing. Pinkney's lone touchdown came with 12 seconds remaining in the first half, a 5-yard fade pass to senior tight end Davon Drew that gave ECU a 13-3 lead at halftime.

"It was all about execution," said Pinkney. "When you trust in a receiver, and the receiver trusts in your quarterback, it's all about making plays for each other. We did that [on that play] and it was a big score for us."

While Holtz was pleased with Pinkney's performance, he is still looking for some consistency among the offense.

"I thought Patrick played a great football game," Holtz said. "He threw some great passes hanging in there, but I would like to have an offensive performance where we put a running game and a passing game together to where we can do some things and turn and score some points."

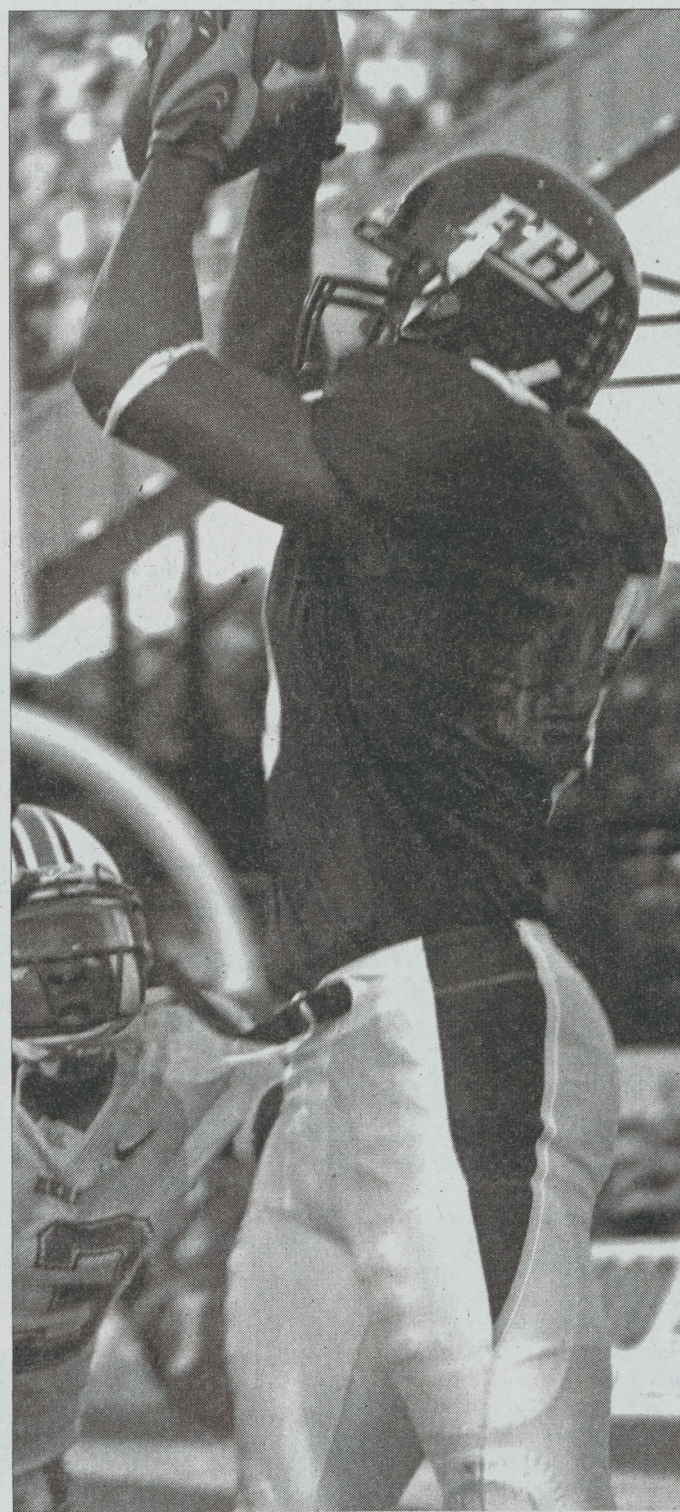
Sophomore Norman Whitley was the leading rusher for the Pirates, with 72 yards on the ground on 23 attempts.

ECU now must prove it can handle sitting at the top of the East Division as it travels to Hattiesburg, Miss. next week to take on bitter C-USA rival Southern Miss.

"No team is going to take us lightly," Pinkney said. "We just have to take it one week at a time."

The bull's-eye is placed once again on ECU, not for being the one-time giant killer as it was to start the season, but for sitting on top of C-USA's East Division and creeping toward a conference title game berth. The Pirates surely have a difficult task on their hands—but history has never been so close.

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Davon Drew (3) catches a touchdown right before halftime.

The Turning Point

Marshall shouldn't have pushed ECU to overtime Saturday, but when it did, the Herd couldn't capitalize. The Pirates forced Marshall to go three-and-out on its overtime series and when the Herd tried for a field goal, kicker Tyler Warner missed his 42-yard attempt wide right. ECU then got the ball, and just like the following week against UCF, ran the ball three straight downs to get optimal field position for a Ben Hartman field goal attempt. Hartman didn't disappoint as his 27-yard attempt sailed through the uprights to give the Pirates their second straight overtime win—and most importantly—breathing room in the Conference USA East Division race.

The Key Stat

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The number of road victories Marshall has pocketed since 2005—the year Mark Snyder took over the program. With Snyder, the Thundering Herd has a 3-20 record as the visiting team—including a 0-6 record last season. Marshall's only road win in past seasons was a 34-27 win at Southern Miss earlier this year.

What it Means

With a dramatic overtime victory over Marshall, ECU finds itself in the driver's seat of the East Division of Conference USA. The Pirates, who have been so close the last two seasons in clinching the East division, are practically assured the division title with technically a two-game lead over Marshall (since they own the tiebreaker), with three C-USA games left. All ECU needs in order to clinch the East Division title this upcoming weekend is a win over Southern Miss and a Marshall loss to UCF.

Opinion: C-USA West is clearly superior

RONNIE WOODWARD
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Field goals and defense don't win Conference USA championships. The teams in C-USA's West Division have figured that out. The teams in the East are a little behind the curve, which was evident at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium Saturday.

In a game that featured the East's two best teams, an aggressive defense and conservative offense carried ECU to a 19-16 overtime victory.

Ben Hartman kicked four field goals—including the game-winner in the extra period—and ECU's defense limited Marshall to 137 passing yards. It was the second-straight week that ECU won with defense and a clutch field goal, which is rare of most C-USA games.

The conference's East Division is starting to resemble a conference like the Big Ten,

something ECU coach Skip Holtz has adjusted to.

"We've been going at this the Big Ten way the last couple of weeks. You run it, punt it away and count on your defense," Holtz said of his team's recent play. "We've been ready to win football games 13-10 with great special teams and great field position. With some of the injuries we've had [on offense], I don't feel like some of these younger players have been ready to be thrown at the wolves and go at it."

Saturday's game was a battle for East Division supremacy, as the two teams entered tied for first place in the division. Supremacy for the entire conference might already be decided, however. That title currently belongs to Tulsa, and it will be very tough for a C-USA East team to take that away.

Tulsa, which boasts the nation's top offense, has scored 45 points or more in four of

its five conference games this season. ECU's highest point

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SKIP HOLTZ

ECU FOOTBALL HEAD COACH

total of the season has been 30. The Pirates' low-scoring style has worked against teams like Marshall and UCF, but it's hard to win that way against teams from the West—which was evident in ECU's 41-24 loss to Houston earlier this season.

Despite the contrasting styles within C-USA, ECU's

players believe they can win the conference with defense.

"Defense wins championships," said ECU safety Van Eskridge. "I don't think it's any different in Conference USA. If the defense continues to play the way we've been playing, we should be fine because we know we have guys on the other side of the ball who are going to make plays eventually."

If ECU is going to be crowned as C-USA's champion, it will have to find ways to score more points. Whatever team represents the West will be led by its offense and should be able to control the pace of the championship game, which will be played Dec. 6.

The difference in style is glaring when you break down the statistics of C-USA's teams. The top four scoring offenses in C-USA are all made up of teams from the West Division, with Tulsa leading the way at

52 points per game. In scoring defense, the East claims four of the first five spots, with ECU first at 21.2 points per game.

The problem for the East teams is that the teams from the West have found more success with their style of play.

Defense does win championships, but C-USA is the exception to that rule. The records of C-USA's teams indicate that teams' offenses usually win games. In the West Division, four teams currently have conference records above .500. On the other side, only ECU and Marshall have winning conference records.

For some reason, the conference's best offenses reside in the West and the conference's best defenses reside in the East.

In a conference that has been defined by offense, I'll take the West.

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Hockey rebounds with win over Duke

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The ECU Ice Hockey team bounced back from a thrashing from the sticks of ACHA Division II powerhouse Kennesaw State by dismantling Duke on Friday night.

The Pirates (6-4, 3-0) controlled the puck from the start and withstood a brief third period rally to win 5-1 and earn a season sweep over the Blue Devils.

ECU coach Mike Markham said his team's performance against the Blue Devils was one of the best of the young season.

"We went after them for the entire game," he said. "It was the first game where we have played three solid periods. They kept their mission statement, which is to play aggressive hockey."

The Pirates dominated the

first two periods of play before Duke finally found the net early in the third to make it 3-1.

ECU answered when winger Sean Burns skated around the net to find Brandon Lipke cutting across the ice to lineup for a shot. Lipke's score gave the Pirates a 4-1 advantage with 13:04 left to play.

Lipke added another goal six minutes later, completing an impressive night for the freshman defenseman.

"Overall, we played really well," said Lipke. "Obviously, penalties are a problem. We can't take as many penalties as we are because we can't play shorthanded so much. We had a good effort. We came out to win."

Lipke, a former captain of his Watchung Hills High School team in Warren, N.J., is providing a physical presence for a defense that continues to



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ECU got back on track with a win in Greenville Friday night.

Soccer reaches tournament final, falls short

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The ECU women's soccer team tasted defeat for the first time in 13 matches on Sunday as the Memphis Tigers won their second consecutive Conference USA Tournament Championship with a 4-1 win. The Pirates fall to 14-4-4 on the season while Memphis improves to 15-4-2 overall, clinching the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament in the process.

Senior Madison Keller scored the Pirates' only goal.

Keller, sophomore Bailey Wilcox and freshman Jessica Woodward were named to the All-Tournament Team for their efforts during the 2008 C-USA Women's Soccer Championship.

To advance to the C-USA title game, the top-seeded Pirates defeated Colorado College, 2-1, in the first overtime.

"That was just a phenomenal soccer match," Head Coach Rob Donnenwirth said. "We played so well in the first half but we knew Colorado College would come out on fire in the

second half. There was a lot of end-to-end soccer out there today and we came out on top. I am so proud of our ladies."

ECU possessed the ball much of the first half, but it was Colorado College who broke onto the scoreboard first.

"I thought our ladies did a great job today,"

ROB DONNENWIRTH

ECU SOCCER HEAD COACH

The Tigers won a free kick that Molly Uyenishi put into the box. Pirate keeper and senior Amber Campbell snagged the rebound initially, but lost it at the last second and Lauren Talbot was there to slot the ball into the empty net for a 1-0 Colorado College lead.

However, ECU responded right back, winning a corner just under two minutes later. Junior Alexis Foltz took the kick and found Jessica Swanson, who deflected the ball to Woodward.

Woodward then powered the ball into the open left side of the net to tie the game. The contest would sit 1-1 at the half.

Colorado College came out determined in the second half, just missing on multiple attempts at the goal. The Pirates also had their chances, but no one could convert as the game went into the extra periods.

ECU opened up its C-USA tournament campaign with a 1-0 win over SMU. The win marked the second ever C-USA tournament victory for the Pirates.

The Pirates earned a corner kick with 17 minutes left in the second half that proved to pay huge dividends. Foltz took the kick and found the feet of Wilcox, who poked the ball into the right corner of the net for the game-winner and her second tally of the season.

"I thought our ladies did a great job today," Donnenwirth said. "Nicole Moore's early injury really threw us off in the back but Amanda Broz did a fantastic job stepping in for her. We are pleased with this win and the opportunity to advance in the tournament."



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Jessica Woodward (11) was one of three Pirates named to the All-Tournament team.

HOCKEY continued from 7

recover from the loss of four seniors last season.

The Pirate defense managed to kill off every Duke power play except one, which was scored on a 5-on-3 advantage.

"For a freshman, Brandon is really smart," Markham said. "He has a good sense of the ice. He's got good upper body strength and when he puts it all together, he is a dominating force."

A highlight reel goal from Sam Duehring put ECU up by three, midway through the second period. The sophomore negated Duke's advantage when he gained possession at mid-ice and dangled his way through a host of Blue Devil defenders before calmly finishing the shorthanded goal.

"I didn't know we were shorthanded at the time," Duehring said of the play. "But then coach said hold onto it and get around as many guys as you can. I just got lucky. The goalie cheated to his left side and I put it by his glove."

Burns got the puck rolling in the first period for the Pirates, when he finished off a backhanded assist from Zach Moore to make it 1-0.

Freshman forward Chris Brennan added a goal in the latter stages of the period off assists from Dave Orlando and Donovan Dean.

Markham was pleased to get a better result after a disappointing effort in ECU's 4-2 victory over the Blue Devils in October.

The win pushes the Pirates record against DII opponents to 3-2 on the season, with the two losses coming against KSU last weekend.

ECU ran into a buzz saw when it faced the No. 7 ranked Owls, who took the first game, 5-1, and followed with an 11-0 victory.

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ECU HOCKEY HEAD COACH

The Pirates held their own in the first match and leveled in the first period on a Burns score. KSU responded with two more first period goals and two more in the second to end any hopes of a comeback.

"We had a rough weekend," said Burns. "They're a very strong program and pretty much exactly where we want to be, come the end of the season. We learned a lot from last weekend."

Markham is hoping the lessons learned against the Owls will pay dividends against a similar caliber DII opponent in No. 11 ranked Virginia Tech, which ECU plays on Friday. The Hokies have not lost since their opening game against Liberty and are currently 9-1.

"You have to play the higher level games," Markham said. "You have to learn from your mistakes. The Kennesaw State game helped this team immensely."

The Pirates will host Virginia Tech this Friday at 9:30 p.m. before facing Colonial Division rival Richmond on Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

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