



Schools of Allied Health and Nursing receive college status

Change provides opportunity for growth

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STAFF WRITER

The health programs at ECU have received new status, as the names of the Schools of Allied Health Sciences and Nursing have been changed to the College of Allied Health and the College of Nursing.

The status change is a direct result of the colleges having a 60 percent increase in enrollment, student credit hours and degrees given over the past five years.

"The awarding of college recognition status provides recognition of our tremendous growth, productivity and complexity and aligns us more closely with other colleges at ECU," said Sylvia Brown, dean of the College of Nursing.

The College of Allied Health Sciences currently has over 700 students enrolled in nine department programs, which include biostatistics, clinical laboratory science, communication sciences and disorders, community health, health services and information management, occupational therapy, physical therapy, physician assistant studies and rehabilitation studies.

The College of Nursing has an enrollment of over 1000 students in its undergraduate, masters and doctoral programs.

Both colleges are housed in the 270,000 square foot Allied Health Sciences and Nursing building that sits adjacent to Brody School of Medicine.

Each department has interactive classrooms and labs that simulate real world work experi-



The Colleges of Allied Health and Nursing are housed in the same building.



The facility provides a place for students to study and engage in hands-on medical studies.

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New film studies course will be offered in the spring

Two new professors hired to create minor

WILLIAM HALL
STAFF WRITER

A new film course will be offered next semester to students, which focuses on issues relating to culture, environment and post dramatic events.

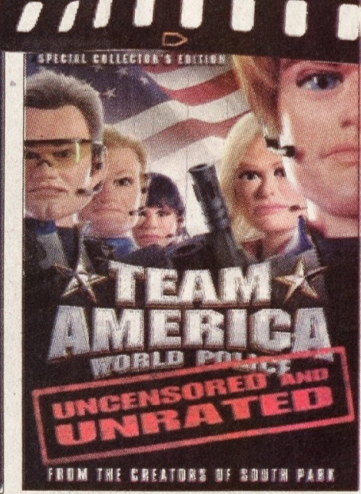
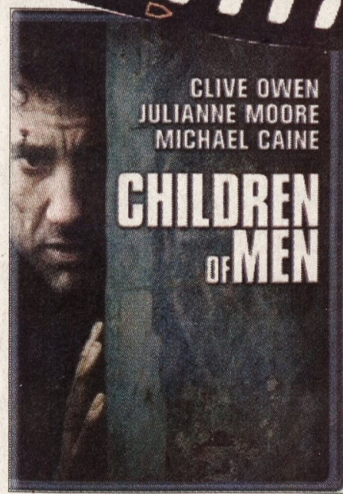
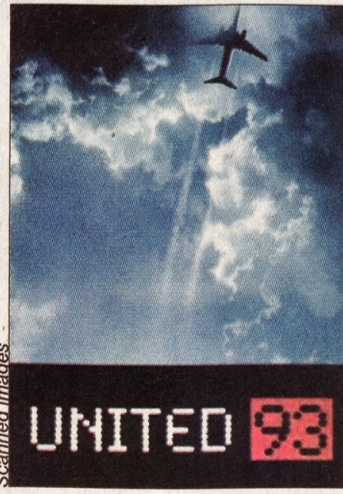
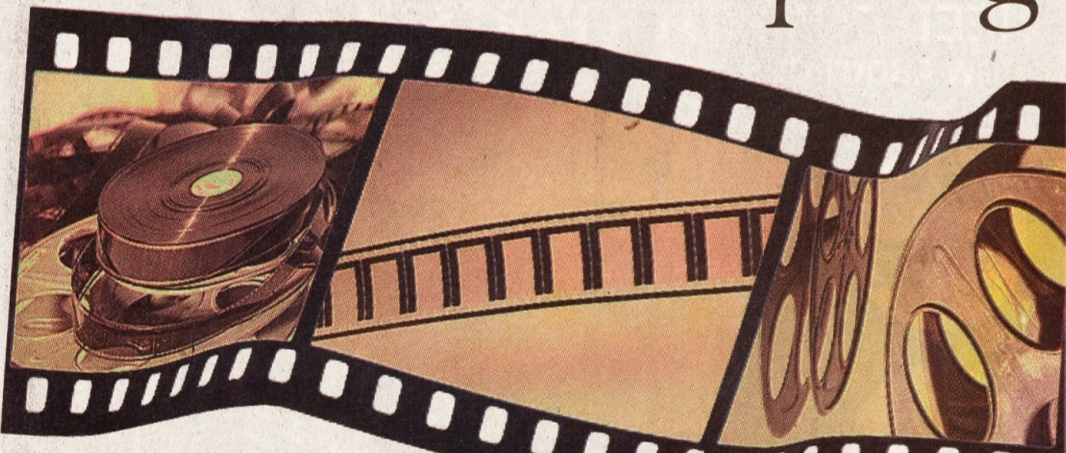
Only 2000 and 4000-level classes are going to be offered in the spring but are expected to be the beginning steps in the creation of a film studies minor.

ECU hired two new assistant professors of film studies, Anna Froula and Amanda Klein, to create the minor.

The first class offered will be Introduction to Film and will cover film theory, genre and history and will be taught by both Froula and Klein.

Froula will be teaching Post-9/11 Cinema and American Culture, which will look at how cinematic language deals with

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The movies above will be featured in the class, Post-9/11 Cinema and American Culture, next spring.

Midnight Madness offers students alternative to downtown scene

A safe way for students to enjoy Halloween

ALYCIA WENDT
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Midnight Madness was held at Mendenhall Student Center (MSC) and the Student Recreation Center (SRC) at 9 p.m. last night.

The event gave students an alternative to going downtown to celebrate Halloween.

"Midnight Madness is a great opportunity for our department

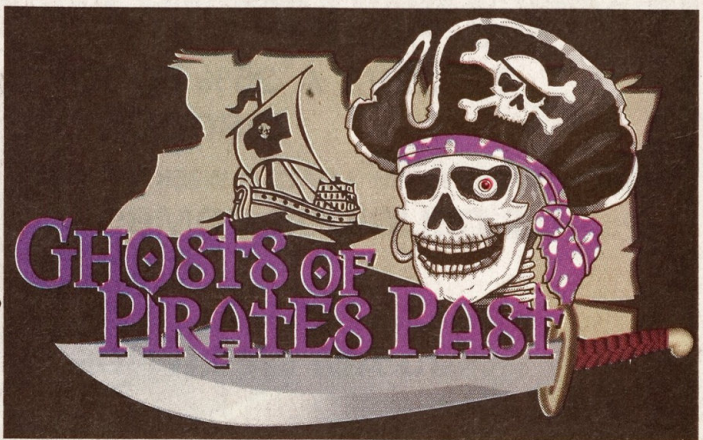
and university to offer our students a fun, interactive and safe environment in which they can celebrate Halloween," said Jacob Tidwell, assistant director of student activities and major events.

Tidwell thinks this event gives students the ability to enjoy the festivities without having to deal with the large number of people who go downtown.

"We put forth a great deal of effort to ensure that our students have a good time while being safe at the same time," Tidwell said.

Students age 18 or older who

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Self breast exams becoming more prevalent



Pictured above: Andrea Rosenberg

Study conducted by physician at Brody

WHITNEY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

Women in eastern North Carolina who have breast cancer are discovering their own tumors through self-examination procedures.

Approximately 75 percent of tumors are found by breast cancer patients themselves, even among women who receive mammograms.

These tumors are often larger and more difficult to treat, according to research studies conducted at ECU.

Andrea Rosenberg, a second-year resident physician at the ECU Brody School of Medicine, said the best thing women can do in order to catch breast cancer at its earliest stages is to educate themselves about the warning signs of breast cancer.

"...the warning signs of breast cancer include a change in the size or shape of their breast, a lump or thickening in the breast or underarm, warm sensations in the breast, a change in the look or feel of the nipple including an inward or sunken nipple, rash on the nipple, nipple tenderness or discharge, or any breast pain or changing in the look or feel of the skin on the breast, nipple or areola," Rosenberg said.

A cancer study led by Rosenberg analyzed the medical records of more than 1,500 women diagnosed with breast cancer at ECU between 1999 and 2004.

The women surveyed crossed all demographics, educational and income levels. Findings suggest that self-examination remains an important method of breast cancer identification.

Rosenberg and her team found that 12 percent of the women had tumors that were at least five centimeters in diameter.

"A tumor five centimeters or more in diameter would be at least a stage 2 cancer," Rosenberg said.

Breast cancer is classified in four stages, and stage 2 cancer is advanced and may affect lymph nodes.

Diagnosing cancer before stage 3 can make a significant difference in treatment and quality of life for patients, according to Rosenberg.

The findings led researchers at the Leo W. Jenkins Cancer Center, a clinic at the Brody School of Medicine, to recommend that patients be taught and educated in their physicians' offices on how to properly perform breast self-examinations.

This early detection method should be used in conjunction with mammograms.

"Primary care physicians need to spend more time with their patients in teaching them the correct procedure in how to perform a proper self breast exam and need to remind their patients to continue to perform them," Rosenberg said.

Rosenberg's research concluded that the likelihood of breast cancer survival is improved by early diagnosis. A patient is more likely to be cured or have prolonged survival if she is faced with a smaller tumor.

While women often discover their own cancer, the cancer discovered by mammograms is identified earlier

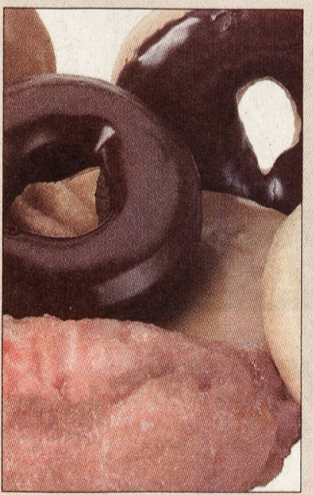
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The Pirates will have a lot to celebrate if they beat the Memphis Tigers in the Liberty Bowl this Saturday. A win would make ECU bowl eligible and one step closer to clinching a berth in the C-USA Championship game. Check out the sports section for the full in-depth preview..... Page B1



The ECU men's basketball team has had a tumultuous off-season, but now that the opening night tip-off is right around the corner, the Pirates can focus on the task-at-hand. Turn to the sports section for a season preview of the new-look Pirates and some personal history on first-year head coach Mack McCarthy....Page B2



Obesity has become an epidemic that is plaguing people across the country. The deadly disease has no prejudice; it can strike anyone at anytime in his or her life. Read more about obesity including ways to curb the deadly effects.....Page A7

PIRATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

ECU's RENCI/CCSIM Hosts Open House
Thursday, Nov. 1
 2-5 p.m.
Rivers Building West
 ECU's high-tech coastal systems research facility, RENCI/CCSIM @ ECU, will host an Open House. Faculty, staff and students looking to create broader impacts of their research and outreach through cutting edge technology such as the VisWall and the new technology and media-equipped RENCI Rover van are invited to attend.
 For more information check out <http://www.ecu.edu/renci/> or call Donna Kain at 252-737-1770.

Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street
Thursday, Nov. 1
 7 p.m.

A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall
 The School of Music will host the opera production of Sweeney Todd, starring Starring Gary Harwell, Jennifer Vickers, Rochelle Rice, Stephen Howell, Monika Vrabel, Jessica LaLiberte, Jason Kossol Timothy Messina, Megan Whitaker, Lauren Mazzola, Matthew Cahill and Eric Loftin. Directed by John Kramar and conducted by Daniel Bara, Sweeney Todd will be showing from Nov. 1-3 at 7 p.m. with a show on Nov. 3 at 2 p.m. Tickets for students are \$5. For more information or to buy tickets, visit ecuart.com or call 252-328-4788.

Anthropology lecture: "Senses of Space and Place in 6th Century Jordan"
Thursday, Nov. 1
 7 p.m.

Flanagan 265
 Traianos Gagos will discuss a unique cache of carbonized papyrus dating to the 6th century A.D., found in Petra, Jordan. Gagos is director of the Petra Papyrus Project and has sought to translate these documents and understand them within the archaeological and historical context of Byzantine period Petra. Dr. Gagos presents the latest findings of the papyrus and how they describe the transformation of lived spaces into meaningful places.

Poet Andrei Codrescu and Claire Porter: Stretching Words and Muscles
Thursday, Nov. 1
 7:15 p.m.

Hendrix Theatre
 National Public Radio poet Andrei Codrescu and dance movement specialist Claire Porter will present "Stretching Muscles and Words" as part of ECU's HumorFest Nov. 1-3. TICKETS are \$15 in advance/\$20 at the door. Call the Central Ticket Office at 252-328-4788 or 1-800-ECU-ARTS or visit www.ecu.edu/humor to purchase tickets online. Admission Included with purchase of ECU HumorFest registration (\$80). FREE for all ECU Students.

From Protection to Rights: The Women's Movement in Pakistan
Monday, Nov. 5
 7 p.m.

Speight Auditorium, Jenkins Fine Arts Center
 Yasmin Haider is a legal expert and member of the Federal Shariat Court of Pakistan. She has interests in human rights and is working on a book about Islam and women's rights. Issues she will discuss include honor killing and inheritance in Pakistan.

Hatch Show Print: Jim Sherraden
Tuesday, Nov. 6
 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Speight Auditorium, Jenkins Fine Arts Center
 Using a process called letterpress that dates back to the 15th century, each unique creation is individually handcrafted and inked onto paper, producing posters that through the years have been established as a downtown Nashville landmark. The Hatch posters and Sherraden's original works re-examine the aesthetic impact on American entertainment and revisit the curiously colorful world of dancing girls, politics, and music.

Brewster Lecture features Lincoln scholar
Wednesday, Nov. 7
 8 p.m.

Hendrix Theatre
 James McPherson, a noted Civil War historian from Princeton University, who will lecture on the Abe Has Joined My Enemies: The Lincoln-McClellan Relationship.

1 Thurs

Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street
 ECU Opera Theater
 A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall
 7 p.m.

Poet Andrei Codrescu and Claire Porter: Stretching Words and Muscles
 Hendrix Theatre
 7:15 p.m.

HumorFest Stretching Muscles and Words
 Speaker: Andrei Codrescu
 Hendrix Theater,
 Mendenhall Student Center
 8:15-10:15 p.m.

2 Fri

Women's Soccer UAB
 Bunting Field
 3 p.m.

Women's Volleyball UCF
 Greenville, N.C.
 7 p.m.

HumorFest
 Kinky Friedman performance and booking signing
 Hendrix Theatre, Mendenhall Student Center
 8-10 p.m.

3 Sat

ECU Humorfest
 Jill McCorkle luncheon
 MSC
 12:30-2 p.m.

Jill McCorkle with students
 Joyner Library
 11-12 p.m.

4 Sun

Women's Soccer
 Memphis
 Noon
 Bunting Field

Women's Volleyball
 Southern Miss
 1 p.m.
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5 Mon

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7 Wed

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*Featured Event

STUDENT FEE FORUM

Thursday, Nov. 1st
 MSC 244
 6p.m.- 7p.m..



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ences in the health field.

With the change in status, the colleges are expected to increase the rigor of their programs.

Each department conducts research within the community to increase the quality of health-care. According to Dr. Stephen Thomas, students are involved in testing and treating about 3,000 patients a year.

"Anything we do is geared toward teaching students," Thomas said.

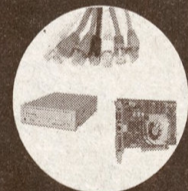
"When you reach a certain size the guidelines go up."

The University of North Carolina Board of Governors approved the name change on Oct. 12, 2007.

It coincides with the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the College of Allied Health, which opened its doors as the Life Sciences and Community Health Institute in 1967 and is currently the only College of Allied Health Sciences in the state.

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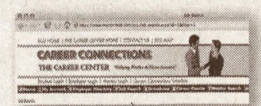
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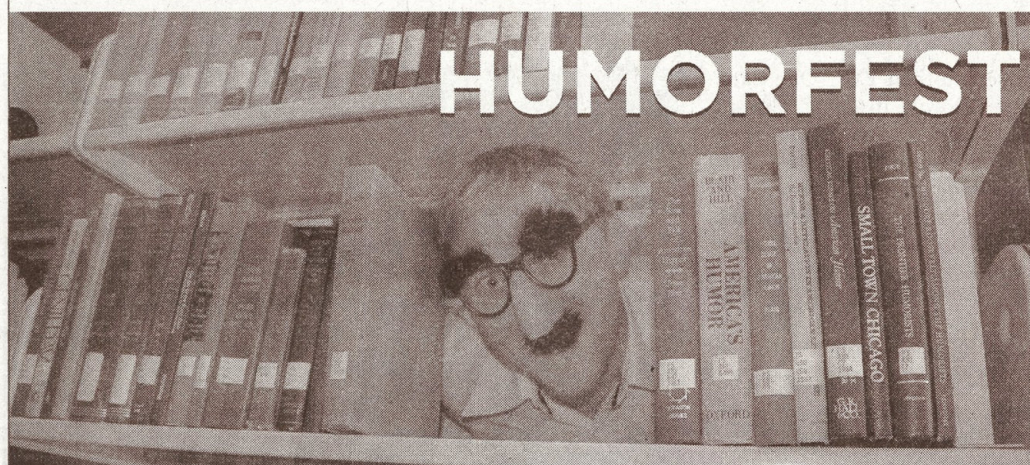
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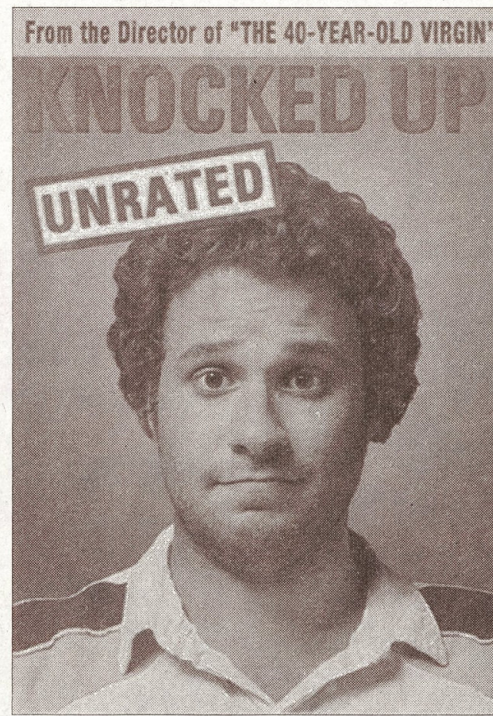
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The movies above will be featured in the class, Contemporary American and International Cinema.

the terrorist attacks.

"Popular culture can tell us so much about national anxieties, social concerns and national identity," Froula said.

The course will also deal with understanding the attacks through different perspectives and understanding the nations that the country is at war with.

"I want to create a place where students can talk," Froula said.

"A lot can be lost when you pretend an issue only has two sides."

Among the films for the course will be "United 93," "Team America: World Police" and "Children of Men."

Froula taught film studies while at the University of Kentucky and is currently working on a book entitled "Reframing 9/11: Popular Culture and The War On Terror," which will collect essays about post-9/11 media, such as film, poetry, video

games and graphic novels.

Froula hopes that once the book is published it will become an undergraduate reader for her class.

Contemporary American and International Cinema will be the other higher-level course that will be taught by Klein.

The course will focus on film genre, such as noir, western and romantic comedy and how their themes and conventions change or remain the same depending on the sociocultural environment. "It's going to rely heavily on student input," Klein said.

Opinion pieces based on the films will be available to the class.

The films taught will be a mix of classic and current, ranging from "Stagecoach" and "His Girl Friday" to "The Departed" and "Knocked Up."

Klein has been teaching for seven years and for the last four

years she was a film professor at the University of Pittsburgh.

She is currently working on a manuscript on the significance of film cycle in defining genres, dealing mostly with "ghetto action cycle" films like "Menace II Society."

While the minor is being set up, the teachers hope that in the future they can offer core courses about criticism, history and international cinema.

"Lots of the students are excited about it, based on all the feedback we've gotten," Klein said.

Other professors in both the English and communication departments have expressed interest in being a part of the film studies minor.

After the minor has been formalized, the teachers hope the major will follow closely.

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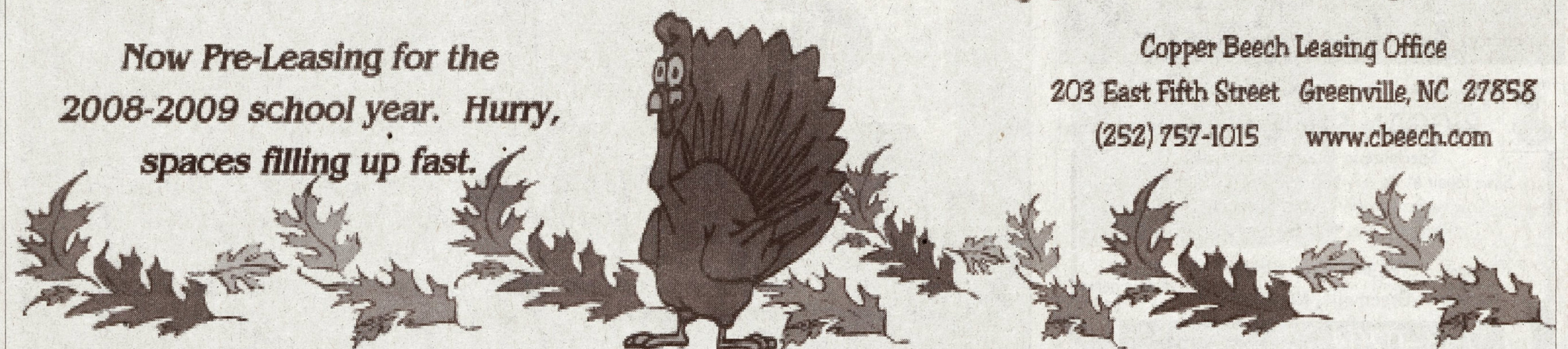
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A group of students poses for a quick shot before entering the Midnight Madness celebration last night.



During the Fear Factor contest contestants ate a number of disgusting dishes in hopes of becoming the victor.

presented their ECU One Card were allowed to enter. Guests could accompany students if they presented a picture I.D. with their date of birth.

The free guest tickets were accessible at MSC, SRC and Todd Dining Hall until 6 p.m. on Oct. 31. For each ECU One Card, students received one free guest ticket.

The event lasted from 9 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. No admittance was allowed after 1 a.m.

To ensure the safety of the students and their guests, metal detectors were used at the event.

Last year over 2,000 students and guests attended Midnight Madness.

"I think it is a good opportunity for those who aren't into the whole downtown scene because they can have a good time with out feeling pressured to drink and go all crazy," said sophomore Kirsten Wilkins, who attended Midnight Madness last year.

Involved in organizing the event were MSC, SRC and Ledonia Wright Cultural Center.

Included in the night's festivities was a Fear Factor event, a dance and a show by a hypnotist.

There was also a costume contest, followed by a scream contest. Midnight breakfast was served from 11:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. for students.

Other events included bingo, fortune tellers, Polaroid pictures, TV horror movies, wax hands, snacks, bowling and billiards, VIP rooms and haunted halls.

The event has endured longevity and has become a tradition for the ECU community. Midnight Madness has been occurring for 10-15 years, and cost around \$12,000 this year.

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A number of couples dressed up together to enjoy the festivities.



A student waits in line to receive her T-shirt. As always T-shirts were one of the most sought after items given away at this year's celebration.

PIRATE NATION WEATHER REPORT

Thursday:

Hi: 72F
Low: 52F
Wind: Northerly 5-10 mph
% Precipitation Probability: 0%
General Weather: sunny

Friday:

Hi: 66F
Low: 48F
Wind: Northeasterly 10-15 mph
% Precipitation Probability: 10%
General Weather: cooling and mostly sunny

Weekend:

Hi: mid 60s
Low: low 40s
Wind: Northeasterly 8-12 mph shifting to Northwesterly 5-10
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General Weather: pleasant and mostly sunny

Forecast presented by ECU GeoClub and Geography's Atmospheric Science Program.

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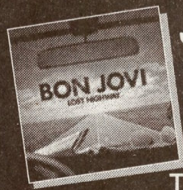
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ECU student wins \$1,000 merit award scholarship

One of two NC recipients

DAVID WILDER
STAFF WRITER

The National Society of College Scholars (NSCS) awarded a \$1,000 Merit Award scholarship to an ECU student this September.

Frances Ellen Leach, sophomore exercise physiology major, was one of 50 students across the nation to receive the scholarship. Leach was one of two students in North Carolina to win the scholarship.

The Merit Award is presented to new members who personify the NSCS mission: "Honoring and inspiring academic excellence and engaged citizenship for a lifetime."

"There are only 50 merit scholarships awarded and I was chosen. It was a great honor to be recognized for my accomplishments," Leach said.

NSCS is the nation's only honors organization that offers membership to first and second-year college students.

The society offers access to exclusive scholarships, career resources and leadership opportunities.

"[The] National Society of College Scholars is a wonderful way to share your academic accomplishments with your friends and family. It is also a great way to participate in service to others," Leach said.

First and second-year students interested in joining NSCS are eligible for invitation if they have at least a 3.4 GPA and are in the top 20 percent of their class. Invitations are sent out between January and June every year.

"Students should join for several reasons. It's a great way to meet other people who are academically successful and interested in making a difference," said Mishri Someshwar, NSCS coordinator.

NSCS members can take advantage of discounts on insurance, textbooks, DVDs, etc., according to Someshwar.

"In addition, members also get access to scholarships for undergrad, grad school and study abroad."

Students applying for the Merit Award were required to fill out an application, answer three essay questions and provide a recommendation.

NSCS has been a member of the Association of College Honor Societies [ACHS] since 2004. ACHS acts as an accreditation agency for honor societies, ensuring that they follow established guidelines and principles.

There are more than half-a-million members in 228 college chapters across the nation.

More information about NSCS can be found on its website, nscs.org.

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TUMORS continued from A1

DETECTING BREAST CANCER

An estimated 50% to 70% of women with breast cancer will survive without recurrence. Early detection is the key to survival.

Three things every woman should do:

CLINICAL EXAM

A breast exam by a qualified health professional every three years for women ages 20-39 and every year for women 40 and over. If breasts are lumpy, ask the doctor to map the normal lumps so you know where they are.

MAMMOGRAMS

Mammograms are X-ray images that can detect tumors too small to feel. The breasts are compressed very briefly so films can be taken. A baseline mammogram is used for comparison with subsequent mammograms.

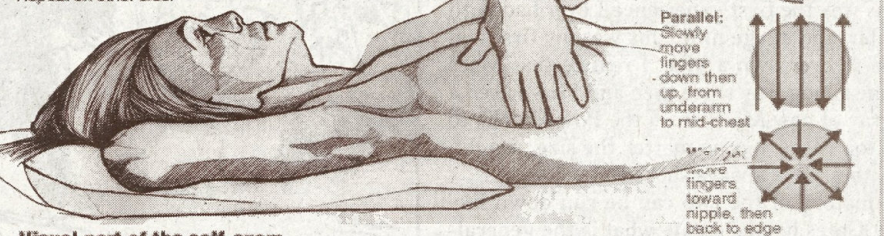
Woman's age: Recommended at age 40 or earlier, depending on risk factors (ask your doctor). Annual screenings are recommended for women age 50 and older, but expert opinions differ when it comes to women in their 40s.

Scheduling: It is preferable to schedule a mammogram five to seven days after the menstrual period begins, when breasts are least tender. Mammograms are mildly uncomfortable, but the discomfort is brief.

SELF-EXAM

Done every month, five to seven days after menstrual period begins. After menopause, done on the same date each month.

With a pillow under shoulder and arm behind head. Repeat on other side.



Visual part of the self-exam

Stand in front of a mirror, and...

1. With arms at sides, look for changes in breast size, shape, skin color or texture. Also check nipple for discharge, scaly skin or dimpling of skin near nipple (as if something is pulling the skin into the breast).

2. Repeat with arms held above head.



3. With hands on hips, press shoulders forward slightly; both breasts should react the same way to movement.



Circle: Move fingers slowly in increasingly smaller circles.

Parallel: Slowly move fingers down then up, from underarm to mid-chest.

Wiggle: Wiggle fingers toward nipple, then back to edge.



Average sizes of tumors found:

Occasional breast self-exam

Regular breast self-exam

One-time mammogram

Regular mammograms

At left, fine white lines with calcium flecks are typical of early non-invasive cancer. Could probably not be found by a self-exam.

At right, white spot indicates a more advanced stage. Cancer cells have broken out of ducts and form a tumor in surrounding tissue.

SOURCES: American Cancer Society, Univ. of Washington Medical Center, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation; research by KAREN KERCHLIGH and MARC RAMIREZ
Seattle Times, KRT/PHIL LOUBERE

and thus more likely to be successfully treated.

Rosenberg advises women age 20 and older to perform monthly breast exams, and women age 20-39 should receive a clinical breast exam by a physician at least every 3 years.

"Once a woman reaches age 40, she should receive mammography every 1-2 years and should continue to be performing monthly self-breast exams as well as having clinical breast exams yearly," Rosenberg said.

By completing breast self-exams once a month, women can become familiar with the way their breasts look and feel normally and thus be able to notice changes thereafter.

"A woman's entire support network including her family, friends and community should keep up with her and make sure that she is adhering to the guidelines and urge her to get

checked when appropriate," Rosenberg said.

The rate of breast cancer among women in North Carolina is approximately 124 cases for every 100,000 women, according to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

While the statistics and research suggest that tumors are very prevalent among women, some are unaware whether their family has been tested or have breast cancer.

"I am from here and I do not know anyone that has breast cancer; no one in my family, none of my friends," said Willie Jones, senior communication major.

Breast cancer is the number one cause of cancer death in Hispanic women, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and it is the second most common cause of cancer death in white, black, Asian/Pacific Islander

and American Indian/Alaska Native women.

"I don't think normal students are as worried about getting breast cancer," Jones said. "From a guy's perspective, we don't really think about it."

Rosenberg is interested in every female having the opportunity to receive screenings and treatment for breast cancer.

"There needs to be more outreach to help provide mammography for women who live far away from mammography centers and can't take off work or don't have transportation to these centers," Rosenberg said. Rosenberg has presented her research at state and national academic meetings and submitted it to academic journals.

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Opinion

{Happy Halloween!}

RANT OF THE DAY

It's hot chocolate time! Thank goodness! I got sick of walking outside and having my clothes stick to me five minutes later... and I don't care what anyone says...I love Uggs!

PCs reign supreme

Macs are for little girls

ALEX LARocca
OPINION WRITER

My very first computer was one of the original Macs my parents bought for 100 bucks. At age nine, this was the first experience I ever had with a computer, and at age nine, this was my first and last time to ever own a Mac. I realize that Macs have come a long way since then and I have used a large array of new Macs, from the Powerbooks to the desktop Macs, but no matter the size, weight, or style, they have always sucked.

The history of the two can be run down like this: Bill Gates helped create what is the generalized PC and Steve Jobs is owner of Apple. At one point, Apple was on top of the world, but reality rained down when Bill Gates outmaneuvered Jobs and now everyone uses PCs. Fast-forward to about 10 years ago, and Macs began to create these disgusting multi-colored, transparent computers and laptops that a bunch of contemporary businesses thought were innovative. This gave enough money to Apple to eventually create what would remake them: the iPod.

I hate iPods and because of iPods I hate Macs also. iPods are cheap, faulty and when they break the self-proclaimed "geniuses" at the Apple store tell you to buy a new one. Everyone fell for the iPod craze and I have had three iPods now and had trouble with all of them. Around the same time Apple created the godly iPod they began pumping out these "stylish" laptops with super-cool names like "Powerbook" or the grand desktop, "G4." Having gained enough confidence, Apple actually began to have commercials with the audacity to bash PCs.

We have all seen these commercials: the hip, young white kid, Mac, next to that pathetic office-attired white guy, PC. This of course could be a take as Macs seem to be only for people with style and a sense of individualism, as they make it seem. This isn't what gets me, though. What gets to me is when they make a PC seem confined to only "PC things" whereas the Mac is so adaptable it attaches itself only to its owner.

First off, every Mac looks exactly the same and comes in black, white or metallic silver. Every single desktop is set up like the next one and, in all honesty, has confusing manners in order to really get into the computer to see what's going on. You are not allowed to open your Mac, not only because most Mac users have NO idea what is going on in theirs, but because it is only right for a "genius" at an Apple store to fix anything with an Apple on it, leaving anyone with a Mac problem at the mercy of a money-grubbing franchise.

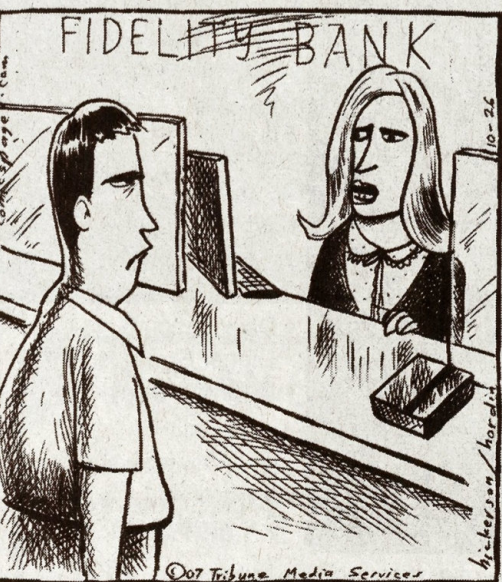
PCs on the other hand come in no distinct manner. I can buy one from Dell, HP, IBM, etc., or if I want (and everyone should) I can just buy everything I need from Newegg.com or Tigerdirect.com for a minimum of at least \$400. Talk about robot-and office-like...there are around 139 companies that make PC cases (just cases) and I only caught that amount on www.Newegg.com. I am not going to bother to go into the number of companies that make PC processors, RAM, Video-Cards, etc. The accessories alone for PCs beat any variety Mac produces. The amount of mice, monitors, fans, cooling systems, etc., outweighs that skinny little dweeb in the commercial. Also, Microsoft is so very well-connected to PC, but if this was such a bad thing then why do so many Macs come with Microsoft Office?

All Apple wants is mass amounts of money and they will pump out this absurd angle until they go under. Just last year my girlfriend's hard-drive on her Powerbook just stopped working. She was forced to take it to a "genius." He came back out to tell her the hard-drive was completely busted. His reasoning, perhaps to a Mac user, made perfect sense "Eventually they all just break." \$300 later, she had her brand-new hard-drive ready to eventually break with all of her personality. I hate the "geniuses" because hard-drives don't all just eventually break. I have never had a hard-drive just break on my PC, and I have never had to pay \$300 for a hard-drive either.

I can only hope that people realize how the extra money you put into your Mac doesn't make it work 'extra good,' the extra small iPod doesn't make it extra convenient and the extra Is don't make anything work extra-well.

Sources: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2007/10/08/ipod_nano_blaze_horror/

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"Sorry, we had to return your checks and charge you a lot because you didn't have enough after we charged you a lot for not having enough."



PIRATE RANTS

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What does SGA do with all our student fees?

Anyone else ready for baseball season?

I bruise purple, but I bleed gold.

Forget you. Forget it. Forget our past. It means nothing.

I stopped listening to your lies a long time ago.

For those of you that were wondering, yes, that was my boyfriend singing the Entertainer over the PA system of someone's truck the other night. And yes, we are the A-team. Any questions?

Is it sad that I am looking forward to reading my happy birthday messages on Facebook?

Am I the only one that feels like some of the bus drivers DO NOT know how to drive? How do some of these people get their CDLs. I truly fear for my life some afternoons.

I finally did it. I found a woman that is TOTALLY perfect for me.

What is that annoying buzzing/whining noise on the second floor of the library? Can we do something about that? Or is that some sort of an every-15-minute wake-up call for those who fall asleep?

Why are the urinals in the men's bathrooms in the library so short? Every time I have to take a piss, I feel like Billy Madison.

What is with all the faculty study rooms in the library? When I need a group study room...there are NONE!

Please refrain from stepping out in front of the bus as I travel down 10th street "especially since you weren't in the crosswalk." Because of your incompetence, I had to slam on brakes and throw 50 people to the front of the bus.

Looking at all the beautiful girls around campus makes the crappy pay I get for driving the bus seem worth it!

I love the Golden Girls.

I love the Greenville dog park! It's a great place to meet canine-loving men!

My best friends/boyfriend go to App State!!

I'm getting jiggy wit it.

Hey emo kid.. cheer up, life's not so bad!

Dear professor, I am paying YOU for an education. Without me, you don't get paid. If I miss a class, that's a waste of MY money. If I miss classes and still pull an A, you shouldn't be allowed to fail me due to attendance.

To the person who got kicked out of Alfredo's...one of my best friend's got kicked out & got into a fight for it 2 weeks ago. You are not alone!

Do I need to contract an STD in order to get an appointment at Student Health? Last time I checked, strep throat is a little more important than your minor herpes outbreak.

As someone originally from San Diego, I ask everyone to keep the people in Southern California in your thoughts and prayers.

I had the greatest Rant of all time in my head... and through the process of getting on the Internet I forgot it...

I don't understand why all my friends love you and always want to hang out with you... you're really not that cool, pretty, smart, or even fun to hang out with. Come to think of it, I wouldn't mind if I never had to see your pathetic ass again.

Not a day has gone by (at least as of yet) that I've not thought of you since we first met. Happy Anniversary.

When I tried to order a pumpkin latte from Java City, the lady stared at me blankly and told me that she didn't know how to make a pumpkin latte... uh, what? The pumpkin latte is advertised on a huge poster next to the counter-it should at least be the one thing she does know how to make!

I love how in high school you were such an overachiever to get in to a "good school," and then like 2 years later I see you walking in the Halls of Bate... was all that extra work and sucking up worth it? Because I did almost the opposite and am almost certain I have a better GPA than you.

Why must people get on the campus shuttle at the Croatan and then get off at Christenbury? Why do people have to be so lazy and ride the campus shuttle instead of walking not even 15 minutes? I'm on crutches. I walked from Christenbury back to White. It's no wonder we're the most overweight country.

Is there any way you could not sit next to me and make weird noises with your mouth... OH and stop looking over at my computer. THANKS!

IT'S MY BIRTHDAY!! YAY!!!!

Oh no, the Ugg boots are back....

Is it just me or does the perfume fairy just break bottles of the stuff in the Christenbury bathroom to get high?

It took me 10 minutes to figure out how to submit a Rant!?!?

I don't fight and I don't argue. I just hit that chick with a bottle.

I'm sick of being alone. Where are all the nice guys...WITHOUT girlfriends?! Do they exist?

I hate riding the bus to my 8:00 class... Putting gum in your mouth is not a substitute for brushing your teeth!

I love petting those monkey fur fleeces.

It was kind of awkward having to explain the Superman and Spiderman to you.

Sorry I didn't talk to you on the bus. I thought girls as beautiful as you just want to be left alone.

I can't wait to see all the slutty girls downtown.

My teacher is nine months pregnant.... SHE'S GOING TO POP!

Students please begin rating your professors on the Internet. That way I can actually view opinions on my professors from students within the last two years. I swear students on the campus are more apathetic every year...in every way of their life! LOL.

Congratulations to the Army ROTC Ranger Challenge team for getting 1st place this weekend... our football team might not be able to beat State but y'all sure as hell can!! HOOAH!

We've been in some stinkers before, but this one is by far the stinkiest!

I just want to run through campus naked, and see how long it takes before I am stopped!

Jager Bombs!
All in favor of dropping out say 'AYE!'

Does anyone else think the squirrels are out to get us?

Someone recently told me I would never find someone to marry if I didn't drink coffee... Does it really matter?

I want to know why a christian organization would fund a speaker that preaches a message that clearly undermines the christian belief that passing judgement on others is wrong?

You would think this whole "Don't Go Greek" message the minister is trying to spread was revealing a hidden truth or something. Truth is...Greek Organizations have never claimed to be perfect, but you cannot convince me that I am not a Christian because I am in one.

Happy Halloween, everyone! Here's to roadblocks and assorted affairs!

Pro-life and Pro-Giuliani

Or, seeing the forest and not just the trees

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OPINION WRITER

I am a born again Christian, I'm pro-life, and I support Rudy Giuliani for President of the United States. The former New York City mayor is my preferred Republican candidate, and the refusal of so many in the evangelical community to even consider him based solely on his pro-choice views saddens me. They'll probably even kick me out of the group after reading this.

Like it or not, in 1973, seven unelected justices on the U.S. Supreme Court stripped the right of millions of Americans to regulate abortion through their elected legislators at the state level. It is now the law of the land, and short of an amendment to the Constitution, there is little the President or Congress can do about it. Sure, the President can appoint new justices to the Supreme Court, but these are lifetime appointments, and someone has to die or resign first... and it seems that just can't happen fast enough for the religious right.

The mayor's promises not to make abortion a litmus test for new justices and to appoint "conservative strict constructionist" judges aren't what most evangelicals want to hear. Never mind that our soldiers are dying in Iraq, that there are still Islamic nutcases who want to blow us off the map, that we're being held hostage by OPEC and raped every time we fill our cars up with gas, or that we're being invaded by illegals from south of the border; their only concern, unfortunately, is that a presidential candidate commits to appointing justices who will overturn Roe v. Wade.

With that in mind, let's look at some facts. Before 1973, when the Court cleared the way for abortion as a form of contraception, the procedure was already legal in all fifty states. Thirty states permitted abortion only to save the life of the mother. Sixteen states, including North Carolina, allowed abortions to save the life of the mother and in cases involving rape or incest. Four states allowed for some form of abortion on demand. Restricted in most states, yes, but legal all the same. Where was the pro-life outcry back then?

If, someday, the Supreme Court should overturn Roe v. Wade — and I don't believe it will — it won't be the end of the world and the return to back-alley abortions that pro-choice radicals like Ted Kennedy would have us believe; neither will it be the final nail in abortion's coffin that most pro-lifers believe it will be... as I once did. Abortion will still be legal, and overturning Roe will simply mean that we the people have our right back to set the policy in our respective states.

While I am pro-life, I am also a realist, and I believe that abortion is a necessary evil in some circumstances. I was once pro-life to the point of making Jesse Helms look liberal, and then someone asked me a simple question: If your wife was raped and became pregnant with that man's child, do you think she should have to carry that child to term? I cannot honestly say that I think she should, and I don't believe that many evangelicals could honestly say that either.

Since then, my position has been that of our state's pre-Roe. I believe abortion is acceptable in cases of rape or incest, and if necessary to save the life of the mother. If it came down to losing my wife or our unborn child, I'd obviously want the doctors to do everything in their power to save my wife. A fellow Christian once asked me did I not believe God could intervene and save them both. Of course I believe He could, and I'd pray that He would... but maybe that person has more faith than I do. I wouldn't be willing to take the chance. We could always try to have more children, but I could never replace my wife. That may sound harsh to some, but I do not feel that my position on abortion conflicts with my Christian faith in any way. I have a clear conscience.

I most certainly respect that my opinion isn't going to be everyone else's, nor do I expect it to be, but I have little respect for single issue voters, be they pro-life or pro-gun (which I am also). According to nearly every national poll, Rudy Giuliani is the only Republican with a snowball's chance of defeating Hillary Clinton in the general election. It is just the height of ignorance for evangelicals to write Rudy Giuliani off for being pro-choice in favor of electing a pro-choice militant like Hillary Clinton, who many of these same folks view as Satan incarnate. It just doesn't make any sense.

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Life as a transfer student

Why I came to ECU

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I came from a school really close to my home, about 45 minutes away, where I knew A LOT of people. My "random roommate" turned out to be an acquaintance from high school and about ten of my closest went there whom I saw almost every day. The university was about the same size as here in a small town with only a Wal-Mart, a few fast food restaurants, and LOTS of bars. To those who complain about Greenville being too small, you haven't seen small until you've been to Oxford, Ohio.

Quite frankly, I just wasn't happy at Miami University. There was absolutely no diversity, with 60 percent of the population being Greek Life and I didn't feel like the school was fit for me. It was a comfort zone (which is convenient at times) but it was high school all over again, leaving no room for me to grow as an individual. I could always fall back on calling my best friend from home or drive home to the same boring city that

I've lived in all my life. I never was challenged to meet new people and learn new things. Everyone was the same, no one seemed real to me. I never felt as if I was getting the full college experience I needed or really risk going into the real world. It was a big "perfect" bubble I felt trapped in but yet not perfect at all.

I came to ECU because it was far away with a chance to start fresh with knowing no one. The school is great with its pros and cons (but what school doesn't). The student body is completely diverse and I meet a new and exciting individual everyday. Everyone seems real here, working hard for his or her education or working hard outside of school. I get to explore a new area; granted, Greenville isn't the most exciting city, but Raleigh and Wilmington are nothing to complain about. The experience being away from home has been awesome because I started completely over. It is a great time to really grow as an individual and become independent. ECU is awesome. Go PIRATES!

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Horoscopes

Aries
Don't flash your money around, you'll be parted from it soon enough. A gamble could pay off if it's more like a carefully calculated risk.

Taurus
You ought to be able to get the supplies you need on sale if you move quickly. Don't wait for the others' approval, don't even tell them what you're making. It'll be a surprise.

Gemini
Follow through on a new idea. It will lead you to a person who can help you find exactly what you want. Ignore a naysayer. You're on a roll.

Cancer
There's plenty of work and the money looks good. Might as well knock yourself out. The more you do, the more you'll get. Enjoy.

Leo
You're confident and smart, but you still need to be cautious. Only make suggestions that are based on solid data. Your audience is not very receptive.

Virgo
What you're learning seems to be at odds with what you know. Something's going to have to give, adapt or be expanded. Don't worry, it won't be very painful.

Libra
Friends appreciate your insights and seek more of your advice. Don't be shy, go ahead and point out what they're obviously missing. Be nice, of course.

Scorpio
Use private connections to make an important career move. This could result in more income for you, without taking on extra work. Ask around.

Sagittarius
hurry and finish up an old assignment. You don't want to do it now but you REALLY won't want to do it later. Make more time for fun.

Capricorn
As you pay the bills, you may start to worry. Look around for another source of income instead. For example, collect an old debt.

Aquarius
No point in arguing with a pushy person. Let it be known what you want, instead. Double-dare him to get it for you.

Pisces
Work demands your full attention and it isn't fair. You'd rather be out playing with your friends. The good news is, you're making big points with the boss.

Did you know?

Basketball is a famous American sport invented by a Canadian who was working at a YMCA in the U.S.

The average cocoon contains about 300-400 meters of silk.

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

Most lipstick is partially made of fish scales.

Mosquitoes have 47 teeth.

Whitby, Ontario has more donut stores per capita than any other place in the world.

The hardness of ice is similar to that of concrete.

No word in the English dictionary rhymes with "MONTH".

A goldfish has a memory span of about 3 seconds.

The earth is approx. 6,588,000,000,000,000,000 tons.

There are 86,400 seconds in day.

Your right lung takes in more air than your left one does.

Every year, kids in North America spend close to half a billion dollars on chewing gum.

Ants never sleep.

Singapore has only one train station.

The parachute was invented by Da Vinci in 1515.

Reindeer like to eat bananas.

Keeping off the pounds

Campus dining provides more options to students looking for healthier foods

ERIN EDWARDS
STAFF WRITER



As the rate of overweight Americans climbs, with an estimated 63 percent of men and women possessing a Body Mass Index (BMI) of over 25, it is predicted that at least one-third of U.S. adults will be obese by 2020 with a BMI in excess of 30. This is a drastic jump from 31 percent in 2000, according to the American National Center for Health statistics.

According to the Center for Disease Control, obesity is defined as "the condition of an excessively high amount of body fat or adipose tissue in relation to lean body mass."

The difference between obesity and being overweight is the level of BMI, with overweight being between 25 and 30, and obesity being over 30.

So what does this mean for college students? According to the American Obesity Association, 64.5 percent of adults age 20 or older, including college students, are overweight.

Over half of the college population is overweight, which can cause health difficulties in later years. According to Tara Barber, assistant director for nutrition services at Campus Recreation and Well-

ness, there are often several rea-

sons why ECU students gain weight. "For many students, especially freshmen, they are making decisions about food on their own, rather than their parents doing the grocery shopping and meal preparations. This can lead to unhealthy decisions about food," said Barber.

Barber also attributes student weight gain to not being physically active and choosing to drink alcohol, giving students excess calories that add up over time. She said that students should be aware of what they are eating, especially in the dining halls, because many have the tendency to overeat, overlooking portion sizes and not knowing when they are satisfied and not stuffed.

For those affected by serious weight gain in college, there are many resources to be taken advantage of for weight management.

The Campus Recreation and Wellness Department offers numerous options for physical activity including personal training, group fitness classes, walking programs, adventure trips and more. Also, nutrition services are offered on campus, including free nutrition counseling from a registered dietitian at Student Health or Campus Dining. There is information and resources, including food models and handouts that can be picked up at the Wellness Center.

Nutrition Director for Dining Services Janie Eubanks believes that students should be aware of the healthy food options available on campus.

"ECU Campus Dining is always working to provide customers with healthier options, and while many of the traditional

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To be or not to be: Greek

Delving into the secretive world of Greek life

JESSICA DUNLOW
STAFF WRITER

According to accounts from the late 18th century, the first Greek organization was the Phi Beta Kappa Society and was founded at the College of William and Mary in 1776. These specific letters are said to represent the Greek motto of, "Love of learning is the guide of life."

However, after the founding of secret induction rituals, membership requirements and secret oaths, many of these characteristics are still linked with Greek life. Nevertheless, what are these organizations really about?

Originally, it seemed that they were founded on the ideals of deep friendship and learning. But what about today?

There are 16 social fraternities through the Interfraternity Council here at ECU, nine service/social fraternities and sororities through the National Pan-Hellenic Council, and nine social sororities through the Pan-Hellenic Council. These councils were founded separately, and although they have different constitutions, the foundations and morals they are built upon are similar.

While the origins of these "pagan" organizations, as Minister Fred Hatchett, a former Greek organization member, referred to them (at the Anti-Greek life meeting held Oct. 25) are intriguing, it is the rushing process, the pledging process, the philanthropy efforts and social benefits that draw attention to these organizations daily.

The ECU student life Web site provides information on all three of these councils, including the Interfraternity definition of "rush," which is nothing short of a series of planned "parties" for the men to get to know each other. The recruitment schedule for sororities is much more detailed when their recruitment begins; it includes a tight week of events to choose which sororities to pledge. The National Pan-Hellenic Council oversees the historically-founded African-American fraternities and sororities, and according to students, is notoriously secretive in their pledging process and rituals.

Many students believe there are certain benefits to be gained joining these organizations.

"You have to experience the Greek life to really know if it is for you; it's for some people and not others. We have a common goal to promote the fraternity. It is really like a business, there are obligations [that are] good and



Bags like these are sold at stores around Greenville for Greeks to show their pride.

bad, but the lifelong relationships and networking are worth it," said Billy Pernel, ECU sophomore and member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, a social fraternity on campus.

Michaelina Antahades, a senior sister of Gamma

Sigma Sigma, loves the benefits provided by her service-based sorority.

"The service sororities are not as selective [as social sororities] and it's awesome that while you are serving the community you get to hang out with cool

girls who also value service in their life while you are doing it. It's such a positive experience," said Antahades.

Whether social or service-based, every Greek organization

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Students: help is here

On-campus tutoring offers academic help for students in need

ELISE PHILLIPS AND
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WRITER



ECU tutoring services gives students a chance to boost their grades.

Midterms have passed and final exams are around the corner, and for some students, this means scrambling for extra credit points to boost their grades. There might be a solution to these end-of-the-semester woes, however. From seniors to freshman, ECU offers tutoring to meet a wide array of academic needs.

Tutoring to sharpen writing and math skills may be the most well-known type of academic help offered by the university.

The University Writing Center, located in Bate 2005, gives students a chance to

get feedback on their writing through one of three methods: walk-in sessions, appointments or papers can be emailed. The third method comes especially handy for distance-education students. The Writing Center

is open on Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For math, the Math Lab in see TUTORING page A9

Legal expert set to address audiences on Pakistani law

Haider provides cross-cultural perspective on human rights

SARAH CAMPBELL
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Women can be killed for choosing a marriage partner. Women can be killed for seeking a divorce. Women can be killed after being raped.

In the Western world, these statements may seem unfathomable, but for women in Islamic countries, such as Pakistan, Turkey and Yemen, they are a reality.

The reality is that women of these countries suffer honor killings due to cultural norms.

According to UNICEF an honor killing is defined as "an ancient practice in which men kill female relatives in the name of family 'honor' for forced or suspected sexual activity outside marriage, even when they have been victims of rape.

"Reports indicate that offenders are often under 18 and that in their communities they are sometimes treated as heroes. These killings have been reported in Pakistan, Jordan, Yemen, Lebanon, Egypt, the Gaza strip and West Bank."

On Monday, Nov. 1, Yamin Haider, lawyer of the Federal Shariat Court in Islamabad, will present a lecture entitled "From Protection to Rights: The Women's Movement in Pakistan."

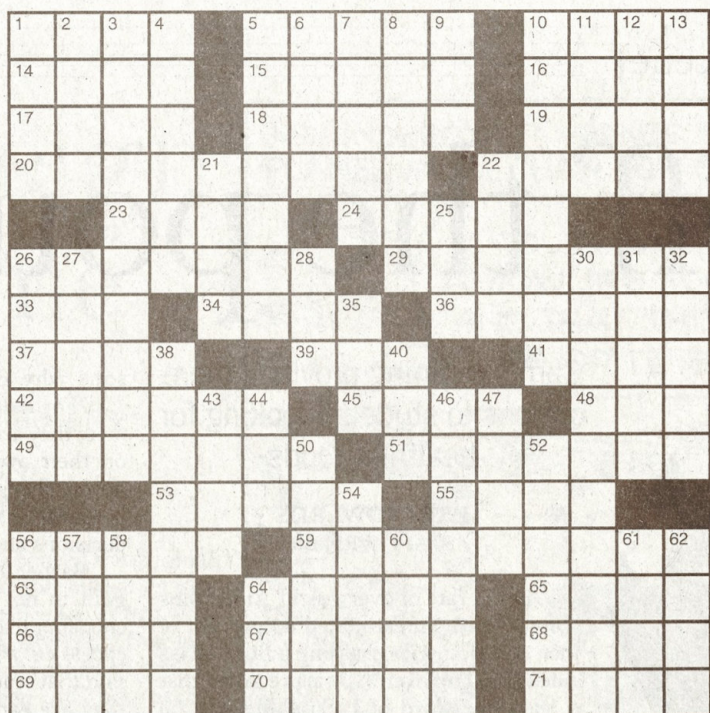
Her lecture will focus primarily on the laws of Pakistan and how they affect basic human rights. "Students too often see violence against women in the abstract or as a feminist issue that has nothing to do with them. But violence against women is a human issue, an international issue."

"Hundreds of Pakistani women are being murdered every year in the name of 'honor,' and their executioners--most likely

see LECTURE page A10

Crossword

- ACROSS**
 1 Bring into harmony
 5 Wild party
 10 Hoarse sound
 14 Elevator man
 15 Tropical porch
 16 Actress Falco
 17 Breathe hard
 18 Ford from Tennessee
 19 Daily Planet reporter
 20 Grad's proof
 22 Flat plates
 23 Afternoon parties
 24 "___ Frome"
 26 Flummoxes
 29 Bernhard and Dee
 33 Writer Deighton
 34 Not very colorful at all
 36 Light in the extreme
 37 WWII powers
 39 Director Browning
 41 Facilitate
 42 Some rays
 45 Missile storage
 48 In mint condition
 49 Look down on
 51 Preachers' platforms
 53 Philbin of TV
 55 Thailand, once
 56 Serengeti hunter
 59 Chest muscles
 63 Waikiki's island
 64 Controlled entrance
 65 Perched upon
 66 Squalid area
 67 Underwater scanner
 68 Sweetheart
 69 Danson and Koppel
 70 Abounds (with)
 71 Small whirlpool
- DOWN**
 1 Batters
 2 Beehive State
 3 Agent 86's partner
 4 Value highly



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Solutions

- 5 Sanctifier
 6 Common songbird
 7 Actress Potts
 8 Religious figures
 9 Deadlock
 10 Breathe fresh life into
 11 Fruit drinks
 12 Bathroom fixture
 13 Favored ones
 21 Invoice stamp
 22 Plato or Carvey
 25 Gen. Arnold's nickname
 26 Bangs shut
 27 Austin resident
 28 Plopped down
 30 Gave new life to
 31 Balance-sheet plus
 32 Slumgullion and goulash
 35 Derek and Diddle
 38 Breastbones
 40 Chip load
 43 Field of study
- 44 Droop
 46 Sheens
 47 Hodgepodge
 50 Step cautiously
 52 Easter event
 54 River of Rouen
 56 Inn's landlord
- 57 Lock maker
 58 Barak of Israel
 60 Chowder chunk
 61 Take a ___ off
 62 Jaunty
 64 Mach+ plane

OBESITY continued from A7

U.S. overweight problem

Almost 21% of the U.S. population, or about 59 million people, are clinically obese, according to a new study.

Body Mass Index (BMI), was weight indicator used in study

To calculate it, square the person's height (in inches), divide the person's weight (in pounds) by that number, then multiply by 700

$$\text{BMI} = \frac{\text{Weight in pounds}}{\text{Height in inches}^2} \times 700$$

Or use meters for height, kilograms for weight and simply divide

$$\text{BMI} = \frac{\text{Weight in kilograms}}{\text{Height in meters}^2}$$

Note: BMI is a good gauge of body fat for most people, with some notable exceptions; athletes and body builders have a lot of extra weight from muscle and often have a very high BMI

Sources: Journal of American Medical Association, National Center for Health Statistics
 Graphic: Tim Goheen



Overweight and obesity are significantly associated with:

- Diabetes
- High blood pressure
- High cholesterol
- Asthma
- Arthritis
- Poor health

With a BMI of ...	a person is ...
Less than 18.5	Underweight
18.5 to 24.9	Normal weight
25 to 29.9	Overweight
30 or above	Clinically obese

Obese adults

Percentage of adults with a Body Mass Index over 30, by selected country:

U.K.	23%
Greece	21.9%
Luxembourg	18.7%
Finland	14%
Spain	13.1%
Germany	12.9%
Belgium	12.7%
Netherlands	10.9%
Sweden	9.8%
France	9.5%
Italy	9.0%
Norway	8.3%*
Switzerland	7.7%*
Outside Europe:	
U.S.	30.6%
Canada	22.4%
New Zealand	20.9%
Japan	3.2%

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regular products continue to be available, Campus Dining also strives to meet the needs of those customers looking for healthier options," said Eubanks.

Such options include the "Just4U" program, developed to assist customers in making informed food choices. It allows students to be provided with nutritional information. The "Fresh on the Move" programs provides on-the-go students with pre-packaged healthy meals. Some options

include salads, hummus, fruit cups and sandwiches.

Eubanks also said that Campus Dining provides students with alternatives to regular foods, including refined carbohydrate products with lighter or fat free and whole grain versions of food. There are substitutes to regular salad dressings, sour cream, cream cheese and dairy products. ECU Dining also uses trans fat-free oil for all frying as well as trans fat-

free margarine.

Whether a student is trying to lose weight or just maintain it, there are many healthy options on campus that one can take advantage of.

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GREEK continued from A7

based, every Greek organization participates in some kind of philanthropic cause.

For example, Kappa Delta supports Prevent Child Abuse America and the Girl Scouts. Zeta Tau Alpha supports the fight against breast cancer. Delta Sigma Phi supports the March of Dimes (premature birth research and funding). Pi Kappa Alpha raises funds and awareness for the Ronald McDonald House.

Some students have tried Greek life, only to decide it was not for them.

Wendi Williamson, a senior

communication major, rushed in the fall of 2004 but dropped out.

"After about two nights of getting turned away from the groups of girls I felt I fit in with, I decided to drop rush. I did receive a bid from one sorority even after I dropped out of rush, but after meeting the girls, I just did not feel that I fit in with them. Sororities are families and the girls are your sisters; I didn't think those girls were like sisters to me and never would be," said Williamson.

Typically, the rushing process is flooded with eager men and women looking for an

accepting place to flourish.

The stereotyping of fraternity and sorority members being "non-individual, carbon-copies" of each other is notorious, along with the assumption that they are all clad in Polo, Sperry's, plaid shorts and pearl necklaces.

Overall, it is up to individuals to decide whether or not Greek life is for them.

Spring rush for fraternities and sororities will begin in January.

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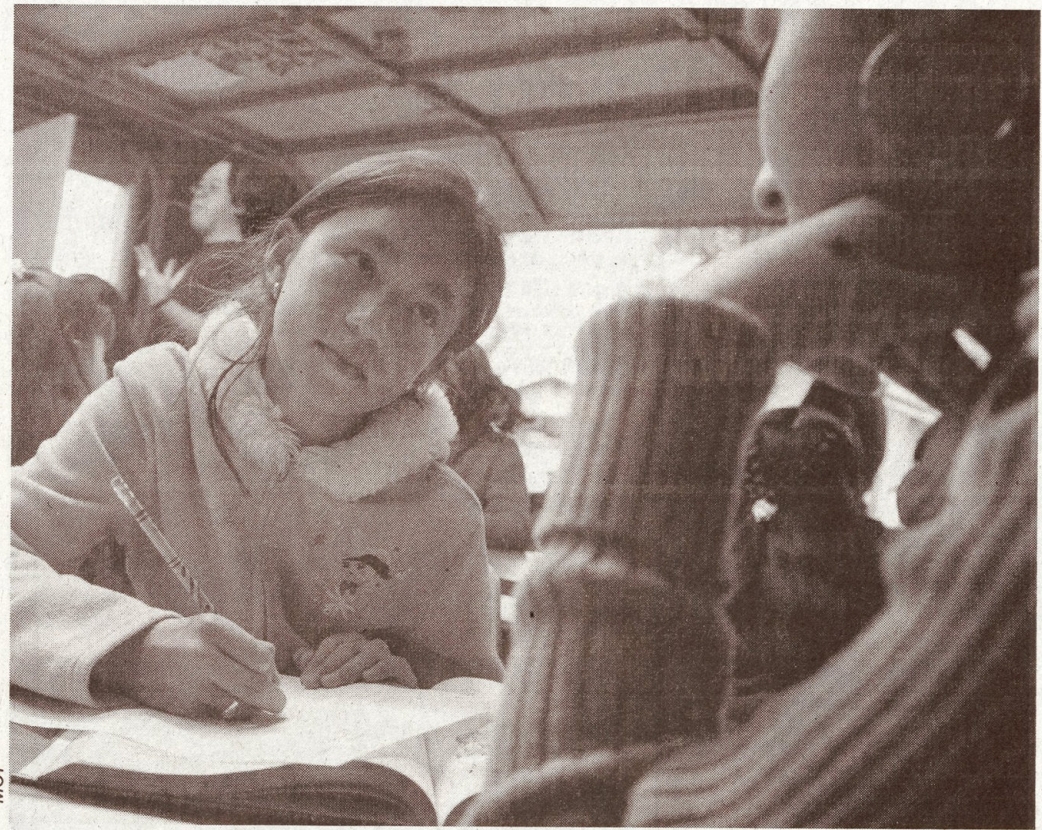
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TUTORING continued from A9



Tutoring is a good tool for students who need some extra help in a certain subject, or for a specific test.

Austin 223 provides those struggling in the subject to get their questions answered in three subjects: calculus, statistics and algebra. The Math Lab is open for calculus tutoring on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Statistics tutoring is available on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Tutoring for algebra is open for students on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For tutoring in chemistry, the Department of Chemistry has a learning center devoted to the enrichment of its students' academic lives. In the tutorial section of the department, they offer help in chemistry as well as math.

ECU student Nathan Golder has received tutoring on campus and feels it has significantly changed the way he studies, takes notes and pays attention in class.

"After falling behind in a few classes, I knew that

something had to change," Golder said. "If it weren't for the tutoring services offered at ECU, I have no idea where I'd be academically."

Besides these labs, most professors offer certain times when questions and concerns may be answered. For example, the School of Music offers help to their students in areas such as vocal coaching, music theory, music history and dictation.

Graduate Vocal Performance major Yolanda Henderson said that these tutorial services give students a safe place for help, and wished she had taken advantage of tutoring while she was an undergraduate student.

"I believe that tutoring in the School of Music allows students to find a place of refuge," said Henderson.

Athletes also can receive tutoring to fit their busy schedules. For many student athletes, tutoring is often necessary and sometimes required. Commonly, athletes are encouraged and sometimes required to attend sport specific study

halls. These are set up to ensure that all athletes excel in class as well as on the field.

The Office of Student Development oversees these study halls to guarantee quality study surroundings. Mentor services are also offered for those who need help in areas such as adjusting to college life, time management and study skills.

Additionally, Academic Enrichment Center is a department dedicated to help students succeed academically. The center offers a variety of programs or even one-on-one meetings for students who wish to better enrich their academic experience. Interested students are encouraged to come by the office in Brewster B-103, or visit their Web site at ecu.edu/advising.

To learn more about tutoring services offered at ECU, visit author.ecu.edu/cs-studentlife/athletics_studev/Resources.cfm.

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LECTURE continued from A7



Haider will present a lecture on Pakistani law and basic human rights on Monday, November 5.

family members--go unpunished. Their 'offenses' are often only in the minds of their accusers, and most women have no chance to defend themselves. In Pakistan, men have a legal right to control their wives' behavior and their sexuality, their property and their lives. So women live in State-sanctioned isolation and fear," said Cheryl Dudasik-Wiggs, women's studies program director.

As the world is beginning to change, women are becoming equal with their male counterparts. The laws in Pakistan are finally beginning to recognize the rights of women.

"Unfortunately there are certain laws of Pakistan that allow for discrimination," said Haider. "In Pakistan women can be elected as Prime Minister, but they cannot appear as a witness in court unless accompanied by another woman in the box."

The lecture will take place

Deadly facts on honor killing
International criticism of "honor killing" has cast a spotlight on this state-sanctioned murder of women.

WHAT IS HONOR KILLING? In some Middle Eastern and South Asian countries, men are duty-bound to kill a female family member who brings dishonor and shame to the family

COUNTRIES where honor killing occurs: Turkey, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Egypt, Yemen, Gaza Strip, West Bank, Jordan.

WHY? Families believe they can regain their honor only by murdering the woman for her alleged sexual or social offense.

NOT ISLAM: This practice is deeply rooted in tribal customs; not within the teaching of Islamic religion.

Offenses can include:
 - Alleged adultery
 - Looking at a man
 - Premarital relationship, with or without sex
 - Seeking divorce
 - Rape

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on Monday, Nov. 5 in the Jenkins Fines Arts Auditorium at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, Nov. 3, an open lecture for women only will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the Islamic Center.

The Islamic Center is located on Fourteenth and Evans Street in Greenville.

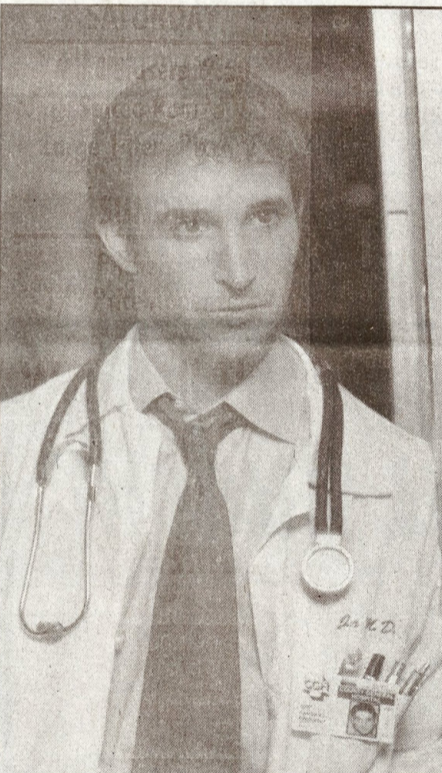
The lectures will be sponsored by ECU's Women's Studies program and the ECU Fulbright exchange.

Coming up on Friday, Nov. 30, at 4 p.m. in Bate 1026, Dr. Julia Simms Holderness will present "Questioning a Feminist Classic: A New Look at

Christine de Pizan's Book of the City of Ladies."

Holderness received her doctorate in Medieval French from Johns Hopkins and currently teaches at Michigan State University. De Pizan, a 14th-century feminist critic, challenged misogynist stereotypes found in male-dominated literature; and her allegorical Book of the City of Ladies sought to dispel the notion that women should not be educated or participate in government.

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Step 4: Search for courses. You can choose to enter a course number, choose instructional method, instructor, time and/or day.

Step 5: Once you have entered your information, select the Class Search link at the bottom. This returns a list of all courses meeting the criterion you entered. Select the section you want by checking the box next to that section. (If a "C" appears, this section is closed.)

Step 6: After checking the appropriate section, scroll to the bottom and select Register or Worksheet.

Step 7: You will be taken back to your schedule to view it with the new class added. If there were any errors (pre-requisite, co-requisite, other restrictions), the error would display with your schedule and the course will not be added.

Step 8: Repeat steps 4-7 to add additional classes.

Step 9: To Drop classes, from your schedule page pull the drop down menu beside the course you wish to drop and select **Web Dropped**

Step 10: At the bottom, select the Submit Changes link and the course will be removed from your schedule.

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Spring 2008 Registration Schedule

	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	2:00 PM	3:30 PM
Monday, Nov. 5	Graduate Students, 2nd Degree Students, Teaching Fellows, Nurse Scholars, Honors Students Students with 140+ hours	Students with 125-139+ hours	Students with 115-124+ hours	Students with 108-114+ hours	Students with 102-107+ hours
Tuesday, Nov. 6	Students with 96-101+ hours	Students with 91-95+ hours	Students with 85-90+ hours	Students with 78-84+ hours	Students with 72-77+ hours
Wednesday, Nov. 7	Students with 67-71+ hours	Students with 63-66+ hours	Students with 58-62+ hours	Students with 51-57+ hours	Students with 42-50+ hours
Thursday, Nov. 8	Students with 35-41+ hours	Students with 32-34+ hours	Students with 30-31+ hours	Students with 26-29+ hours	Students with 15-25+ hours
Friday Nov. 9	Students with 6-14+ hours	Students with 1-5+ hours	Students with 0+ hours		

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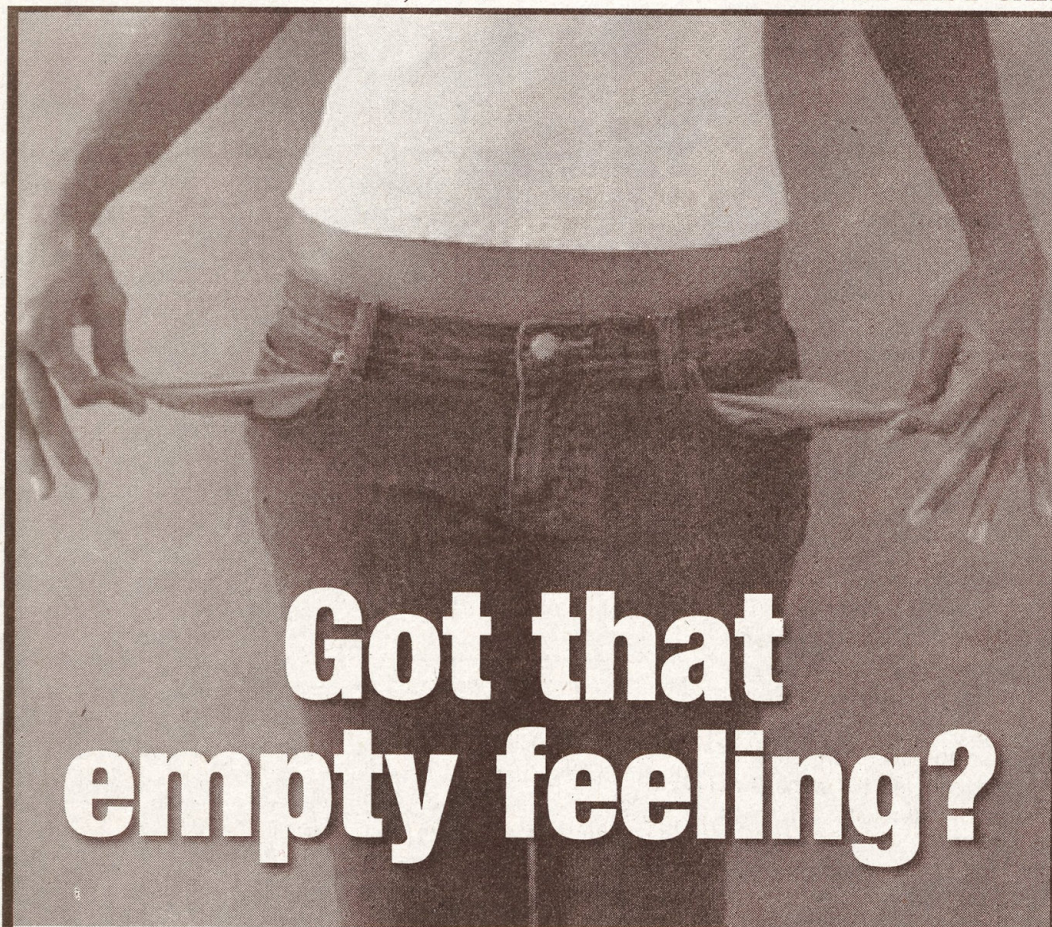
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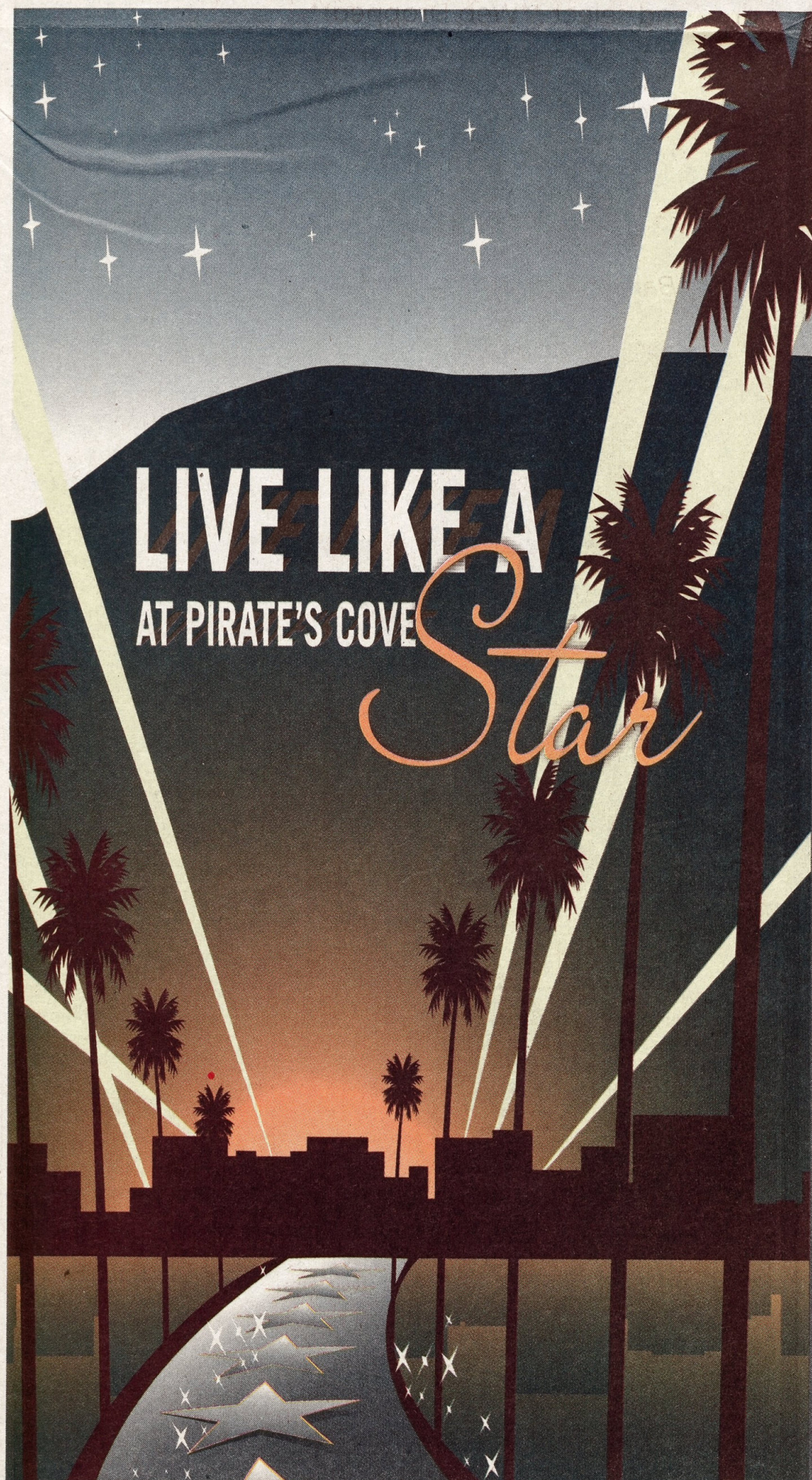


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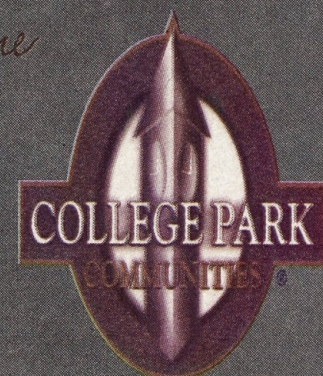
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FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Pirates face familiar foe in critical game

DID YOU KNOW...

- Patrick Pinkney is the only ECU player to lineup at quarterback in every game this season. The Pirates have had a total of six athletes play quarterback so far this season.

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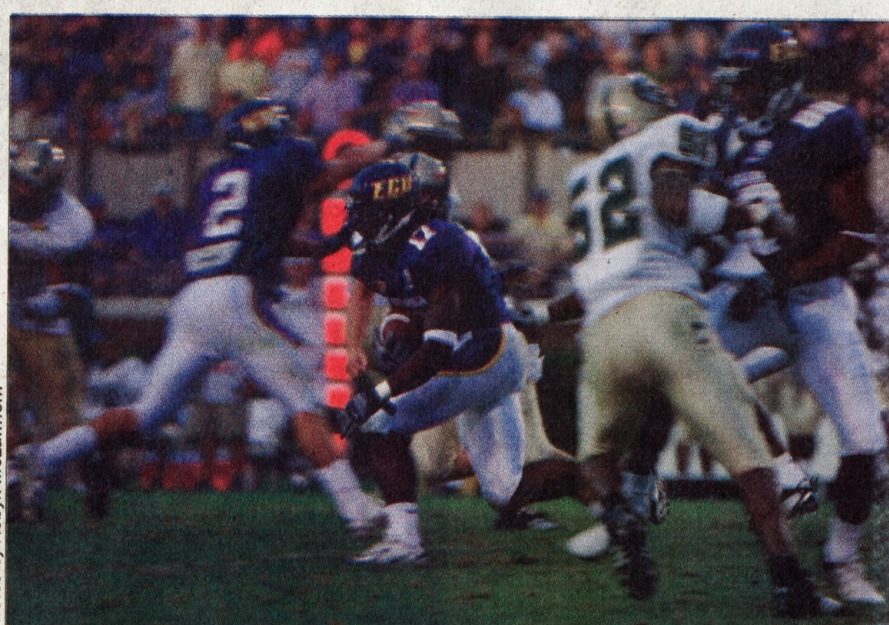
- Memphis is ranked by The Sporting News as the 34th best sports town in the United States.



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ECU trying to win fifth straight conference matchup

JARED JACKSON
STAFF WRITER

One down and three to go in the draining four games to end the regular season, as the Pirates try to clinch the East Division title in C-USA and a berth in the conference title game.

"This is what we call our 'final four conference tour,' and Memphis is the next opponent," said ECU head coach Skip Holtz.

The Pirates [5-4, 4-1] will travel to Memphis to play the Tigers [4-4, 3-1] this weekend in a pivotal C-USA clash set for 2 p.m.

The match-up was considered to be a cake walk three weeks ago when Memphis was struggling, but the Tigers have reeled off two straight conference wins, against Rice and Tulane, to improve their record to .500 and have shot up the East Division standings where they currently sit in a tie for second place with UCF.

Now the Pirates are set to enter another emotional contest, and because of a Southern Miss loss to UCF last week, ECU now controls its own destiny in the conference race.

Win out and it will host the title game in Greenville; lose and the season's in limbo.

"We needed the help to control our own destiny but we always try to go 1-0 each week," said Holtz about the UCF-Southern Miss game's ramifications. "People have already started talking about three games from now but we need to make sure we don't fall into that trap. I told the team, just like last week, that they have until Tuesday to get this game out of their systems to get ready for Memphis."

The Pirates were in a similar situation last year as they traveled to Rice, in which they needed a win to clinch the East division title in their final conference game of the season. After a Chris Johnson touchdown in the third quarter to give ECU a 17-9 lead, the Owls fought back and eventually won, 18-17.

Rest assured Pirate nation; Skip Holtz remembers that contest well and is making sure his team does too.

"It is definitely a teaching tool," Holtz said. "We were in the same situation last year that we are in now, controlling our own destiny. Hopefully the players remember that trip and that feeling after losing the opportunity to play for the conference championship."

"Last year, we put ourselves in a position to play for the championship and we stubbed our toe at the last second. Hopefully that taught us to maintain our focus this year. If we don't take care of business this week then we lose the opportunity to play for it again next week."

The meeting between the Pirates and Tigers will be the 16th between the two schools. ECU leads 9-6 in the all time series but Memphis has won four of the last six. ECU won last season 35-20 in Greenville but Memphis won the last time the two teams met at the Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium, 27-24.

"We know that we have a challenge this week," said Holtz. "Memphis is a 4-4 football team right now and 3-1 in the conference. They have won three of their last four and are playing well with confidence."

Holtz knows that his ECU defense will have its hands full this weekend. "Offensively, they [Memphis] are scary because they have three tailbacks that are playing by committee," Holtz said. "Their two quarterbacks have completed over 60 percent of their passes and have thrown 14 touchdowns as compared to seven interceptions."

"Additionally, their five wide receivers have caught over 20 passes and are extremely tall, all the way up to 6-foot-8."

The Tigers offense could present a problem for the ECU defense come Saturday because of the things coach Holtz spoke of. Memphis ranks third in C-USA in pass offense with 280 yards per game and fourth in total offense with 419 yards per game.

Senior quarterback Martin Hankins has played well in all six games he has had action in, throwing for almost 1,500 yards and 10 touchdowns. 6-foot-4 junior, Maurice Jones has been the Tigers go-to option, amassing almost 500 receiving yards on the season on 26 receptions and two touchdowns. Carlos Singleton has also been key for the receiving core, as the 6-foot-8 redshirt sophomore has three touchdowns and 324 receiving yards.

The turnover differential should have a huge impact in this contest, as the Pirates and Tigers rank No. 1 and No. 2, respectively, in C-USA in turnover margin.

"On the defensive side of the ball, [Memphis] is a stingy group," said Holtz. "I think their secondary is extremely active and have a lot of upperclassmen, especially at the safety position."

"We will have to be ready for the 4-4 or 4-3 and be really simple in what we do offensively. They are first in redzone defense, second in scoring defense and third in passing defense so we need to be ready. It will take one of our better efforts, especially playing on the road."

While this will be the third coaching battle between Memphis head coach Tommy West and Holtz at their respective schools, the two also stood on opposite sidelines while Holtz was an assistant at Florida State and West was the head coach at Clemson; also when Holtz was an assistant for this father, Lou, at

KEYS TO THE GAME

1. Score fast

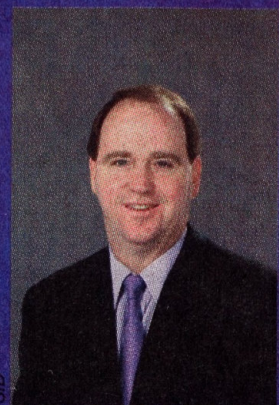
Uncharacteristically, the Pirates were able to put up double digits in the first quarter against UAB last week. ECU needs to do the same this week by smacking Memphis in the mouth early. On the season, ECU has been outscored 68-34 in the first quarter so coming out and putting up points on the first few possessions will be key.

2. Secondary play

The Pirates will once again be facing a "pass first" team this week. Senior quarterback Martin Hankins has picked defenses apart this year with 10 touchdown passes and almost 1,500 yards, despite not playing in two games. ECU's defensive line must provide pressure, but creating turnovers and not allowing big gains gives the secondary the most important task of the game.

3. Protect the lead

Last week against UAB, the Pirates created a big lead and never surrendered it. If ECU is thinking conference title then it must be able to hold on to a lead again. Without a doubt protecting a lead will also give the Pirates more confidence on both sides of the ball as they move forward towards the end of the season.



SKIP HOLTZ

"We haven't won anything at this point and have given ourselves a chance to play again in round two. This is what we call our 'final four conference tour' and Memphis is the next opponent."

KEYS TO THE GAME

1. Win the turnover battle

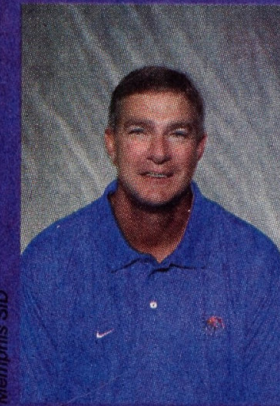
ECU and Memphis are the top two teams in C-USA in turnover margin, so the team that wins the turnover margin on Saturday is likely to be victorious. Memphis is very good at stripping the ball, as it leads C-USA in fumbles recovered with 13. Both teams rarely turn the ball over so ball security, or lack thereof, should have a huge impact.

2. Pass the ball effectively

Memphis has passed for over 300 yards in all four of its wins this year. Senior quarterback Martin Hankins has struggled in the Tigers' losses however. ECU's secondary played well last week, but the jury is still out on the young group that has been susceptible to the long pass.

3. Win the fourth quarter

Memphis has been outscored in every quarter this season except the one that usually matters the most: the fourth. Memphis used a game-winning drive in the final minutes to beat Tulane last week and has won all three of its conference games by a combined seven points. These two teams have a history of games decided in the final minutes. Memphis will have to keep the game close throughout and hope to pull more late-game heroics in the final quarter.

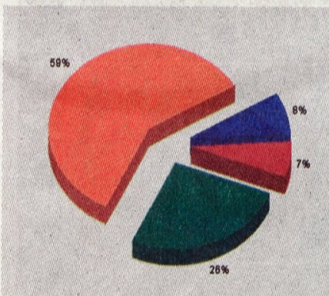


TOMMY WEST

They're [ECU] talented and they look offensively like a very similar offense out there. It's amazing watching it how similar both teams are from an offensive standpoint."

Results from last week's question:

Who has been ECU's MVP on offense so far this season?



7% - Rob Kass

8% - Dwayne Harris

59% - Chris Johnson

26% - Patrick Pinkney

Pirate Nation poll question:

Which remaining regular season game presents the toughest challenge for ECU?

A. at Memphis

B. at Marshall

C. vs. Tulane

To vote on this week's poll question go to the eastcarolinian.com and submit your vote. Current results can be found by clicking on the view results button under the poll question. The final results will be posted in next Thursday's edition of The East Carolinian.

BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Staff photo



Sophomore guard Brandon Evans, who is known as a slasher, will be expected to share guard duties.

A new era

McCarthy looking to turn things around

KELLEN HOLTZMAN
STAFF WRITER

After a disappointing two-year tenure under former head coach Ricky Stokes, a new regime has overtaken ECU Men's Basketball. In less than two weeks, the Mack McCarthy era will officially begin.

McCarthy served as one of Stokes' assistant coaches for the past two seasons but is no stranger to head-coaching positions. The Virginia Tech graduate began his head-coaching career at Tennessee-Chattanooga, where he led his teams to eight regular season conference titles and five tournament championships. In 1997, the McCarthy-led Mocs of Chattanooga shocked the country by advancing to the NCAA Sweet Sixteen, knocking off both Georgia and Illinois along the way.

McCarthy moved on to Virginia Commonwealth after 12 seasons with the Mocs. At VCU, McCarthy bumped his all-time record up to 309-177 while improving the Rams' winning percentage in all four seasons of his stay.

"It really isn't much of an adjustment because I have done it before," McCarthy said of the coaching transition. "The way our staff was structured before, I was involved a lot in the decision making. The main difference is that now I am actually the spokesperson for the program. Behind the scenes, a lot of the things I am doing now were in my responsibilities anyway."

McCarthy does expect the team to play faster and plans on putting an emphasis on defense to force turnovers for easy baskets in transition.

Getting a group of inexperienced players to buy into a new system could come relatively easy for McCarthy. His track record in player management speaks for itself. McCarthy coached Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Terrell Owens in his basketball days at Chattanooga and is also credited for recruiting NBA hall-of-famer Charles Barkley to Auburn, where he served as an assistant coach.

ECU's theme this year is likely to be youth, despite losing only two key players from last year's team that managed to win only six games. Courtney Captain was last year's lone senior and Jeremy Ingram, easily the team's most talented player, was forced to cut his career short due to multiple injuries.

Taylor Gagnon, Corey Farmer and Darrell Jenkins represent the senior class for ECU this year. Farmer and Jenkins both transferred from junior colleges last season and will be beginning

just their second seasons as Pirates. Gagnon spent three years as a walk-on and was finally rewarded a scholarship for his final season wearing purple and gold.

Sam Hinnant and James Legan make up the junior class. Legan joins ECU after transferring from Lon Morris College, located in Galena Park, Texas.

McCarthy will rely heavily on his underclassmen. Nine out of the 14 players on the roster are either freshmen or sophomores.

"I think we have a deeper team," said McCarthy. "It is positive because we have more competition at each position. There is competition for playing time, earning starting status and just trying to improve."

"The past two years, we haven't had a lot of competition at practice and it hasn't been as much of a learning experience. But from day one this year, guys have gotten after each other. They have pushed each other in the individual workouts and that alone will make us a better basketball team."

The Pirates look to be in good shape in the post with sophomores Gabe Blair and John Fields likely carrying the majority of the load. Blair ranked third overall in C-USA in rebounding as a freshman last season, while Fields made an equally impressive impact, earning C-USA All-Freshman honors while leading the conference in field goal percentage. Chad Wynn, a 6-foot-10 redshirt freshman, gives ECU its strongest presence in the frontcourt. Gagnon and Daquan Joyner, a 6-foot-7 freshman from Goldsboro, will provide added depth.

As many as nine players will be vying for playing time on the wings. Legan, an exceptional three-point shooter at the junior college level, should be one of the Pirates' best scoring options. Farmer and sophomore Brandon Evans will look to improve upon the significant roles they played last year. Hinnant has proven to be a solid shooting guard and highly recruited freshman Jamar Abrams is in the mix at small forward.

Jenkins leads the way at point guard after leading C-USA in assists last season and leading the Pirates in scoring with 12.3 points per game. Jenkins will be backed up by Brock Young, a prized freshman from Broughton High School in Raleigh.

Last year we didn't have this type of competition in practice, so it's a big change," said Jenkins. "Last year I had a manager guarding me in practice, but now I have a player like Brock Young who challenges me every day, guarding me. Young shows no fear; he is excited to be out there on the court and he pushes me. I think all the freshmen push the older players because we all want to play."

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ECU club rugby team rumbles past competition



The members of the ECU club rugby team have formed a comradarie that translates well on the field.

Pirates stand out in the south

HART HOLLOMAN
 STAFF WRITER

With the varsity athletic teams receiving the amount of attention that they do from the university and its supporters, club teams often go overlooked by the student body as legitimate representatives of ECU athletics.

The club hockey team receives its fair share of publicity around campus, but there are other successful club teams that go unnoticed by most students. The rugby team has competed for years at the highest collegiate level, rising to be one of, if not the best team in the state.

Since rugby is not a sanctioned NCAA sport, no university can have a varsity team. Instead, competition is governed by USA Rugby, which divides college teams into three divisions. ECU's team currently

competes in the second division. However, they have shown the ability to defeat teams in Division I in recent years. Last spring, the Pirates finished third in the prestigious Cherry Blossom Tournament in Washington, D.C., defeating Division I teams like Rice, Temple, and Virginia Tech along the way.

Building on last years success, which also saw the team win its conference and make it to the elite eight of the South Region before losing to national runner-up Arkansas State, the team has gotten off to a blazing start this year. Led by team captain Casey Clapp and nine other seniors, ECU has jumped out to an unbeaten record and top-15 national ranking.

Outside of tournament play, the team has wins against Wake Forest, Cherry Point Marines and Cape Fear Men's Semi-Pro. The combined score of the three games was 86-7, with shutouts coming against Cherry Point and Cape Fear.

This past September, the team also competed in the

Ninth Annual Rucktoberfest Fall Rugby Tournament hosted by Appalachian State, and successfully defended the championship they had won the previous year in convincing fashion.

ECU began with two shutouts against in-state rivals UNCW and App. St., 26-0 and 41-0, respectively. Then the Pirates faced a Furman team that has competed for the Division III National Championship the past four years, taking three of four titles. Former ECU place-kicker and first-year player Robert Lee scored all of ECU's points as it edged out the Paladins, 9-7. Lee's two penalty kicks and a drop goal in the run of play were enough to send ECU to the semi-finals.

There the Pirates faced another in-state rival, N.C. State. ECU dominated the game and behind two try's (a score similar to a touchdown in football) by senior Thomas

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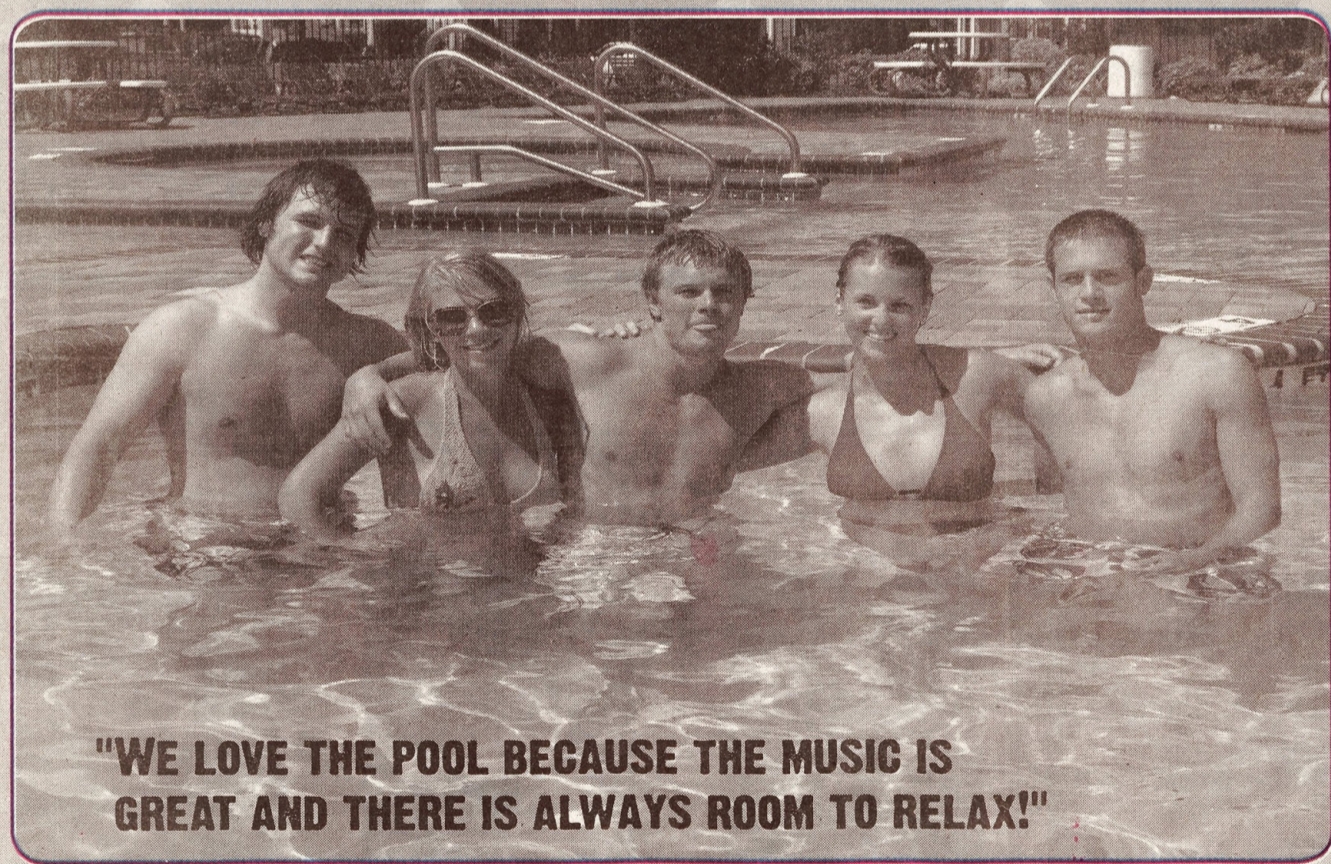
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RUGBY continued from B3

Francisco and more solid kicking from Lee, it rolled to a 30-14 win.

In the finals, the Pirates faced familiar foe Furman again. This time however, ECU dismantled them in an embarrassing 33-5 shellacking. Senior Drew Griffin led the charge with two try's, and again, Lee was crucial in the kicking game.

ECU outscored its opponents 149-26 in the tournament. Griffin and Francisco led the team with four try's each, John Markey had three, Conner Duke had two and several others had one each. Lee's exceptional kicking earned him Ref's Choice honors as the MVP of the tournament.

The team was also the favorite to win the state tournament this past weekend in Raleigh, but the tournament was cancelled due to the rain. Now the Pirates are looking toward spring and defending their conference title.

"We want to win the conference again, obviously," said Griffin. "But this year we want to go a lot further in the national tournament."

Even with their success, the Pirates are always looking for new players and urging people to come out.

"We take all comers," said Griffin. "No matter what shape or size, athletic ability level or experience level. There are no tryouts and it's never too late to show up. We just want to get as many guys out as possible who want to have fun and learn a great sport."

If you are interested in playing, you can find a contact email at the ECU club sports website, or come out to practice. Practices are held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Blount Intramural Fields.

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1/5/08	vs. NC Central	Greenville, N.C.	7 p.m. ET

BBALL continued from B2



Darrell Jenkins returns as ECU's leading scorer.

ECU's schedule includes a record 19 home games beginning on Nov. 10 with Limestone. The schedule is highlighted by first-ever visits to Minges Coliseum from N.C. State and Clemson.

"I am ready for the ACC games; Clemson and N.C. State," said Fields. "It is going to be really exciting, and if we win one of those games, I think it will help get this program back on track."

McCarthy's task is simple; restore pride to a program that has seen less than 20 victories combined in the past two seasons and hasn't clinched a berth in the NCAA tournament since 1993. With McCarthy's resume and an impressive group of young players, the future for ECU Basketball looks, almost unusually, bright.

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PREVIEW

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Notre Dame and West was an assistant at Tennessee.

"I think East Carolina has played an absolute brutal schedule," said West. "They've beaten Houston, UTEP and Central Florida, which are three really good teams. They're really a solid football team. They don't make mistakes."

After the dismantling of UAB last week, the Pirates seem to have a reemerging quarterback situation on their hands. Early season starter Patrick Pinkney came off the bench last week and completed 6-of-7 passes for 159 yards and two touchdowns while looking like the quarterback that ECU fans saw earlier in the season as compared to recently.

Although Pinkney played great Saturday, Rob Kass still sits atop the depth chart going into this week's crucial matchup, but Holtz will use his same approach to dictating playing time for each Saturday.

"Both quarterbacks will play," Holtz said when asked what his approach was this week against the Tigers. "Who plays will be predicated on how we are moving the football and the other team's defense."

"I think we have a very healthy quarterback situation. The first guy off the sideline to congratulate Patrick Pinkney after he threw that touchdown to Jamar Bryant in third quarter Saturday [against UAB] was Rob Kass. It's a healthy competition and a great thing for our football team."

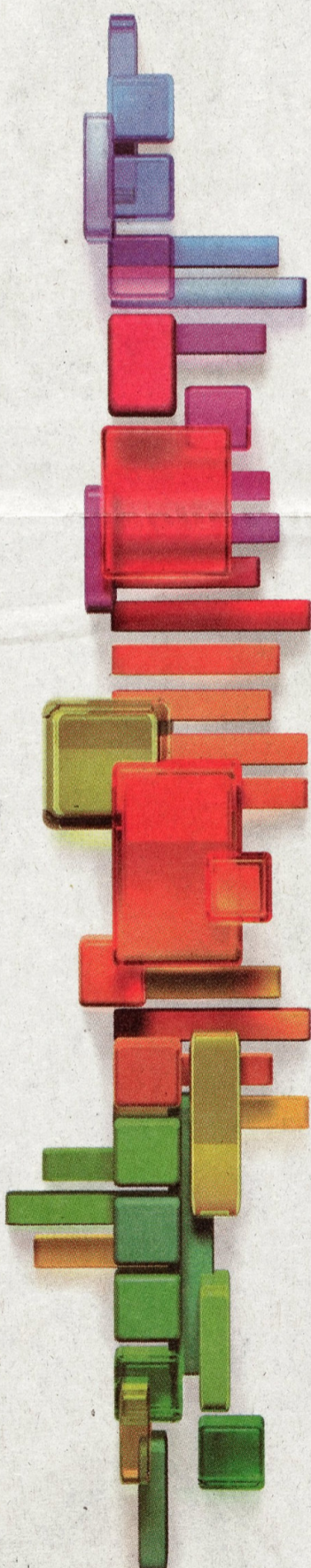
Holtz is hoping that the two-quarterback system will work again this week.

"This is not Rob Kass vs. Patrick Pinkney, but East Carolina vs. Memphis," he said.

Armed with two quarterbacks, ECU seeks to go 1-0 again this week in what Holtz is calling the conference's single elimination tournament.

The Pirates are only three weeks away from making history, but as they learned last year, you have to take things one week at a time.

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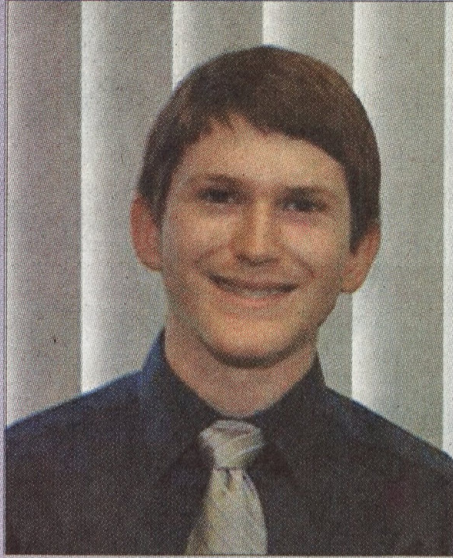
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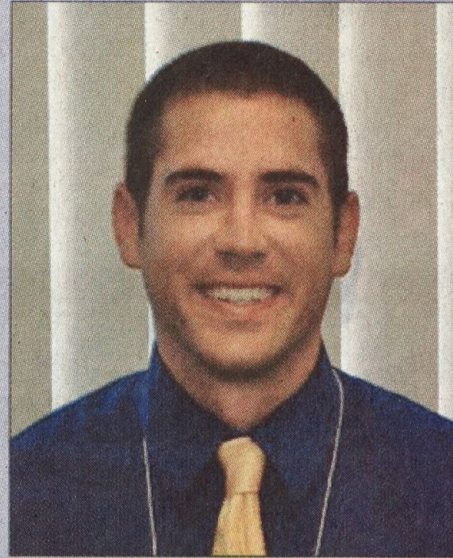
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KORIE AMBERGER
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VLADIM BOBROVNIKOV
Neuroscience



JOEL CARTER
Political Science



KRISTIN CRIBB
Biology



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Biology



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Nursing



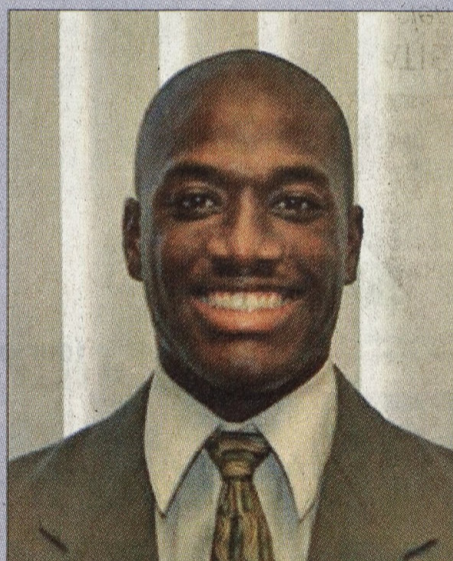
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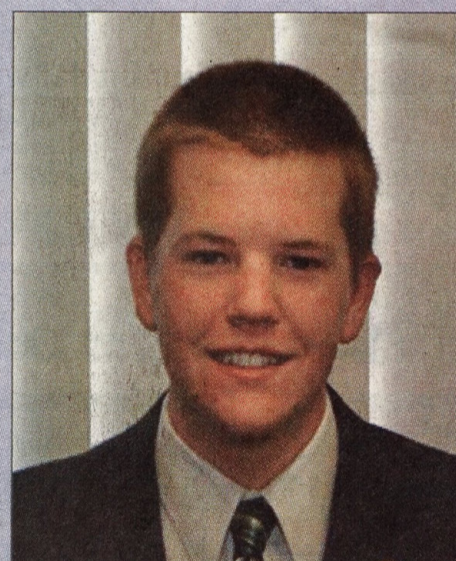
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Art and Anthropology



DEMETRIA SMITH
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TREMAINE SMITH
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C. JAMES WAGNER
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SHEREE HAWTHORNE
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Only 11 student leaders will be selected for this honor based on their academics, leadership, and community service.
The "Elite Pirates" selected will receive a university plaque, induction into "The Elite Pirate" Student Hall of Fame, a \$350 leadership honorarium, and receive recognition with other campus/community leaders.