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Geography is problematic for flood prevention efforts in New Orleans



As evidenced by the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans has always been one of the most flood-prone areas in the US.



AP

New chairman Bernanke followed by Greenspan into oval office.

New Federal Reserve Chairman selected

Greenspan retires from his post

LEE SCHWARZ
STAFF WRITER

Ben Bernanke will replace Alan Greenspan as Chairman of the Federal Reserve when Greenspan steps down on Jan. 31, 2006 after holding one of the most influential economic jobs in the world for 18 years.

President Bush refers to Greenspan as a "legend." Greenspan was appointed by Ronald Reagan to fill an unexpired term on the board on Aug. 11, 1987. He was then selected to fulfill another term on Feb. 1, 1992, which lasted 14 years. Greenspan earned his BS, MA and Ph.D. in economics from New York University. He has won numerous accolades for his distinguished service in government, including honorary knight commander of the British Empire. Ben Bernanke, who received his Ph.D. from MIT in 1979, is the Chairman of the Department of Economics at Princeton University. He is a macroeconomist with interests in monetary policy and macroeconomic history. He is the director of the Monetary Economics Program of the National Bureau of Economics Research and the editor of the American Economic Review.

Bernanke will continue

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LSU professor explains it's more than just environmental struggle

TAYLEIGH DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, a professor from Louisiana State University will lecture at ECU Friday in regard to Hurricane Katrina's impact on the cultural and environmental geography in New Orleans.

Environmental historical geographer Craig Colten will explain how engineers and urban developers have modified the city to keep it from being flooded. He will also discuss the city's constant battle to prevent future flooding.

Colten will speak on his series, "New Orleans: City Designed to Flood," tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. in 349 Flanagan building.

"New Orleans is a city that has historical and economic importance, but it's also in a very susceptible and vulnerable geographic location," said Derek Alderman, cultural geography professor.

Colten also has an awareness of race in New Orleans. He understands the modifications happening in New Orleans are not necessarily race neutral. A lot of the flooding and hazards found in New Orleans have an impact on minority populations, said Alderman.

"You can't really talk about the geography of New Orleans without talking about its famous African American population," Alderman said.

In some cases, including Hurricane Katrina, many of the visible victims were African Americans who didn't have the income and resources to get out of the way.

"That's not a new development," Alderman said.

Colten finds that it's part of a much longer tradition in New Orleans. African Americans have often been the most vulnerable population in terms of flooding and the environment, Alderman said.

"We have to address urban development, the environment and race all together," Alderman said.

Initially, it was the ECU GeoClub's idea to have someone speak about what happened down south and to understand the contemporary issues happening in New Orleans right now.

Another reason Alderman wanted Colten to come is because of the authority Colten has gained since Hurricane Katrina. As soon as Katrina hit New Orleans, Colten started being interviewed by national news corporations across the country.

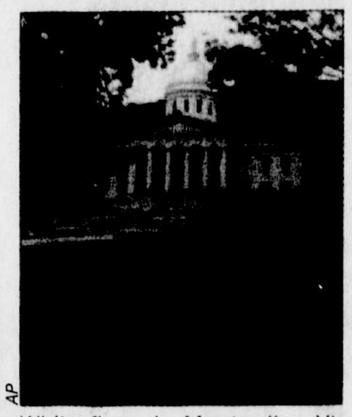
As far as flooding, water and engineering are concerned, Colten has emerged as the public authority for New Orleans.

"We really wanted to bring someone in who has years and years of research in New Orleans who can really inform ECU and the public about these issues," Alderman said.

Alderman also wanted Colten to lecture at ECU so that students can better understand the atmosphere and what causes storms and hurricanes.

The department of geography just began an atmospheric science program, which allows students to study hurricanes, storms and all the different aspects related to weather and climate as they impact

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AP

White flags in Montpelier, Vt. represent fallen soldiers in Iraq.

U.S. death toll in Iraq is 2,001

Sunni Arab political parties announce coalition

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The American death toll reached 2,001 on Wednesday with the announcement that a soldier died in an accident the night before. Three mostly Sunni Arab parties said they have formed a coalition to compete in upcoming parliamentary elections as the minority moves to consolidate its power in the political arena.

The soldier, whose identity was withheld pending notification of relatives, died in a vehicle accident Tuesday evening near Camp Bucca, a U.S. detention center in southern Iraq, the military said. The statement raised by one the number of U.S. service members killed in the war a day after the somber milestone of 2,000 was reached.

A roadside bomb also destroyed a Humvee in a U.S. convoy on Wednesday, but no American casualties were reported in that attack.

A U.S. warplane also struck a suspected insurgent safe house near the Syrian border Wednesday and may have killed a senior al-Qaida in Iraq figure identified only as Abu Dua who it said assisted in smuggling Syrian and Saudi fighters into Iraq, the U.S. military said.

A military statement said intelligence sources indicated that Abu Dua _ who allegedly was part of an al-Qaida network along

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NC groups working to save longleaf pine from scarcity

ROCKINGHAM, NC (AP) — Not many things today seem as unending as the interstate. Just a few hundred years ago, though, there would have been something to rival this vast concrete network.

If longleaf pine forests still stretched uninterrupted from eastern Texas to southern Virginia, only a three-day drive would put the evergreens to a westbound traveler's back.

"Longleaf pines are in serious decline," said Brady Beck, Sandhills Game Land biologist. "About 97 percent have been destroyed."

In several short centuries, 87 million acres of the original 90 million have been lost to the naval stores industry, logging, and commercial and residential development.

"Much of the Sandhills longleaf had disappeared by the early 1900s," said Pete Campbell, wildlife biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Southern Pines.

While loggers then and now value the longleaf for its rot resistance and strength, the tree matures too slowly for the patience of harvesters.

To satisfy the industry's appetite, scoured longleaf stands began to be replaced with faster growing slash pine and loblolly pine between 1930 and 1940.

Though this practice has hindered the recovery of the once bountiful trees, it's not all gloom and doom, death and destruction for the longleaf pine.

Longleaf resurgence was jumpstarted by the discovery of a financially lucrative use for the slow-growing tree that didn't require reaping, replanting and waiting.

"The renaissance of longleaf pine has a lot to do with the pine straw market," which really took off during the mid-1980s, Campbell said.

Pine straw has given landowners an economic reason to grow the evergreen that isn't bound by the constraints of logging, he added.

While the continual raking of needles doesn't restore ideal longleaf forests, it is a step in the right direction for the North Carolina Sandhills Conservation Partnership.

The partnership's objective is to balance ecological and economic needs by determining where conservation is essential and development tolerable.

"We respect the human element," Campbell said of people who generate income from longleaf products. "We're engaged in a collaborative process with landowners to help them achieve economic goals and conservation goals."

This approach has protected 10,000 acres of longleaf forest in the Sandhills in the last five years.

Regardless of the amount saved, however, forests that can't be cared for properly will not be much improved.

"The longleaf system requires fire to maintain itself," Campbell said. "When development encroaches on forests, there's a conflict because people don't want fire near their neighborhoods."

"We will slowly lose the integrity of the system if we can't use fire."

Local longleaf forests are proof positive of the benefit of fire.

The 60,000-acre Sandhills Game Land manages about 45,000 acres of longleaf pine, most of which is high quality.

"The whole area was logged over," Beck said, gesturing to a stand of trees that range in age from 60 to 80 years. "This is what's come back."

Beck and his game land colleagues frequently burn the longleaf ecosystems that have been

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U.S., France, Britain ask Security Council to adopt new, tough resolution on Syria



AP

Syrian People's Assembly discusses U.N. report on assassination.

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The United States, France and Britain challenged the rest of the U.N. Security Council to adopt a tough resolution threatening sanctions against Syria if it doesn't cooperate fully with a U.N. investigation into the assassination of former Lebanese prime minister Rafik Hariri.

The pressure on Syria is likely to intensify Wednesday when a report by the U.N. special envoy on Syria-Lebanon, Terje Roed-Larsen, on disarming Lebanese militias is released. There are allegations Syria is continuing to smuggle arms to Palestinian militia groups in Lebanese refugee camps, in violation of a council resolution of September 2004 demanding that all militias be disarmed.

However, Russia and China, which have veto power, and Algeria, the only Arab member of the council, have been hesitant to use the threat of sanctions to back up a call for more Syrian cooperation.

Russia on Wednesday signaled it would not allow sanctions against Syria.

"Russia opposes sanctions against Syria," spokesman Mikhail Kamynin said while accompanying Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov on a trip to Israel, according to the Interfax, Itar-Tass and RIA Novosti news agencies. "Russia will be doing everything necessary to prevent attempts to impose sanctions against Syria."

A draft resolution circulated late Tuesday by the United States, France and Britain strongly backs a report by the U.N. investigating commission that implicated top Syrian and Lebanese security officials in Hariri's assassination and accused Syria of not cooperating fully with the probe.

The report brought swift denials from the Syrian government, which called it biased, politicized and an American plot to take over the region.

Syria's U.N. Ambassador Faysal Mekdad told the council that every paragraph in the report deserved to be refuted. He insisted Syria "has cooperated faithfully and sincerely" and will continue to do so.

If adopted, the draft resolution would require Syria to detain anyone the U.N. investigators consider a suspect and allow the individual to be questioned outside the country or without Syrian officials present. It would also immediately freeze the assets and impose a travel ban on anyone identified as a suspect by the commission.

The language appeared to be an effort to pressure Syria into giving the investigators access to top security officials – possibly including the brother-in-law and brother of President Bashar Assad – who may be implicated in Hariri's slaying.

Syria would also be required to renounce terrorism and "commit itself definitively to cease all support for all forms of terrorist action and all assistance to terrorist groups and to demonstrate this undertaking through concrete actions."

If Syria does not fully cooperate with the investigation, the draft says the council intends to consider "further measures," including sanctions, "to ensure compliance by Syria."

"We want a very strong signal to the government of Syria that its obstruction has to cease and cease immediately," U.S. Ambassador John Bolton said.

President Bush insisted Tuesday that the United Nations hold Syrian leaders "accountable for their continuing support of terrorism."

But Russian President Vladimir Putin, in a phone conversation Tuesday with Assad, welcomed Syria's stated willingness to cooperate with the investigation and emphasized that the council must proceed carefully.

The two discussed the "urgent need for cautious action by the international community in order to prevent the emergence of new sources of tension in the region," the Kremlin said in a statement.

Russia and China have expressed concern about any actions that might destabilize the Middle East.

Council experts are expected to discuss the resolution over the next few days and Bolton said ministers from the 15 council nations will likely come to New York on Monday, hopefully to adopt it. Diplomats said a ministerial meeting would add clout to the resolution and increase pressure on Syria.

German prosecutor Detlev Mehlis, who is leading the U.N. probe, urged Syria earlier Tuesday to help "fill in the gaps" about who orchestrated the car bombing that killed Hariri and 20 other people in Beirut on Feb. 14.

"I cannot send 500 investigators, which I do not have, to Syria to look for documents because I do not know where I would find them," he told reporters. "It would be a good idea if the Syrian authorities made an extra effort by themselves."

Mehlis has received an extension of his mandate until Dec. 15, which he told the council offers "yet another opportunity for the Syrian authorities to show greater and meaningful cooperation."

The draft resolution asks Mehlis to report on the progress of his inquiry and Syrian cooperation by Dec. 15, or earlier if it isn't getting sufficient cooperation.

Mehlis requested stepped up security for his team of 30 investigators from 17 countries.

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Announcements

Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will have two blood drives this week at ECU. The first was this past Tuesday in Wright Place and the second is Thursday, Oct. 26 from noon - 4 p.m. at the Allied Health Building.

Katrina Benefit Auction

The Emerge Gallery and ECU Graduate Student Forum is hosting a silent benefit auction Friday, Nov. 4 from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Emerge Gallery, located at 404 South Evans St. in downtown Greenville. All proceeds will be donated to children's art education programs in areas that were affected by Hurricane Katrina. For more information, call Ben Lustig at 412-0841.

New Orleans Lecture

The recent flooding of New Orleans was no surprise to at least one Louisiana geographer who has studied the city's terrain for more than a decade. Historical geographer Craig Colten of Louisiana State University will discuss the environmental and cultural geography of New Orleans Friday, Oct. 28 at 3:30 p.m. in 349 Flanagan Building. For more information, contact Derek Alderman at 328-4013.

Homecoming Update

Students and faculty are encouraged to attend the Homecoming Open House in the Taylor- Slaughter Alumni Center from 9 - 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 29. Come out to enjoy a continental breakfast and a front row seat for the 10 a.m. Homecoming parade. For more information, contact 328-6072.

HOSA Meeting

There will be an information meeting for students interested in participating in HOSA (Health Occupations of America) Friday, Oct. 28 in Mendenhall room 14 from 11 a.m. – noon.

Meet the Faculty

ECU students and faculty will get a chance to learn more about the school of art when Richard Tichich will interview Professor Paul Hartley, coordinator of painting and drawing for the ECU School of Art and Design. The event will be Thursday, Oct. 27 from 5:30- 6:30 p.m. in Speight Auditorium.

Emerge Gallery Forum

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Annual Iron Pour

It is time for the Annual Iron Pour at the ECU School of Art and Design. Please join us for this special, spectacular event Saturday, Oct. 29. The event will take place between approximately 6 – 10 p.m. (depending on how long it takes for the iron to melt and cool). You will not need to be here for the whole four hours but will be able to enjoy the event for whatever amount of time that you have. You may park in front of Jenkins Fine Arts Building and either walk through the building, downstairs to the backyard or park in front of the building and walk around to Trustee Way to the backyard area. Please be sure to dress appropriately (long pants, long sleeves and closed toe shoes). The School of Art and Design is very proud of this event and hope that you will be able to join us.

News Briefs

Local

Greene resigns from NC lottery commission after one meeting

RALEIGH, NC (AP) – A former Charlotte city council member resigned Tuesday from the new North Carolina State Lottery Commission, saying he doesn't have the time to devote to the panel.

Malachi Greene faxed his resignation to Gov. Mike Easley a day before the full nine-member commission was to hold its second meeting.

The commission's job is to start up the new North Carolina Education Lottery, which was signed into law in late August.

"Because of previous commitments requiring extensive dedication of my time and resources, I realize that I cannot be an effective member of the Lottery Commission," Greene wrote in his three paragraph letter. "I must resign."

The governor has accepted Greene's resignation, said Easley spokeswoman Jill Lucas. Senate leader Marc Basnight, D-Dare, who recommended Greene to the commission, will advise the governor on a replacement.

Efforts by The Associated Press to reach Greene were unsuccessful. He told *The Charlotte Observer* in an interview that being a commissioner was just too much to handle right now.

"I am a private citizen who is not wealthy, nor am I at this point in a health position to run all over creation," Greene was quoted as saying.

Greene was among the more vocal members at the commission's first meeting Oct. 6, urging the commission to ensure that minorities were afforded a fair chance at lottery contracts and jobs.

National

Colorado wrestles with tax limits while other states watch and wait

DENVER (AP) – The campaign over whether to loosen Colorado's strict tax limits has spun into silliness as the Nov. 1 election nears, prompting one official to parachute out of a plane for the cameras to dramatize the state's falling economic fortunes.

Yet, the consequences are serious, not only for Colorado, which could face deep budget cuts if restrictions are not relaxed, but for other states considering their own version of the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights.

"Colorado is the touchstone for the anti-tax movement," said Floyd Ciruli, an independent state pollster.

California will vote on whether to limit state spending on Nov. 8. Other states considering their version of the measure include Kansas, Ohio, Maine, Nevada, Oklahoma and Arizona.

TABOR, a constitutional amendment, limits tax and spending increases by linking them to inflation and population. The caps were painless when the economy was booming, but when a recession hit in 2001, Colorado lawmakers were forced to carve $1.1 billion from the budget over three years, much of it from education and health care.

Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper, a Democrat, dramatized the state's falling economic fortunes in a parachute jump this month for a television commercial. In another instance, a wanted poster warned that Republican Gov. Bill Owens, a fiscal conservative with a reputation for cutting taxes, had been kidnapped by "a radical, anti-taxpayer gang of socialists."

World

U.S. agrees to Japanese proposal on relocating Okinawa base

TOKYO (AP) – The United States accepted a Japanese proposal for the relocation of a U.S. air station on Okinawa on Wednesday, resolving a dispute that had blocked progress on military realignment talks and caused friction between the two allies.

The plan, which scuttles a U.S.-favored proposal to construct a heliport on a coral reef, will move the functions of Marine Corps Air Station Futenma from a congested city to inside another American base on the island, Japan's foreign minister said.

Foreign Minister Nobutaka Machimura also said that upcoming broader talks on the realignment of the U.S. military in Japan would lead to the reduction of thousands of the 14,600 American Marines on Okinawa. The U.S. Embassy would not confirm that.

The agreement to relocate the Futenma base was welcomed by both sides.

"The plan we have accepted today ... provides a comprehensive, capable and executable solution for the replacement of Futenma in an expeditious and complete manner," U.S. Deputy Undersecretary of Defense Richard Lawless said at the American Embassy.

Japanese officials said the deal resolved what had been turning into a tense standoff over the relocation of the base. The plan to build a new heliport on reclaimed land had faced stiff opposition from environmentalists.

Wednesday's deal lifted the main stumbling block to an agreement on the realignment of the 50,000 U.S. troops based in Japan. An interim agreement on realignment is to be released in Washington during U.S.-Japan talks on Saturday.

Washington and Tokyo agreed nearly 10 years ago to move the Futenma air station to a less crowded location on Okinawa as part of an overall plan to reduce the burden of the U.S. military presence on the tiny island.

Okinawa hosts most of the U.S. troops in Japan, and residents have long complained of crime, crowding and noise associated with the bases. Protests against the presence peaked in 1995 following the rape of an Okinawan schoolgirl by three U.S. servicemen.

Machimura said cutting the number of Marines on the island would also soothe local opposition to the military presence.

"I want to show the people in Okinawa what kind of burden reduction there will be. It's going to be a very large scale reduction," he said, adding that the reduction would be "in the thousands."

On the Futenma dispute, research had already begun on a proposed replacement heliport to be build at Henoko off the coast of Okinawa. But environmentalists, residents and other opponents say the plan would wreck one of the area's last healthy coral reefs, and have mounted regular protests to block the research.

In the face of that opposition, Japan had come up with a proposal to combine the air station's functions with nearby Camp Schwab.

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populations, said Alderman.

He said Colten's speech would be perfect for students interested in what causes these storms. Students can also earn an Atmospheric Science certificate through the geography department.

Alderman previously knew Colten and his work in historical geography. Alderman said LSU is considered one of the really nice geography departments in the country. Colten was also honored as the Carl O. Sauer Professor in honor of the famous, distinguished cultural geographer.

In Colten's most recent book, *An Unnatural Metropolis: Wresting New Orleans from Nature*, he focuses on the modifications made to the natural environment in New Orleans.

His other publications include "Reintroducing Nature to the City: Wetlands in New Orleans" (*Environmental History*, 2002) and *The Road to Love Canal* (1996).

Colten has been quoted in *USA Today, The New York Times, US News & World Report*, and his research has been featured on CNN, NBC, CBS and National Public Radio.

Colten's visit is sponsored by the GeoClub student organization, the Department of Geography, the Coastal Resource Management program, the Coastal Society and the Thomas Harriot College Hazards Research Center. A reception and book signing will follow the lecture.

For more information, contact Derek Alderman at 328-4013 or e-mail aldermand@ecu.edu.

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the Syrian border _ was in the house at the time of the attack but his body has not been recovered. The statement also accused him of kidnapping and executing people after trying them in makeshift religious courts.

Elsewhere, at least 10 Iraqis were killed in attacks and an Internet statement claiming that the country's most feared terror group has abducted two Moroccan embassy employees.

The U.S. Senate on Tuesday observed a moment of silence in honor of the fallen Americans.

"We owe them a deep debt of gratitude for their courage, for their valor, for their strength, for their commitment to our country," said Republican Majority Leader Bill Frist.

The milestone came amid growing doubts among the U.S. public about the Iraq conflict, launched in March 2003 to destroy Saddam Hussein's alleged weapons of mass destruction. No such arms were ever found.

In Iraq, many people heard of the 2,000 figure on Arab satellite TV channels such as Al-Jazeera and Al-Arabiya.

Some Iraqis complained that the attention was misguided because far more Iraqis have died in the conflict than Americans. No one knows an exact number of Iraqi deaths, but there is some consensus, including from a U.S. military spokesman and outside experts-that an independent count of roughly 30,000 is a relatively credible tally of Iraqi civilian deaths.

An Associated Press count of war-related Iraqi deaths from the time Iraq's elected government took office on April 28 through Tuesday found at least 3,870 Iraqi deaths in that period alone. More than two-thirds were civilians while the rest were Iraqi security personnel.

"I hope the number of Americans who die goes even higher," said Omar Ahmed, 36, the Sunni Arab owner of an electricity shop in Dora, one of the most violent parts of Baghdad.

Nearby, Ali al-Obeidi, a 28-year-old Sunni Arab, said he hoped the U.S. losses would prompt the United States to leave Iraq.

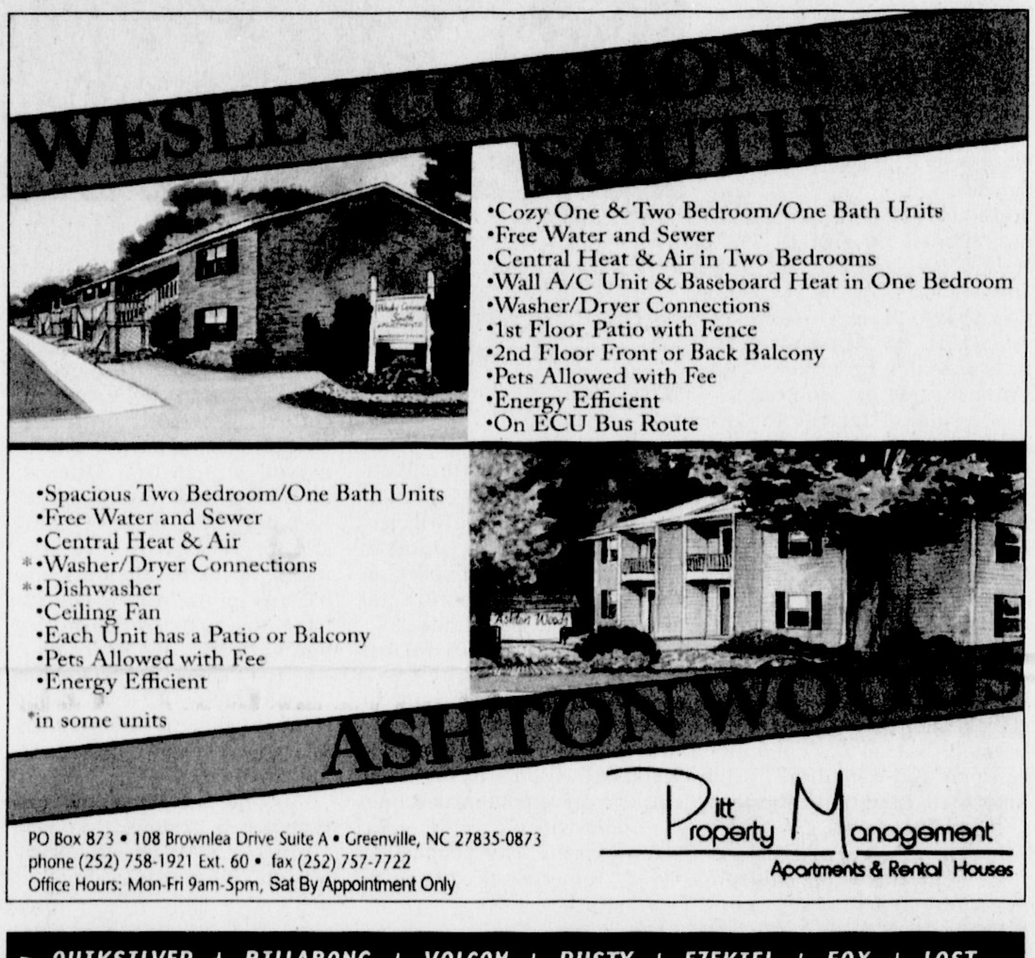
"It makes me happy," he said about the grim 2,000 dead soldiers milestone. "They're an occupation force."

Al-Obeidi said the number pales in comparison to the thousands of dead Iraqis. "The Iraqis are my brothers. We saw nothing good from the Americans. They hurt us and their presence in Iraq is to blame for all the Iraqi deaths."

Such feelings are not shared by many of Iraq's majority Shiites, who were freed from the oppression and discrimination that they suffered under Saddam.

"Remnants of Saddam's regime are cooperating with al-Qaida in Iraq. And this, the killing of the Americans, will affect the stability and rebuilding of Iraq," said Hamid al-Sumaysim, 54, a Shiite shop owner in the Shiite holy city of Najaf. "The Americans liberated us and they will help us to rebuild our country."

Abdul Jabar Hassan, 48, a Shiite government electricity worker in the southern city of Basra, said the growing U.S. death toll could be the result of poor planning by Bush.





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An Iraq civil war would be felt far beyond its borders, experts say

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — Any all-out civil war in Iraq could shake the political foundations of places beyond that stricken land, sending streams of refugees across Iraqi borders, tempting neighbors to intervene, and renewing the half-buried old conflict of Sunni and Shiite in the Muslim world, Middle East analysts say.

"If it's a war between Sunni and Shiite, this war might be extended from Lebanon to Afghanistan," says Diaa Rashwan, an Egyptian expert on Islamic militancy.

In a series of Associated Press interviews, other regional specialists didn't foresee such falling dominoes – open war between Islam's two branches spreading elsewhere from Iraq. But they believe regional tensions have already sharpened because of the rise of Iraqi Shiites to power under U.S. military occupation.

This "really changes the power structure in the Middle East, not only in Iraq, but in Lebanon and Saudi Arabia," said longtime U.S. Mideast scholar William R. Polk, referring to two other Arab lands with fragile religious divides.

Iraq's new constitution, approved in an Oct. 15 referendum whose results were certified Tuesday, is largely opposed by the Sunni Muslim minority, since it could lead to a virtual breakup of the country into oil-rich Shiite and Kurdish regions in the south and north, and a resource-poor Sunni center.

A permanent government will be elected Dec. 15, inevitably controlled by the Shiite majority. Many fear this will lead to clashes between Sunni and Shiite armed groups, transforming the Sunnis' long-running anti-U.S. insurgency into a civil war.

A key neighbor has voiced urgent concern.

"All the dynamics are pulling the country apart," Saudi Arabia's foreign minister, Prince Saud al-Faisal, said of Iraq. Speaking with Washington reporters on Sept. 22, the Saudi also warned that Iraq's disintegration would "bring other countries in the region into the conflict."

Turkey and Iran top that list. The Turks might be tempted to intervene in Iraq's north to keep its autonomous Kurds from supporting Turkey's own Kurdish separatists. Shiite Iran might act – with arms, intelligence, even "volunteers" – to ensure victory by a friendly Iraqi Shiite leadership in any civil war, analysts say.

"The Turks would be the most worried and have the most capacity" – a strong military – "to do something about it," said Polk.

Persian Iran, sharing a long border and a history of warfare with Arab Iraq, has multiple interests in its neighbor's future, noted W. Andrew Terrill, Mideast specialist at the U.S. Army War College.

The Iranians clearly don't want a return to a hostile Sunni-led Iraq like that of ousted President Saddam Hussein. But Terrill said Tehran also must worry about a Shiite-run government that is too reliant on Washington "that is willing to accept permanent U.S. military bases that may be used to threaten and intimidate the Iranian regime."

Two mostly Sunni neighbors, Syria and Jordan, are largely unable and unlikely to try to influence a civil war next door, analysts say. But both would bear a heavy burden if Iraqi Sunnis were driven to seek refuge across the border, fleeing Balkan-style "ethnic cleansing" a prospect haunting regional officials.

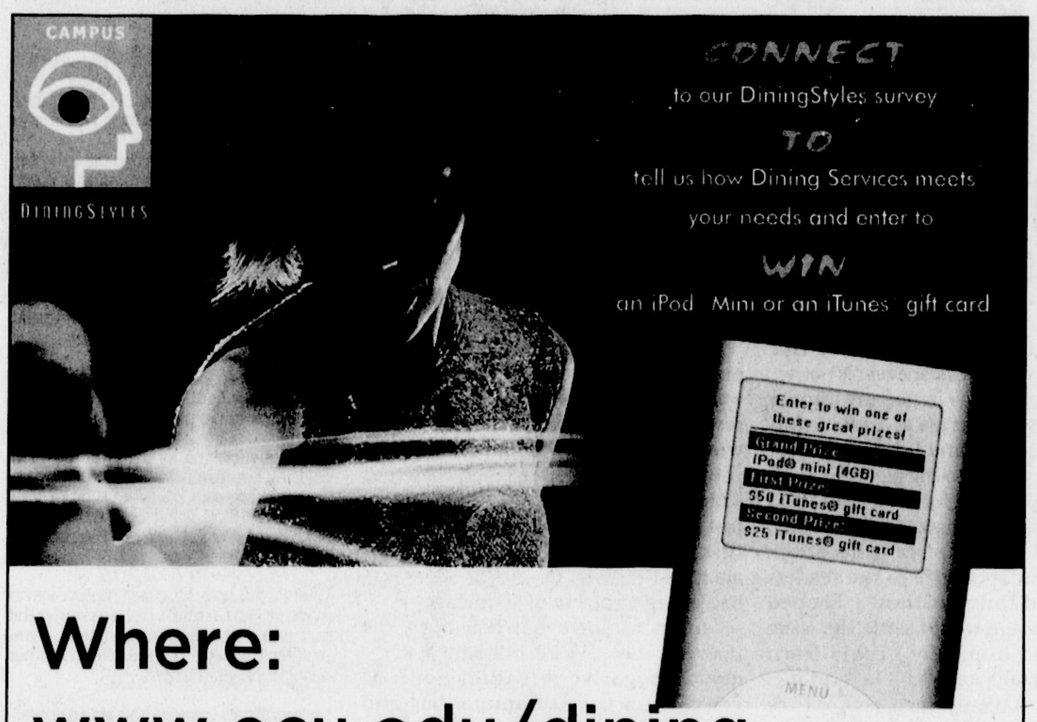
"What's happening in Iraq is already affecting the region. There are a half-million Iraqis in Jordan, a country of 5 1/2 million people," Hasan Abu Nimah, a former Jordanian U.N. ambassador, told the AP. An even greater influx "would put a strain on services and schools and create difficulties of all kinds."

Egyptian analyst Mohamed el-Sayed Said worries about a broader struggle between Islam's two branches – the Sunnis, long dominant in the Arab world, and the schismatic, often oppressed Shiites, historically viewed as "subversives."

"Not in recent memory have we had a civil war between Sunnis and Shiites," noted Said, deputy director of Cairo's Al-Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies. "If we have one in Iraq, it would probably inflame divisions in other countries, particularly Lebanon and Saudi Arabia."

In Lebanon, analysts say, the Shiite party Hezbollah may draw on Iraq's Shiite ascendancy for political and material support in its contest for power with

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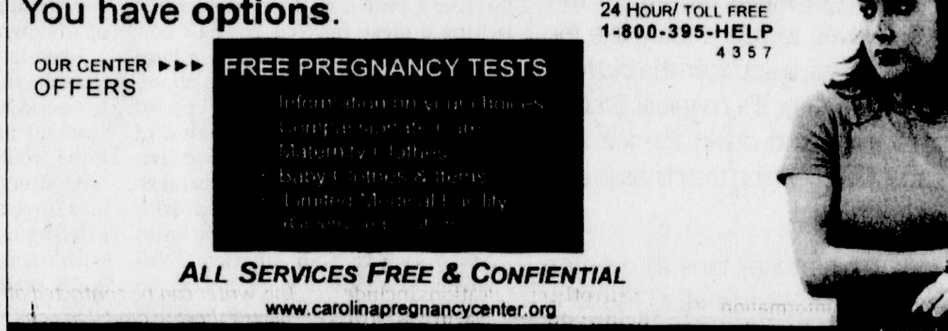
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OPINION

Our View

Hockey back and better than ever

You have to tip your hat to them. As devastating of a blow that it was for the National Hockey League to shut down shop last year and become the first North American Professional sport to ever cancel an entire season due to labor disputes, they have come through in spades as far as marketing the game now that it is alive and kicking again.

The NHL has made many changes in its style of play for the future and it couldn't have come at a better time. This brand of hockey is faster and chock-full of scoring opportunities. Though we don't have an official statistic, the league average of combined goals per night has to be somewhere around the eight or nine mark.

That is an astounding shift from the four to five goal average the NHL had put up in earlier years. Not only is this how hockey should be, it's how it needs to be.

Anyone who loves the game is going to come back to watch it, on television or in the stands, no matter what. However, where the NHL has suffered since it's infancy is in the wider demographic of people who are fringe fans or just beginning to learn about the game.

No one wants to see the New Jersey Devils run the trap to perfection night in and night out, viciously strangling each offense they face, and sneak out with a 2-1, 2-0. 3-1 win. But everyone loves to see a team like the Carolina Hurricanes, a squad in the old NHL that was horrible after it's magical Stanley Cup run, race up and down the ice with reckless abandon, flashing their finesse and put 40 shots on goal.

The latter is what hockey fans all over the world have seen so far this year. The NHL still has a lot of work to do, but the foundation they have provided for their future so far is a solid one. Now they need to concentrate on further down the road and getting their games back on popular networks such as ABC and ESPN rather than OLN and NBC.

For the most part, Pirate Pride is not something that ECU is lacking, but what about giving some support to the Carolina Hurricanes? The NHL has provided a rundown of their rules and regulations for new hockey goers on their Web site nhl.com. There is even a hockey game coming up Friday, October 28 at the RBC Center.

All in all though, congratulations on coming back with a bang Gary Bettman and company, it was worth the wait.



Opinion Columnist

Neil Young is Canadian, not American

Simple message: Negative-reinforcement doesn't work

GARY MCCABE
BITTER BOULEVARD

While I'm fairly new to the Opinion section here, regular readers of *TEC* may or may not recognize my name from the Features section where I've been a writer for over a year now. Last week, while writing a piece on Neil Young's new album "Prairie Wind," I made a huge mistake which I'd like to talk about.

In the opening of my piece, I placed Neil Young in the upper-echelon of American rock stars – only behind Elvis and Bob Dylan in terms of greatness. Only there was one big problem with that opening (besides being hackney) – Neil Young isn't an American. Neil Young is a Canadian.

What's worse than my terrible mistake is the way I learned of it. The day that *TEC* ran the article, I woke up and in the course of my regular morning routine of English Muffins and watching Saved by the Bell reruns, I checked *TEC*'s web site to read whether my opinion column for the week had gotten any feedback yet.

The opinion piece had not received any yet but while scrolling down the main page, I noticed something odd: my Neil Young review had already received four pieces of feedback. I rarely get feedback from readers on my Features articles so when I saw that, I just sat there and thought to myself, "This cannot be good." And it wasn't.

Four separate responses, one overwhelming message: "Neil Young is Canadian – and Gary McCabe is an idiot." My heart sank. I couldn't believe that I had made such a careless error – made all the worse because I knew that Neil Young is from Canada – and in my haste to differentiate him from the vastly superior British stars like John Lennon and Eric Clapton (where he wouldn't even crack the top 20 on the list of best) – I turned him into an American.

Don't get me wrong – I'm not making an excuse whatsoever. Whether *TEC* is a college paper or not, my job as a staff writer is to provide accurate information at all times and I clearly did not do that on the Neil Young piece. There is absolutely no excuse for what I did and I wholeheartedly apologize for it. Quickly, I responded with a piece of feedback of my own to apologize to the readers

Red-faced and embarrassed, I hoped that the message would settle the issue for good and hopefully I could learn from my mistake and put it behind me. But I would have no such luck. Three days after the incident, I checked again and three more messages had been left, offering nothing new – just piling on with the fact that I messed up.

Actually, I was fine with it too. I deserve it, I told myself. But then I received an email that completely set me off. It was from somebody named Curt Hooper. "I'm surprised you didn't mention that Jimi Hendrix wrote "Like a Rolling Stone,'" the email stated. "What were you smoking when you wrote that Neil Young review? Can I have some?"

First of all, Bob Dylan wrote "Like a Rolling Stone" – I even double-checked. Second, was this really necessary? I had already apologized and related how bad I felt about it. And this guy feels like it wasn't enough – that he felt it necessary to pour salt on the wounds with his smug, sarcastic letter.

I tried to be rational about it. I tried to tell myself that I deserved to be heckled – but I couldn't. Something is wrong with our society. I began thinking of the countless other articles that I have written in the past – articles where I really took my time to make sure they were as perfect as possible.

In those articles, many of which I'm pretty proud of, I rarely get a message from readers saying something positive. Nobody ever gives me feedback saying, "Hey, that was interesting" or "I enjoyed the article."

But the one time I make a careless mistake – the first time – people can't wait to jump on my back. They couldn't respond fast enough. I don't know what it is about our nature. Maybe people only feel better when they tear somebody apart. Maybe these readers just didn't think I would notice the first three posts and decided to reiterate it just-in-case. Or maybe we're just becoming a society of scumbags.

I don't know what it is but I see it every day. We've become a society of negative-reinforcement. If you're on a busy commuter bus and you give up your seat to a young lady, you rarely hear a 'thank you.'

But if you don't offer it, she stares at you like she just recognized you from "America's Most Wanted" or says "gee, what a gentleman." I know because I've heard it happen.

Nobody appreciates the people who work in ECU's dining halls – the people working hard to prepare enough food for thousands of people a day.

But the minute somebody has to wait in line an extra minute or two for their burger, it's always "Why don't they do their job?"

I've got very simple advice, let's just try and be better people. Let's try to be more positive and understanding. Negative-reinforcement does not work. All it does is make somebody feel inferior and apathetic toward what they do.

However, I want you to disregard that advice when it comes to my work for *TEC*. I'm young and I'm still trying to learn and unfortunately mistakes happen. If or when I do screw up, I want you to pounce on me. I know by writing this that I'm opening myself up to it anyway so I'll just learn how to deal with it. And don't placate me by writing nice things about my articles either ... I'm just kidding.

Pirate Rant

Under Armor...UNDER is the key word. Wearing a tight shirt does not make you look bigger. It just draws attention to the hard nipples on your bird chest.

I love it when I see a smoker wearing a "Live Strong" and "Breast Cancer" wristbands.

I hate it when people put baby pictures on Facebook. We get it, you were cute... ONCE!

Dear guys wearing sweaters, We aren't cool anymore. Please stop sweating our style. Sincerely, The Backstreet Boys.

Fall break wasn't long enough.

I'm tired of hearing people complain about how our troops shouldn't be overseas. Did you forget why they were over there?

I've had no problems with any of the workers at the 360. Sandra, Shameeka and Selena are all very nice. But then again, I am nice to them. If they are "rude to your face," maybe it's you and not them.

I played racquetball once too and found 40 bucks! It must be a good luck sport.

Hello! Girls don't flush toilets because they're made of sugar and spice and everything nice.

Why do guys tell a girl they feel a certain way, then a few hours later ask that same girl for advice on how to pick up her friend?

Tony Mckee: Can you surprise me and do research for once?

To the person who wrote the pro-libertarian article in *TEC*, it's nice to know someone else understands that there were other people to vote for besides Bush and Kerry.

Yes, there are still loyal girls on campus. There are girls who don't constantly party. It's just that most guys are too blinded by the skinny bimbos with blonde hair and big sunglasses to see the real girls around them.

Why don't they just give up on Fluid Dynamics 101 and turn Wright Fountain into a parking lot. However small it would be, it would still prove more useful.

The point of school spirit is to wear purple and gold not light or navy blue; or other college colors. Go pirates!!

To the guy looking for the loyal girls: I'm guessing you can't find any because you keep looking into the same type of girls every time. Stop being so shallow. We're not hiding. You just aren't looking at what is right in front of you.

To the ONE nice Aramark employee who works at The Croatan's cash register in the morning -- she knows who she is – you brighten my day, and the days of the other people who go in there!

My roommate is messy, how about yours?

What is really happening with all that Hurricane Katrina money?

I would really appreciate it if some of those girls in Clement would just go to bed and stop walking around because they are heavy-footed!

To the kid in my marketing class wearing the Cubs hat, you are not as smart as you think.

To the guy playing the guitar in his room: You play great and I wish I could have heard more.

How can you tell who really is a college student on campus?

Why are there six T.V.s tuned to five different channels in the T.V. room? And I could not hear any of them well enough to tell what was going on.

Don't let the media board automate WZMB. Save our college radio!

I didn't choose to have children you did and I should not be made to suffer because of that. I shouldn't be forced to put up with your kids in the library, store or restaurants. Yes, it is your right to have them but it's my right to not have to put up with them.

Whoever keeps writing me parking tickets is an agent of the devil I swear! I cast thee out demon! Now go away!

Last time I checked it was the middle of October so why every time I got to class in the Science and Tech building do I have to dress for below zero temperatures??

Third time is the charm? How about let's get it right for once, Terry Holland needs to go!!

Is it really that difficult to say those two little words..."Thank You" when someone takes time out of their busy/non busy schedule to hold the door open for you? You are such inconsiderate people. You'd think I was rude if I let it shut in your face wouldn't you?

To the guy wondering where the nice, genuinely wholesome females are "hiding," definitely not in the clubs.

To the girls that still think it's still summer; maybe the weather channel can help you out because you look like you're freezing with just a tank top and a pair of booty shorts.

We need more love in the world! Because some people just don't know how to smile.

To the girl on the sidewalk who passed in front of me; if you're going to walk ahead of me try and at least walk more than two miles an hour.

To the folks at West end Dining hall; I know it is hard to get up in the morning but when you are serving us breakfast you could at least fake a smile instead of moving slow like you hate your job.

Not all girls on the third floor are snobby. I promise!

Make sure you register for spring classes or you will be stuck in the fall.

To the guy that was walking around the all girls dorm by yourself, you got away with it this time – but next time you won't be so lucky.

Even if a girl doesn't meet your "hot" standards, give her a chance, she could be the best thing that has ever happened to you.

Is it me or is Flanagan colder than every other building?

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In My Opinion

Lieberman dons Gore's green eco-policies

(KRT) WASHINGTON- When Al Gore picked Joe Lieberman as his running mate in the 2000 election, the mild-mannered Connecticut senator was hailed by media pundits as someone who would help moderate Gore's extreme environmental views.

Yet Lieberman spent much of his time on the campaign trail nodding in agreement as Gore attacked SUV's and the middle-class Americans who drive them as despoilers of nature.

Now, Washington insiders say Lieberman is gearing up to replace Gore as the green's champion in the 2008 race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

The Yale law school graduate made his first move in early October with a speech to students and faculty at Georgetown University that his office touted as "a major address on energy independence."

The speech, which was greeted by thunderous applause, evoked memories of Jimmy Carter's failed "command-and-control" energy policies of the late 1970s when American motorists were forced to queue up in long lines at filling station pumps because of government-induced gasoline shortages.

"The era of big oil is over," the 62-year-old senator declared. "I fear that we are literally watching the slow but steady erosion of America's power and independence as a nation ... we're burning it up in our engines and spewing it from our tailpipes because of our absolute dependence on oil to fuel our cars and trucks."

Lieberman's dream is to cut the fossil fuel consumption of America's motor vehicles in half over the next two decades by having the federal government subvert the free market with a series of "do it or else" legislative mandates. They include:

Enforcing a requirement that 50 percent of all domestic and foreign auto sold in the U.S. are either hybrid or use alternative fuels within two decades time.

A program that provides federal subsidies to ensure "an adequate number" of alternative fuel service stations across the nation. A requirement that toughens fuel-efficiency standards for trucks.

Federal subsidies to domestic auto makers for retooling manufacturing facilities for alternative fuel cars and trucks.

While Lieberman complains the world is running out of oil and the U.S. has barely enough refining capacity to meet today's demand, it should be noted that he and his liberal brethren in the Senate have staunchly opposed virtually every effort to tap into America's vast, but dormant natural gas and oil reserves.

One of the reasons so much of the nation's oil and gas production and major refineries are located in the hurricane-battered Gulf Coast region is that northeastern "greenies" like Lieberman have refused to allow offshore drilling in the Atlantic and Pacific. Not to mention, the Alaskan National Wildlife Refuge, a small, barren area that contains enough oil to wean us from Saudi Arabia's reserves for the next century.

Lieberman also has been a staunch backer of the Kyoto Accord, an antiquated treaty that would force a one-third reduction in U.S. energy use and plunge America into a deep and long-lasting recession.

The hard reality is that there really are no good energy substitutes for such fossil fuels as oil, natural gas and coal and Lieberman knows it.

He also knows that huge leaps forward in technology over the past decade allow us to tap long-known and long-hidden reserves in a cost-efficient and environmentally friendly manner.

Lieberman's attacks on Big Oil would be laughable, if it were not for the fact that millions of poor New Englanders will have difficulty affording home heating oil this winter because of the misguided energy policies he supports.

Anyone who genuinely believes government bureaucrats are capable of running the oil and gas industry more effectively than private entrepreneurs ought to be forced to rely exclusively on the U.S. Postal Service for their communication needs and Amtrak for their transportation requirements.

No one ever accused Lieberman of being a naif – after his energy keynoter at Georgetown University, however, he opened himself to the charge of being just another demagogic politician. Just what we don't need in the White House come 2009.

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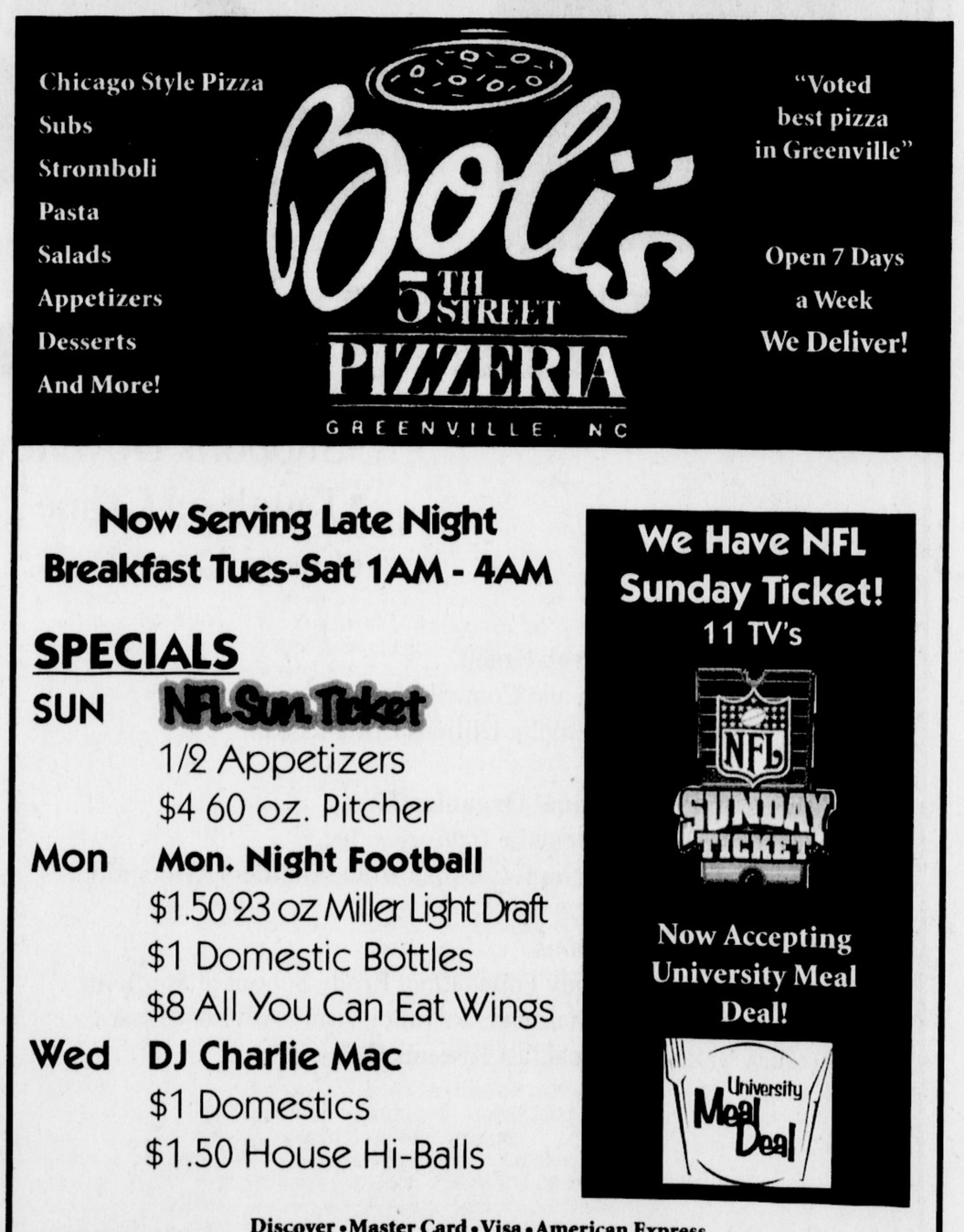
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Pine *from page A1*

able to re-establish themselves.

Prescribed fires maintain the forests' proper appearance and health.

These systems are characterized by an open, park-like look with a single species – longleaf pine – dominating the over-story, Beck said. There's barely any mid-story, but the ground cover is very diverse.

Many of the ground cover plants and shrubs rely on flames to thrive.

Without fire, mid-story species such as scrub oak will quickly obscure the lower-growing grasses, herbs and flowers from the sunshine they need.

"Sunlight hitting the ground makes the longleaf forest plant diversity possible," Beck said.

Fire is also good for plants for several other reasons.

Wire grass, for instance, requires fire to flower and release its seeds. Autumn gentian, whose startling blue flowers unfurl this time of year, is similarly dependent on a healthy longleaf system.

The pine tree itself is no different – its seeds need fire just as much.

After an area has been burned, the forest floor has more clear space and bare soil for seeds to germinate in, Beck said.

The vegetation and debris that has been scorched and left behind as ash is also important.

Fire is part of the nutrient cycle, he said, because the ash acts as a sort of fertilizer for remaining plants.

And when plants and trees flourish, so do the animals.

Red-cockaded woodpeckers nest in older longleaf pines. The birds also get the majority of their food from the trees in which they live.

"The pines, that's where the woodpeckers get all their ants, spiders, grubs" and other meals, Beck said.

Red-cockaded woodpeckers, and roughly 16 other longleaf forest dwellers, are listed as federal species of concern.

The fox squirrel, northern pine snake, southern hognose snake and pine barrens treefrog all seem to be suffering the same fate as their forest home.

"As federal species of concern, they aren't listed as threatened or endangered, but this is because we don't know enough about them," Campbell said.

"There are projects under way to learn about these animals," he continued, "but our concern is that if we take too long to see what they require, their habitat will be gone."

This is why the NC Sandhills Conservation Partnership is working to protect the entire longleaf ecosystem, rather than just what one or two animals need.

"Our goal is to be proactive so that these species won't be listed" as threatened or endangered in the future, Campbell said

Reserve *from page A1*

Greenspan's policies. Bernanke certainly seems to have the esteem of Bush.

"Ben has done path-breaking work in the field of monetary policy, taught advanced economics at some of our top universities and served with distinction on the Fed's board of governors," said Bush. "He has earned a reputation for intellectual rigor and integrity. He commands deep respect in the global financial community."

Bernanke's appointment seems to have inspired investors as well, pushing the Dow Jones Industrial average to its best one-day gain in nearly six months. That is significant as some economists have questioned whether or not Bernanke's lack of corporate and Wall Street experience would be an issue or not. Clearly, those concerns seem to have abated.

Some Senate Democrats have concerns about Bernanke.

"It will be important that Mr. Bernanke demonstrate that he is committed to guiding the economy to produce results for all Americans rather than promoting partisan policies that benefit special interests and an elite few," said Harry Reid, Senate Minority leader.

"Bernanke has first-rate academic qualifications, but we need to have a thorough hearing on him to explore a number of issues including his ability to render independent judgments," said Senator Paul Sarbanes.

Despite concerns about Bernanke's corporate experience and perceived lack of independence from Greenspan and the Bush administration, he is expected to be confirmed by the Senate around Thanksgiving and to begin his term in February.

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Republican budget plan also includes spending boosts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Like fussy children, lawmakers on Capitol Hill sometimes need a spoonful of sugar to help the medicine go down. This budget season, the medicine is a $39 billion-plus deficit-reduction bill. The sweetener? Lots of new spending to go along with the budget cuts.

Republicans are touting the upcoming budget bill as the first effort to cut federal benefit programs in eight years. But there's no shortage of grumbling from fiscal conservatives over the new spending padded into the Senate version of the budget heading to the Senate floor next week.

The nation's doctors would get an $11 billion reprieve next year from a scheduled cut in their Medicare payments. Dairy farmers won a $1 billion extension of milk income payments. College students would get more than $8 billion in new grants, and more disabled children would retain Medicaid health coverage.

Then there's $3 billion to help people watch TV. That money will subsidize television converter boxes for an upcoming changeover to digital broadcasts.

The flood of new spending programs is made possible by congressional budget rules that permit deficit-cutting legislation to carry new spending so long as it's paid for with new receipts or spending cuts elsewhere.

Fiscal conservatives are less than thrilled. They're pushing to limit spending add-ons so Congress will be able to make net spending cuts that exceed those called for under the budget plan passed earlier this year. The spate of new spending makes that a lot more difficult.

"My concern with the current (bill) is that it's going to be packed with more goodies that are going to chip away at the effectiveness of it," said Stephen Slivinski, director of budget studies for the conservative CATO Institute.

All told, Senate committees would add more than $30 billion in new spending, offset by cuts elsewhere and some new revenues. House GOP leaders vow to limit the amount of new spending in an attempt to cut spending by $50 billion. Still, the House version of the budget plan will include at least some new spending, though not as much as the Senate.

The Senate measure is designed to save $35 billion, but the Congressional Budget Office calculates it would actually reduce net spending by $39 billion. Some of the unexpected bonus may be claimed for Katrina relief.

Senate conservatives such as John Ensign, R-Nev., vow to knock some spending out of the bill during floor debate next week.

For many lawmakers, though, the spending add-ons are critical to winning their votes. In the Senate Agriculture Committee, for example, extending the Milk Income Loss Contract program helped secure the vote of Rick Santorum, R-Pa., for the overall package of farm cuts. The MILC program pays farmers when milk prices are low and its benefits are especially popular in states with smaller dairy herds, like Pennsylvania.

"Some of those spending items are in there, quite frankly, to grease the skids for other stuff," said G. William Hoagland, top budget aide to Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn. "If you start taking pieces out, you will jeopardize the final vote."

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, confronted a similar dynamic assembling measure with $10 billion in net cuts to Medicaid and Medicare, the federal health care programs for the poor and elderly. That bill includes $16 billion in spending add-ons, financed by $26 billion in spending curbs.

The new programs in Grassley's plan, approved by Finance on Tuesday, include modest temporary Medicaid coverage for hurricane victims and a new $800 million plan to help parents with severely disabled children retain Medicaid coverage. Grassley told reporters he could have saved taxpayers more money if he'd assembled the package with ranking Finance Democrat Max Baucus of Montana.

"My (Republican) colleagues are not brave enough," Grassley said.

The broader budget bill is also partially financed by some easy-to-swallow provisions such as $10 billion to be raised through government auctions of the air-

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waves. That's about as close to free money as it gets in Washington.

But only half of the $10 billion in television spectrum sales would help trim the deficit under a spending-heavy plan by Commerce Committee Chairman Ted Stevens, R-Alaska. In addition to $3 billion for digital converter boxes, $1 billion would go to state and local governments for improved communications equipment for first responders, while $500 million would upgrade 911 emergency call centers and fund national alert and tsunami warning centers.

There's a little sleight of hand in there as well. About $3 billion in projected savings from a new Medicare "pay for performance" initiative for hospitals is illusory. Lawmakers claim $4.5 billion in savings from the plan, which withholds a small portion of hospital Medicare payments and rewards better performing hospitals later on.

But most of that is phantom savings generated by simply shuffling money between fiscal years. Still, it's used to offset real spending increases.

"Two-thirds of that ($4.5 billion) ... is totally bogus," said Sue Nelson, a former aide to Senate Budget Committee Democrats. "It's a payment shift."

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Lebanese Christian and Sunni factions. Said doesn't expect a new Lebanese civil war, but sees the "trust and amity" between Lebanese Shiites and Sunnis seriously undermined if their coreligionists fall into full-scale war in Iraq.

To Iraq's south, Saudi Arabia's relatively small, downtrodden Shiite minority is unlikely to take up arms against the Sunni fundamentalist monarchy, say Said and others. Instead, they fear that Sunni extremists, returning home to Saudi Arabia from a losing battle in Iraq, will seek revenge through terror attacks on Saudi Shiites.

Rashwan, also of the Al-Ahram center, said similar sectarian violence could break out in Bahrain and other Gulf states with significant Shiite populations.

Militants wouldn't need to flock to Iraq to wage their version of holy war, Rashwan said. "The Shiite-Sunni divide exists in your own country. You can create your own battlefield."

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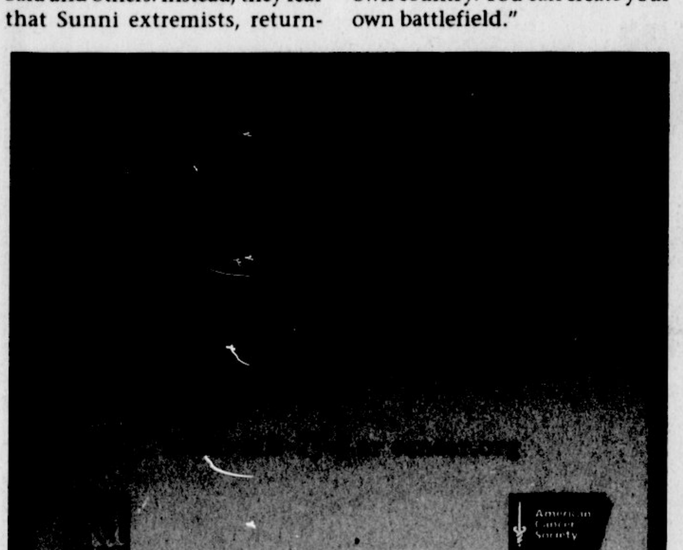
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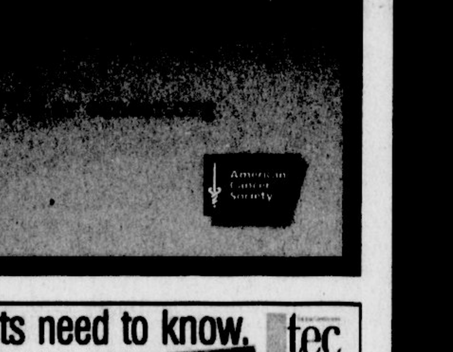
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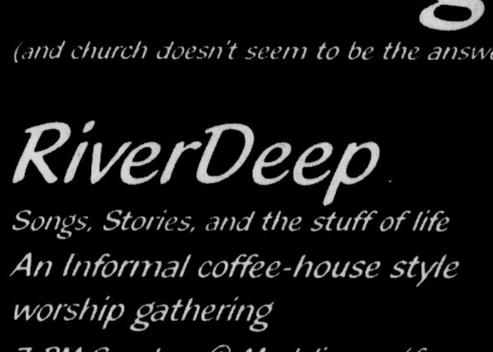
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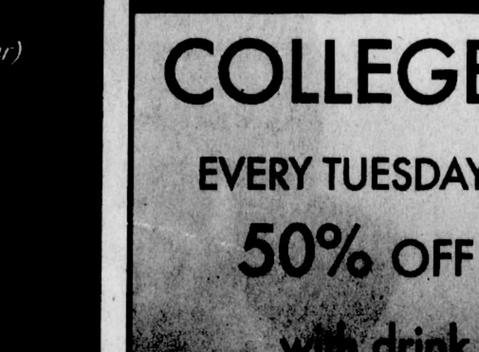
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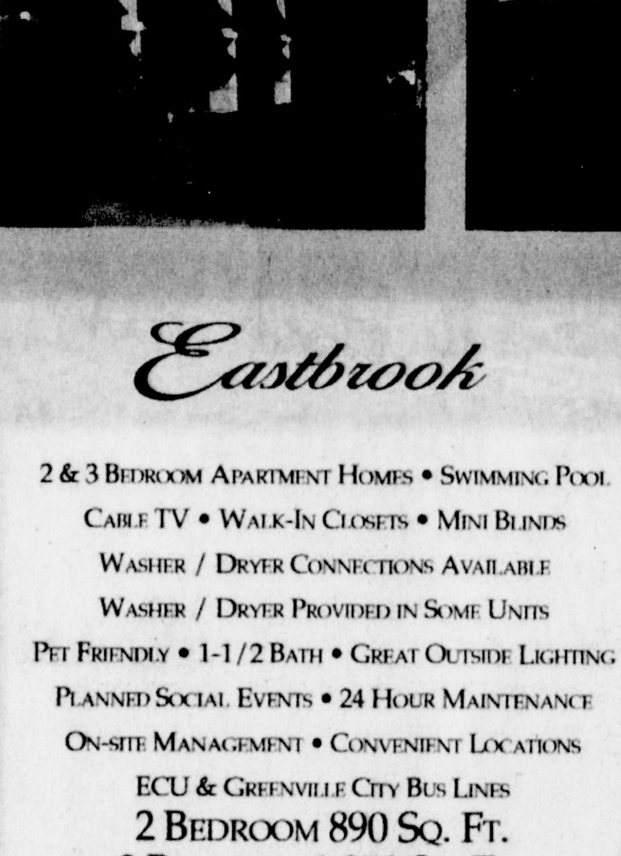
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Recipes:

Yummy Mummy

Parchment paper
1 cup ricotta, drained
1 cup grated Parmigiano-Reggiano, a couple of handfuls
1/2 pound fresh mozzarella, small dice
A handful of chopped flat-leaf parsley, a couple of tablespoons
1 egg yolk, beaten
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
Few grinds black pepper
1 teaspoon Essence, recipe follows
1/2 pound thinly sliced prosciutto, about 10 slices
6 sheets phyllo dough, from frozen foods aisle of your market
1/2 stick melted butter
Black olives, for eyes
Red and green bell peppers, to cut into Egyptian shapes to decorate the mummy
Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.
Place parchment paper on baking sheet.
Mix together cheeses, parsley, egg yolk, garlic, pepper and Essence.
Lay out the prosciutto on a flat surface so it overlaps slightly. It should create a surface that is about 12 to 13 inches long.
Place the cheese mixture in the center of the prosciutto and roughly shape into a mummy form.
Wrap the prosciutto around the cheese mixture sealing it in completely and reshape the mixture to look like a mummy with a rounded head and the body tapering at the bottom.
Place a sheet of phyllo on a work surface, brush with melted butter, repeat with two more sheets, placing them on top of one another. Do not brush top sheet with butter.
Lay the prosciutto wrapped cheese in the center of the phyllo and wrap the phyllo around the "mummy."
Butter the outside of the phyllo and then reshape into the mummy shape.
Place one of the remaining sheets of phyllo on the parchment lined baking sheet, brush with melted butter, repeat with the remaining two sheets, placing them on top of one another.
Carefully slice the phyllo into 1/2-inch wide strips horizontally. Lay the wrapped mummy in the center of the sliced strips and wrap the sliced pieces around the mummy so it looks like bandages. Gently brush the top with butter.
Bake for 20 minutes or until golden brown on the outside.
When the mummy is just a few minutes from coming out of the oven, place drained roasted red peppers, basil leaves and garlic in the food processor and pulse grind into a pepper puree. Transfer to a small serving bowl. Decorate the mummy with black olives and pepper shapes and transfer him to his "coffin" with two wide, long, offset spatulas.
Serve with red pepper puree.

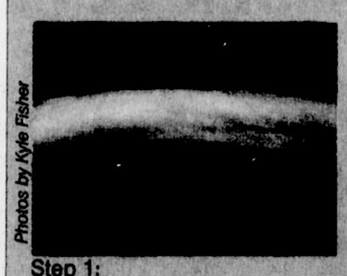
Vampire Blood Drinks

1 gallon cranberry juice
1 gallon orange juice
1 cup raspberry sorbet
1 quart seltzer
Body Part Ice Cubes, recipe follows
Mix the juices together. Add the sorbet, softened, and stir until it disappears. Add the seltzer.
Before serving, chill with the Body Part Cubes and hands.
Pour into glasses and stir with glow stick swizzle sticks.

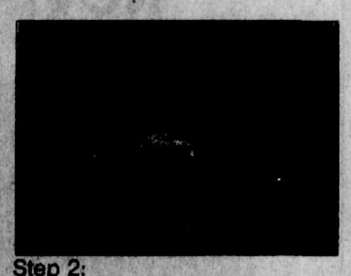
Body Part Ice Cubes:
12 cups cold water
2 to 3 drops green food coloring
Special Equipment:
1 roll packing tape
1 roll plastic wrap
2 plastic gloves
1 plastic Halloween face mask
Color the cold water with green food coloring to make it stand out against the background of the punch.
Use packing tape to seal of the eyes, nose and mouth openings of the mask. Line the inside of mask with plastic wrap to prevent leaking. Place it in a bowl that will hold the mask as still as possible while freezing. Fill with the colored water up to the line of the mask, making sure not to spill over if possible. Place bowl in freezer to solidify, at least 24 hours.
Fill two gloves with colored water and twist and knot opening closed to make a tight seal. Freeze gloves for 12 to 24 hours.
When frozen, cut plastic gloves off. Take ice out of mask, putting hot water on the outside of the mask, if necessary, to help it come out easily.

HALLOWEEN HOW-TO: FACE PAINT

Photos by Kyle Fisher



Step 1:
Roll half a piece of cotton into a 2 inch long strip. This strip will be used to make the outline of the bullet hole. Also gather all of your supplies:
-Cotton balls, Q-Tips
-Living Nightmare Fake Skin
-Liquid Latex
-Metron Red and Metron Blue
-Cinema Secrets Blood Gel



Step 2:
Dip the string of cotton into Living Nightmare Fake Skin and connect the ends of the cotton. Cover the ring in latex a second time and let dry. After drying poke the middle out of the ring. This will create a hole-in-the-head look that will eventually look like a bullet hole with skull fragments showing through.



Step 3:
Attach the ring to the skin of the victim and cover with liquid latex. Allow this layer to dry and then cover the ring again to be totally sure that it will stay on all night, through movement, sweat and people wanting to touch your face all night. The white color inside the ring should remain visible after this step is complete.



Step 4:
Apply Metron Red and Metron Blue cream makeup to the ring and surrounding area with a small make-up sponge with a patting technique. Any mixture of these colors will make a rich bruising color. Keep the darker colors more on the ring because this is where the actual trauma to skin and bone occur.



Step 5:
Have the victim lay their head back and fill the middle with Cinema Secrets Blood Gel. Wait and let dry then add one trickle of blood with a Q-Tip. Adding the Cream Metron Colors around the eyes and lip will add bruising. Putting cotton under the victim's lip and bruising adds a fat lip look.

ECU's finest Halloween costumes



It's all about being creative

TOMEKA STEELE
SENIOR WRITER

It's that special time of year again. The most celebrated holiday at ECU is right around the corner. Many students are already gearing up to parade the streets of downtown Greenville along with hundreds of students from other universities. One thing ECU is known for is the outrageous Halloween celebration downtown and the cool original costumes students make.

"Last Halloween I was a butterfly. I love butterflies. I wore all black and bought the wings from a Halloween store and I made the antennas myself," said senior psychology major Amber Jones.

In the past years some of the popular costumes were pimps and hoes, playboy bunnies, french maids, Superman, Batman, Cat Woman, ghosts, witches, vampires and schoolgirls. These costumes are traditional and hopefully students will get more creative this year. This Halloween it's all about being original. Picking a costume that screams "I have arrived" is what's going to set one apart from the thousands of other students that will be packing the streets of Greenville.

The best way to achieve this is to go with something non-traditional. Making your own costume is a great way to go when low on cash. Some of the more creative costumes come out of television shows or popular movies. The best costumes have been well thought out and homemade and most grab ones attention by being just plain funny.

Last year, one student made a costume that looked like a lemonade stand, with the title "One Night" at the top, making himself a one-night stand.

For those who have money, Greenville has a ton of places to find inspiration and costumes. Halloween Express across from Colonial Mall has a great selection of costumes for people of all ages and costume accessories such as canes, beards, teeth and capes. Spirit Halloween Store on Red Banks Road is also another neat place to get costumes and costume ideas.

These stores will probably see much of the ECU students business during Halloween so chances are if you shop at those places you will be likely wearing the same costume as forty or more other people. Wal-Mart also has costumes and accessories that are 40 percent off and K-Mart has 50 percent off of their entire Halloween inventory for those who are short on cash.

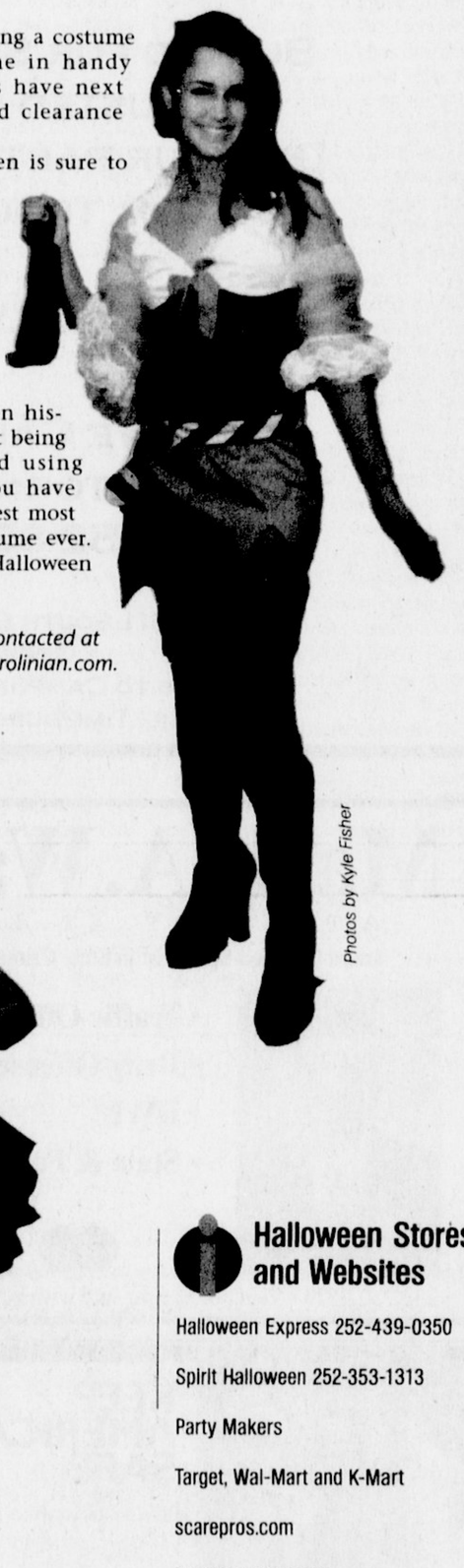
Some of the popular costumes last year that were creative and original were the rapper Little John and his infamous pimp cup, "The Chappelle Show's" respected crack head Tyrone, Sponge Bob and a group of sexy school teachers. All of these costumes were homemade and thoughtfully witty.

Another place to get unique costumes is online. The Internet is a great source when trying to locate the perfect Halloween costume or accessory. Adult costume sites offer a variety of Halloween gear ranging from angels and fairies to witches and wizards. For those last minute costume ideas ordering a costume online can come in handy since most sites have next day delivery and clearance sections.

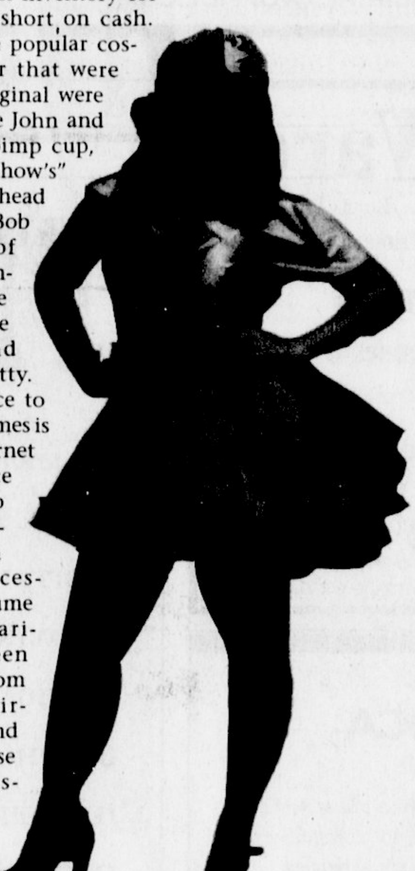
This Halloween is sure to be filled with excitement, fun and creative costumes. Make sure to make your own statement with a one of a kind costume that will go down in ECU Halloween history. It's all about being imaginative and using the resources you have to make the hottest most talked about costume ever.

Models from Halloween Express.

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MEREDITH STEWART
SENIOR WRITER

Halloween is just around the corner. While some students have been planning their costumes, activities and decorations for months, *TEC* is going to give you a crash course right before the big event. Many think the costume is the most essential element and not enough attention is paid to the all-important decorations.

If you choose to have all your friends' party at your house, be sure to have all the necessities, but also keep the Halloween spirit with fun and spooky decorations. Since we are college students, little effort, low cost and creativity are essential.

"Even though it takes time, I always carve a pumpkin every Halloween. Each year I create a different face or character," said sophomore English major Ashley Williams.

Simply draping a white sheet or pillowcase over a balloon and tying below the head can make large hanging ghosts that will sway in the breeze. Small ones for indoors can be made from smaller balloons (such as water balloons) and white paper napkins.

Creepy looking headstones can be created from painted cardboard or wood. You can always go to Wal-Mart, Target or the Dollar Tree to buy a spider web and spread it across a window or in a door way.

Scarecrows to decorate the party room or porch can be put together by stuffing old clothes with rags or rolled up newspapers tied at the elbow and knee

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Photo by Kyle Fisher

Local stores, such as Halloween Express, have an assortment of ready-to-go Halloween decorations for students to buy.

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Photo by Kyle Fisher

Halloween Express decorations

to look jointed. Faces can be made simply by decorating a balloon.

Any old Ghostbuster toys can be used to decorate around the snack table or beer pong table and don't forget the candy bowl. A big bowl with black or orange tissue paper will work just fine.

If you have bushes around your house you can create all kinds of different characters to spook any of your guests and the possible trick-or-treater. All you need are some disposable tablecloths of any color and some black paint. Lay the sheet flat and on the bottom half of the bush to create a face. Then simply drape the sheet over a bush and use clothes pins to tie the back of it, so it fits snug around the bush. Decorate the 'faces' any way you want and you end up with some inexpensive scary looking greenery.

To make bats that you can hang from your ceiling or in any doorway, use scissors, a black marker and an egg carton. Just separate three cups from an egg carton, cut out part of the bottoms of the two outside cups to resemble bat wings, draw on eyes and mouth, then hang with from a string or rubber band.

"I love to decorate everything and make it look festive, not only for Halloween, but for every holiday. Decorating everything is just as fun as picking out the perfect costume," said freshman biology major Alina Panchuk.

If you are not feeling creative, you can always visit one of the many stores in Greenville that have Halloween decorations. Many stores are having sales on their decorations to clear room for the winter holiday items. Students can take advantage of these sales at stores such as Wal-Mart, Target, K-Mart and even some of the specialty shops such as Halloween Express and Spirit Halloween.

People love Halloween and it is easy to understand why: it allows people to show their creativity in a variety of ways. Many create their own costumes, decorate their places and let their imaginations run wild. Be safe and responsible this Halloween, but be sure to have plenty of safe fun because these are the best and most memorable years of your life.

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Pirate Radio: Voices of the Pirate Nation

How these two ECU graduates made it big

EMILY JORDAN
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Pirate Radio 1250 and 930AM are Greenville's number one talk stations for ECU sports. Sports talk shows are listed throughout the week, but on Saturday's Pirate Radio hosts "The Best ECU Coverage." And Pirate Radio is the only talk station in Greenville to cover local high school football. Local and national news programs are also aired every day of the week.

Pirate Radio has two towers, one for each station. The towers for Pirate Radio 1250 are located in Farmville, NC, and Pirate Radio 930 towers are located in Washington, NC. Pirate Radio 1250 covers a broader area, ranging from Greenville and surrounding areas to more western locations such as Wilson and Rocky Mount, while Pirate Radio 930 reaches regions east of Greenville toward the coastal areas.

Neither station broadcasts the same national news shows. For example, from noon - 3 p.m. listeners can hear Tony Rome on Pirate Radio 1250, or on Pirate Radio 930 listeners can tune into Rush Limbaugh. However shows like *Live @ 5, Primetime with the Packman*, local program and *ESPN Radio* are all simulcast on both stations.

The most popular shows on Pirate Radio are *Live @ 5 with Troy Dreyfus and Jonathan Ellerbe, Primetime with Packman* and ECU game day pre and post game shows. Co-owner Troy Dreyfus explains that what you listen to "just depends on your taste ... some may like sports, while some may want to hear the news."

Pirate Radio tries to appeal to everyone. Many, if not most, of the devout Pirate Radio listeners are ECU students and fans, though Dreyfus says that, "our [Pirate Radio] primary listeners are those that have ears."

Dreyfus explains that Pirate Radio means to focus on what is local. And while ECU sports are a major part the events in eastern North Carolina, local high school sports get the attention they deserve Friday nights from 7-10 p.m. And to appeal to a broader range of tastes, Pirate Radio also covers national sports, such as the NFL on Sunday and Monday nights.

Pirate Radio has two full-time radio hosts, co-owners of the Pirate Media Group, LLC, Troy Dreyfus and Jonathan Ellerbe. Many of the stations' part-time hosts are familiar T.V. faces around Greenville, such as Billy Weaver, Dan Ebherhard and Brian Bailey. And several of Pirate Radio's hosts are ECU graduates, which brings the little station closer to home. The Pirate Radio team consists of about 15 people, who are all committed to ECU sports and, of course, to the fans.

Troy Dreyfus and Jonathan Ellerbe are obviously diehard ECU fans. They attend and provide on-air coverage of all the ECU home games. While they may not attend every single away game, a Pirate Radio affiliate will definitely be there to get the inside scoop.

Dreyfus and Ellerbe are both ECU graduates with degrees in Communication. They each have worked for other radio stations, but they decided they could do even better. The two have worked long and hard hours to bring Pirate Radio to the top. Pirate Radio is now a lucrative part of the community. Dreyfus explains that he handles everything from marketing, sales, tech management, on-air hosting, to changing the roll of paper towels – whatever needs to be done, it gets done.

The advice that Dreyfus gives to students who are looking for a career in radio is to get involved now, while in college. Students should check out our campus radio station, WZMB, they should be persistent and not be afraid to start at the bottom. Talent, motivation and personality are what radio stations want in their employees. "Just remember that there are a hundred other people just like you, what are you doing to separate yourself," Dreyfus added.

Dreyfus and Ellerbe certainly have separated themselves from the pack. Founded in 2003, Pirate Radio has not stopped growing since. Every Pirate Radio employee is committed to ECU and to the community. But it is the fans that make Pirate Radio possible. To get their sports and news lineup, check out their Web site at pirateradio1250.com. Pirate Radio is located on Evans Street behind the U.B.E.

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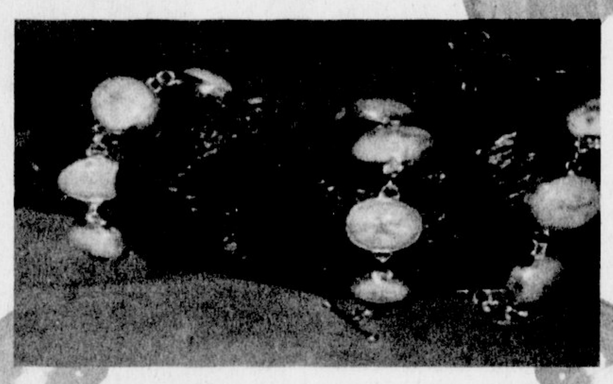


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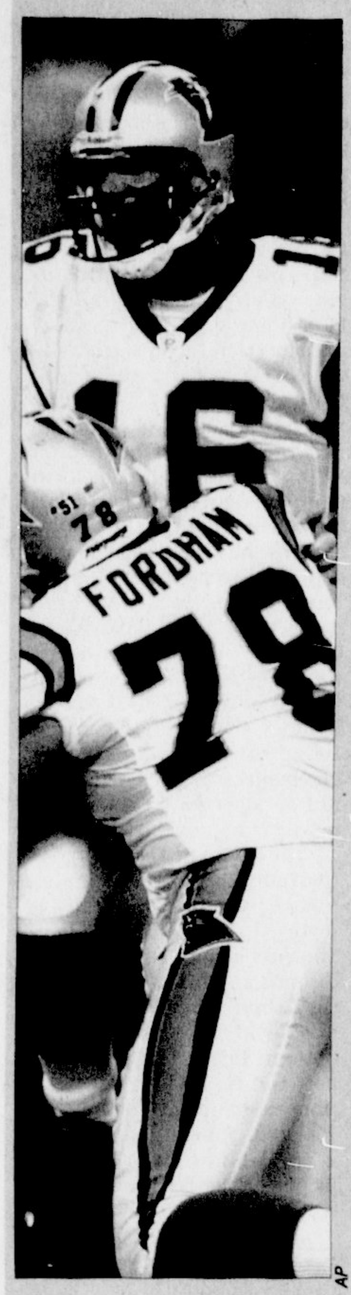
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TEC Top 10: Week 5



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Georgia rolled over Arkansas in their most recent game.

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Longhorns take BCS lead from mighty Trojans

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The BCS polls are now out and surprisingly, defending champion USC is not on the top of the list as Texas has garnered top honors by the slimmest of margins. Virginia Tech sits at No. 3 with Georgia, Alabama and UCLA rounding out the unbeaten.

Ironically, the Longhorns could find themselves pushed out of the title game even if they remain undefeated. USC will most likely take the first spot soon and the Hokies could leapfrog the Longhorns based on the strength of schedule factor. We'll have to wait and see how that potential controversy plays out, but now it's time to get to the picks.

Last week's record: 6-4
Season record: 21-19

No. 13 Boston College at No. 3 Virginia Tech

Boston College is a major hurdle for the Hokies in their quest for a national title as the Eagles head into the matchup with a 6-1 record. A loss for VT will result in a four way tie for first place in the ACC, but don't expect that to happen, at least for another week. If the Hokies get past Boston College, which I think they will, it sets up an interesting clash with No. 6 Miami the following weekend. But one game at a time and this Saturday, the VT defense, and not the electric Marcus Vick, will be the deciding factor. Get ready for a slugfest, the Hokies are allowing nine points a game, the Eagles 14. Virginia Tech wins 17-13.

No. 4 Georgia at No. 16 Florida

It seemed as though the Bulldogs finally had a team that could make a run at a national title, but unfortunately quarterback D.J. Shockley was injured in a win over Arkansas last weekend. He's out for the team's trip to one of the more hostile playing environments in the country and that could spell the end of Georgia's undefeated season. Florida has been inconsistent in the big games over the past several years and it's a question mark whether they show up to play. As many times I've picked them and been burned, Shockley's injury is too much to overcome on the road. I'll take the Gators, 20-15.

Maryland at No. 10 Florida State

The Seminoles lose one of these almost every year. Fortunately a defeat from an inferior team already occurred against Virginia earlier this season. FSU is back on track and that spells trouble for a Maryland team that has been average at best on both offense and defense. Seminoles' freshman quarterback Drew Weatherford has FSU fans thankfully forgetting about the Chris Rix era, throwing for nearly 2,000 yards and completing over 60 percent of his passes. He will be a good one for years to come. Chalk up a victory for FSU, 31-14.

North Carolina at No. 6 Miami

UNC defeated the Hurricanes last season on a 42-yard field goal by Connor Barth, giving the Tar Heels their first win over a top five team in school history. But that was in Chapel Hill and UNC will be in for a rude awakening this week. Look for the Hurricanes to romp all over Carolina. Miami boasts one of the top defenses in the country and that's bad news for a UNC squad that is averaging under 20 points per game. The Hurricanes haven't allowed more than seven points in a contest in every outing this season except for one. The trend continues as FSU wins 30-3.

South Carolina at No. 23 Tennessee

How the Volunteers are ranked in the Top 25 is beyond me. They have one impressive win on their resume and that's was an improbable comeback win over LSU earlier this season. To make matters worse, their starting running back Gerald Riggs is out for the season with an ankle injury. Gamecocks' coach Steve Spurrier will stick it to his long time nemesis, Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer, and win 20-12.

Chicago at Detroit

Chicago is probably the most underrated team in a dismal NFC North division. The Bears have a dominating defense with some possible future stars on offense in running back Thomas Jones and quarterback Kyle Orton. Wins within the division are always key, especially when you know for a fact only one team is coming out of this one, probably with a record of 7-9. Detroit has no quarterback. Joey Harrington's time full of interceptions is over and Jeff Garcia is just a stop gap until next season. My advice to Detroit is to lose on purpose and draft Matt Leinart next year. That goal starts this week. Chicago wins 17-10.

Washington at New York Giants

The Redskins have now proved they have the ability to hang in the talent laden NFC East. With each team sitting at four wins each, this game will have a significant impact down the road. Washington isn't just a defensive team anymore, they rank second in the NFC in total offense and third in defense. The Giants have compiled a 3-0 record at home this season, but I think they get their first blemish this week. The Redskins will start getting the respect they deserve after a 23-13 victory.

Jacksonville at St. Louis

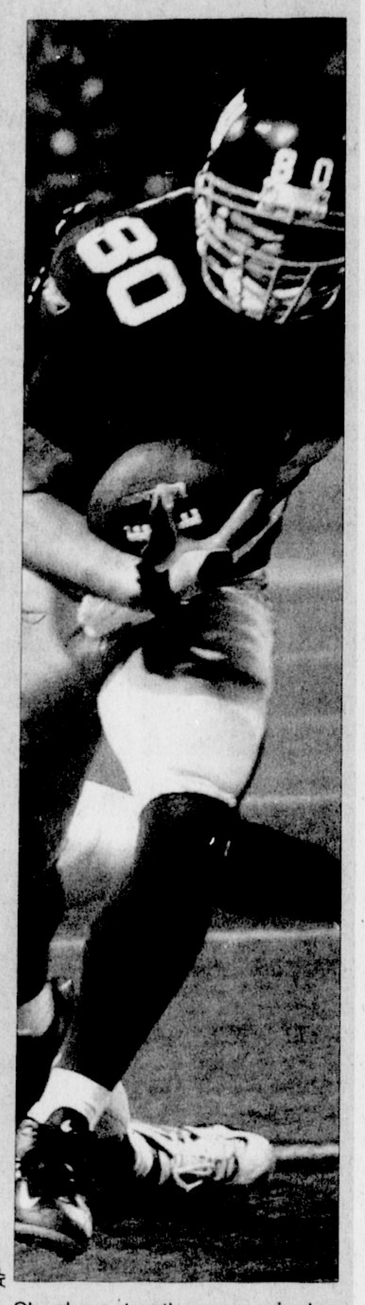
Perhaps the only person benefiting from the remainder of the season for the Rams is fantasy football owners of Rams running back Stephen Jackson. Head coach Mike Martz is done for the year with health issues and quarterback Marc Bulger is battling injuries. Jackson's carries will go up, but his yardage total might not this week against the Jags. Jacksonville has the second ranked defense in the NFL and look for that to propel them past St. Louis, 20-16.

Minnesota at Carolina

With their season on the brink, Vikings' quarterback Daunte Culpepper found a way to will his team to victory in a comeback win over Green Bay last Sunday. But don't look for them to put a winning streak together anytime soon. Carolina is a formidable opponent, but they also have some weaknesses they need to address. Jake Delhomme is turning the ball over and running back Stephen Davis is averaging just 3.1 yards per carry. Those numbers will improve this week, but both squads will have a tough road ahead to make the post season. Panthers win, 27-17.

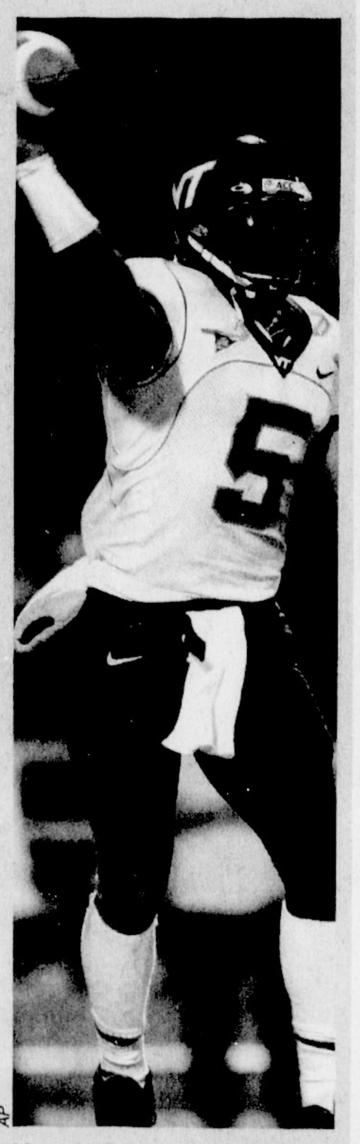
Philadelphia at Denver

The Eagles found a way to pull a win out from somewhere as Denver found a way to throw one away last week. It seems as though Philadelphia just isn't as strong as they have been with an ailing Donovan McNabb and complete lack of a ground game. If the Eagles can't start running the ball, their playoff run will be over. Meanwhile, the Broncos are playing stifling run defense. McNabb may throw close to 50 passes again this week and that doesn't bode well for the Eagles. Denver takes this one, 23-17.



Shockey set up the game-winning TD with this 24-yard reception last week against Denver.

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Marcus Vick has been stellar so far this season for the Hokies.

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Big Ten race in hands of four teams

(AP) — Four teams sit atop the Big Ten lead with a loss, with another three stuck on two losses waiting for the co-leaders to stumble in the final four weeks of the conference race.

Here's what remains for the top teams:

Penn State (7-1, 4-1): Purdue, Wisconsin, bye week, at Michigan State.

Wisconsin (7-1, 4-1): at Illinois, at Penn State, Iowa, bye week

Northwestern (5-2, 3-1): Michigan, Iowa, at Ohio State, at Illinois

Ohio State (5-2, 3-1): at Minnesota, Illinois, Northwestern, at Michigan

Of course, the game of the year figures to be Wisconsin at Penn State on Nov. 5. But don't go asking Joe Paterno about his team's prospects in that game or any other game beyond Saturday.

"I am learning about Purdue, period, one game at a time. That has been my life not only as far as football goes, but everything in my life," said the 78-year-old coach. "Take care of the little things first and the big things will take care of themselves. I have never felt that I had the luxury of being able to go beyond that."

Purdue is clearly the biggest disappointment in the conference. Some thought the Boilermakers might just steal the championship – instead, they're winless.

Still, Joe Pa isn't checking out the terrain in November.

"I know sometimes you say, 'Ah, he is full of baloney,'" Paterno said of reporters questioning his focus on the Boilermakers.

"I am telling you that the only thing I am worrying about right now is whether we can beat Purdue."

MICHIGAN MAN: New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady once asked Jon Falk, Michigan's equipment manager, which of his slew of championship rings was his favorite.

"The next one," Brady recalled Falk saying.

The next time Falk, who has been at Michigan 1974, will work during a game is unknown because his leg was broken after being hit on the sideline at Iowa. He had surgery earlier this week.

"I went into the training room after the game and Jon had tears in his eyes as I talked to him," Wolverines coach Lloyd Carr said. "I said, 'You must be in unbelievable pain.' He says, 'No, I was just thinking next Saturday is going to be the first Michigan football game I have missed in 30-some years.'"

DIRTY WORK: As the nation's third-leading rusher, Laurence Maroney is no secret.

But Minnesota's big-time running back doesn't owe all that success to a stout offensive line or his professional-quality breakaway speed. Gophers receivers have developed into excellent downfield blockers.

This season, Maroney has scored nine times, including once on a pass. Six of those TDs came from distances of 30 yards or more, an impressive statistic that wouldn't be possible without receivers sustaining their blocks in the secondary.

"Our wide receivers love to block," sophomore Ernie Wheelwright said. "We like catching the ball, but we get a lot of enjoyment out of blocking for Laurence Maroney."

FAREWELL TOUR: The Barry Alvarez farewell tour stops in Champaign this week when No. 15 Wisconsin takes on lowly Illinois. Alvarez, who's stepping aside as head coach at the end of the year, is 7-5-1 against the Illini since taking over at Wisconsin in 1990.

"He's done an unbelievable job with their program. When you go back and you look, up until just maybe two three years ago, his staff was pretty much intact for such a long period of time," first-year Illinois coach Ron Zook said.

"To me, that really says a lot. You look at the record and

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Lady Pirates set eyes on C-USA Tournament

ECU volleyball prepares for SMU, Tulsa

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With only seven more Conference USA games left on ECU Volleyball's schedule, the Lady Pirates are now forced to play with more determination than ever in hopes of placing high in the C-USA Tournament. ECU is currently tied for seventh in C-USA with a 4-5 record and will try to improve on it this weekend as they face SMU and Tulsa at home.

"Our goal is to be a top four seed in the C-USA Tournament, since the top four teams earn a bye," said first year Head Coach Chris Rushing.

"I feel we can achieve this by doing what it takes to win this weekend, in order to have that opportunity."

Much of the team's success thus far this season has relied on senior Pam Ferris. Ferris leads the team in kills this year with 320 and is averaging a remarkable four kills per game.

"Pam Ferris is a huge asset to our team this year," Rushing said.

"She is doubling her hitting percentage from recent years and is starting to get into career record books."

Overall the Lady Pirates have a record of 13-9 this season. Ferris contributes the team's success to the new coaching staff and the amount of work they have put into training.

"The success we have been having is a combination of hard work and dedication," said Ferris.

"Our new coaches have also helped us out and we are all determined. The team has gotten closer and things are clicking. We know that losing is not okay and we practice to win."

The team has indeed started to click as they have combined for a hitting percentage of .239 compared to their opponents .218. On defense the team has combined for 1288 digs compared opponent's 1191.

"Having a high hitting percentage is one of our keys to our success," Rushing said.

"We have a lot of talented hitters working with our setter Heidi Krug to help us achieve the high percentage. Playing smart and being able to learn as we go through the season also adds to the success."

ECU will have their hands full with SMU in their first game of the weekend. SMU is currently ranked fourth in C-USA with a 6-3 record but has an overall record of 10-11. Sophomore Rachel Giubilato leads the way in kills for the Lady Mustangs with 304. On defense junior Jennette Evanco leads the team in digs with 411, averaging 5.2 a game.

Tulsa is in second place in C-USA, boasting a 7-2 record, 20-3 overall. The team is also on a five game winning streak that stretches back to the beginning of October. Sophomore Kassiana Urnau leads Tulsa with 273 kills. Senior Evyn Wills supplies the defense with 399 digs so far this year.

Besides having a great attack presence in Ferris, ECU also has strong defense as freshman Trish Monroe along with Ferris has combined for 520 digs. Krug provides much of the assists on

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you can see what he's done, but when you see coaches that stay there for a long period of time, I think it says a lot about the way he runs the program."

BEAT-UP BADGERS: Several Wisconsin players have bumps and bruises, but don't expect them to get a rest any time soon.

Alvarez said his team is the only one in the Big Ten that has not had a bye week yet this year and its week off doesn't come until after the final Big Ten game against Iowa on Nov. 12. Iowa has the previous Saturday off to prepare for that game, marking the third time a Badgers' opponents will have had two weeks to get ready.

Alvarez said he is holding lighter practices to keep his team fresh.

"I'm sensitive to the length of the season and how beat up a lot of our people are," he said.

IN THE ENEMY CAMP: Minnesota head coach Glen Mason played at Ohio State under Woody Hayes, and then was an assistant for eight years under Hayes and Earle Bruce at his alma mater.

Three other members of his staff have extensive ties to Ohio. Only one, however, has to watch what he says at family gatherings.

The Golden Gophers first-year receivers coach is Luke Tressel, the nephew of Ohio State head coach Jim Tressel and son of the Buckeyes running backs coach, Dick Tressel.

"Their wide receivers might be the second-best coached in the country behind ours," Jim Tressel said, cracking a smile.

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offense as she has racked up 1041 throughout the season.

Coach Rushing feels that the key to winning this weekend relies on the team's ability to carry out what they need to do in order to win.

"We are going to tweak the defense a little bit in the games this weekend," Rushing said.

"Right now we need to pay attention to what we need to do rather than what the opponents need to do"

The first game of the weekend for the Lady Pirates begins Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. in Minges Coliseum. The game against Tulsa will then be played Oct. 30 at 1 p.m.

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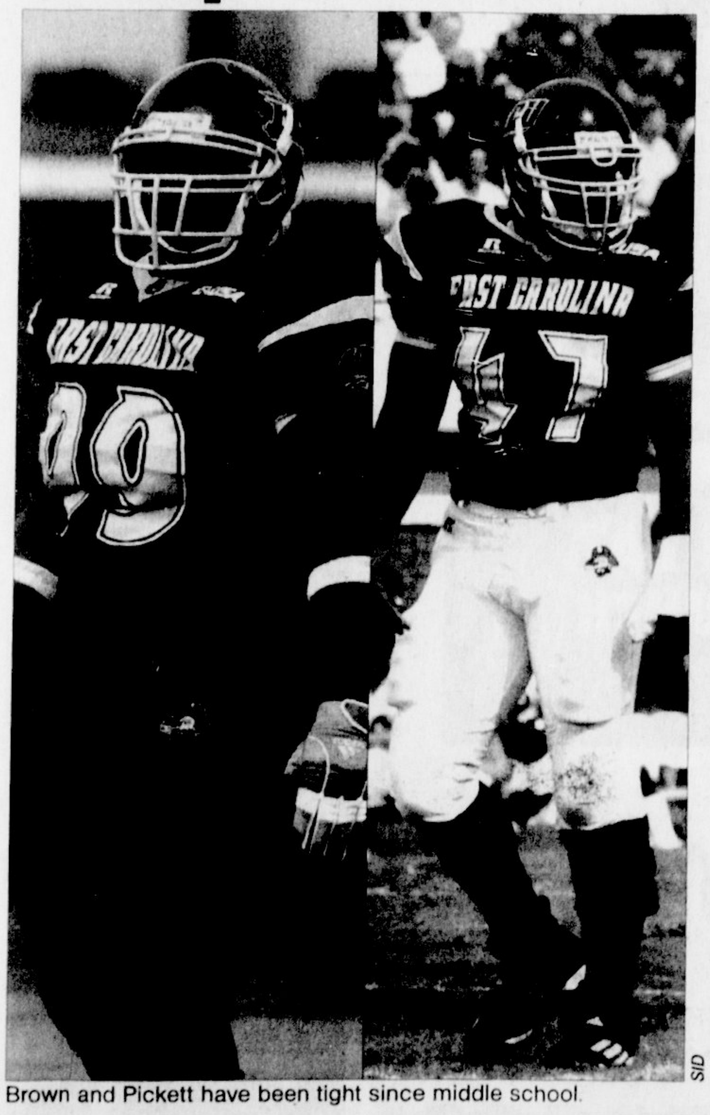
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Deep roots: Pickett and Brown go way back



Brown and Pickett have been tight since middle school. SID

Players' two parts of defense nicknamed the Bermuda Triangle

ERIC GILMORE
SENIOR WRITER

Lorenza Pickett remembers watching Dontre Brown pass him in a car while he waited at his middle school bus stop. At the time, Pickett had no idea that Brown's path would intertwine with his for the next eight years.

"We called them puppies," said former high school coach Bob Paroli.

"It didn't take long, once we had them in the weight room, to know that we had something special. They wanted to do well and be successful."

Merely boys then, the two have grown together into men.

"[Pickett and Brown] are team guys," said ECU defensive line coach Donnie Thompson.

"They hang together when they can and both are really good contributors."

Both defensive linemen have hung together since they were constricted to bikes four houses apart in Fayetteville.

"We'd get home from practice or on a Sunday after the game when we didn't have anything to do, he'd come over to my house," said Pickett.

"Or I'd go over to his house and we'd play video games. We were boys who just happened to be down the street from each other."

Brown and Pickett teamed together with Jon Ingram and Calvin Lowry to finish 54-8 throughout their careers at Douglas Byrd. Lowry is a three-year letterwinner at safety for Penn St. But it was Brown and Ingram at the two defensive end spots combined with Pickett at middle linebacker that earned the nickname of a Bermuda Triangle.

"Balls would come up in there and just get lost," Pickett said.

"You'd never see people again and stuff like that."

"If you stuck your nose in there, you very well could get it bloody," Paroli said.

"That's what happened a lot of times."

Pickett was elected to the Shrine Bowl, a collection of the state's best players, during his senior season while Brown omitted. Brown was named to the all-state unit and was a two-time all-county selection. Both had extensive collegiate offers, but chose to be Pirates.

"You never, ever had to worry about them off the field," Paroli said.

"That's the kind of kids they were though. They did everything that you would hope young people would do to get them to the next level."

"We came up [to Greenville on our recruiting trips] together," Pickett said.

"We were roommates at The Hilton on our visit. It all happened in one day. When I got my call from coach Jette, he got his."

Since the two knew each other, it was only natural that they roomed together two years in Scott Residence Hall.

"He's got his own views," said Brown.

"I've got my own views. He's kind of old timey and I'm not."

Still though, Brown said the two have been like brothers through the years.

"Every once in awhile brothers have to throw their hands, but we weren't going to let anyone else mess with each other."

On the field, the duo has served as mentors for some of the younger classmen trying to achieve their brotherhood status.

"Both of them are team leaders," sophomore defensive tackle Mark Robinson said.

"Lorenza's got so much heart out there on the field and so much intensity that you can't help but follow him. And Dontre is a veteran who's been there for awhile. He's like an older brother teaching us what to do."

Both players received team awards last season. Pickett earned the Swindell Memorial Award, which recognizes a player who best demonstrates a "Big Team, Little Me" attitude. Brown was the recipient of the "Most Improved Defensive Player-of-the-Year" at the end of the 2004 campaign.

Pickett, because he played as a freshman, is a senior while Brown will have another year of eligibility after this season.

"He's a true Pirate," Thompson said about Pickett.

"The down thing for him and myself is that I won't get to coach him long enough. Being a senior, if we had more time together, we would do more positive things."

Pickett has battled through injuries throughout his senior season. The senior has logged eight tackles in three game appearances. Brown, no stranger to the training table due to four knee surgeries has 11 tackles and a fumble recovery.

Asked about the video games back in his adolescents, Pickett claimed that he can beat Brown fairly in Madden. But he claimed Brown often beat him simply because of memory cards and cheat codes. Neither of them enjoys losing.

"We're still competitive," Pickett said.

"A loss will leave a terrible taste in your mouth."

"You just got to beat the system," Brown said.

"Losing is something I'm not used to."

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GAMEBREAKERS

Robert Lee

Robert Lee was visibly frustrated when Head Coach Skip Holtz decided to send his offense out on 4th-and-2 from the Memphis 33. Lee had full confidence in his leg to be able to make the 43-yarder. Through seven games, Holtz surely has full confidence in Lee.

Lee, a junior college transfer from Trinity Valley Community College, was asked to fill an immediate void due to Cameron Broadwell's graduation. Lee has developed ECU's most reliable scoring threat.

Lee is 10-of-11 in field goal attempts. His only miss came against SMU, a 44-yarder, in front of a crowd of approximately 85 people gathered to watch him play. Lee, from Longview, Texas redeemed himself later by making a chip shot 24-yarder.

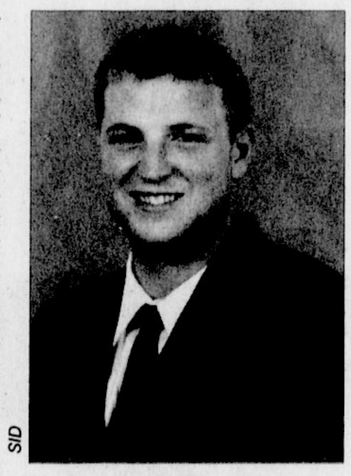
The highlight of Lee's season came against Wake Forest when he connected on a career-high 51-yarder. Lee has also made field goals from distances of 35 and 32. Most of Lee's attempts have come within 30 yards (7-for-7).

The junior has also been automatic on extra-point attempts. Lee has connected on all 19 PAT attempts tying him with Pete Conaty (1976). Lee's 19 consecutive PATs moved him into sixth-place on ECU's consecutive PAT attempts list. Overall, Lee has converted 47 straight extra-point attempts dating back to his JuCo days at Trinity Valley.

Lee averages 1.43 field goals per game. His average ranks him No. 28 nationally. Among the top 28, Lee's accuracy (90.9) ranks first. Lee is also the leading scorer on the team. He averages 7 points per game, which is No. 86 nationally and seventh in Conference USA.

Chad Holcomb, Kevin Miller and Broadwell have led the string of above-average kickers over the last decade. If Lee continues his progression, he could leave his mark above the stated three.

But every kicker must prove themselves to their teams during critical moments. In practice every Wednesday, Lee is tested at his ability to knock through a long kick in a pressure packed situation.



SID

LEE

More often than not, Lee comes through with 50-plus yarders in practice. However, Lee has never had the chance in a real game. Until then, Lee will have to rely on his team to get into scoring position. But usually one time, they are going to have to rely on him.

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Steven Moffett

Last year and even into this spring, Steven Moffett was fighting for his quarterback job. That's not much to boast considering that UCF went 0-11 in 2004. Now though, Moffett is fighting for wins.

Moffett, a junior, has flourished in his second year under head coach George O'Leary. The Golden Knights are tied with Southern Miss atop the Eastern division in Conference USA. UCF's 4-3 overall record in their first season in C-USA is surprising considering how Moffett and O'Leary clashed in 2004.

Moffett rotated through a three quarterback carousel in 2004. Moffett, who started three games as a true freshman, had a string of three games when he passed for more than 260 yards. Yet, Moffett failed to throw for more than a 100 in the next three. O'Leary called for Moffett to be 'tougher in the huddle.'

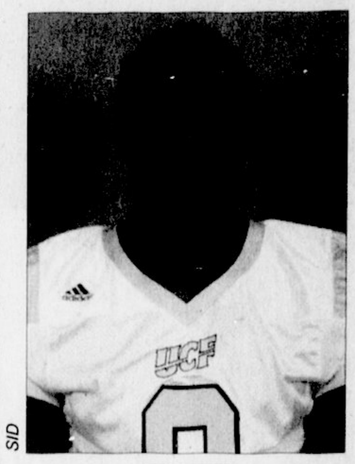
A stress fracture in spring practice to Kyle Israel slated Moffett to be the 2005 starter. With the help of an unforeseen running game, Moffett hasn't looked back. Through seven games, Moffett has thrown for 12 touchdowns and only four interceptions.

Helping Moffett again are his receivers. Both statistic leaders, Mike Walker and Brandon Marshall, saw significant playing time in the defensive secondary due to injuries in 2004. Now though, Walker and Marshall provide a 1-2 punch similar to Kevin Smith and Jason Peters in the backfield.

Moffett has thrown for 1,590 yards, which ranks sixth in C-USA. The junior's passing accuracy (61.8 percent) has also significantly improved. Moffett ranks No. 26 nationally in passing efficiency (142.7 rating) and second within C-USA behind only UAB quarterback Darrell Hackney.

Big beneficiaries of Moffett's improvements have been Walker and Marshall. Marshall has snagged six touchdowns while Walker has five. Moffett has thrown a touchdown in ten consecutive games dating back to Nov. 6, 2004.

Most of Moffett's success has come in the first quarter. Moffett was 10-of-10 passing for 182 yards and three touchdowns in UCF's first three possessions against Louisiana-Lafayette. Moffett's string of 10 consecutive completions ranks sixth in UCF history.



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MOFFETT

In 2005, Moffett is 32-of-43 in the first quarter, passing for 504 yards while completing 74.4 percent of his passes. ECU has been outscored 55-24 in the first quarter and 123-77 in the first half.

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Pirates must play for four quarters



ECU has yet to put together a solid 60-minute game so far this season. Photo by Kyle Fisher

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Establish the running game

Junior quarterback James Pinkney has proven he can become one of greatest signal-callers in school history with his performance this season. Pinkney has thrown for 1,810 yards and completed 61.1 percent of his attempts, throwing 11 touchdowns and just three interceptions. His 140.76 efficiency rating ranks him third in Conference USA.

He can enjoy even more success if ECU can begin to mount a substantial running threat. If it seems as though this is said every week, then you are seeing it right. The Pirates are loaded with speedsters in the backfield, but haven't been able to make opposing defenses pay in 2005.

Chris Johnson leads the team with 461 yards rushing, but boasts just a 3.6 yards per carry average and a long run of 24 yards. His speed should enable him to boost those statistics much higher. Reserves Brandon Fractious and Dominque Lindsay have had similar trouble churning out big chunks of yardage.

Johnson isn't going to plow many linebackers over and he needs to utilize his outstanding speed to get to the outside. The coaching staff should make a conscious effort to get him outside the tackles against UCF on Saturday.

Johnson is second on the team in receptions and receiving yards, displaying those playmaking capabilities, but he needs to produce when Pinkney hands the ball off to him. ECU has tallied 740 rushing yards as a team this season compared to 1,578 yards allowed on defense and the Pirates grinding out just 46 yards on 16 carries last week in a 27-24 loss to Memphis. That effort isn't going to get it done on Saturday. Pinkney needs to continue to display his mobility and the offensive line must do a better job opening up lanes and enabling Johnson to bust off some big runs.

Contain UCF's balanced offense

ECU gave up 226 rushing yards to arguably the nation's best running back last week against Memphis. DeAngelo Williams carried the ball a career-high 39 times at 5.8 yards a clip. Unfortunately, that seemed almost like a moral victory for the Pirates, which ranks last in C-USA in run defense.

UCF is one of the more balanced offenses in the conference and poses a viable threat to the Pirates' exceptional secondary. ECU ranks second in C-USA in pass defense, but they will be tested for the first time in several weeks on Saturday.

Junior quarterback Steven Moffett is having an exceptional season, throwing for 12 touchdowns and just four interceptions. Mike Walker and Brandon Marshall have combined for over 1,000 yards receiving and 11 touchdowns.

It will interesting to see their offensive game plan this weekend. They pose a threat both running and passing, but will most likely attempt to take advantage of ECU's run defense. Look for freshman Kevin Smith to see the bulk of the carries with junior Jason Peters getting some touches as well.

Prepare for a shootout

So how does a team prepare for an offensive outburst of points? When both teams are likely to move the ball with success, the primary way to gain the upper hand is to win the turnover battle. The Pirates have produced in that category all season, ranking fifth in C-USA in turnover margin. Pinkney has taken care of the football, tossing just three picks, and for the most part, the Pirates have avoided game changing mistakes.

ECU also needs to outperform UCF in other areas, such as special teams, time of possession and field position. A win in these categories will usually equal a win on the scoreboard, particularly in a high-scoring affair. Placekicker Robert Lee will have to continue his accurate boots and dangerous punt returner Travis Williams is due for a breakout game.

Play for 60 minutes

It's unfortunate college football lasts for four quarters, because ECU could be sitting in first place in C-USA. But the Pirates have struggled in the first half of games this season, particularly in the first quarter where they have been outscored 55-24. Last season, if the Pirates were trailing early, they packed it in and accepted another loss. But this year, head coach Skip Holtz has led a strong second half team. The Pirates have outscored opponents after the break, 92-67, thanks in large part to the big play capabilities of Pinkney and receiver Aundrae Allison, who continues to be among the nation's leaders in receptions and receiving yards.

ECU needs to get on the board early against UCF and come out ready to play on the defensive side of the football. They seem to get stronger as the game progresses, but an exceptional effort for 60 minutes will be needed to notch their fourth victory of the season.

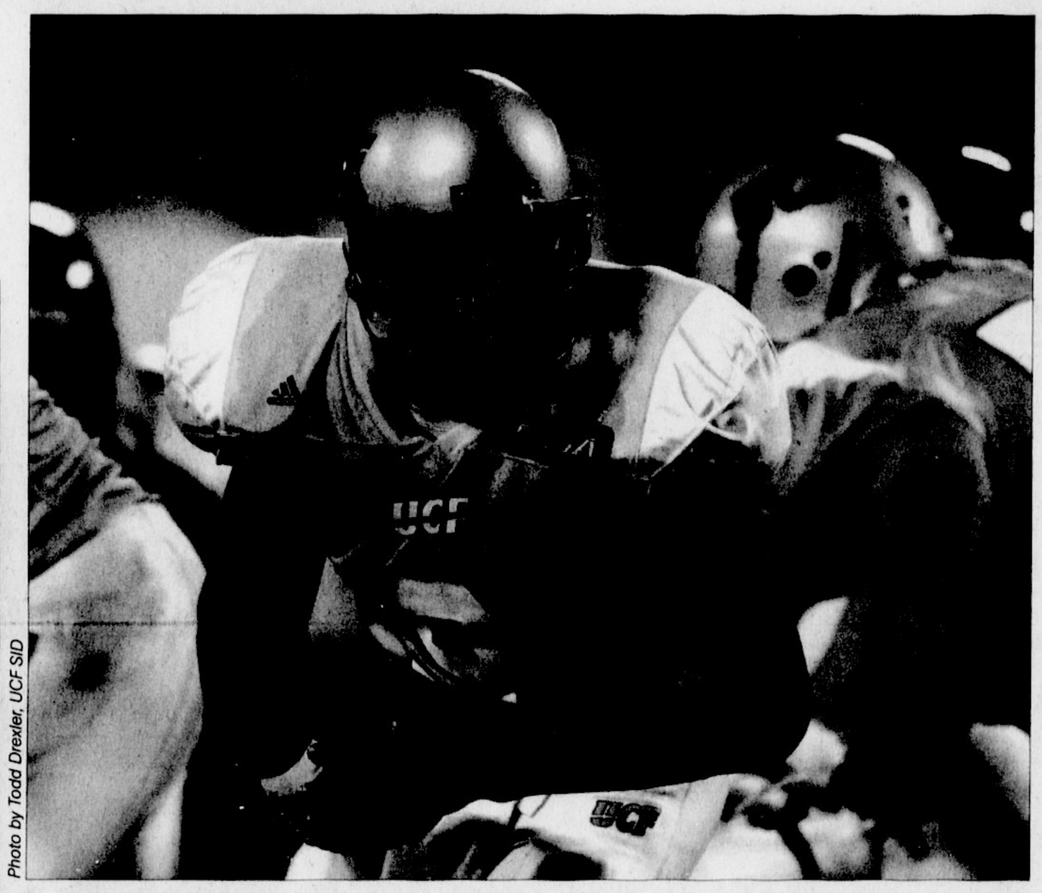


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Moffett will try to be one of few quarterbacks this year to have success against the ECU secondary.

Pressure on Pinkney crucial for UCF

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The Golden Knights march into Greenville this weekend in a tie for first place with Southern Mississippi in the Eastern Division of Conference USA. After a 0-11 season last year, UCF is proving to critics that they are the real deal this season. If they hope to leave Greenville with first place still secure, they will have to do the following.

1. Pressure the quarterback: UCF only has 11 sacks as a unit this season, and it will be a serious problem if they don't find a way to hurry James Pinkney. JP has proven time and time again that if he has time to throw the football he will pick an opposing secondary apart. He is very accurate and rarely misses an open receiver.

It is crucial for the Knights to gain pressure up-field with their down lineman. UCF cannot get blitz happy on Pinkney's offense or he will hurt them every time they try. ECU's field general has proven to be quite deft at dealing with opposing defenses that send five, six, sometimes even seven rushers.

The Golden Knights will look to Paul Carrington, Frisner Nelson, Keith Shologan and Chris Welsh to make it a long day for JP. Carrington, who leads the team in tackles for loss (6.5) and sacks (4), will be the main threat on the Knights' defense to pressure Pinkney into potential mistakes.

2. Try to exploit the Pirate secondary: ECU has a much-improved secondary under Skip Holtz. With the play of Pierre Parker, Demetrius Hodges, Zach Baker, and Kasey Ross, the downfield of the Pirates' defense has been impenetrable at times.

UCF Quarterback Steven Moffett is the playmaker for the Golden Knights and will have his hands full this weekend in trying to go downfield on ECU. Moffett and the UCF coaching staff need to go back and check the Southern Miss tape when the Eagles came in with a picture perfect plan in the passing game that wore down the Pirates' defense.

Hit the short routes in the flats and up the seams – utilize your tight end. Southern Miss is the only team to try this approach against ECU's defense all year and they drubbed the Pirates 33-7 in Dowdy-Ficklen. That would have been an accomplishment even in past years with how well ECU plays on their own turf.

UCF has to allow Moffett's athleticism to take over also. While many coaches always stress to running quarterbacks the importance of being able to pass in the pocket, ECU hasn't seen a running quarterback all year – use that to your advantage. Moffett is certainly no Michael Vick and won't learn to run, but it wouldn't hurt to add a few wrinkles into the offense that allows him to try and run on ECU's defense.

In any case, the six-foot, three-inch, 210-pound UCF Moffett will look to spread the ball to his talented receivers.

Junior Mike Walker and Senior Brandon Marshall have combined for 11 touchdowns this season. Both players are averaging over 80 yards receiving per game. If Moffett can get Walker and Marshall the ball, in either the short or long field, the Pirates may be in for a long afternoon.

3. If you get it, don't sit on the lead: If the Golden Knights run out to an early lead, and try to sit on it, they will be in for an unpleasant surprise come the second half.

The Pirates have been atrocious in the first half this year nit have fought back time and time again in the later part of the game. Most recently, the Pirates erased a 17-point halftime deficit against Memphis to lose only by three points. Earlier this season, the Pirates pulled to within six points of Wake Forest after trailing 31-6 at the break.



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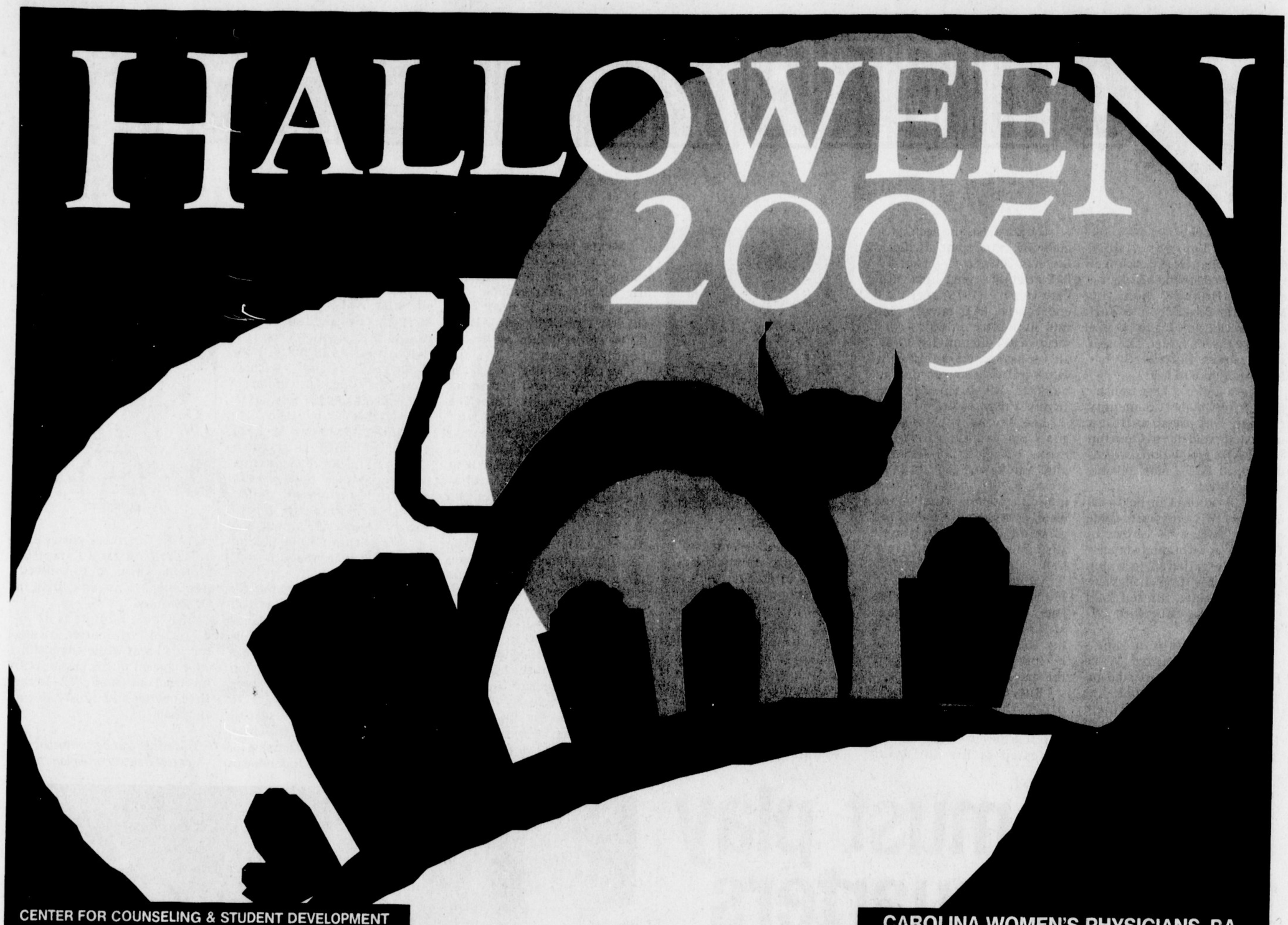
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UCF defeated that very same Memphis team 38-17 three weeks ago in Orlando and in that game jumped out to a 14-0 lead in the first quarter and then gave it up before halftime when Memphis tied it up at 14 going into the locker room. UCF cannot afford to be complacent with the lead on this Pirates' squad or they will pay for it dearly when it counts most – when the clock has reached 0:00.

UCF beware, a big lead no longer equals the Pirates laying down. That was last year's team. This year's squad fights to the finish every game.

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It's a Pirate *Homecoming*

Events for students and alumni to enjoy together

CAROLYN SCANDURA
FEATURES EDITOR

Though many students are only thinking about the upcoming weekend in relation to Halloween activities, there is actually something much more important going on. Homecoming at ECU begins Friday, Oct. 28 and all current and past ECU students are invited. There are Pirate fans spread out all over this state and country who will come together to celebrate being members of the Pirate Nation this weekend, and it is our duty to show some southern hospitality. With many special events and a sure to be great ECU football game against Central Florida, Homecoming 2005 will be something to remember.

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Outstanding Alumni Awards Ceremony

Incredible people who began their careers at ECU

CAROLYN SCANDURA
FEATURES EDITOR

One of the most important events occurring on Friday, Oct. 28 to kick-off the Homecoming weekend is the Outstanding Alumni Awards Ceremony. The ceremony will be held at the Greenville Hilton from 6-9 p.m. and will honor some incredible people who started their careers and gained inspiration from ECU.

This year, there are four awards being given out. The first award will be given to James Cromartie, one of America's leading historical artists, from the class of 1966. Cromartie is credited for introducing a style of painting called "Hard-Edge Realism" in 1968. Cromartie painted the official White House portrait and has been commissioned to paint significant historical landscape portraits such as the U.S. Capitol, Smithsonian Institute buildings and the Cape Hatteras lighthouse.

The second award will be given to Dr. Dee Lowdermilk who graduated from ECU with a B.S. degree in nursing in 1966. She later received a M.Ed. and Ph.D. from UNC at Chapel Hill where she works today in the School of Nursing as a clinical professor. She is co-editor of two maternity and women's health textbooks and a leader in the North Carolina Section of the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses. Lowdermilk is one of North Carolina's Great 100 RNs for Excellence and is a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing.

The third award will be given to Clay Walker, who is the Senior Vice President for Players Inc, the licensing and marketing subsidiary of the NFL Players Association. Under Walker's management, the revenue generated from sales of Player's Inc. licensed merchandise has grown from $350 million in 1994 to $750 million. Walker had the foresight to encourage the development of licensing fantasy football when no other sports leagues were doing so. Walker graduated from ECU with a Bachelor of Arts in English in 1989. He was named to the Advancement Council for the School of Health and Human Performance at ECU and serves as an adjunct professor of sports management at George Washington University. He is on the Board of Directors for the National Council of Youth Sports and on the Board of Directors of USA Football. Recently, Walker was selected by Street & Smith's *Sports Business Journal* as a recipient of the Forty Under 40 award, which honors the 40 most influential people in sports business under the age of 40 each year.

Conwell Worthington, the fourth award winner, graduated from ECU with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree and a minor in voice and piano in 1972. He is the Co-President and Chairman of Cornerstone Entertainment International, Inc. located in California. Worthington joined The Walt Disney Company in 1988 and held various leadership roles including producer of Walt Disney Theatrical Productions for the internationally run musical stage shows of *Beauty and the Beast*, the producer of the opening entertainment of NHL, *Mighty Ducks* shown nationally on ESPN, the MLB All-star game in Anaheim, the Super Bowl in Florida and more than one-thousand special events at Disneyland and Disneyworld. Worthington has co-directed the critically acclaimed one-woman comedy, *Vatican II: What the Hell Happened*, is the associate producer of *Dirty Dancing, the stage musical* in Sydney and Melbourne, Australia and will direct a new Broadway show about the American Civil War entitled, *Crossroads to Freedom*.

With these kinds of incredible people having graduated from ECU, the career options are endless for current students. Make plans to attend the awards ceremony and hear these honorable alumni talk about how their experience at ECU made all of their accomplishments possible. Maybe one day it will be you up on that stage talking about how ECU helped you accomplish your dreams.

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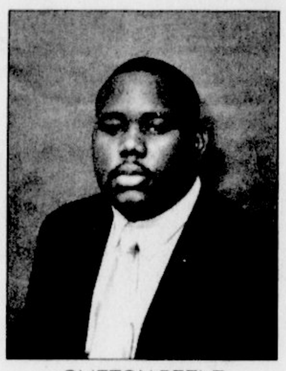

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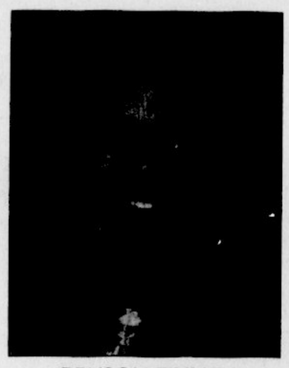

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GAME DAY STATS

UCF

THE LAST TIME THE GOLDEN KNIGHTS CAME INTO ECU, THE PIRATES BLASTED UCF 28-7. HOWEVER, 2005 IS A VERY DIFFERENT STORY. ECU FELL OFF DRAMATICALLY AFTER 2002 AND UCF HAS BEEN ON THE WAY UP. THE KNIGHTS COME IN AT 4-3, 3-1 IN CONFERENCE USA AND BOAST A 38-17 VICTORY OVER THE MEMPHIS TIGERS ON THEIR RÉSUMÉ. HERE IS THEIR STATISTICAL BREAKDOWN THUS FAR THIS SEASON.

POINTS/GAME – 25.6
TOTAL OFFENSE/GAME – 383.7
RUSHING/GAME – 139.4
PASSING/GAME – 244.3
TIME OF POSSESSION - 32:28
THIRD DOWN CONVERSION – 40%
TOTAL TURNOVERS – 12

SCORING BY QUARTER:	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH
	55	31	34	59

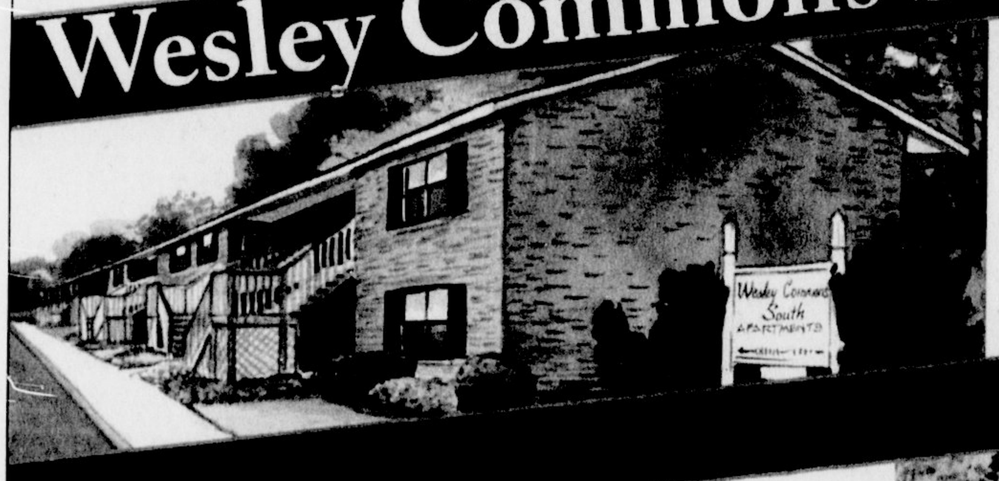
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ECU COMES INTO THEIR HOMECOMING GAME AGAINST CENTRAL FLORIDA WITH A RECORD OF 3-4, 2-2 IN CONFERENCE USA. AFTER THEIR MOST RECENT GAME AGAINST MEMPHIS, BOTH JAMES PINKNEY AND AUNDRAE ALLISON MOVED UP IN ECU'S RECORD BOOKS AS PINKNEY PASSED JEFF BLAKE TO MOVE INTO THIRD IN COMPLETIONS (635), WHILE ALLISON BECAME THE PIRATES' 6TH LEADING WIDE RECEIVER IN SINGLE-SEASON YARDAGE (759). HERE IS HOW ECU'S SEASON STATISTICS BREAKDOWN FOR SATURDAY'S GAME.

POINTS/GAME – 24.1
TOTAL OFFENSE/GAME – 364.6
RUSHING/GAME – 105
PASSING/GAME – 259
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME – 27:35
THIRD DOWN CONVERSION – 38%
TOTAL TURNOVERS – 10

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Purple reign parade

Creating a float to please the masses

AMANDA WINAR
STAFF WRITER

Each year student organizations sign up for the huge task of assembling a float.

This year's theme is "Purple Reign... Sharing the Treasures of East Carolina," and Student Union President Thomas Doyle said the Student Union float idea came about through group efforts.

The Student Union has competed in the Homecoming Parade for years. They won the Spirit Cup four years consecutively, yet last year could not compete due to a regional conference.

When asked what their secret of winning is, Doyle said "We have hard working committee chairs and some great volunteers."

The floats must be designed not only with the homecoming theme in mind, but the theme must also appear somewhere on the float. Floats are not allowed to be taller than 12 feet from the pavement and organizations are in charge of transporting and maneuvering their own float.

It is a lot of work, but ECU student organizations are spirited groups all after that spirit cup for a chance to win cash prizes and bragging rights.

The Homecoming Parade will kick off Saturday, Oct. 29 at 10 a.m. Floats will be at the Wahl-Coates parking lot at 8:30 a.m. to be judged. Judges are community members and will grade on theme design, creativity and showmanship.

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Friday kicks off Homecoming weekend with an Alumni Scholarship Golf Classic at Ironwood Golf & Residential Community from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. This tournament is to support a scholarship fund for ECU students.

Beginning at 12 p.m. on Friday, there will be an alumni homecoming luncheon and campus tour to show off all the recent campus improvements.

Friday at 7:30 p.m. there will be a MPHC Greek Step-Show at Wright Auditorium to benefit two families who were victims of Hurricane Katrina. The families will be attending the show and will be presented with the money at the show.

Friday wraps up with Free Boot Friday in Uptown Greenville. Enjoy live music from The Clumsy Lovers, food and cold beverages from 5-8 p.m. at the corner of 5th and Evans Streets.

Friday's events will end with the Outstanding Alumni Awards Ceremony at the Greenville Hilton from 6-8 p.m.

At 10 a.m. on Saturday, the parade will begin and at 11:30 a.m. there will be the Pirate Tailgate Contest. Each entry will be judged on food, decoration, atmosphere, music, spirit of attendees and how well they incorporated the theme into their tailgate event.

The football game, ECU versus Central Florida will kick off at 2 p.m. Don't forget to Paint It Purple on Friday and show your Pirate Spirit at the game on Saturday.

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PURPLE REIGN

Sharing The Treasures of ECU



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Thursday, October 27th
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Step Show

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Appearance by Coach Skip Holtz, ECU Cheerleaders, and ECU Marching Pirates

7:00 p.m.
Performance by the Dance Team

7:15 p.m.
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Announcement of Homecoming Court

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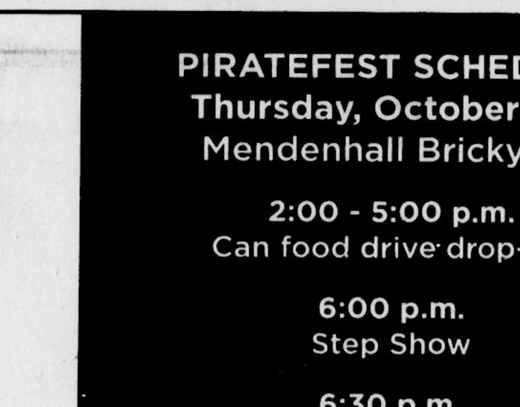
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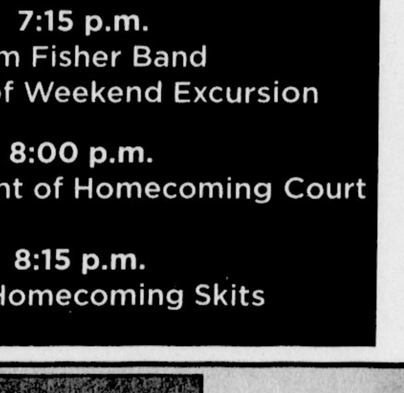


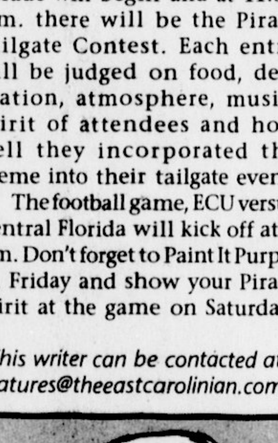
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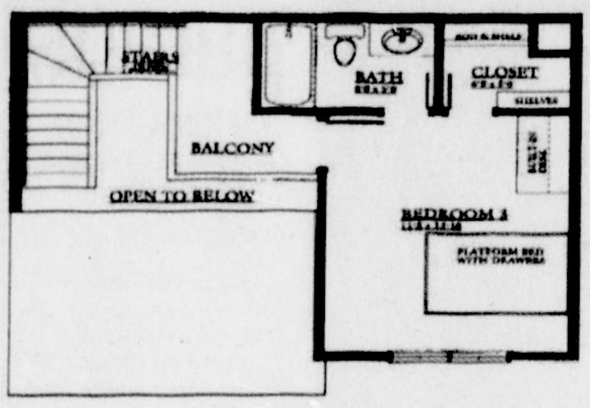




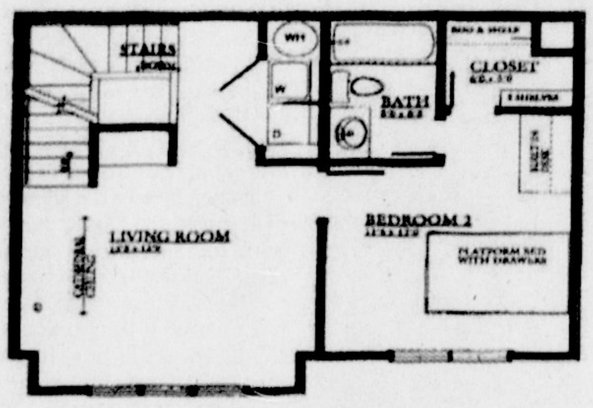


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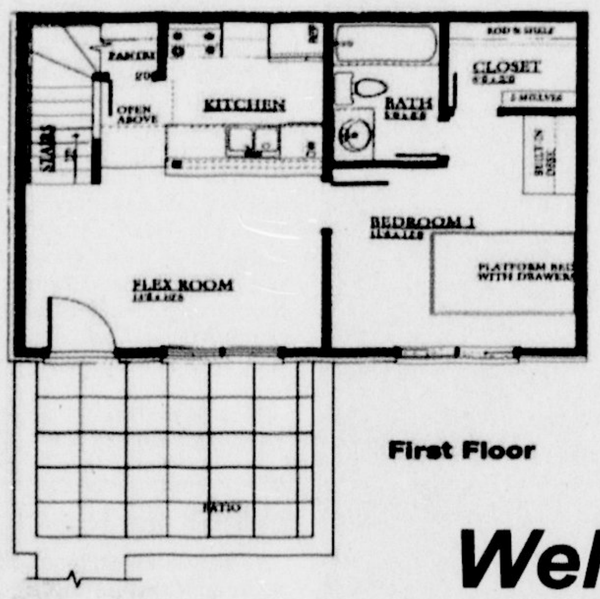
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Third Floor



Second Floor



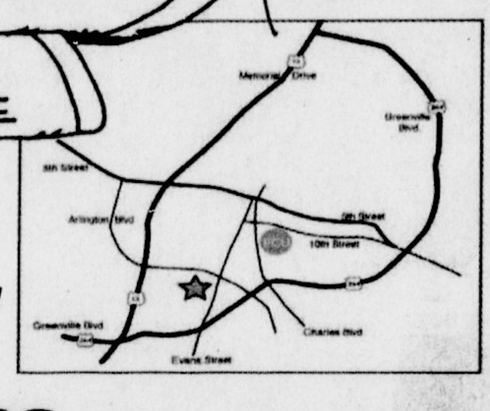
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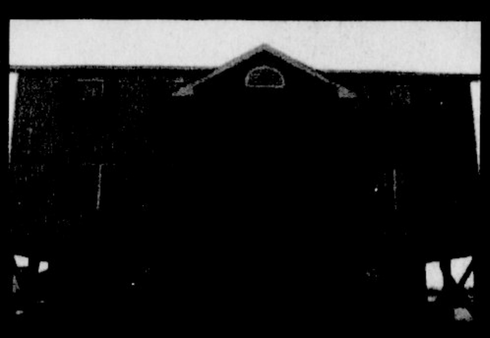
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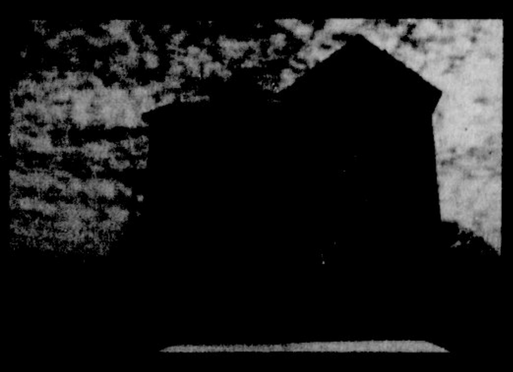
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