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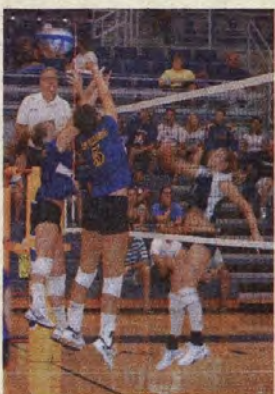
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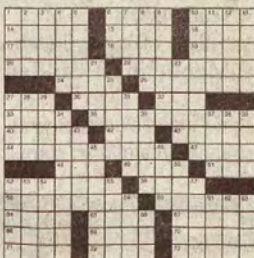


The ECU women's volleyball team looks to improve upon a successful campaign last season. Turn to the sports section to see if the Pirates got the season started off in a positive way....Page A12



After an impressive showing against Virginia Tech, ECU has some much-needed momentum heading into its first home game of the year against the new-look Tar Heels. Check out the sports section for an in-depth recap of the game and ceremonies held in Blacksburg, Va. and a full preview of the much-anticipated match-up with UNC.....Page A9

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Latest SGA election results announced Wednesday

Specific duties assigned to each class officer

KIMBERLY BELLAMY
NEWS EDITOR

The results for the SGA class officer election was announced on September 5, after two days of voting in Wright Place and on Onestop.

The winners of the election were Patrick Sebastian for sophomore class, Misty Lee for junior class, Armand Vonsiatsky for senior class, and April Paul Baer for graduate class.

Two candidates for congress members-at-large were also voted on during this time period.

Mathew Burke and Michael Kindle were elected as representatives for congress.

Steven Grzan was voted as freshman class advocate by members of the Shipmates program.

The constitution states that they are called freshman advocates but their position is the same as class officers, according to Keri Brockett, SGA president.

Each class officer has overall duties, specific duties and project ideas that they must fulfill while holding their positions.

A theme has also been established to represent the overall goal for each class.

The sophomore class theme is campus connections and community. The junior class theme is career exploration and post-collegiate lifestyle. The senior class theme is student to alumni transition and



April Baer
Graduate Class Officer



Armand Vonsiatsky
Senior Class Officer



Misty Lee
Junior Class Officer



Patrick Sebastian
Sophomore Class Officer

alma mater appreciation.

The freshman class theme is leadership and networking. A theme has not been chosen for the graduate class.

Some members of SGA feel that it is important for the officers to have outlined responsibilities.

"Instead of it just being an position that you can say, 'I'm sophomore class president,' this actually has a specific role," said Andrew Griffin, interim vice president.

Candidates that ran for the position as sophomore class officer was Chase Tobin with 390 votes and Preston Stanford with 311 votes. Sebastian received 608 votes.

The candidate that ran against Lee was Jessica Allen, who received 463 votes. Lee received 779 votes.

There was a close margin between the number of votes received by the senior class candidates.

Vonsiatsky received 374 votes. Michaelina Antahades trialed closely behind Vonsiatsky with 357 votes. Christie Hogan received 332 votes and Ernest Wayne Sampson received 179 votes.

The election to fill the positions of vice president and secretary will be at the first congress meeting on Monday, September 10.

To find out more about SGA, visit the Web site at ecu.edu/sga or call the office at 328-4742.

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Breakdowns and Breakthroughs film series tackles mental health issues in movies

Upcoming Movies for the Film Series at Hendrix Theater

9/11 Buddy	9/18 Girl Interrupted	9/25 Do the Right Thing
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10/2 American History X	10/9 The Believer	10/23 American Splendor	10/30 American Beauty	11/6 Before Night Falls	11/13 Crash
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Honors classroom component offered

KIMBERLY BELLAMY
NEWS EDITOR

The first of 10 films of the Breakdowns and Breakthroughs film series was shown on Sept. 4 in Hendrix Theater.

The purpose of the film series is to allow viewers to watch movies that depict mental health issues, stereotypes and stigmas.

The series also aims to give viewers the opportunity to discuss the relevance of the movies to real-world experiences.

"I hope the series creates awareness about these issues and lessens the stigma associated with mental illnesses," said Nate Vietor, visiting assistant professor of psychology.

The first movie shown was, "Best Years of Our Lives," which illustrates how post-war veterans cope with readjusting to civilian



Guest panel and audience members engage in a conversation about film, "Best Years of Our Lives."

life and how non-veterans perceive them.

The mental health state that was highlighted in the movie was depression.

A panel experienced in film

studies and war veterans were present at the film discussion to share their input and experiences.

Included on the panel for the first movie was David Mason of

Student Union, Anna Froula, instructor of film studies in the English department, Jack Teller, Gulf War veteran and

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New security system wants more student users

Text alert service off to a slow start

WILLIAM HALL
STAFF WRITER

A new text message alert system resulted from ECU reevaluating its security system after the Virginia Tech shooting.

Beginning this semester, the system will send messages to students, faculty and families in the community about campus shutdowns, evacuations, weather threats or any other states of emergency via their cell phones.

However, out of the nearly 26,000 students who have enrolled in classes, only 610

have registered for the service as of Aug. 17.

"Students may not fully appreciate the values of emergency text messaging," said Major Frank Knight of the ECU Police Department.

"They may also be concerned with its cost."

Registration is free, according to Erica Plousse Lazure, public affairs writer for the ECU News Bureau who also worked on the text alert project.

The cost for receiving the messages will depend on the user's service provider.

During freshman orientation, a sign-up sheet for the text message service was made available, but very few students took advantage of it.

More non-students have taken advantage of the text alert system. Approximately 1,245 community members have access to the service, based on Lazure's data.

Lazure also stresses that the system will greatly benefit commuter students.

"It's valuable when you've just left your driveway and you get a text message saying that school is cancelled," Lazure said.

Knight is aware that the new security system is only as good as its users.

"Students must take the effort to enroll," Knight said.

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Chi Phi suspended for alcohol citations

Chapter under review

DAVID WILDER
STAFF WRITER

ECU's Chi Phi chapter was placed under temporary suspension due to a party on Aug. 20 that generated 81 citations, 77 of which were for underage drinking. At Chi Phi's fraternity house on 310 Jarvis St., a member of Chi Phi, in addition to three other students, was charged with selling alcohol to a minor.

Chi Phi cannot participate in rush activities, intramural sports or host social events while under suspension.

Michael Azarian, Chi Phi's national executive director, interviewed members of the local chapter from Aug. 29 to Aug. 30. The decision concerning Chi Phi's status with the national fraternity is set to be announced this week.

"I have to determine basically if the fraternity endorsed or sponsored the party," said Keith Tingley, assistant director of greek life.

"Because this is not a fraternity house, there is a gray area as to whether this is a fraternity party or not."

Only one initiated Chi Phi member lived at the house, Tingley added.

If five or more members attended the party, it would be considered an official fraternity function.

The office of greek life assessed citations and interviewed fraternity officials last week. "The goal is that we want to be on the same page with nationals," said Corey King, assistant vice chancellor for student experiences.

The student-run Interfraternity Council [IFC] has the opportunity to review the chapter to make an official university decision.

A panel of four local fraternity presidents, including Phillip Kendal, IFC president, Tommy van Arsdale, executive vice president of IFC and Tingley, will evaluate the chapter.

IFC could decide to extend Chi Phi's temporary suspension.

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PIRATE HAPPENINGS

6 Thurs

7 Fri

8 Sat

9 Sun

10 Mon

11 Tues

12 Wed

Welcome to the Neighborhood Thursday, Sept. 6
3-6 p.m. Willis Building
 Student and community volunteers will visit more than 800 residences in the neighborhoods surrounding the ECU campus to distribute informational kits about off-campus living, Greenville recycling schedules, emergency information, bylaws and other residential living tips.
 For more information on this and other activities, visit the Center for Off-Campus and Community Living Web site at ecu.edu/studentlife/offcampus/ or call 328-2847.

Welcome to the Neighborhood
 3-6 p.m.
 Willis Building

Women's Soccer Old Dominion
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 Bunting Field

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 Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium

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 1:00 PM
 Bunting Field

First PRSSA Meeting
 5:30pm-6:30 p.m.
 Joyner East Room 201

9/11 Memorial
 6 p.m.
 Mendenhall Brickyard

Self Defense
 8-9 p.m.
 SRC 240

So, You Want To Be A Doctor
 6-7p.m.
 Bate 2021

Commuter Lunch
 11:30-1 p.m.
 Multipurpose room, MSC

Massage Clinic provided by the Physical Therapy students.
 5-9 p.m.
 Allied Health Science Building (enter by Laupus Library)

So, You Want To Be A Lawyer
 6-7 p.m.
 Bate 2021

Contra Dance Saturday, Sept. 8
Willis Building
 Lesson: 7:30 p.m.
 Dance: 8-10:30 p.m.
 Live, old-time and Celtic music by a string band.
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 Sponsors: ECU Folk and Country Dancers. For more information call 752-7350.

Hug It Out Campaign Monday, Sept. 10
11 a.m.-2 p.m. Wright Plaza
 SGA, Peer Health, and Healthy PIRATES students will position themselves down in Wright Plaza between 11-2p to offer their peers hugs as a gesture of positive regard for their friendships and the roles that we all share as a part of the ECU community! An information table will also be in Wright Plaza with various suicide prevention, college students and suicide statistics, depression, anxiety, and Counseling Center service information. Chocolate hugs & kisses and "hug passes" will also be handed out.

9/11 Memorial Tuesday, Sept. 11
6 p.m. Mendenhall Brickyard
 A day of remembrance for heroism and those we lost. Speakers will include a representative from a military branch, the Greenville Police Department and the Greenville Fire Department. Sponsored by Students for Defense of Democracies and SGA. Massage Clinic provided by the Physical Therapy students.

Tuesday, Sept. 11
5-9 p.m. Allied Health Science Building (enter by Laupus Library)

The ECU Physical Therapy Students will be conducting a Massage Clinic on Tuesday, September 11th from 5:00 until 9:00 p.m. at the Health Science Building (Laupus Library entrance). Please remember the Department of Physical Therapy has MOVED!! We are now located in the Health Science Building near the hospital on highway 43 (5th street). Prices are \$10.00 for 10 minutes; \$15.00 for 20 minutes; \$20.00 for 30 minutes; \$40.00 for 60 minutes. For an appointment contact Danielle Bogner at 919-522-1151 or email her at dmb0707@mail.ecu.edu

Self Defense Wednesday, Sept. 12
8-9 p.m. SRC 240
 Instructor T. D. Gribble, 5th degree black belt, will teach you self-defense techniques in a progressive training system that allows you to avoid confrontation and defend yourself as the situation dictates. Basic personal protection theories as well as some of the more recent philosophies on self-defense will be covered. \$10 mem/\$20 non-mem, pre-registration required. Reg. Begins Aug. 15. Class meets weekly on Wednesdays

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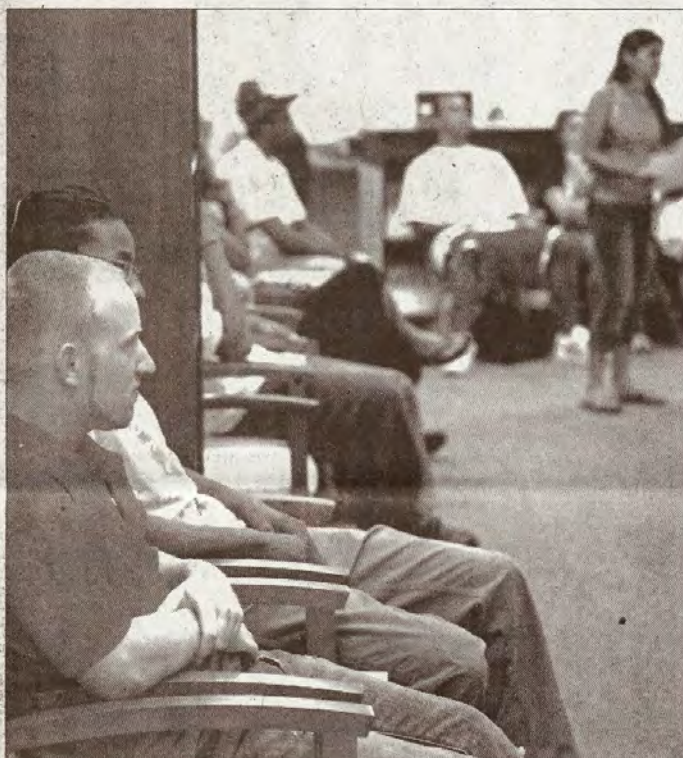
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So, You Want To Be A Doctor
 6pm-7pm
 Bate 2021



Financial aid office runs into road blocks with issuing disbursements



Students wait long lines in Financial Aid Office for assistance during the first week.

Drop/Add deadline extended

DAVID WILDER
 STAFF WRITER

ECU's new software package, Banner, delayed refunds from the Financial Aid Office and forced students to wait in unusually long lines during the first full week of school.

Banner caused problems for the Financial Aid Office because this is the first semester it has been used to process financial aid.

"I think we're close to being done with everybody," said John Durham, chief public affairs officer.

"The biggest problem was our inability to seamlessly merge the old system with Banner," Durham said.

In the future, Banner will handle everything students and staff do electronically,

Durham added.

"We're confident that the spring semester will run smoother," Durham said.

Although the line at the Financial Aid Office was consistently long last week, this semester was still better than previous years because "students don't have to stand in line to get their checks," Durham said.

As a result of busy phone lines, call centers were set up in various buildings around campus to help answer phones and allow staff in the Financial Aid Office to assist students.

Students who had pending financial aid, which means the aid was processed but not disbursed, were allowed to pay for tuition as late as Aug. 31.

The add-only deadline is today at 5 p.m.

The deadlines for adding and dropping classes was extended due to the difficulties the financial aid staff faced with the new

software, Durham said.

Last year 14,676 students received a total of about \$148 million from ECU's Financial Aid Office. That total includes loans, grants and scholarships.

About 21,000 students received financial aid this year, Durham said.

Some students would have rather continued to use the former OneStop system.

"The difficulties faced by the ECU students could've been easily avoided by staying with the previous system," said Ian Wolf, senior English education major.

Some students aren't concerned with what system is used but just want a simple solution.

"I want my money. Usually it has been dispersed on time," said Jason Morton, junior music major.

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Refreshments were served to students who came to the first movie of the series.

Charles Bryant, Iraq War veteran.

The movie did a good job of depicting some aspects that post war has on veterans, mentally and socially, according to Bryant.

"I think it's art imitating life," Bryant said.

Honors 2316 is a class being co-taught by Bernard Timberg, associate professor of communications, and Vietor, which

addresses some of the same issues in the film series.

The students in the class are required to engage in the film series by helping publicize and plan for each movie.

"Each student is responsible for film questions, filmographies and preparing questions for the public," Timberg said.

Upcoming films include "Buddy," "Girl Interrupted," "Do The Right Thing," "American

History X," "The Believer," "American Splendor," "American Beauty," "Before Night Falls" and "Crash."

The films will be shown every Tuesday through Nov. 13. The movies will be shown in Hendrix Theater at 7 p.m.

A reception and film discussion will follow each film shown.

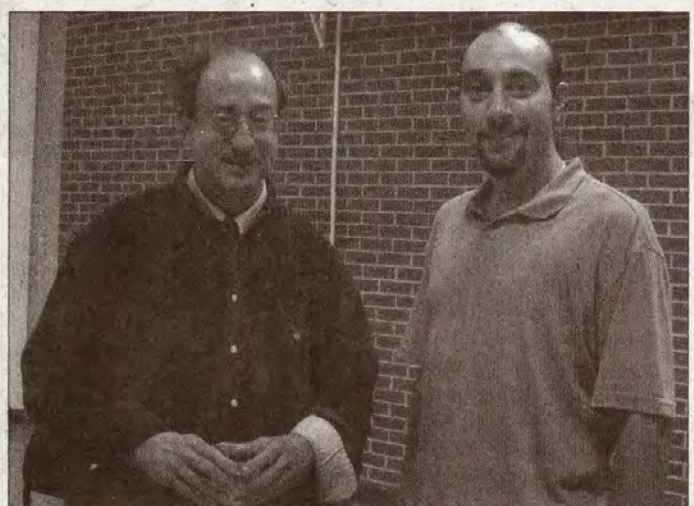
A panel of speakers are scheduled to lead the discus-

sions after a majority of the films.

Admission is free but you must show your Onecard for admission. Non-students and faculty must show a valid photo I.D.

To find out more about the film series, visit the Web site at freewebs.com/breakdownsand-breakthroughs.

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Pictured above: Bernard Timberg and Nate Vietor, professors of film class, HRNS 2316.

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Chi Phi's temporary suspension or place them under permanent suspension. The chapter could also be asked to do community service or undergo a chapter review.

"If you want to drink underage, you're going to get caught," said Peter Romary, director of student legal services.

"If students get citations for this, please come and see us at student legal services."

If this is a student's first offense, he or she can receive 24 hours of community service and an alcohol class with the university rather than pleading guilty.

Pleading guilty to the charges guarantees that students cannot later have the charges expunged from their criminal record, according to Romary.

Student legal services is registered with the North Carolina State Bar as a pre-paid legal plan for students.

A satellite office is located at 125 Mendenhall Student Center.

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The university is attempting to accommodate the over flow of new students with housing and parking.

Admission standards are the same but class size increases

**Freshmen
enrollment increases
from past years**

ALYCIA WENDT
STAFF WRITER

One of the largest freshman classes was welcomed into ECU this year.

An estimate of at least 4,000 freshmen from orientation are enrolled, though a definite count will not be calculated until after the drop/add deadline.

The freshman enrollment rate has risen from previous years but the standards for students to be accepted have remained the same.

Students are reviewed on their unweighted high school grade point average, weighted class rank and SAT or ACT score.

"We continue to evaluate the 'whole student' as part of the admissions review process," said Rob Lange, associate director of the Office of Admissions.

The university is building new facilities and hiring additional faculty to meet the demands of the growing freshman population, according to senior associate director of admissions Anthony Britt.

"Several faculty members have made encouraging observations to me about the enhanced diversity of the freshman class and everyone's improved academic preparation," Britt said. "I think we have one of the best

freshman classes in the history of the university."

The amount of freshmen is causing a problem with students being able to find a place to park.

There is a list of over 200 students waiting to park in the D lot.

"Fortunately, we were ready with 'Plan B.' We have given freshman temporary parking permits for the C-zone that are good through the end of September, so their parking needs have been met," said Bill Koch of Environmental Safety and Campus Parking and Transportation.

Anyone with less than 25 credit hours is generally only allowed to park in the D lot.

However, the Campus Parking and Transportation has decided to lower the credit hour requirement for students to be able to park in available spaces in the A2-zone on College Hill and the B2-zone in the Reade Street lots.

"We are working with the Registrar's office to identify the D-permit holders and the freshmen on the waiting list that meet the new credit hour requirement," Koch said.

"As we identify these individuals, we are contacting them and offering them the chance to upgrade to the B2 or A2 lot based on their dorm location."

The Campus Parking and Transportation office expects this process to be completed by the end of the week and

all freshmen to be accommodated in the A2, B2 or D lot, according to Koch.

There were also problems with having dorm rooms available for freshmen.

There is no definite number of how many students are in the dorms this year, but it is higher than in past years.

There are no male spaces left in the dorms and they are not taking new male contracts at this time, according to Aaron Lucier, director of operations/associate director of Campus Living.

There are also some first-year students living in upper-division housing spaces, normally reserved for returning students, who will be offered spaces in the dorms as they become available.

This year, Belk Hall has no air conditioning and only offers single dorm rooms.

Next year, there will be air conditioning and the dorm will offer double occupancy for more available space.

"While we may grow, ECU will always be committed to making certain that all of its students receive a first-class university education," Britt said.

"I guess you could say we have some 'growing pains,' but East Carolina is a university on the move and it's exhilarating to be a part of that growth."

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Opinion

Vick's legal woes

Is he just a victim of racial profiling?

JASON PATTY
OPINION WRITER

Michael Vick has pled guilty to a federal dog fighting conspiracy charge. He has issued a halfhearted apology because what he did was "very immature." He has also found Jesus in record time. Mr. Vick, what you did was well beyond "very immature."

I am certainly no supporter of PETA, but they have hit the nail on the head this time. I had to turn the videos that they collected off when they aired on TV because I was sick to my stomach. The things that Vick funded, allowed to happen at his house, and worst of all, participated in, are downright stomach-turning.

However, what is most frustrating and infuriating is the NAACP's support of Vick and their claim that his treatment by the media is because he is black. Are they kidding? One of the most high-profile figures in the NFL is constantly in trouble with the law, is caught with an extensive dog fighting operation on his property (including devices for electrocution and rape so that he could breed dogs that would kill each other if not restrained), admits his guilt, and the NAACP has the gall to announce that he is being treated unfairly because he is black.

Michael Vick is not being mistreated because of his race, he is being attacked by the media and most of the general public because of his direct role in a disgusting activity that conflicts with any decent person's basic humanity. If Tom Brady or Matt Leinart had been involved in the same sort of horrible activities, they would be equally vilified for it.

R.L. White, the president of the Atlanta chapter of the NAACP, said that "...in terms of people's judgment of his guilt, that's essentially racial profiling. He's been completely vilified." Mr. White, you are correct that Michael Vick has been vilified by the media, but it isn't because of the color of his skin, it is because of his absolute lack of basic humanity.

Sources for this column include the following websites:

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Back to school...again

Or take it from the old guy

J.D. LEWIS
OPINION WRITER

You know how nearly every class has that one creepy old guy that all the girls are scared of and all the guys just wonder why he's there in the first place? Hi, kids!

This semester marks my triumphant return to ECU. I last walked the hallowed halls of Brewster nine years ago in pursuit of a history degree. However, a series of poor choices, bad decisions and outright laziness allowed it to slip through my fingers.

I'm very fortunate that I have been able to come back and become that old guy I made fun of so long ago ... and that you all make fun of now. Don't worry, ladies, I'm really harmless; just a sad teddy bear (i.e., afraid of my wife).

A few things have changed since my first tour of duty at ECU. I still have to park 40 miles away at the football stadium, but, if memory serves, those hunting licenses we have to purchase in order to be able to park at the stadium are about \$20 cheaper now.

I never had a professor nine years ago who didn't think their class was the only one a student had, so they felt free to require 10 or 12 different books, expecting us to read them all, but knowing we wouldn't. Those overpriced books I'll never use again are even more overpriced now, but somewhere along the way our professors opened their eyes and took pity, and now I only have one class with more than three books.

A word about those books, ladies and gentlemen: no one's going to hold a gun to your head and make you go broke at the bookstore. There's this nifty invention called Amazon.com, and there are kind professors out there who will provide you with a list of texts if you just ask nicely. I didn't purchase a single book at the Student Stores, and I saved \$85. That may not sound like much in the grand scheme of things, but it's two tanks of gas I don't have to worry about, or dinner at Outback with the wife and a lot of Jack and Cokes.

Speaking of the Student Stores, something I've noticed now that I've grown older and fatter is that the distance between there and Brewster has grown by about a half a mile. I guess I'll be buying blue books in bulk.

The bus ride from the stadium to Brewster hasn't changed much, although I seem to recall the air conditioners on the buses actually working nine years ago before the onset of global warming. I was not surprised in the least however, when, on my first day back on the bus, a kid with what Jerry Seinfeld referred to as B.B.O. sat down next to me despite numerous empty seats all around us. 105-degree weather, no A/C and funky armpits a pleasant bus ride do not make.

One thing that has changed is me. When I was at ECU the first time around, a lot of my current classmates were only eight years old. I had my chance and I blew it. I gave up on my dream of ever becoming a history professor who only assigns two books and for nine years I worked a dead-end job I hated with no future in sight.

Now I've gotten a second chance, but at what cost? Nine years of my life and thousands of dollars I can't afford (and without the benefit of financial aid).

Young people, make fun of the old guy all you want to, but pay attention to your professors too. Ask questions. Read every word of those overpriced books. Don't start writing your papers at 4:00 in the morning on the day it's due at 8:00 (been there, done that). Don't screw up like I did. I'm lucky. Not everyone may be fortunate enough to get the second chance I did.

Stick with it. Do your best. If you ever ride the bus with me, have the decency to put on some deodorant.

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{ Rants for everyone! }



PIRATE RANTS

The *East Carolinian* does not endorse statements made in Pirate Rants. Questions regarding Rants can be directed to Rachel King, Opinion Page Editor, at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com. Log onto theeastcarolinian.com to submit a Rant of your own.

If you're going to turn off the air in the bus, at least open the windows.

I can't wait 'til ECU Tae Kwon Do starts back!!!

Some of the dance team needs to invest in a treadmill.

WAY TO GO PIRATES!!!! I sat in the VT student section at the game and even they were calling their OWN TEAM overrated! Awesome job boys! KEEP IT UP!!

Since we've been in the news this week, why does everyone jump to the conclusion to say "East Carolina = party school?"... HEY! We work hard here, too.

I like big booties and I cannot lie!!!!

PLAYPINKNEY! That kid looked good this weekend! INSKIP WE TRUST!!!!

The Teaching Fellows Program is as close to slavery as you can get in this day and time.

Your tricks don't work on me!

Did the people who came up with Banner or scheduling have a college education? Because ALL my classes got dropped the day before they were supposed to start.

You only came to school here to get MY MAN... Guess what? It's not happening so go home b/c your gonna fail out anyways.

My biggest pet peeve is when friends ditch their friends for a boyfriend/girlfriend, especially when they haven't even been together a long time. I'm so over it. Don't come crying to me when something goes wrong, because I don't want to hear it!

Learn to drive, or expect my one-finger traffic signal.

Sometimes I choose not to go to class just because I can't understand what the hell my teacher is saying.

Stop touching me!

I hooked up with your mother... oops.

My last day at the university is soon. I am sorry to anyone that I may have been rude to. It was nothing personal against any of you... I just really hated my job.

I lost one day of my life, for nothing.

If you want to teach the class, teach it. Otherwise, shut your mouth, and let the real professor do her job.

I love it when people write on my Facebook wall and sign their names at the bottom. Thanks; I know who you are by your picture and name.

Just because someone disagrees with you does not mean you need to have a press conference... let it go... this is a big year so tell the reporters to eat it. Come on, you are bigger than them.

Why is it that my ex won't leave me alone but the guy I WANT to notice

me only thinks of me as a friend?

Why is East Carolina donating a hundred thousand dollars to the victims of Virginia Tech while my financial aid is still delayed?

Hey you--I like you. Are you THAT oblivious or do you not feel the same?

How can someone be 'too sweet'? This just sounds like an excuse so that you (once again) don't have to put forth any effort in bettering yourself or your life...

I just saw a clip of The Hills. Let me tell you something. If a girl says the word "like" eight times in one sentence, she has a serious problem.

It feels like we live in Texas...

I don't like this "no paper" business...

To the girl I called a jerk in our apartment parking lot: I'm sorry! I was having a bad day. Scratch that--I don't have an excuse.

If the school doesn't recommend students use Windows Vista, why do they sell it?

I don't dislike you because you're 200 lbs. overweight. I dislike you because you can't stop texting me.

She bats her eyes and sighs in class. It feels like a scene out of The Little Rascals.

Weed is what brought me and my new best friend together!

If you didn't get at least 1000 on your SATs, you're stupid. Don't make excuses about being a bad test-taker.

Freshman need to get out of the computer labs.

I love the Wii. I hated being an RA.

My boss sends me daily motivation emails. Too bad I hate my boss.

To the girl in line for Subway at The Galley the other day: the rest of us don't want to hear your phone play music while we wait for our food. They manufacture iPods for that. Cell phones are not portable mini boom boxes! It's RUDE! Grow up.

I secretly jam to cheesy 80's music when I'm alone in my car.

To the creepy old man: Thank you for pretending to be with the animal control and arresting me and my friend for making bird noises in the woods. You surely gave us a good scare and laugh, and of course brightened our day!!!!

Hey bookstore! Why don't you take the money from my Italian 1001 book and buy an oil refinery in Alaska?! How much money is enough?

5'2," 125lbs., Everything I ever wanted... Why is it so hard for me to say "I love you," when I do?

Out for one game? Should've been the season.

Other universities use Banner just fine. So why is ECU having so many problems? Someone obviously didn't do their homework.

I don't like your boyfriend!!! Keep him away from me.

I am getting tired of waiting for you to make a move.

ECU QUARTERBACK TRYOUTS! TONIGHT- 7 p.m. at the bottom of the Hill.

I just want to apologize to ECU and the greater Greenville area. I used to talk so much crap about how much G-Vegas could suck but now I live in Nashville, TN and work at Vanderbilt University and let me just tell you I miss the awesome times at ECU and "The Manor." I miss my girls; I MISS BEING A PIRATE!

The Brown bus route needs a bigger bus! There is no standing room and the drivers have had to bypass stops all together several times a day because the bus so full.

This is to the student that ran across 10th Street when there was only one second on the walk sign and the light was green for people to turn right. What the heck were you thinking? I almost ran over you!

My child got your honor student pregnant.

Fake ID wanted. Please contact ASAP.

It's really hard to quit smoking when everyone on campus is smoking.

To any freshmen who happen to be reading the Pirate Rants for the very first time right now: you have just discovered what the next four years of your life will actually be all about (i.e. not class, but Pirate Rants and coffee).

The only thing I hate about college is the hard time you have finding a girlfriend. You think you've found the perfect girl, and she's even in the same dorm and BAM, somewhere in the conversation she mentions her boyfriend.

I believe that someone needs to make not having air conditioning in dorms illegal because staying in Belk is like living in Hell.

When in a computer lab, shut up. I don't want to hear your conversation or your voice.

Why is it so hard for you to stop a personal phone call and help me, when it's your job? Receptionist - n - - An office worker employed chiefly to receive visitors and answer questions.

Stop sending me to the wrong office. Learn where things are if you work here.

Stop the cover up. What really shook up the basketball office?

By the time you figure out how to simplify moving back to school, it's time to graduate!

Time to leave the 'blues' at home

Seeing red on campus

JOHN CARRERE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

With a brand new semester ahead of us and a new season for Pirate athletics on the horizon, it is necessary to address a growing problem on our campus. It is a problem that has been discussed and debated fiercely at our school, and it is time for us as students of this university to take a stand.

As a student body, it is time to start leaving the t-shirts and hats of all other universities off our campus and outside of our classrooms. It may be silly for you to think that wearing a certain shade of blue or red promoting another school would be harmful, but you're making a statement of irresponsibility.

In the past 100 years, ECU has fought to make its mark in this state. Believe it or not, when you wear that "favorite" piece of clothing, you're supporting schools that never wanted ECU to exist in the first place. Let us not forget those individuals who spearheaded the assembly that wanted to refuse East Carolina College university status or fought against us having a dental school.

Our founders didn't fight diligently to gain our university status just to have its student body wear apparel promoting other schools. Yes, your great-great grandparent may have given an endowment to UNC or your father may have laid the bricks at State, but you are a student standing in Pirate Country. It is time to start acting like it. When you wear those schools on campus, you're saying it is alright for them to look down on us and see that we're too scared to get behind our own school. Do you think their students wear purple and gold pirates on their campuses?

The next time you think of spending \$20 on a shirt or hat representing another school, just remind yourself that you may be helping them buy one more basketball for practice, one more computer for learning or one more brick for building. If we are to be taken seriously by our neighbors to the west, it is time for us to start wearing our colors a little more proudly.

Our traditions here at ECU are proud and numerous and should be respected and honored. To believe otherwise is a contradiction and a slap in the face of those who have worked so hard to build this university into what it is today.

It's easy to be a fair-weather Pirate when the sailing is easy and the treasure is close, but a ship divided cannot float. It is important now more than ever, as a student body, to help direct this university into the next 100 years, both academically and athletically.

As the greatest band of pirates in history, it is up to us to decide how history remembers us. As students of the Centennial class of East Carolina, do we want to be remembered for flying the banners of other schools in the heart of Pirate Nation? On the other hand, do we want to be remembered as Pirates who bore the traditional royal purple and old gold with pride and honor?

From now on, when you pull that East Carolina shirt over your head, remember that you're wearing the name of an idea and a vision that started over 100 years ago. When you put on your hat, know that there are those who have fought for you to wear those colors.

When you set foot on our beautiful campus, remember that you are the embodiment of a plan and a dream set in motion by a group of noble educators long ago. If you have yet to be properly welcomed, it would be my proud pleasure. Welcome to ECU, home of the Pirates.

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Horoscopes:

Aries

Domestic squabbles are not your favorite form of entertainment. Help them all settle down and work together to accomplish great things.

Taurus

You'll be thinking about creative projects more for the next few weeks. Do the planning and get the patterns. You can save a lot of money on gifts this year.

Gemini

There's money coming in, perhaps due to a change at the top. If there's a promotion you'd like to have, apply for it now.

Cancer

You're entering a very creative phase. You may not be very interested in social activities though, unless they're held at your beautiful home. You could go for that.

Leo

You can tell that you're accomplishing things when the money starts coming in. It will, so don't slow down. You'll earn more for the dirtier jobs.

Virgo

Friends will be glad to help you find anything you need. They can even lead you to the right person for an important job. Ask and ye shall receive.

Libra

Finish an old job quickly and a new one follows on its heels. Don't let yourself be overwhelmed; look forward to the challenge.

Scorpio

You're good at keeping secrets, that's why you get told so many. Keep the one that comes under discussion now. Change the subject smoothly without attracting attention.

Sagittarius

You're more interested in philosophy than finances and yet, as you know, it's nice to have some pocket change. Take care of your business and your business takes care of you.

Capricorn

Even if you're not working for tips, the same rules apply now. The better you do the job, the more money you'll be paid. Keep a cheerful attitude, too.

Aquarius

This job requires great sensitivity. And it doesn't pay very well. Should you delegate it to somebody else? Nope, that's not an option.

Pisces

You are incredibly special in somebody else's opinion. At moments like this, it's always a good idea not to argue.

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Drink Recipes

Brazilian Hot Chocolate

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1/4 cup Sugar
1/8 teaspoon Salt
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1/2 cup Half and Half
1 1/2 cups Hot Strong Coffee
1 teaspoon Pure Vanilla Extract
1/4 teaspoon Ground Cinnamon

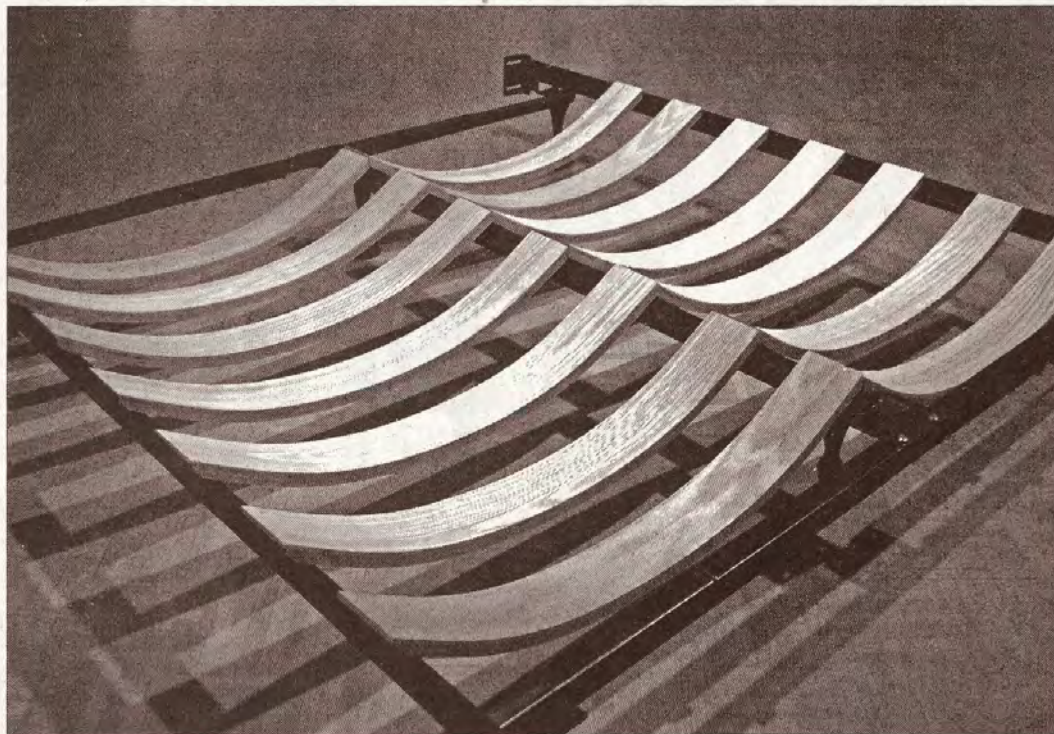
Combine chocolate, sugar and salt in top half of a double boiler over simmering water. Cook, stirring, until chocolate is melted, then stir in water. Cook, stirring, 4 minutes. Add milk, half & half and coffee. Beat with a whisk or hand beater until frothy. Add vanilla and cinnamon; whisk well.

Cafe Anna

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1/3 cup instant coffee granules
1/4 cup sugar
1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon
4 cups milk
1/2 cup whipping cream, whipped
Ground nutmeg

Pur water into 2 quart microwave safe casserole. Microwave at high setting 1 minute, then stir in instant coffee granules until dissolved. Blend in sugar and cinnamon, then milk, stirring constantly. Microwave.

Tri-State Sculpture Exhibition comes to ECU



Students will be able to check out exhibits free of charge

VIRGINIA SMITH
STAFF WRITER

This year ECU will be hosting the 29th annual tri-state sculpture exhibition, beginning on Sept. 5 and running through Sept. 28. Sculptors from South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia will be coming into the area to display works and raise awareness about the sculpting community.

Sculptures will be displayed in the Gray Gallery during the exhibition.

According to the conference website (trisculptors.org), "the aim of the conference is to provide... anyone with an interest in art, but especially sculptors to par-

ticipate in the exchange of ideas."

The conference will include "traditional sessions and panels as well as 'hands-on' demonstrations and workshops."

This exhibition will be an opportunity for local artists to become well-known in a larger area.

"Unfortunately, there hasn't been a lot of attention on sculpture in the last few years," says Garrett Stowe, a senior sculpture major at ECU.

The exhibition will culminate with a conference on Sept. 28 held in Speight Auditorium. Award-winning sculptor Bruce Beasley, born in California

in 1939, will be the keynote

speaker, and artists can participate in various workshops and programs. Beasley has had shows in Paris, Los Angeles and dozens of other locations. He actually invented a new method of acrylic casting.

The department has been preparing for weeks for the exhibition and has been gathering scrap iron for the iron pour.

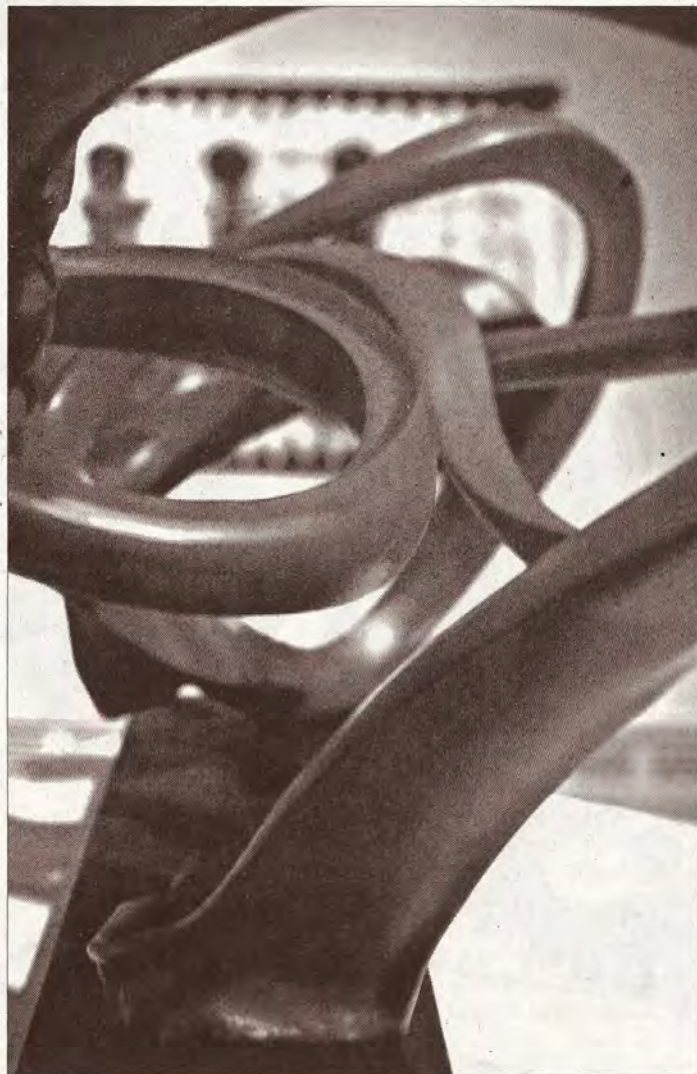
Artists can come and cast sculptures that they may not have had the means to cast otherwise.

"It's going to be really cool,"



Photos by Aileen Delvin

Various exhibits like these will be shown at the gallery.



said Stowe. "I've participated in iron pours before, but I've never been involved so much. The iron pours are awesome just to see, too. A lot of people like to watch because of all the sparks and flames."

The campus community is getting excited about this two-week event.

"The conference will hopefully raise awareness about sculpture and get people excited again," says Stowe. "I've only been a sculpture major for a year,

and sometimes there are really few of us. I hope it will really get people interested."

The Gray Gallery is open to the public and is handicap accessible. It is open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and has limited weekend hours. Any questions regarding the conference can be directed to the gallery at (252) 328-6336.

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Sexually transmitted infections and diseases

What you need to know

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If you have ever been enrolled in a health course, odds are you know what the acronyms STD, STI and HIV stand for.

Being in or having been in a health course, however, does not ensure that you know all there is to know about sexually-transmitted diseases or infections.

Many students enter college unaware of the dangers of many STDs and lack important information about tests and treatment options available at their school's health care facility.

ECU's Health Educator Shawnte' McMillan wants to make sure students are informed about these health concerns so they can take an active approach in preventing the contraction of a sexually transmitted infection or disease.

What are the statistics for sexually transmitted diseases at ECU? Rumor has it that 1 in 3 students has an STD? Is this true? Are there more or less reported STDs now than in years past? How do we compare with other schools in the UNC system? The nation?

To answer the first couple of questions, Student Health Service does not reveal the statistics for Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) or Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) on the ECU campus. All positive results are forwarded to the Pitt County database through the Health Department for recording purposes. Most college campuses don't reveal the number of STIs prevalent on their campus. Some researchers have estimated that, among sexually active college students, about one in three will contract an STD by the time they graduate. National statistics state that rates within this age group are rising.

What are the most common STDs?

Although there may be differences from campus to campus, Chlamydia, HPV (Human Papilloma Virus) or genital warts and genital herpes appear to be the most common STIs among college students, in general.

Are all STDs treatable?

If you are using treatable in the same context as curable, no. All STIs are not curable but there are treatments available for the STIs that have no cure. These treatments help to suppress the symptoms associated with the STI.

What exactly is the HIV virus?

HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) is the virus that causes AIDS. This virus may be passed from one person to another when infected blood, semen, or vaginal secretions come in contact with an uninfected person's broken skin or mucous membranes. In addition, infected pregnant women can pass HIV to their baby during pregnancy or delivery, as well as through breast-feeding. People with HIV have what is called HIV infection. Some of these people will develop AIDS as a result of their HIV infection.

While many viruses can be controlled by the immune system, HIV targets and infects the same immune system cells that are supposed to protect us from illnesses. These are a type of white blood cell called CD4 cells.

HIV takes over CD4 cells and turns them into virus factories that produce thousands of viral copies. As the virus grows, it damages or kills CD4 cells, weakening the immune system.

What percentage of the ECU campus is infected by the HIV virus?

The number of students at ECU infected with HIV is not known. It is important to remember that all students don't come to Student Health to get tested; they may go to their physician at home or to a Health Department or physician's office in the surrounding area.

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The fastest growing crime in America

It could happen to you

ERIN EDWARDS
STAFF WRITER

It's a scenario that can happen to anyone. You are missing a few bills or statements over a period of time, or a collection agency calls you in regards to accounts or charges you know you are not responsible for. Then you began to notice withdrawals or transfers you did not make, and you are turned down after applying for credit when you should be financially qualified. Any one of these circumstances can be an indication of identity theft.

No matter what age, race or gender, anyone can be a victim of identity theft.

According to United States Social Security, identity theft is defined as a criminal using another person's personal information to take on that person's identity. While federal and state governments have passed numerous laws to take action against this crime, any person can be at risk.

Identity theft is the fastest growing crime in America, claiming 900,000 new victims annually. Among those at risk are college students and young adults. Half of college students across the nation usually receive daily or weekly credit card applications, of which many discard without fully destroying them. And many students use their social security number, especially on campus, without thinking of the consequences.

With the installation of Banner, the administration of



East Carolina University is taking extra steps to ensure that a student's identity is not put in jeopardy. The system is a technology-based solution designed to streamline administrative processes and improve self-service applications. With Banner, each student is given an identification number, usually starting with B. This new ID system is intended to replace the use of a student's social security number, thus lowering the risk of identity theft.

"In situations where an identification number is needed, never give out your social security number, but always ask to use another number instead," said Kimber Walker, an independent associate for Pre Paid Legal Services, Inc., a company that provides legal services to families in North Carolina. The business runs under Kroll, the world's leading risk management company, providing full-service restoration for victims of identity theft.

Walker believes that it is only a matter of time before people will be affected by identity theft, citing that even when someone supplies just a debit card number, they are putting themselves in jeopardy.

"Many criminals use others' identity because most of them have bad credit as well. That is why it is extremely important not to carry around sensitive documents, including social security cards and birth certificates," Walker said.

Anyone can be a victim of identity theft. According to a survey conducted by the Federal Trade Commission in 2003, nearly 10 million people in the United States have their identities stolen. This number had tripled from two years before. In North Carolina alone, the number of reported cases jumped 3 and one half times between 2001 and 2005. While one cannot prevent identity theft wholly, they can take precautionary

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Pirates to display new, more exciting entrance

ECU's football entrance will have a new look

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Kickoff for Saturday's home opener against bitter-rival North Carolina is set for 6 p.m., but Pirate fans need to be in their seats much earlier than that.

A couple of new, more explosive and more exciting things have been added to ECU's "purple haze" entrance, and assistant Athletics Director Scott Weatherbee believes the new additions are something that ECU students will not want to miss.

"You'll definitely want to be in your seat 15 minutes prior to kickoff, don't have an excuse that you've been waiting in line because the lines are long to get into the stadium," said Weatherbee. "We have 43,000 people to get into the stadium and they all can't come in a half hour before and expect to be in in 15 minutes... get there early and we'll make it worth their while."

The most physically-obvious addition is the pirate ship that has been built in front of the Murphy Center, replacing the inflatable tunnel that the ECU football team has ran out of in the past.

A more game-specific video, which will be

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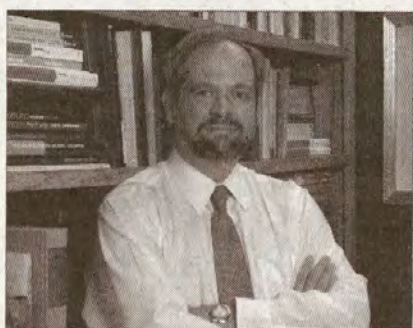
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ECU College of Business Announces First Presenter for New Speaker Series



Greenville, N.C. – The College of Business at East Carolina University will feature best-selling author and businessman Juan Enriquez as its first speaker for the newly-developed Cunanan Leadership Speaker Series.

Enriquez's presentation, which is free of charge and open to the public, will be held at the Hilton Hotel in Greenville on Oct. 3 at 3:30 pm.

Enriquez is currently Chairman and CEO Biotechnomy LLC, a life sciences research and investment firm based in Boston. He is widely recognized as a leading authority on the economic and political impacts of life sciences. He is also an expert on the dynamics of the knowledge economy and the other social and political forces that are driving change in America and the world today.

He is the author of "As the Future Catches You," an analysis of the impact of genomics on business and society, as well as "The Untied States of America," which explores why, as technology advances, some countries are successful while others disappear.

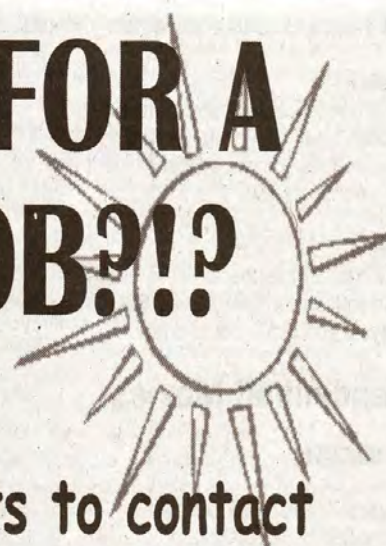
Dr. Frederick Niswander, dean of the College of Business, said, "We are thrilled to bring some of our nation's most successful leaders to Greenville through the Cunanan Leadership Speaker Series. Insight from leaders such as Juan Enriquez will enrich, energize, and inform our students, faculty, and citizens alike."

In July 2007, the College of Business announced the establishment of the Cunanan Leadership Speaker Series, made possible by a gift from Steve and Ellen Cunanan of Richboro, Pa. Matching funds were also provided by the Johnson & Johnson Foundation.

The Cunanan Leadership Speaker Series is designed bring distinguished leaders to Greenville, representing for-profit and non-profit firms, entrepreneurial activities, government, and public affairs. Topics highlight leadership, professional development, ethics and the role of business in modern society.

About the College of Business at East Carolina University
The College of Business at East Carolina University was founded in 1936 and has been accredited by the AACSB since 1967. Located in Greenville, N.C., the college continues to grow substantially and now has more than 2500 undergraduate students, 710 graduate students, 110 faculty members, as well as 30 degrees, majors, and concentrations.

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How do you go about getting tested for HIV at ECU?

To get tested for HIV here at ECU please call 252-328-6841 to make an appointment to have the test conducted free of charge! We currently offer the HIV test that is taken by giving blood at our lab, and the results take 2-3 weeks. The students will receive both pre and post counseling to students who are tested. In order to get their results read, students must make an appointment here at Student Health Services. Within the next couple of months students will be able to get a rapid HIV test that will allow them to get their results within an hour.

What about testing for other STDs?

Testing for other STDs is available here at Student Health. The prices vary depending on the STI and the test needed.

Suppose a student suspects they have an STD, how do they go about getting tested? Treated?

If a student suspects they have an STI, all they have to do is call 252-328-6841 to make an appointment with a provider. We have both male and female providers available to students for treatment. If the student tests positive for an STI, the provider will discuss with them treatment options available and if applicable, write them a prescription, which they can get filled through our on-site Pharmacy. If necessary, the provider will refer the student to the Health Educator for further discussion on risks and contra-

ceptive methods they can use to help prevent further infection.

What preventative measures can students take to protect against contracting an STD?

As many students know, there is only ONE 100% effective method in preventing contracting an STI and that's abstinence. Other measures that should be taken are:

1. Using condoms during vaginal and anal sex and
2. Using dental dams during oral sex.

Oftentimes students forget that STIs can be transmitted via oral sex through skin-to-skin contact. Herpes and HPV are two examples of STIs that are spread sexually through skin-to-skin. For example, if one mate has Herpes on their lip and gives the other mate oral sex, their partner could then develop Genital herpes.

Are there informational sessions at ECU pertaining to STDs?

Throughout the year, Student Health and Campus Recreation and Wellness (CRW) will host programs or events that educate students on STIs. Student Health Service will offer a free Chlamydia/Gonorrhea urine test from September 17th - October 12th as part of the GUESS WHO'S GOT IT? campaign. CRW will host Sexual Responsibility Week in the spring, Health 1000 teachers teach an STI section as part of their curriculum and there is a Sexual Health class offered to students through the Health Education & Promo-

tion Department on campus.

What other interesting information do you have about STIs or STDs?

•Each year, there are 9 million new STI cases in the U.S. in people under the age of 25

•Two-thirds of individuals with an STI are under the age of 25

•HPV is the most common STI on college campuses

•Chlamydia is the 2nd most common STI on college campuses

•Herpes is the 3rd most common STI on college campuses

•No symptoms is the most common symptom of an STI

•Some STIs are treatable and curable and some are not

•Less than half of adults ages 18-44 have been tested for an STI, other than HIV/AIDS

•Having an STI is not a moral issue. Don't let shame or embarrassment get in the way of getting treatment

•Preventing most STIs is a lot easier than treating most STIs

If students have any questions regarding STIs or any health issues can email them to GotQuestions@ecu.edu which or contact Shawnte' McMillan at 252-328-6794.

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steps in order to increase their protection from identity theft.

With reported cases climbing annually, reducing the risk of fraud is important.

Start with reducing the number of credit and debit cards that you carry around in your wallet. If they are ever lost or stolen, immediately cancel them and report fraud on your credit reports.

If anything appears suspicious regarding your financial accounts, immediately contact the proper authorities to ensure that it does not continue.

Never give out your social security number over the phone, by mail or over the Internet. Don't be fooled with contests or claims that you are a winner, especially if they ask for deeply personal information. These are scams that are easy to fall for, and once you fall, the consequences are massive.

The average victim spends over \$1,180 and 60 hours attempting to repair the reparations. But money and time are not the only issues identity-theft victims face. Countless people suffer from other consequences, including being denied credit, legal woes, harassment from creditors to pay bills that are not theirs and even being arrested for crimes they did not commit. The consequences are great, and so is the importance of reducing each individual risk.

In the blink of an eye, one's identity can be stolen, but it can take a lifetime to build it back up again.

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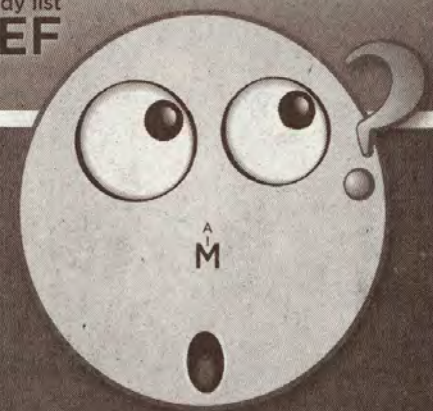
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shown on the Dowdy-Ficklen scoreboard, will also be new to the Pirates' entrance, and will be synchronized with the players' exit from the pirate ship.

"We're going to tweak the video board a little bit, be a little more game-specific," Weatherbee said. "It will be specific towards UNC, and then we'll change it every week."

Another new thing that Weatherbee urges students to get involved with is the raising of the Jolly Roger and no quarter flags.

The Jolly Roger flag, located between the end zone and Murphy Center, will be raised moments before kickoff, but will not be raised the entire game.

Before the start of the fourth quarter, the Jolly Roger flag will be lowered and an additional video will be shown on the scoreboard as the no quarter flag is raised.

"Our big thing that is new and the thing that we really want the students to get involved with is between the third and fourth quarter," he said. "We have to get the fourth

quarter started off right, when it's a close game and the player's really needs fan support."

Weatherbee wants the ECU students to cross their arms in imitation of the skull and crossbones that will be displayed on the no quarter flag.

"If a ship refused to surrender, they risked the wrath of the Pirate ship's crew," ecupirates.com says as history behind the no quarter battle flag. "Once a battle began, the Jolly Roger was lowered and replaced with a 'No Quarter' flag signifying that the Pirates would now take no prisoners and give no quarter to their enemy."

"Show the opponents the Pirates will give **NO QUARTER** by crossing your arms in imitation of the skull and crossbones! Cheer loud, stomp your feet, and show the team these Pirates will give no quarter!"

The idea of the pirate ship is credited to Ann Holland, wife of ECU's Athletic Director Terry Holland.

Weatherbee said that there is another surprise to the entrance that he is not willing

to reveal yet, and he, Skip Holtz and the football players wants students in their seats for the new entrance.

"What we're trying to do is get everybody in their seats before kickoff," said Weatherbee. "There is nothing worse than the first time the players run through the ship and the students aren't in their seats and people aren't their yet."

The pirate ship, the surprise and the raising of the flags are new traditions that everyone is hoping the ECU student body will embrace, starting with Saturday's rivalry game with UNC that starts at 6 p.m., but be sure to get in the stadium before then.

"There is a lot of excitement in this program," said ECU coach Skip Holtz. "The schedule has created a lot of excitement, having the opportunity to play some of the better teams on the east coast, some of the better teams in North Carolina, I know it excites our players and I think they're up for the challenge."

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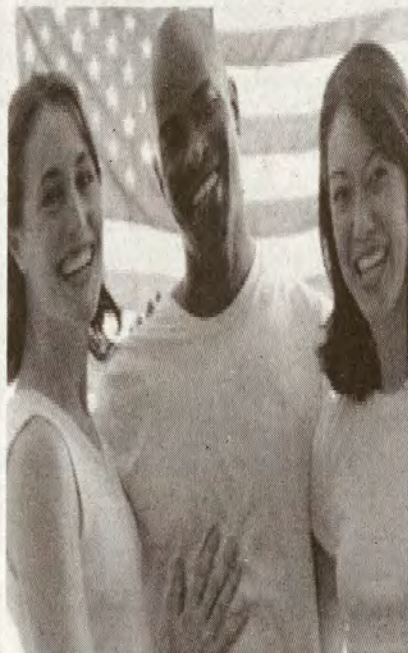
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SPORTS EDITOR

It is a day not soon to be forgotten by those in Blacksburg, Va. On that fateful day, April 16, 2007, 32 Virginia Tech students were gunned down by one disturbed soul, while many others were injured and scarred for life.

September 1, 2007 is also a day that will be remembered, as a time for healing and forgiveness, faith and sorrow and, of course, all-day tailgating and smash-mouth football.

In a scene unlike any other college football pregame party, ECU fans were invited, with open arms, to join the Hokie tailgating.

Trucks and cars around the stadium donned window paint thanking the Pirates for their support and even in the stadium this sentiment was echoed.

As part of Virginia Tech's pregame ceremonies, ECU Chancellor Steve Ballard, as well as Director of Athletics Terry Holtz, presented a \$100,000 check to the Hokie Spirit Memorial Fund to Virginia Tech President Dr. Charles Steger at the 50-yard-line. At the conclusion of the presentation two Virginia Tech cheerleaders held up a sign towards the fans at one end of the stadium that read "Thank you", while two cheerleaders on the opposite end of the field held up a sign to the stands that read "Pirates". The crowd quickly joined in the chant, and by the end the stadium was so loud, the sentiments could echo all the way to Greenville.

A tribute video to the victims and heroes of April 16, 2007 was also shown during the ceremonies. Fans throughout the stadium could be seen drying their eyes, as images of candle vigils, injured victims and memorial collages flashed across the scoreboard screen. The stadium was completely sober and silent for the minute and 40 seconds that the tribute ran, while "Walk Humbly Son" by Eddie from Ohio gave the soundtrack to the emotional event. Julie Murphy-Wells, the lead singer of Eddie from Ohio, is a Virginia Tech alumnus, and no other song could have fit so well with the tribute.

After 32 orange and maroon balloons were released from the field, each one symbolizing a victim of the tragedy, the teams were ready to play some football.

Even this tradition was altered, as usually the visiting team takes the field first. On this special occasion, in a symbol of equality, both squads took the field at the same time while "Enter Sandman," the electrifying Metallica classic, roared throughout the stadium.

Throughout the game there were no jeers for the Pirates and a newfound respect was apparent between the two schools.

ECU football Head Coach Skip Holtz may have encapsulated the emotion of the day best.

"It was an honor for us to have the opportunity and come up here and play in such an emotional environment for the Virginia Tech family," he said. "I really thought this was a special day and it was neat for us to be a part of it."



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FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Pirates look to beat UNC for first time in 32 years

UNC will be making its second trip to Greenville

JARED JACKSON
STAFF WRITER

KEYS TO THE GAME



1. Make the Pirates throw the ball

ECU passed for 119 yards against Virginia Tech last Saturday. Patrick Pinkney and Dwayne Harris were both effective in running the ball from the quarterback position, but the Pirates' longest pass completion was 17 yards and they only took a couple of shots downfield in the passing game. The Tar Heels need to load the box and stuff ECU's rushing attack, forcing Pinkney and the Pirate receivers to beat them.

2. Get big plays from the wide receiver position

The Tar Heels' offense is led by its talented and athletic wide receivers. Sophomore Hakeem Nicks was a freshman All-American last season. Quarterback T.J. Yates also has tall receivers in Brooks Foster, Brandon Tate, Kenton Thornton and Greg Little to throw to. ECU's inexperienced secondary blew some coverages last week, something that UNC needs to exploit again this week.

3. Win the battle at the line of scrimmage

ECU dominated Virginia Tech on the offensive and defensive line, out-gaining the Hokies by 109 rushing yards last Saturday. UNC's offensive line will have to protect Yates and its defensive line needs to penetrate ECU's offensive line and try to disrupt the Pirates' rushing attack.



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After a stellar performance last weekend, despite the loss to Virginia Tech, a feeling has spread around Greenville that this could be an exceptional football season in the making.

But first, ECU will have to beat a bitter rival in North Carolina. The Pirates haven't played the Tar Heels since a 28-17 loss in UNC's first trip to Greenville in 2003.

The Pirates (0-1) haven't beat the Tar Heels (1-0) since 1975 and UNC holds an 8-1-1 advantage in the series.

"This is obviously a great rivalry game for our fans," said ECU coach Skip Holtz. "I hope they [ECU fans] manage themselves with the same amount of class that we just experienced at the Virginia Tech game ... you can be fierce rivals on the field but you can also play with excitement, emotion and sportsmanship."

"That being said, it is still a rivalry for the East Carolina family. We are 1-8-1 in our only 10 games with [the Tar Heels] and we have lost those by an average score of 35-10. Many of our players have played with kids on the North Carolina team and we know it will be a great challenge."

Last weekend, the Tar Heels defeated bowl subdivision opponent James Madison 37-14, as freshman quarterback T.J. Yates went 13-of-18 for 218 yards and three touchdowns. The game marked the beginning of the Butch Davis era in Chapel Hill and drew a crowd of over 58,000.

While Holtz has no game experience against the Tar Heels, Davis has coached against the Pirates twice and it wasn't pleasant to say the least.

Davis holds an 0-2 record against ECU, with both losses happening when he was coaching at the University of Miami. His 12th-ranked Hurricanes were beat convincingly, 31-6, in the Orange Bowl in 1996. In 1999 his Miami team blew a 20-point lead and lost to ECU, 27-23, in a game that was played at Carter-Finley stadium in Raleigh due to Hurricane Floyd.

"East Carolina is a very difficult place to go and play," Davis told the Associated Press Monday. "It is loud. It is enthusiastic. Their fans do a great job getting behind their football team, and that obviously will add an additional challenge to a young team - being able to handle crowd noise and going on the road."

While ECU played three quarterbacks against Virginia Tech, junior Patrick Pinkney stood out, going 14-of-25 for 115 yards and adding 48 rushing yards.

According to Holtz, there was no controversy in selecting the starting quarterback against the Tar Heels.

"Right now this is Patrick Pinkney's job and he deserves it," said Holtz. "I was impressed with the way he played and protected the ball. He managed the game well, he gave a spark of enthusiasm to our offense and I think that is what our young football team needs right now. When [Kass] made the decision he did, he gave up the spot and [Pinkney] did a nice job of stepping up and taking it."

They're certain aspects of the Tar Heel's offense that concern Holtz going into Saturday.

"The thing that scares me the most about them right now is their skill players," he said. "They have some wide receivers that have big play potential and their quarterback has a rope for an arm. They throw the deep ball well and what concerns me are the uncontested deep balls we gave up against Virginia Tech, knowing that is one of [UNC's] strengths."

The Tar Heels deep core of talented receivers is led by sophomore Hakeem Nicks, who earned freshman All-American honors after a stellar season last year. Junior Brooks Foster and wide receiver/kick returner Brandon Tate also provide explosiveness to the UNC offense.

"Some of their [UNC's] better athletes are the wide receivers, so we'll have to come in focused and try to put a stop to those guys," said the Pirates' starting strong safety Van Eskridge.

UNC's defense is experienced, and Holtz expects the Pirates to face many of the same defensive strategies that they faced against VT.

"They are strong up the middle and their defensive front is their strength," said Holtz. "We saw this at Virginia Tech. I think their linebackers have an awful lot of experience. They are intelligent and smart and I think their safeties are very good football players."

One Pirate who should be familiar with the UNC defense is junior defensive tackle Khalif Mitchell, who played for the Tar Heels for two seasons. Mitchell made one of the most famous plays in UNC football history when he sealed the win for the Tar Heels after causing N.C. State running back T.A. McClendon to fumble on the goal line as time expired in a thrilling 2005 game in Chapel Hill.

Mitchell has waited for over a year now to get a crack at his former team and now that the time is here, he is not shying away.

"When we get this win in Dowdy-Ficklen it's going to be great," he said. "These fans are going to go crazy and it is bragging rights for them and they deserve it."

Mitchell's words undoubtedly echo a sense of confidence going into one of the biggest games in recent ECU football memory.

And if the Pirates record a victory Saturday, most will tell you this one has been 32 years in the making.

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KEYS TO THE GAME:



1. Get the offense going early

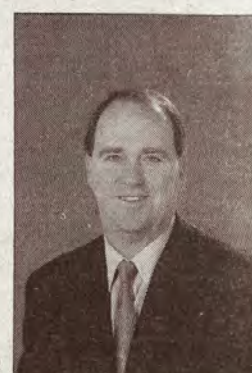
If ECU is going to beat the Tar Heels for the first time in 32 years, the offense must come out of the gate swinging. The Pirates cannot come out and go three and out during the first few possessions. Starting quarterback Patrick Pinkney must do a good job of managing the game to set ECU up with scoring opportunities early.

2. Don't allow the deep ball

Against Virginia Tech, the Pirates gave up some uncontested deep balls. You can bet Butch Davis knows this and will look deep to Hakeem Nicks and Brooks Foster early and often. If the Pirates are determined to stop the Tar Heels then their corners must play well or it could make for a long day in Dowdy-Ficklen.

3. The Crowd

In college football the crowd is one of the most important parts of the game. ECU must get the crowd into the game early, utilizing big plays on offense and strong defense to put pressure on the Tar Heels. As for the Pirate Nation, they must come early and stay late in support of the Pirates and in hopes of witnessing history on Saturday.



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The ECU women's soccer team used excellent teamwork and trapping to thwart numerous scoring opportunities by High Point.

Pirates dominate High Point

KATHERINE HARRY
STAFF WRITER

The ECU women's soccer team started the year off right at home Friday with a 3-1 victory over High Point. Coach Donnenwirth contributes the win to his team starting the game with good energy.

The Pirates "pressured the ball excellent" according to Donnenwirth.

Donnenwirth added, "We had a couple good chances in

the first half [but] didn't put them away." ECU and High-point were deadlocked 0-0 at the halfway mark.

ECU controlled the Panthers to start the second half and scored their first goal of the contest with 42 minutes left to play on a header off Jami Dickerson from a Nicole Moore corner kick. Dickerson also saved a potential goal early in the second half when High Point's offense was threatening to score.

High Point answered back with 36 minutes left to play in the half, tying the score, 1-1. In less than a minute's time the

Pirates answered back when Blair Hefner scored on a pass from Jess Swanson.

Hefner received a pass from Sarah Kirkley at about midfield and broke away to score her second goal of the game with about 7 minutes remaining, giving the Pirates a two-goal advantage.

Coach Donnenwirth was happy with his team's performance overall.

"We have more depth than last year. I think the freshman stepped in and did well and with hard work and more experience the team will continue to get better,"

said Donnenwirth, whose team was 10-8 a season ago.

"We need to work on our decisions and just getting used to each other's different styles. Every game is a battle. We take one game at a time; there are many games before conference. We have a tough schedule."

The Lady Pirates fell to Charlotte, 2-0, on Sunday following their victory over High Point.

ECU will host Old Dominion this Friday at 4 p.m. and Furman at 1 p.m. Sunday at Bunting Field.

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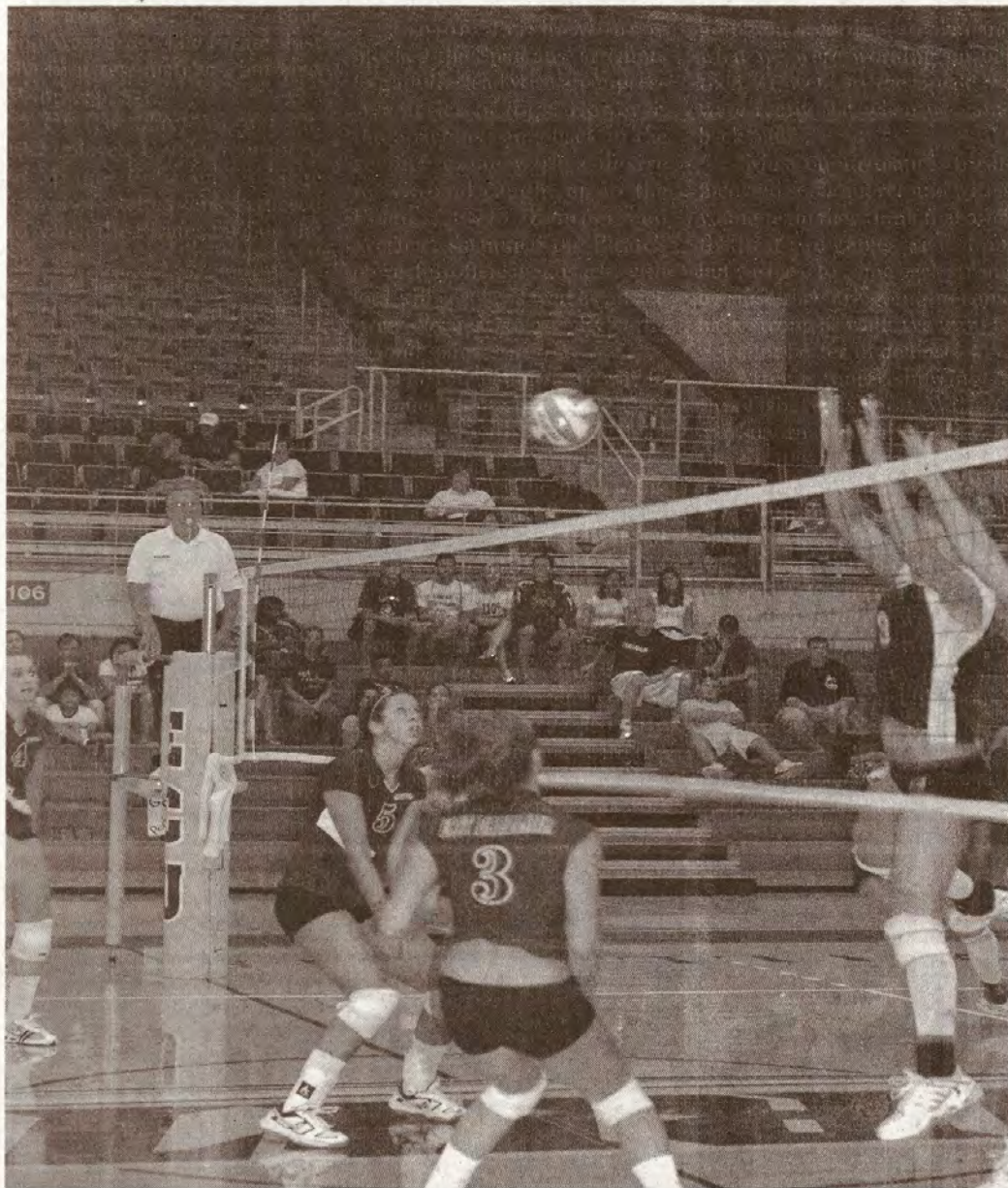


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Sophomore outside hitter Stephanie Turner broke a personal record against UNC Greensboro by knocking down five aces. Her previous career high was three aces, which she has done six times.

Focus equals victory for ECU women's volleyball

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The ECU women's volleyball team started off the season at the Duke Invitational. Over two days in Durham, the Pirates played against host Duke, as well as national powerhouses Purdue and Winthrop. The Pirates lost the first two matches, but beat Winthrop, 3-1.

On Tuesday, August 28, ECU played UNC Greensboro in Minges Coliseum. A large crowd of excited fans gathered to watch the Pirates take on the Spartans.

The first match went well, as ECU held the lead throughout. The Pirates played strong, blocking numerous Spartan attempts. Senior Kelley Wernert helped keep the Pirates in the lead with kill after kill, tallying six for the first game.

The Pirates continued strong as senior Mignon Dubenion and sophomore Stephanie Turner executed a double quick hit to score again for ECU. Sophomore Melissa Zentner spiked another point for ECU and Turner continued the streak with her first ace of the game.

Still in serving position, Turner persisted with another ace. Dubenion finished out the

first game with a 30-24 win.

After a short break and a quick hustle with ECU women's volleyball Head Coach Chris Rushing, the Pirates were back to serve-up another battalion of points to the Spartans in the second game of the match. The Spartans managed to score the first point of the game, but Zentner quickly spiked a point, reminding UNC-G that the Pirates were still going to put up a strong fight.

Junior Trish Monroe blocked the Spartans' attempts to gain the lead with an impressive series of digs. However, the Spartans came back in the second game with a desire to win and caught up to the Pirates, 13-13. Zentner and Wernert sustained the Pirate's powerful offensive attack with four kills each, as well as an ace from Wernert, to give ECU the second game 30-20.

The third game gave way to a momentum swing, as UNC-G came back with a strong lead from the onset. During ECU's first timeout of the match, the Spartans lead, 10-4. Wernert tried to pull the Pirates ahead with seven kills during the game, but the effort proved to be insufficient as the Spartans took the third game 30-18.

After the scare, ECU came back with some persistent offensive power. ECU struggled early in the fourth game, but with the Pirates' unrelenting offensive firepower from Zentner, as well

as ten kills and digs from Koop and Dubenion, they won the game 30-24.

Turner had an extremely good match against UNC Greensboro and broke her own personal record with five aces.

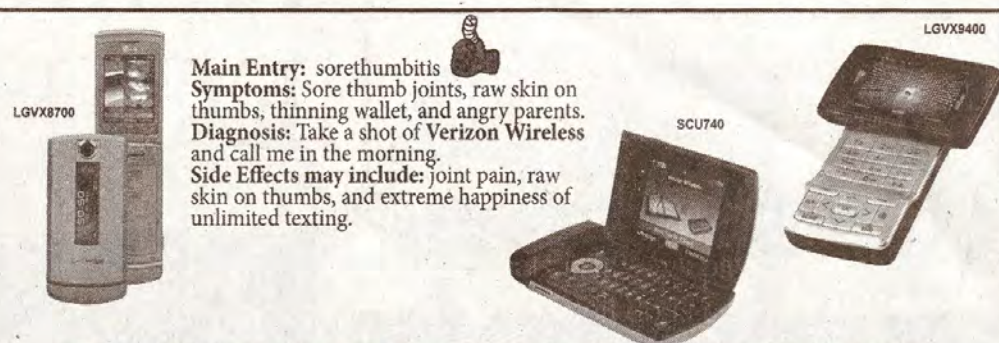
"I thought we came out strong in the first two games and in the locker room coach said 'it's not over until it's over,'" Turner commented.

Rushing, who agreed with Turner, said, "Everything was going on according to plan and what we were working on but then we went to the break; we were really flat when we came back out."

"Most of our team is freshmen and sophomores and with a young team they think that after the first two games we've won, but we have to come back strong because they are going to come back strong as well. We want to get a lot better in defense."

After a tough showing in the Tribe Classic at William & Mary that saw ECU go 0-3, the Pirates bounced back with a convincing win at Campbell, 3-1. With the victory ECU has brought it's season to a 3-5 record and will compete in the Marriott Courtyard Volleyball Challenge this weekend at N.C. State. Turner stressed the importance of every play and said, "The road is just like home; we just have to stay focused."

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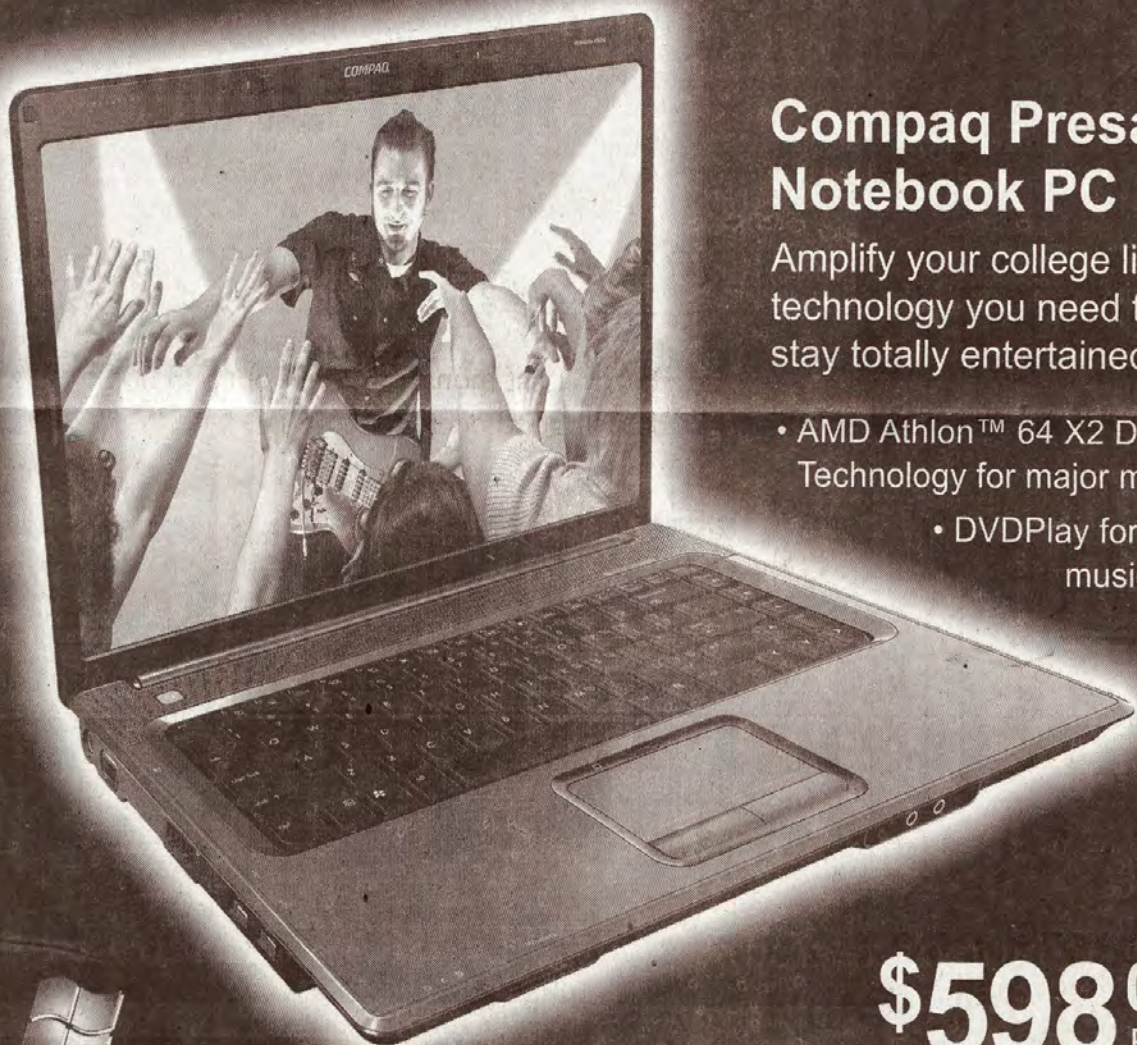


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gray skies above Lane Stadium. The ball dropped just in front of the end zone and was downed at the 2-yard line by a Virginia Tech special teams player. Two plays later the Hokies got the interception and emotional lift they needed, seizing momentum with a 10-7 lead going into halftime.

While Clay started the game for ECU, it was junior Patrick Pinkney that showed the poise and precision of a starting quarterback. Pinkney finished the first half completing 5-of-6 passes for 38 yards, while rushing two times for eight yards.

With Clay unable to execute the original game plan for the Pirates, Holtz opted to use a more run-oriented offense. Although Holtz denied that he would use freshman Dwayne Harris, who is listed as a wide receiver, at quarterback prior to the game, he switched Pinkney and Harris out seamlessly. The quarterback musical chairs kept the stout Virginia Tech defense off-balance and produced one extended scoring drive executed mainly on the ground.

The Pirates dominated the ground game, rushing for 142 net yards on 35 carries, while holding the Hokies to 33 yards on 31 carries.

"This team is not afraid of contact and this is a very physical team," Holtz said of his defense. "We played Virginia Tech and we challenged them, told them we're going to have to make it a physical game and they didn't shy away from it. I was proud of the way they came out here and competed and the way they hit and lowered the shoulder."

"We've talked about if we're going to build this program and play at this level we're going to have to be physical, this is not basketball on grass and you're given pads for a reason."

ECU's defensive front seven was certainly up to the challenge and showed that it can stuff any back in the nation. Heisman-hopeful Brandon Ore was held to 71 yards on 23 carries, an average of 3 yards per rush. Ore also turned the ball over, fumbling the ball near midfield in the first half.

"I think defensively we have the chance to be a pretty good football team," said Holtz. "They're past the point of what do we have to do to play and now it's what do we have to do to win. I thought they came in here ... and played an excellent football game."

Sophomore defensive end C.J. Wilson, who forced a fumble in the game, thinks the defense was well prepared for Ore.

"We had to key him [Brandon Ore] because he's up for the Heisman and they run a lot," he said. "But we practice stopping the run so we just did what we do."

Quentin Cotton recorded a game-high 14 tackles for the Pirates.

On the other side of the ball, the offensive line played hard but youth and inexperience began to show in the third quarter. While the offense only had four penalties for 16 yards at halftime, including no false start or holding penalties, the unit racked up six penalties for 43 yards in third quarter.

Holtz was pleased with the effort from his youthful line, but believes the squad is a long way from being solidified.

"From the offensive standpoint, I think 12 penalties is ridiculous. We had 38 penalties all last year and we ended up with 12 in our opening ballgame," said Holtz. "I thought they went out there and competed, but playing hard isn't enough. You've got to learn to play smart and I think we made far too many mistakes today in order to come out here and give ourselves the chance to win."

In the end, it was inexperience and mental mistakes that cost the Pirates the upset win. Big-pass plays given up by the secondary, costly penalties and one huge turnover by ECU was enough to give Virginia Tech the victory.

While the Pirates didn't come away with the win, there were plenty of positives on offense, defense and special teams.

Pinkney, who finished the game 14-of-25 for 115 passing and 48 additional rushing yards, showed the country a glimpse of good things to come.

"It's all about believing," said Pinkney. "On both sides of the ball before the game we said it's all about believing and playing as a team."

Starting outside linebacker Pierre Bell believes ECU can compete at the national level.

"We showed the whole world that we can play at this level," he said. "The past couple of years we've showed that we can play with the top team in the country."

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