



'We're growing' in record numbers, officials say

University set to deal with the large freshman class

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The approximate number of freshmen expected to move to Greenville this weekend is 5,500.

Upper classmen are used to move-in weekend: wide-eyed freshmen toting boxes up and down the stairs (or elevators) of various ECU dorms.

However, this year, 280 first-year students

will be toting those boxes to the North Campus Crossing and The Bellamy apartment complexes, both located about four miles from ECU.

"The freshmen class is significantly larger this year than last year," said Aaron Lucier, director of operations and associate director for Campus Living. "We had the largest freshmen class in history last year, and this year we have the newly largest freshmen class in history. We're growing."

Because of the gigantic class, accommodations on campus for almost 300 first-year students is not an option.

"It was pretty clear about May 1 that we had an issue," Lucier said.

Before May 1, students were guaranteed on-campus housing, but after May 20, all students who submitted requests for housing were put on a waiting list.

Eighteen-year-old Hayley Sizemore was accepted to ECU but decided not to attend because of the housing problem.

"I told ECU I wanted to come in the middle of the summer, and that's when they told me there was no more housing," said Sizemore.

Sizemore now attends Dixie State College in St. George, Utah, but would have attended

ECU if able to stay on-campus.

"I kind of wanted the experience of living on-campus, especially for the first year," she said.

Campus officials started looking for apartment complexes over the summer to house the overflowing number of incoming freshmen. According to Lucier, complexes that were considered must have met North Carolina state codes, have sprinkler systems installed, contain fire extinguishers, have reasonable privacy, be furnished and have a

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PROJECTED FALL 2008 FRESHMEN

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18 PERCENT

STUDENTS APPLIED
STUDENTS ADMITTED
STUDENTS ENROLLED

11628

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8567

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MINORITY STUDENTS

22 PERCENT

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AVERAGE SAT SCORE

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1050

AVERAGE ACT SCORE

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AVERAGE GPA

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All eyes look toward change

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It's no secret: ECU is growing, and with that growth comes change.

As the university heads into its 101st year, officials are working on renovating, building and adding to the campus to accommodate the ever-expanding number of students.

"The [freshmen] class does keep growing," said John Durham, executive director of university communication and assistant secretary to the Board of Trustees. "We're at a little over 27,000 [students]. That's 1,000 more than last year."

More than 1,000 to be accurate, and officials won't know exact numbers until after the last day to drop and add classes, Sept. 3.

The university has already made some

changes to dorms on campus this summer, including new sprinkler systems in the Cotton and Fleming residences, adding air-conditioning and opening up 150 beds to students in the Belk residence hall, upgrading fire alarm systems in Garrett and Jones as well as painting, cleaning and adding new mattresses to residence halls across campus.

"Students come back for the fall and think we haven't done anything," said Aaron Lucier, director of operations and associate director for Campus Living. "But we have done a lot, and in a short period of time."

Officials say that the astonishing growth at ECU is being taken seriously. To deal with the housing overflow, a task force for enrollment, made up of faculty and students, are looking into ways to accommodate the influx

of incoming freshmen. Put in place last spring, the committee is "charged with developing a plan to deal with the way the university grows," according to Durham.

Lucier says that along with the task force for enrollment, Campus Living will be looking at options on how to handle the growing Pirate population.

"Clearly it is a challenge to provide housing, classrooms and laboratories [for students]," Durham said. "We have new construction starting this semester."

In addition to housing changes, over 130 new faculty members have been added to the ECU family, including Dr. James R. Hupp, dean for the new ECU School of Dentistry, which will begin construction in the fall.

Incoming freshman face new academic requirements

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Incoming freshman this fall semester have two new requirements before they even step foot inside a classroom.

For the first time, first semester freshman will be required to complete an online alcohol education program and participate in ECU Reads— ECU's inaugural summer reading program for freshman.

During 2008 freshman orientation, students were given a free copy of the book *My Freshman Year: What a Professor Learned*

by *Becoming a Student* by Dr. Cathy Small, written under the pseudonym Rebekah Nathan.

"The program was designed to develop a common experience for the entering freshman class," said Carol Woodruff, director of Co-Curricular Programs and Cultural Outreach and ECU Reads committee member.

"The book will be a basis for both academic and intellectual conversation and will allow students to engage in conversations with faculty. The requirement also sends a

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Shots fired at Arkansas

Democratic Party headquarters

A gunman opened fire in the Arkansas Democratic Party headquarters on Wednesday and shot the state party chairman, Bill Gwatney three times. Gwatney died only hours after the shooting. "The gunman walked into the office and said he was interested in volunteering," said Sam Higginbotham, a 17-year-old volunteer at the headquarters. "He said he was interested in volunteering, but that was obviously a lie," Higginbotham said. He said the man pushed his way past an employee to reach Chairman Bill Gwatney's office. The suspect was later shot during a 30-mile police chase and died. The shooter still remains unidentified.

"The state Capitol was locked down for about an hour until police got word the shooter had been captured," said Arkansas State Capitol police Sgt. Charlie Brice. An impromptu vigil at University Hospital drew Gov. Mike Beebe and a number of state legislators who had worked with Gwatney.

Mobile home captives finally uncovered

Police have finally searched the three-bedroom mobile home in Lavonia, Georgia where Raymond Daniel Thurmond held his wife and four children captive for three years. One officer had to wear a gas mask and another refused to continue because the home was filthy and bug-infested. The family was only allowed to leave on Easter for a brief visit to Thurmond's parent's house in North Carolina.

"It was pretty much a virtual prison," said Lavonia Police Lt. Missy Collins Wednesday. "He controlled what they ate, what they did. He controlled pretty much everything."

People in the town of 2,200 about 90 miles from Atlanta are wondering why it took so long to discover the dire situation — and why Thurmond's wife and children didn't leave sooner. Lavonia Police Chief Bruce Carlisle said his officers found evidence that Thurmond may have locked the bedroom doors while he was at work each day, but he suggested Thurmond's wife may also have suffered from "battered wife's syndrome."

Thurmond is awaiting a bond hearing on charges of rape, child abuse and false imprisonment.

Russia won't play nice; the U.S. will help

Russian military rode through a strategically important city in Georgia yesterday, defying a cease-fire agreement with the country. President Bush has vowed to send aid to the tens of thousands of Georgians that have been uprooted from their homes, including medicine, clothes and blankets for those displaced.

Hundreds have been killed since hostilities broke out in the small country that neighbors Russia. Reports from Georgian officials state that the Russians have looted and set fire to homes and seized cars. Bush will be sending Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State, first to France and then to Tbilisi (the Georgian capital) to help ensure the peace and freedom of Georgia.

"This is not 1968 and the invasion of Czechoslovakia where Russia can threaten a neighbor, occupy a capital, overthrow a government and get away with it. Things have changed," Rice said.

Pastor's wife accused of physical assault

Victoria Osteen, co-pastor of Lakewood Church in Houston, was in court yesterday after being accused of physically assaulting Sharon Brown, a Continental Airline flight attendant, in 2005. Brown says that Osteen shoved her against a bathroom door and elbowed her when a spill made by Brown was not cleaned up quickly. Three other first-class passengers deny that there was an altercation between Brown and Osteen, but Brown says that the damages she suffers are both physical and emotional. Osteen, who pastors the monstrous church with her husband, Joel Osteen, paid a \$3,000 fine to the Federal Aviation Administration for interfering with a crewmember. Brown is seeking 10 percent of Osteen's net worth, which has not been released to the media.

Charges against seven police officers dropped

Murder and attempted murder charges placed against seven New Orleans police officers accused of gunning down two men on a bridge after Hurricane Katrina have been thrown out. District Judge Raymond Bigelow agreed with the defense that prosecutor violated state law by leaking secret grand jury testimony to a police officer that was a witness in the case. Survivors of the Sept. 4, 2005 shootings have said the officers fired at unarmed people crossing the Danziger Bridge to get food at a grocery store. Ronald Madison, a 40-year-old mentally disabled man, and James Brissette, 19, were shot and killed by police; four other people were wounded.

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A select number of incoming freshman will enjoy the luxuries of North Campus Crossing apartment complex.

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large number of vacancies. The Bellamy and North Campus Crossing met those requirements, and both include amenities such as swimming pools and fitness rooms.

Students who decide to stay in either of these complexes will be living in four bedroom apartments, and each will have their own bathroom and bedroom, much different than dorm rooms.

The Bellamy, a new apartment complex located just south of ECU, has 116 beds waiting for incoming freshmen as well as four resident advisors and a professional staff member.

North Campus Crossing, located north east of the university, will be opening their doors to about 120 freshman students, along with four resident advisors and a professional staff member.

"We are really excited about working with the university on this new venture," said Sarah Brock, property manager for North Campus Crossing.

ECU has taken up the challenge of providing more transportation at the apartments for these

incoming students and setting up programs that mimic those put in place on campus.

"We are trying to make [living in these apartment complexes] as close to campus life as we can," Lucier said. "That's difficult, because it's not the same, [but] we are trying to give social opportunities to students to connect them to the institution."

The Bellamy's property manager Donna Scurry says that their complex will work closely with university officials to make the housing situation more comfortable.

"We will work in correspondence with resident advisors to make it as much like campus living would be if they were on campus," she said.

So, what about price? Students who are living in these off-campus apartments will dish out \$2,375; the same amount as the College Hill Suites residence hall on campus. However, as spaces open up on campus, students will be required to move from their

apartment complexes to dorms, and their bill will be adjusted accordingly.

Other information: students living in either The Bellamy or North Campus Crossing can decrease their meal plan to the smallest one available (\$400 Pirate Bucks plan) until the week of Sept. 4, but are required to have a meal plan of some sort. Usually, all incoming freshmen must have at least the 9 Pirate meal plan, but officials have allowed these students leniency based on the nature of the situation.

These first-year students can also purchase a commuter-parking pass until space becomes available; at that time, they must buy the \$200 D lot pass issued to all freshmen.

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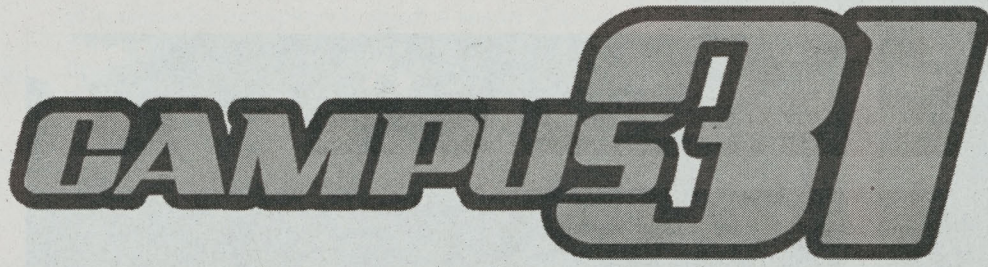
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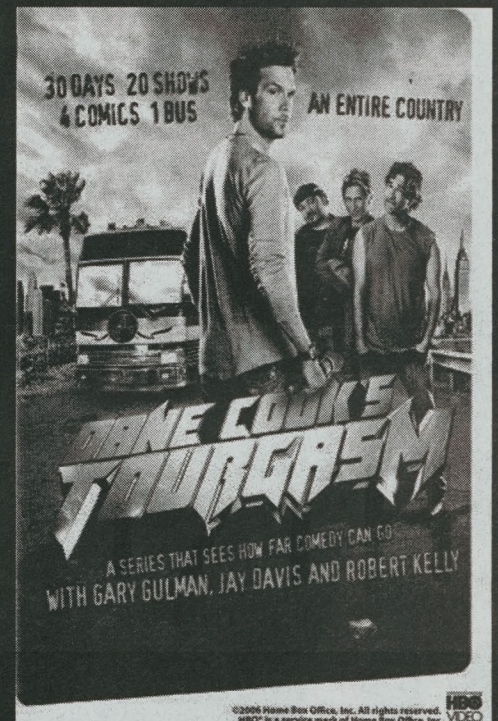
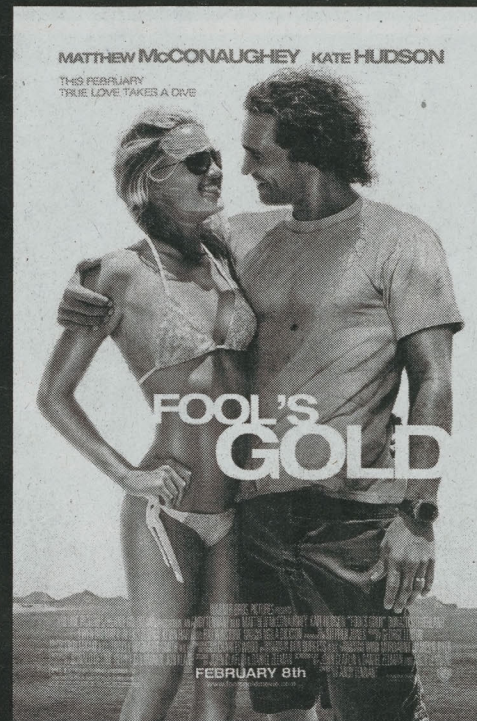
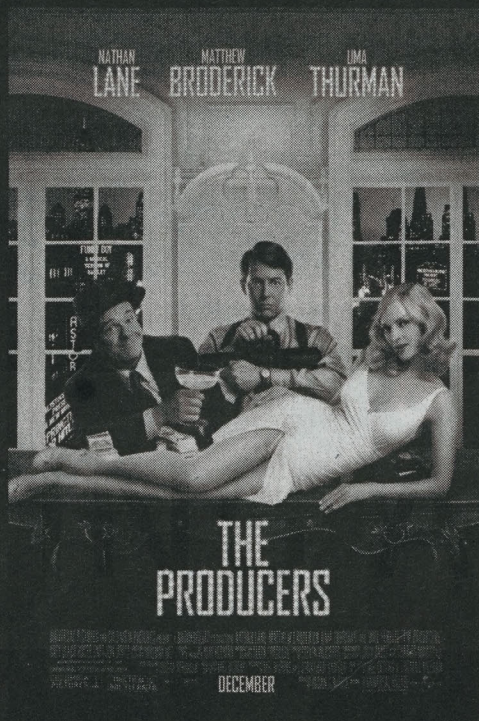
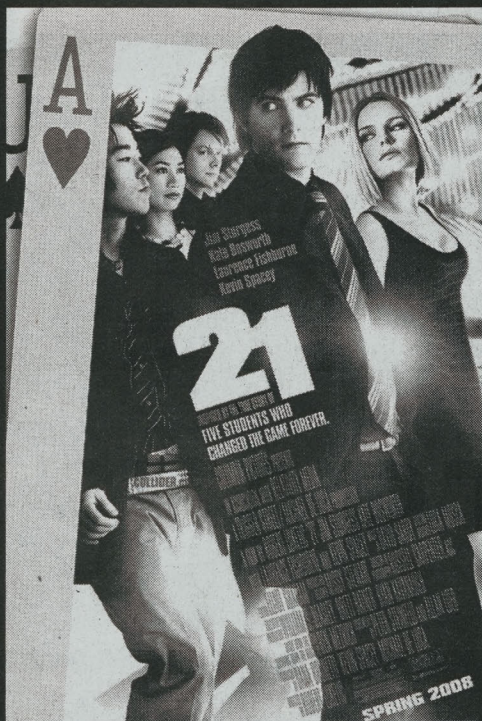
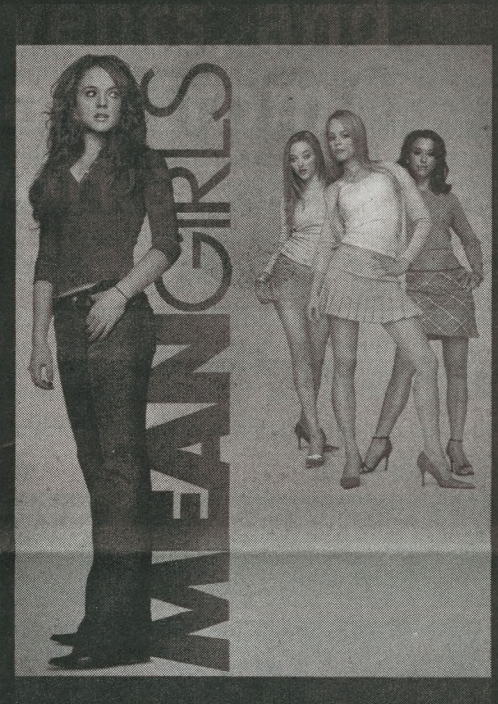
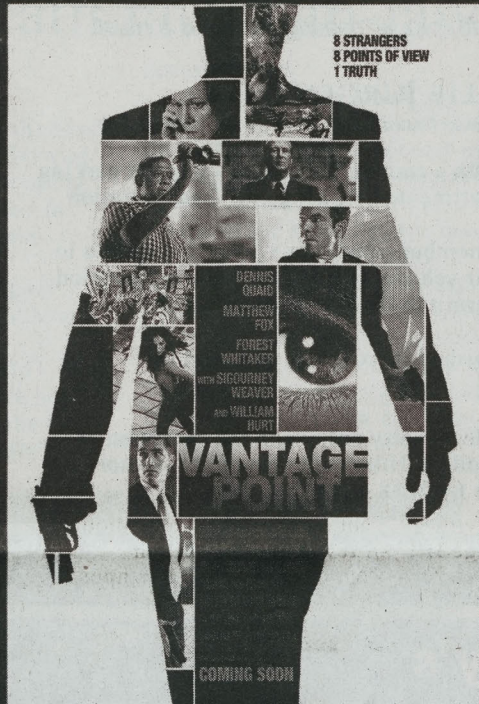
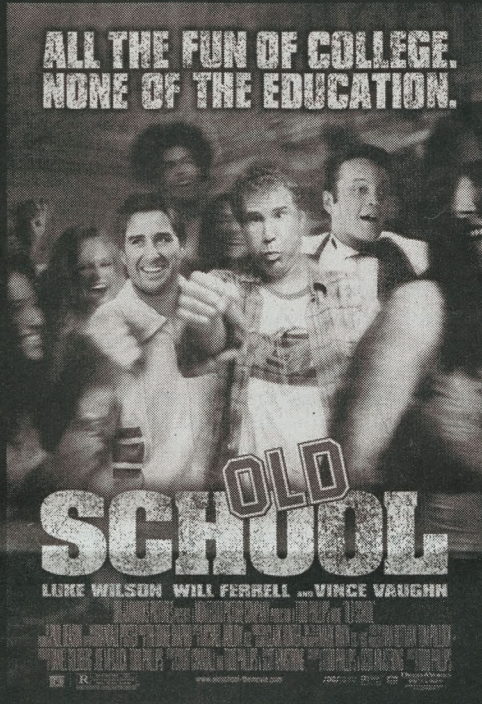
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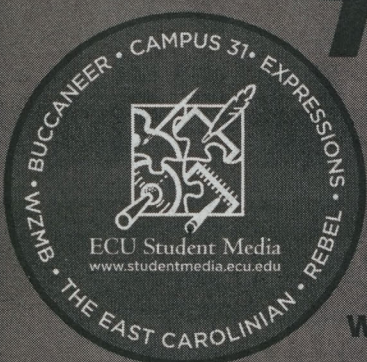


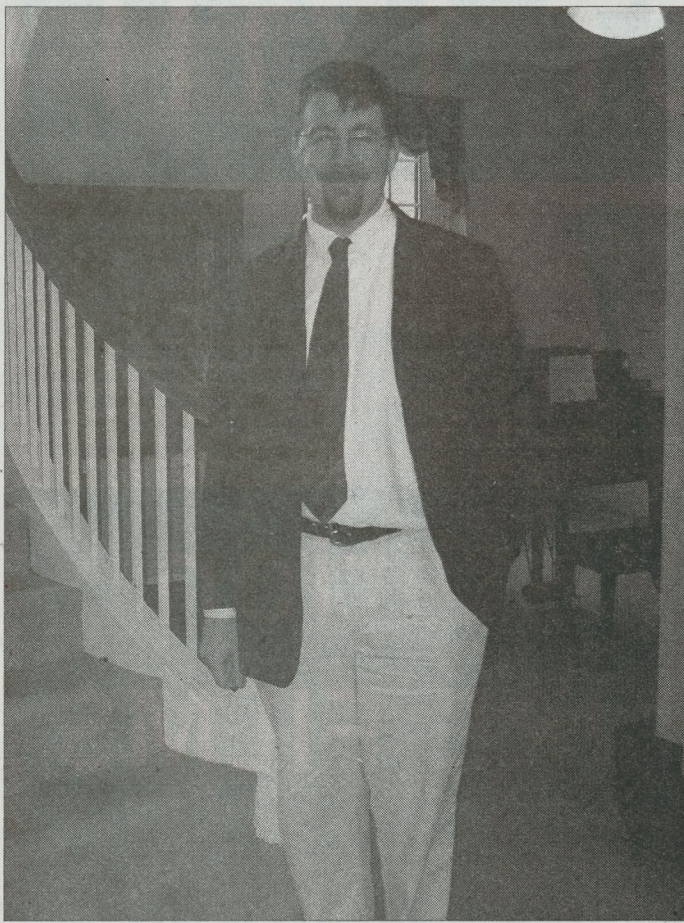
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Aaron Lucier, director of operations for Campus Living.

In fact, this semester, construction will begin again on the fountain in front of Wright Auditorium, which will be finished before spring graduation, Durham says. The East Carolina Heart Institute at ECU is nearing completion, and a renovated Todd Dining Hall will open its doors (and tables) to students this semester. Groundbreaking for the new Family Medicine Center is scheduled to take place this fall—Sept. 26. The Croatan, located behind Brewster and the A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall, will be exclusively a Chick-fil-A restaurant in the fall.

Two new online Masters programs (one in education and one in environmental health) will be introduced at the university this semester, along with a new doctoral program in audiology.

In the future, Durham says that a new College of Business building will be constructed, along with a new College of Education building, which is currently split up into seven different locations on campus. In addition, a building to supplement the Howell Science Building is in the works, along with a new performing arts center, which will be a place for music, theater and dance students to rehearse. The center will also include practice space and classrooms.

Durham says that these changes will take a while before they are underway.

"Nothing happens quickly in terms of facilities," he said.

A draft for these and other changes is expected to be drawn up sometime this fall.

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Park it: the dos and don'ts to parking on campus



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Parking in designated areas with proper parking passes is a must.

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A necessity for any student with a car at ECU is an on-campus parking permit available through the Department of Parking and Transportation Services (DPTS).

Any student, staff or faculty member, vendor or visitor that wishes to park on campus must register their vehicle with DPTS, pay a registration fee and display a valid parking permit in the lower portion of the windshield on the driver's side.

Parking on campus is distinguished by zones A, B, C and D.

ZONE A

Zone A is available typically for faculty only, with the exception of Zone A2, which is reserved for College Hill residents with 25 or more credit hours. Zone A2 is available for \$288 a year.

ZONE B

Zones B2 and B4 are available for resident and Health Sciences students with 25 or more credit hours. B lots immediately surround the ECU campus, an accessible walking distance to classes and dormitories. B zone permits are available for \$144 a year.

ZONE C

Zone C is available for any non-resident student. C lots are located at the bottom of Minges parking lots and students can ride a bus from the parking lot to campus. Zone C permits are available for \$72 a year.

ZONE D

Zone D is the ideal parking for freshmen and is available only to students with 24 or fewer credit hours. This lot is located on Dickinson Ave, a short bus ride from campus. Buses to the freshman lot run twice an hour back and forth from the lot to areas on campus with residence halls. This zone is available for \$200 a year.

What NOT to do

Students without parking passes or that park in zones designated as higher than what they have need to be concerned with towing. The most common citations are parking in an unregistered vehicle on campus, which results in a \$35 ticket and parking in an unauthorized zone, resulting in a \$20 ticket.

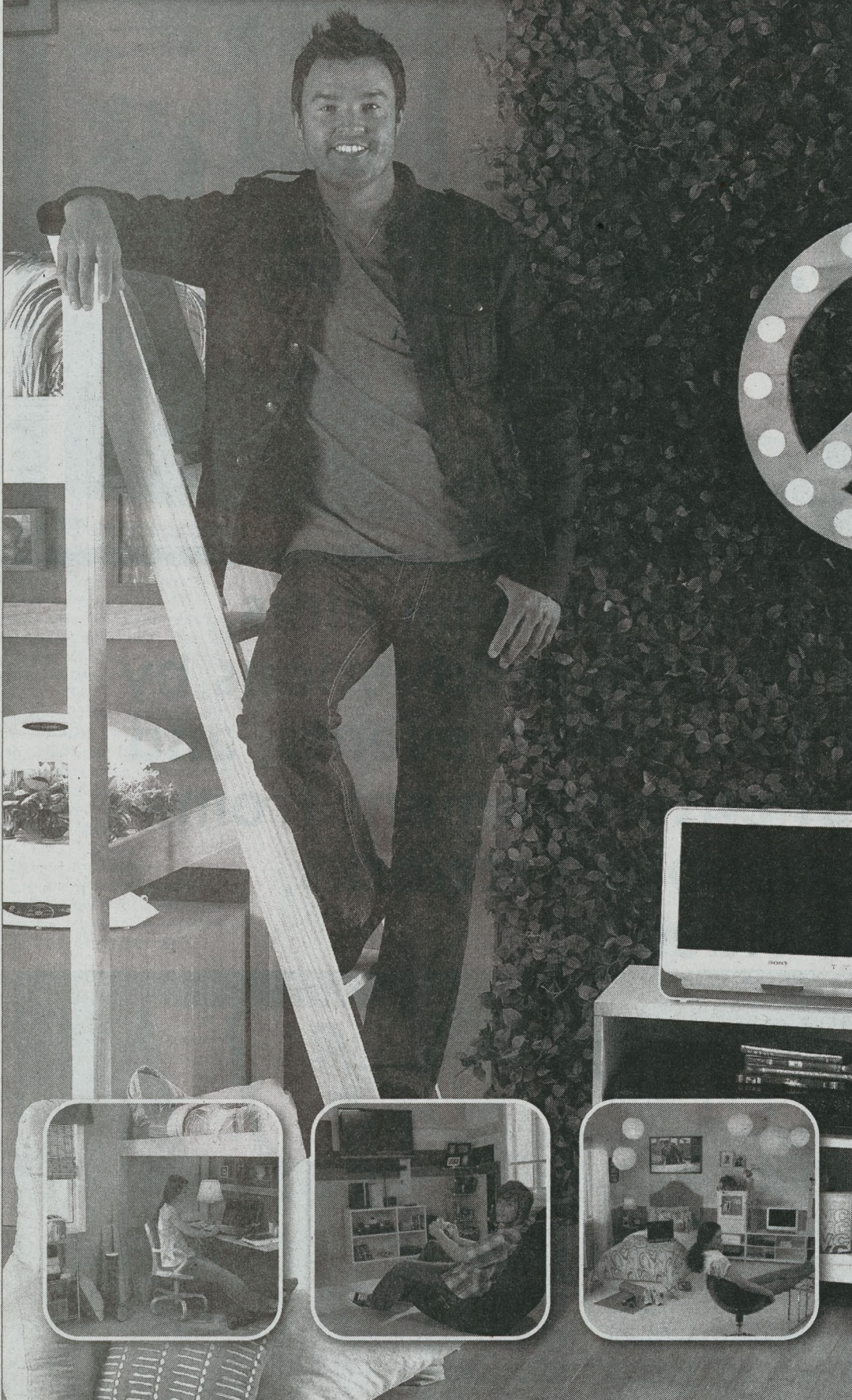
What TO do

An alternative to parking in a zoned space is parking at a meter. This is ideal for students making a short trip to campus. Meters are located all around campus and run for an hour. Running over meter time will result in a \$15 ticket. There are also numerous lots and parking spots along the roads downtown that have free two-hour parking spaces. This is also ideal but not located directly on campus. Parking permits are valid July 1 through June 30 of each year. Vehicle registration is available online or at the DPTS office located at 305 E. 10th St. For more information students can visit the Web site at ecu.edu/cs-admin/parking/index.cfm.

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Celebrity Designer Michael Moloney's TOP 10 DESIGN TIPS for HOT DORM ROOM STYLE

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- 1 Girls, when designing your dorm room try not to go "too cute." For instance if you have a lot of pink in your room, use an accent color like black for a bit of edge!
- 2 Keep your room to a maximum of three colors – that will make it easy to coordinate.
- 3 Green living is about saving our planet, so consider reflecting your green commitment in your dorm room design. Look for green and natural colors to inspire and remember many design items are now made from recycled products.
- 4 Guys might want to consider infusing their school colors in their dorm room design, its simple and chicks will dig it, too!
- 5 If you love to game and are into high-tech design, keep it simple, as you probably already have a lot to look at. Group all your games in one area, a tidy dorm room will work for you.
- 6 Dorm rooms are small, so don't go too crazy. Look to your bedding first, as this might help create a color theme for the rest of the room.
- 7 Don't clutter up your room. Be organized, you'll want to leave plenty of space to study and to feel comfortable.
- 8 Let your room reflect your personality. If you follow what you love and let your style show off who you are, your dorm can really start to feel like home.
- 9 A perfect dorm room doesn't happen immediately! Design is a process, so try something out and see if you like it – if not, change it up.
- 10 Check out Sears and Sears.com for the best in dorm room design. Sears offers the hottest dorm room styles and accessories so you won't just go back to campus this year, you'll arrive in style!

Cox Enterprises plans to sell *The Daily Reflector*

AP

Cox Enterprises Inc. plans to sell its Austin, Texas, newspaper, as well as newspapers in North Carolina and Colorado, reducing the company's portfolio of advertising-supported media properties.

Cox, a privately held company based in Atlanta, said Wednesday it will use proceeds from the sales to pay down debt.

Cox intends to sell the Austin American-Statesman and five other community papers in Texas, including the Waco Tribune-Herald; three papers in North Carolina and two in Colorado.

The three North Carolina papers being sold are the Rocky Mount Telegram, the Daily Advance of Elizabeth City, and The Daily Reflector of Greenville and a number of surrounding community publications. Also being sold in North Carolina is Savings Source Direct, a direct mail media business whose Web site lists its headquarters as Tarboro.

The company will also sell its Valpak direct coupon mailing business. It did not say how much it expects to fetch for the properties.

The news comes the same day Tribune Co., one of the largest publishers in the country, took a \$3.8 billion charge to write down the value of its newspaper brands. A day earlier, E.W. Scripps Co. took an \$874 million charge for the same reason.

Newspaper's revenues have declined sharply in the past few years as advertisers shift spending online. Investor sentiment toward newspapers has been slumping badly, and several would-be sellers of newspapers have had difficulty getting deals done.

"Looks like the newspaper people are bailing out," said Edward Atorino, an industry analyst at The Benchmark Company.

"But there are still people out there like billionaires and local businessmen who like the business and will be interested — at the right price," Atorino said.

Recent acquisition activity reveals a mix of interest for newspapers. Tribune had three suitors lined up when it put Long Island daily Newsday on the block two months ago.

Cable operator Cablevision Systems Corp. wound up getting the paper, prevailing over Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. and Mort Zuckerman, a real estate magnate who owns the New York Daily News.

News Corp. had planned to sell the Ottaway group of community newspapers, which it acquired along with its purchase last year of Dow Jones & Co., but no deal materialized and News Corp. took them off the market in July.

Sun-Times Media Group Inc., which publishes the Chicago Sun-Times, has been trying to sell that paper for more than six months. It reiterated last week that it was still seeking a buyer.

Just last week, Hearst Corp. purchased the Connecticut Post in Bridgeport and seven weekly newspapers in the state from Media News Group Inc. for \$155 million.

Atorino said Gannett Co., the largest owner of U.S. newspapers, had cash to make acquisitions, but questioned whether it would be interested in expanding its reach when the industry is in decline.

After the sales, Cox Newspapers will still operate The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, the nation's 20th largest paper by circulation, along with The Palm Beach Post in Florida and the Dayton Daily News in Ohio.

"This decision was made as part of an ongoing strategic review of our portfolio and enables us to maintain our strong and stable financial performance by further paying down debt," Chief Executive Jim Kennedy said in a statement.

Cox said it now generates about 80 percent of its \$15 billion in annual revenues from sources outside advertising-supported media businesses such as newspaper, television and radio.

Those businesses have seen sharp declines in advertising revenue in recent years as advertisers shift spending online, where consumers are increasingly getting their information.

Cox also owns a cable TV company called Cox Communications Inc., an auto auction and services company called Manheim Inc. and Cox Auto Trader, which runs auto publications and has a majority stake in AutoTrader.com.



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Plans to sell Cox's *The Daily Reflector* is in the works.

Assailant stabs to death father-in-law of U.S. men's volleyball team coach

(MCT)

An assailant stabbed to death the father-in-law of the head coach of the U.S. men's indoor volleyball team Saturday and wounded the mother-in-law and a tour guide before jumping to his own death, in a brutal act that darkened the mood in China just hours after the dazzling onset of the Summer Olympics.

The attack occurred shortly after noon along an upper walkway of the Drum Tower, an ancient landmark that looms over central Beijing.

The U.S. Olympic Committee said the couple, Todd and Barbara Bachman, and a daughter, Elisabeth, were not wearing clothing that would identify them as part of the U.S. Olympic delegation when "an assailant wielding a knife"

accosted them

Motives for the attack remained a mystery, and China's tightly controlled state media made only cursory mention of the slaying. Chinese Internet users, some of them concerned that the assault would embarrass the nation during the Olympics, launched a "human search engine" to track down details of the killer and his family and expose them to humiliation and retaliation.

The state Xinhua news agency identified the attacker by an identity card on his body, saying he was Tang Yongming, 47, from Hangzhou city in eastern China.

Tang acted alone, Xinhua said. The agency said Tang had quit his job at a meter factory in Hangzhou, divorced his wife and vacated his rented house on Aug. 1.

"Tang has no criminal record. His neighbors said they hadn't seen any abnormal behavior from him before left Hangzhou," a spokesman with the Zhejiang Provincial Public Security Bureau told Xinhua.

It said Tang was not a petitioner, as people with grievances against the government are commonly called, although a 21-year-old son was once sentenced to prison for theft.

"We are now looking for Tang's ex-wife and elder brother, hoping to find out what he did before the incident in Beijing and figure out his motivation," the police spokesman told Xinhua.

In a brief statement, the U.S. Embassy described the knife assault as "a senseless act of violence" and said the assailant may have picked his victims at random.

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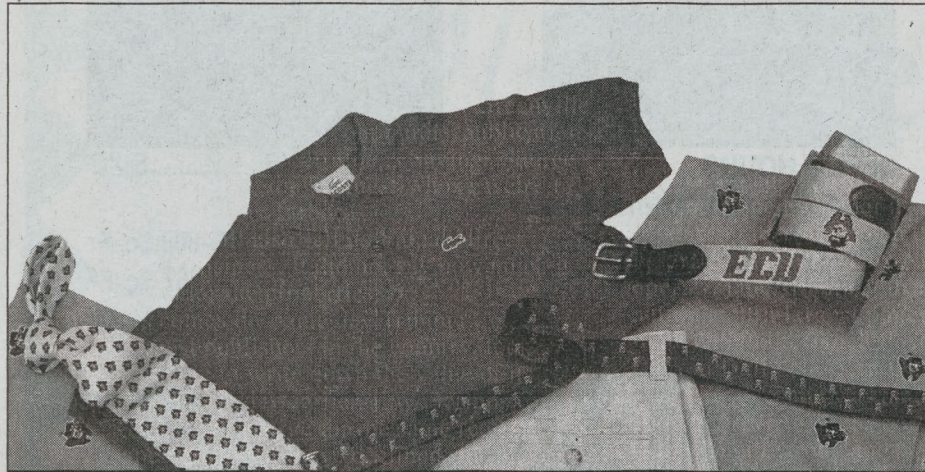
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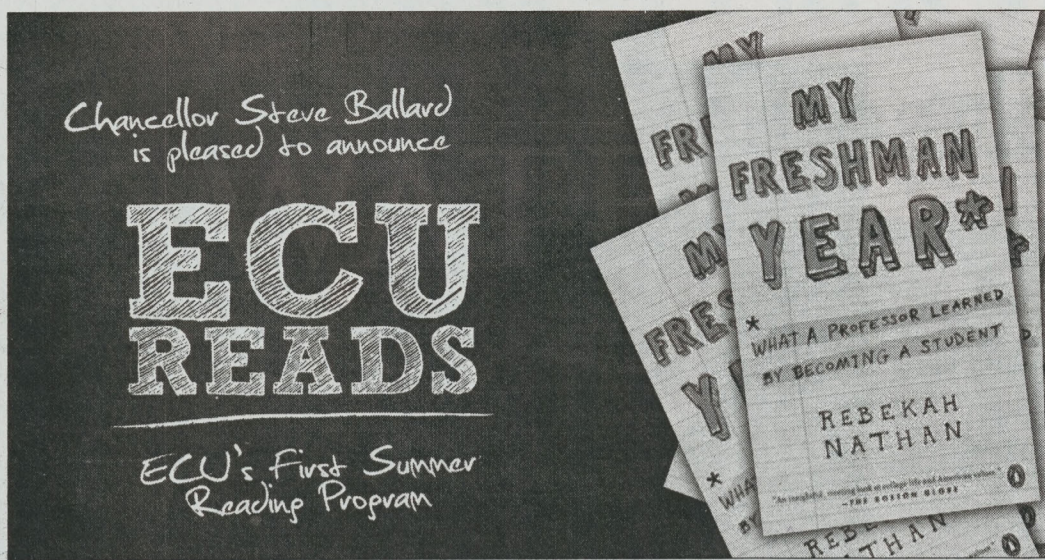
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Many English 1100 classes at ECU have adopted the ECU Reads program.

strong signal that these students are entering an academic community that places a high value on reading.”

Dr. Cathy Small, an anthropology professor, used her anthropological training to immerse herself in the life of a college student.

Small took a leave of absence, assumed a new name, enrolled at a university and lived for a year as a freshman student. Through interviews and direct observation and experience, Small developed a clear understanding of the pressures and realities of a college student.

“Among the many reasons the book was selected was that it is accessible, contemporary and relevant to students,” said Dr. Michael Bassman, director of the ECU Honors Program and committee chair.

On August 23 from 4-5 p.m. students will have an opportunity to participate in one of 15-25 discussion groups located throughout campus led by faculty and student affairs staff.

Also, On August 24 at 2 p.m. in Hendrix Theatre, Dr. Cathy Small will be speaking to ECU students and staff and will also lead a question and answer session. Following Small’s presentation will be a book signing and an ice cream reception in the brickyard for all attendees.

Because this is the first year of the program, only Honors and scholars students are required to attend both the discussion groups and the presentation.

Students should note a change from the initial venue in Wright auditorium.

In addition to the group discussions, 30 English 1100 classes will be incorporating the

book into their fall curriculum.

Although not all professors will be teaching the book, the opportunity is there for all English 1100 classes to use the book in their classrooms.

ECU Reads will definitely become a staple requirement for incoming freshman.

“This year is the pilot year and we want to evaluate the program before we decide what modifications will be made for the future,” Woodruff said.

ECU Reads is a collaborative project sponsored by the First Year Center, Office of Co-Curricular Programs and Cultural Outreach, ECU Honors, Department of English, Academic Advising and Enrichment Center and Joyner Library.

Incoming freshman are also required to complete an online 75 minute alcohol education course.

“The goal of this program is to educate freshman about the risks of alcohol on a college campus,” said Bob Morphet, assistant director of ECU’s Center for Counseling and Student Development.

The online program must be completed by October 10 or students will receive a tag on their record and will not be able to register for spring semester classes.

“The program has only been available to students for about two weeks and we already have a completion rate of over 20 percent and that’s encouraging,” Morphet said.

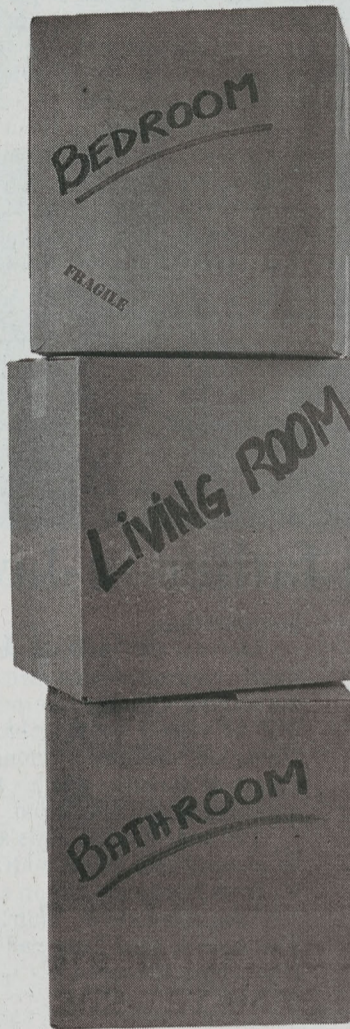
Students have received postcards in the mail and weekly emails reminding them to complete the online program.

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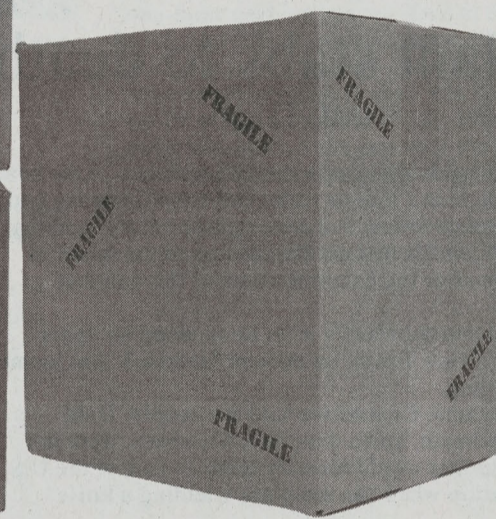
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U.S. sets date to withdraw from Iraq

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The United States and Iraq are nearing completion of negotiations on a security agreement that would pull American troops out of Iraqi cities by next July and foresees all U.S. combat troops gone from Iraq by 2011, according to two Iraqi officials who are familiar with the negotiations.

"The tactical team is finished and it's a closed deal, but remember that we've been through this before and every time we close a deal it's reopened," said a senior official who's been participating in the talks.

The official said that the deal, once completed, would be perhaps the most restrictive agreement the United States had with a country where it had troops.

"We've seen all the status of forces agreements with other countries," the official said. "This is the best that the Americans have conceded."

The official asked not to be identified because the deal is still being negotiated.

Another official, Ali al-Adeeb, a senior member of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's Dawa party, said he'd been briefed on the negotiations and he confirmed the details.

Maliki, other officials and the parliament, a process fraught with potential problems, still must approve the deal. The senior official said that Maliki already had expressed concern that the agreement wasn't strong enough, from the Iraqi perspective, on when Americans, including private contractors, would be subject to Iraqi law.

U.S. officials wouldn't discuss specifics. But a senior American official here confirmed that the negotiations are near completion, that the agreement now includes a "time horizon" for withdrawing American combat troops and that specific dates have been discussed.

"The negotiators have pretty much wrapped up their work," said the official, who also spoke on the condition of anonymity. "But we've seen things take unexpected twists and turns."

The official said, "There is a time horizon that we're discussing that involves

various goals which are set together. There's a goal for when our combat brigades — the need for their presence here — will end."

The U.S. agreement to set a specific date for the end of American operations in Iraqi cities and the withdrawal of U.S. combat forces marks a major turnaround for the Bush administration, which until last month had refused to discuss a timetable for withdrawal.

However, Iraqi officials were insistent that a date of some sort needed to be set. During Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama's visit to Iraq last month, Maliki's national security adviser said that Iraqi officials hoped that U.S. combat troops would be gone by the end of 2010.

Iraqi officials used slightly different language this week to describe that part of the agreement, saying that the combat troops would be gone "by 2011."

Under the agreement, the United States would pull its troops from Iraqi cities and onto American bases in Iraq by June 30, 2009, according to the Iraqi officials familiar with the negotiations.

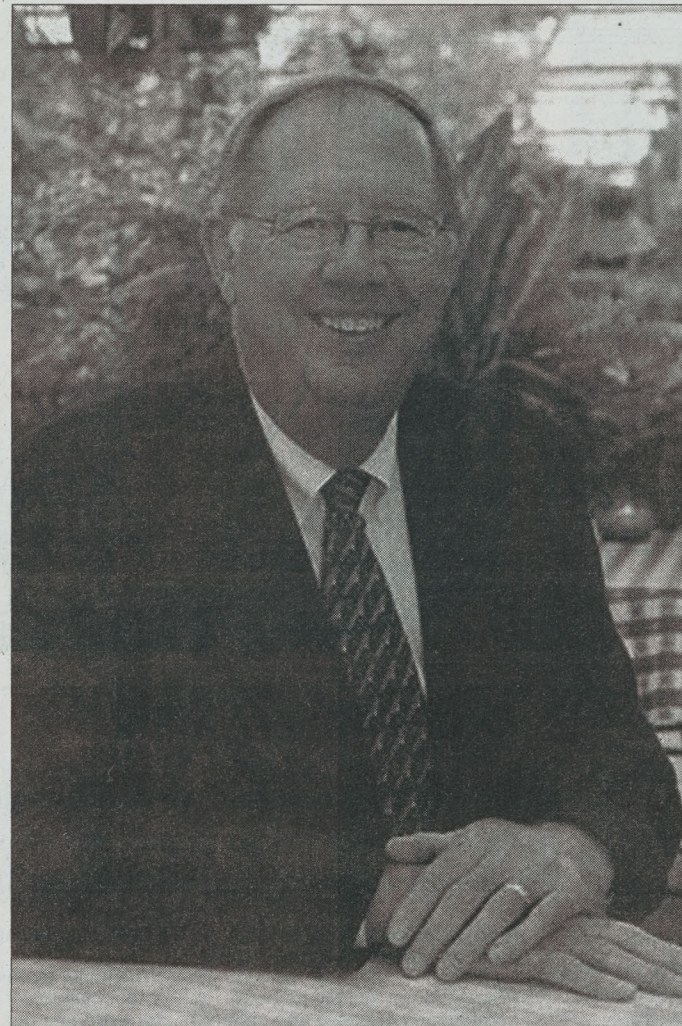
U.S. troops would be immune from Iraqi law while they were on their bases, but when moving outside the bases their actions would be subject to American and Iraqi military jurisdiction.

Even that provision may not be tough enough for Maliki, the senior Iraqi official said. "Now they want to renegotiate this," the official said. "We've worked really hard to come up with a reasonable formula."

The negotiations came to a standstill about two months ago when Iraqis complained that what the Americans were offering was worse than the United Nations mandate that allowed them to operate in Iraq as an occupying force.

"Our willingness to talk about dates and goals has helped," the senior U.S. official said. "It helped counter that propaganda that the U.S. wants permanent bases."

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The tragic death occurred at the onset of the Olympics.

"This appears to be an isolated act with no connection to the Olympics. We have no reason to believe that the assailant targeted the victims as American citizens," the embassy said.

The attack devastated the U.S. men's indoor volleyball team, which plays its first match Sunday. Elisabeth Bachman McCutcheon, the adult daughter who witnessed the attack but was not injured, is married to Hugh McCutcheon, the head coach of the men's team. She was a member of the 2004 Olympic women's indoor volleyball team.

Barbara Bachman's injuries "are serious and life-threatening," the USOC said.

President Bush, who is in Beijing with his father, wife and other members of an extended family to see the Olympics, was notified of the slaying and sent his condolences to the family through Ambassador Clark T. Randt, U.S. Embassy spokesman Richard Buangan said.

Buangan said embassy diplomats were "working very closely with Chinese authorities" in the investigation.

"It is impossible to describe the depth of our sadness and shock in this tragic hour," said U.S. Olympic Committee Chairman Peter Ueberroth. "Our delegation comes to the games as a family, and when one member of our family suffers a loss, we all grieve with them."

The Drum Tower is in an area of central Beijing frequented by tourists. The wooden tower, built in 1272 A.D. so that drummers could pound out the hour in dynastic times, is more than 150 feet high, with a second-floor walkway more than 100 feet from the ground.

At mid-afternoon, police could be seen examining the wooden railing over which the assailant leaped to his death.

Yellow police tape blocked entry to the site, as scores of journalists milled at the base.

Police covered a spot with sand on the west side of the Drum Tower where the assailant jumped more than 100 feet down to his death, leaving bloodstains.

Violent crime against foreigners rarely occurs in China. A Canadian model was murdered last month in Shanghai, reportedly after she came upon a robbery.

The last known fatal knife attack against foreigners occurred on April 19, 2005, when a man ran amok near the Mao Zedong Mausoleum in Tiananmen Square, stabbing to death an oil executive and his daughter from the Philippines, Emmanuel Madrigal and Regina Mia. The attack occurred following a spate of anti-Japanese rioting in major cities in China, and Filipino relatives said they believed the victims were mistaken for Japanese tourists.

The 25-year-old assailant, Wang Gongzuo, was later sentenced to death.

Government censors quickly blocked many Internet sites in China where Internet users began to post comments about the killing.

"This will bring troubles," posted an Internet user under the pseudonym Wufei on the Bubbles Club Web site.

One of China's most influential portals for receiving comments on current events, tianya.cn, began denying access to postings already on the site.

China has seen "Internet mobs" form in recent times among its 253 million Internet users, some of whom seek to right perceived injustices by disseminating information about alleged wrongdoers. In April, a 21-year-old Chinese undergraduate at Duke University, Grace Wang, who tried to referee a dispute between Chinese nationalists and supporters of a free Tibet was targeted in a massive Internet campaign.

Her parents had to go into hiding from their home in the port of Qingdao to escape persecution.

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On the road in G-vegas: are there worse things?

MARGOT ROGERSON
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

I did not begin my driving career in North Carolina; in fact, I began driving in Maryland, surrounded by the aggressive Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey drivers coming to vacation in Ocean City.

When I decided to move to Greenville and attend ECU, I didn't think that my driving experience would work against me.

Not only do they talk differently, Northern and Southern people drive differently too.

For example, a light turns yellow as the third car in front of me is going underneath it: My Northern experience would lead me to believe that I will probably make it.

Because in the North, one must "go for the gold."

Imagine my surprise when the second car immediately slams on the breaks to avoid running the yellow light. I can admit that I have gotten close to rear-ending some cars because of this type of behavior.

It's just not a situation that my previous experience prepared me for.

I recently had to have my car towed. The driver of the tow truck was from New York and he told me that he had been driving a tow truck for 20 years, but had his first accident in Greenville when he moved here five months ago.

He rear-ended someone at a yellow light.

Apart from these situations, there are other things that Northern and Southern drivers do differently.

Northern drivers know the difference between the fast lane and the slow lane.

I suppose there is something to be said for the safe, slow style of the Southern drivers. At times, Northern drivers speed in excess and act too aggressively. However, I still think in general they are more cautious and defensive drivers.

I am sure that some of the Southern drivers that read this article will not think of it fondly, but I know that my Northern counterparts will definitely agree.

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New year, new editor

LARA OLIVER
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Summer is almost over and school is right around the corner.

Stressors like tuition, books, scheduling and graduation are looming on everyone's mind. However, the most important of these is, of course, who will be taking care of the Opinion page of *The East Carolinian*?

Okay, there probably isn't a lot of stress or buzz about that kind of thing, but I'm here to set your mind at ease anyway.

My name is Lara Oliver and I worked for *The East Carolinian* in the spring as a contributing writer for the Opinion section.

Now, I'm going to be taking over as the editor from J.D. Lewis.

What does that mean in terms of changes for everyone's favorite home for Pirate Rants? Well, very little. I'm still going to strive to bring everybody the funniest, strangest and most interesting Pirate Rants that you guys can bring me, so be sure to submit a bunch this year. If you don't get it in on the first try, don't worry there will still be tons of opportunities to make your words famous.

I will also be doing my best to make the Opinion section as well rounded and timely as possible. Look out for a more in-depth analysis of the issues concerning our society from students like you.

Of course, the backbone of the Opinion section is opinions and I would love to hear from you concerning the coming changes.

What do you enjoy from each issue? What did you think needed improvement? What would you like to see more of?

I want the Opinion page to reflect what you, as students, want to see from the paper.

Now, another thing we're going to need your input for: we're still looking for writers, not only in the Opinion section, but also for the rest of the paper.

I'd personally love to hear from a diverse group of people who'd like to get their voices heard on campus. You can find an application at *The East Carolinian's* Web site or email me if you're interested.

It's a fun job with flexible hours and a great way to practice if you're hoping to enter a writing, journalism or communications career after graduation. I know our school is full of creative, interesting people and look forward to hearing from you guys!

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PIRATE RANTS

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

Sign up for my fantasy football team on Yahoo: G-Vegas Ballers!

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Mendenhall under construction was a joke; ECU is too poor for renovations ... they can barely afford a decent financial aid staff. They awarded me an Education Access Reward and then revoked it because I was "doing too well in school."

Freshmen, freshmen, freshmen ... there are so many of you on campus that I can't walk from Wright to the gym without navigating through a sea of all you carbon copies.

ECU is all about making money. How about call Comedy Central and have an annual roast of the financial aid administration.

When I cannot sleep, I call financial aid because I know I will be on hold for HOURS.

Rielle Hunter is hotter than Elizabeth Edwards.

My ex boyfriend's current girlfriend, whom he has been dating about a year now, still makes a point of flaunting their relationship like they're the most adorable, perfect couple alive. Silly girl, if only you knew he cheated on you with me!

Ordinarily, the libertarian in me would be opposed to it, but I really wish North Carolina would outlaw talking on cell phones while driving. You know, just because you're talking on the phone doesn't mean you can't still go the speed limit.

I know my future roommate hates me, but the truth is that I have hated her more all along.

I kinda like the idea of ECU having its own Mulder and Scully.

I like the hot blonde woman at Parking too (at least, the one I consider hot).

I passed my summer classes, but that was the worst summer of my life.

Who has the top college football team in the Carolinas? Who cares?

It would have been nice for the powers that be at Wright Place to let us know that they're now closing at 2 pm on Fridays!

ECU needs to be in the ACC. We could definitely take those fools!

I am so excited to have an apartment this year. You really can't beat privacy!

Does anyone else think John McCain looks like the Pillsbury Doughboy?

Home wrecking is not what it is cracked up to be.

I am glad I was part of the decision to start Pirate Rants. Who would have known it would have become so popular!

I'm tired of working my 9-5-job everyday. I miss waking up and watching Frasier with my roommate every morning.

I really hope my new apartment is as cool as they made it sound.

I really hope we start dating this semester.

All of my friends who go to other schools are so jealous of Pirate Rants.

I think Barack Obama should pick Joe Biden or Bill Richardson for his running mate. The only problem though is that the V.P. will be more qualified to be President than the President.

Why do people lie about stupid things that don't even matter anyway? I heard your conversation ... it didn't happen like that.

I can't wait to rave at Still Life!

If you show up every time even though you say you're not going to, it stops being a surprise.

ECU needs more hippies!

I can't stop raving!

Who knew Greek life was such a touchy subject? I know it's not for everyone but, just understand that everyone wants/needs different things in life. Plus, they have really chill parties most of the time. Just try it out before you bash it.

When I'm bored at work, I just read old Pirate Rants. I know; I'm cool.

I just want a guy who enjoys lying around laughing at Seinfeld DVDs for hours. Is that too much to ask?

Where did the summer go?

Hey, girl, HEEYYYY!!!!

I wish I were an Oscar Mayer wiener!

I'm going to start slacking this fall because I don't want to graduate.

Who do you think you're kidding? If you're wearing really short shorts and a revealing top, you're not going downtown just to be with your girlfriends!

I have had the worst summer EVER.

The Student Health Center has single-handedly made me lose faith in doctors.

Are there any females around here who like heavy metal?

Are you ready for some PIRATE FOOTBALL?!!!!

I hate people who have signatures at the end of their text messages.

I had 23 Pirate Rants in last week's paper! I counted, 23!!! Is that some kind of record? I think I'm going to start listing that as my greatest accomplishment when I fill out applications.

Have faith.

Almost every night, I go outside to see if the ninja is practicing by the Fountain Lake. Who are you?

The North Campus Crossing ninja is becoming a legend.

My stomach hurts.

All of the sudden every guy in Greenville got a girlfriend. I don't need to be baited and hooked for affection. Your lame, crazy girlfriends that you rave over are driving me insane! Does this town have any decent guys?

I just sneezed.

Speaking of having a political agenda and being one-sided, why are there Pirate Rants only against Obama, but pro rants for McCain?

Is it me or does McCain have short stubby arms?

WOW! It's scary to think that the next president of the U.S. could have voted against MLK Day.

Guys only wear sunglasses to stare at girls without them knowing.

Just because I like to hang out with guys, does not mean I'm boy crazy. I just don't like annoying girls.

Life is sweet when there are Pirate Rants! Everyone is just waiting for their rants to be printed out! Well, this one will make it! Beat that!

I check Pirate Rants every Tuesdays and Thursdays to see if my rants have made it through. Now, where is it?!

To the girls in Clement: How can you live with all girls for 10 months? I couldn't deal with the estrogen. Face it: girls are annoying.

You couldn't pay me enough to live in Clement!

I don't have to date every guy I hang out with. Can't I just have some genuine guy friends that aren't going to hit on me?

Hey you! Stop hogging all the Pirate Rants!

JIF peanut butter plus Ritz crackers equals a happy day!

I wonder if that Goth guy bleeds black.

Just because you watch the anime on Adult Swim doesn't mean we have ANYTHING in common, you Narutard.

I wondered what might happen if I left this all behind. Would the wind be at my back? Could I get you off my mind this time?

We have only this moment, sparkling like a star in our hand and melting like a snowflake.

Experience is the worst teacher; it gives the test before presenting the lesson.

Your mind is your greatest sanctuary, let the world in and you never know what can come about.

No, your rap "music" is not pleasant. It's annoying and rude.

So, you really think that not calling me your girlfriend means that I'm not going to be jealous? That's funny.

To the ones I'm on a diet with... I just ate a Snickers bar. Sorry girls.

I might be a good pillow, but don't lie down because you'll fall asleep in a minute!

Perhaps the TEC should add a section to the Opinion section called "Pirate Boasts" for people who want to boast about their brilliant ranting abilities. Seriously!

Ironically, I am submitting a rant about people ranting about not seeing their rant in the Pirate Rants. Anybody else see how ridiculous this is?

Why is it that the dorms cost so much to stay in, but all you get is this little space, and have to follow a whole bunch of ridiculous rules?

Seriously, why is it called G-Vegas?

When I stop talking... things get boring.

I'm a gay guy with a major crush on a straight guy. This sucks!

PEACE and LOVE.

I gave my fiancé a black eye the other night.

I cheated on my boyfriend...

I broke into her email and saw her naked pics. Now I want to forward them to her boss. That's what you get for sleeping with my fiancé.

Friends don't let friends date Spencer!

I'm majoring in Facetalking.

I feel obligated to wish people a Happy Birthday because Facebook reminds me ALL day long.

This is my chinchilla; I wear it specifically to show the world how wealthy I can be.

I've been chewing this same piece of gum for three hours. Eww.

I understand everyone thinks that English professor is so hot, but forgive me for just not seeing it.

It's so hard to not believe in God given that you're such an angel.

I lost my best friend to a Pirate Rant.

Warning: Great American Mining Company may cause seizures.

My friends and I are proud members of the Lesbian Beach Club and you can't join.

My best friend thinks she's a good singer ...THINKS

I can haz cheeseburger is the best thing ever. Check it out.

I go through jars of peanut butter like it's nobody's business.

I want a boy.

I love the sunsets in Greenville!

I just wanna dance.

Please stop submitting lyrics into the Pirate Rants! It's just stupid

I wish everything I touched turned into skittles!

Democratic hypocrisy

But then Edwards wasn't the Messiah

J.D. LEWIS
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Oh, where to begin? Johnny Reid Edwards, North Carolina's own boy wonder and former U.S. Senator, has been caught with his pants down.

Was I surprised? Yes, frankly, I was, because despite his being a liberal wimp, his image as a loving family man was quite convincing.

I've long admired the way he has stood by his wife Elizabeth since her cancer reoccurred — though he obviously wasn't standing too close — and even the coldest heart can't help but thaw when reading accounts of Edwards' son, Wade, who died in 1996. Edwards was understandably devastated, and the father's love for his son is so evident in his writing. I believe this flawed man genuinely loves his family, despite his shortcomings, and I respect that.

Politically, however, I have never had any use for John Edwards, and now, it would seem, thanks to his affair with filmmaker Rielle Hunter, neither do his fellow Democrats. Edwards, the third highest vote getter in the recent Democratic presidential primaries, will be noticeably absent from the upcoming Democratic convention in Denver.

"He's damaged goods." "He's finished." "His political career is over." "No one in the Democratic Party would want to be publicly associated with him." These are just a few of the things that Democrats are now saying about Edwards, and my question to them is why?

Edwards was a lousy senator for North Carolina. He was running for president almost from day one, and it was doubtful that he would even have been reelected had he chosen to run for his Senate seat again. He lost two bids for president and one for vice president. Those reasons alone should be more than enough to kill Edwards' political career, not the fact that he had an affair and lied about it.

Surely, I'm not the only one who remembers turning on the television set 10 years ago and hearing these immortal words: "I did not have sexual relations with that woman..." Despite finally confessing the affair and admitting that he looked into the eyes of the American people and lied, despite impeachment, Bill Clinton carried on in the Democrats' eyes as the next best thing this side of Jesus Christ.

That impeachment has more to do with the fierce partisanship of the Democratic party today than does even the disputed 2000 election, so why now the crucifixion of one of their own?

Why is Edwards being locked in the cellar like some crazy relative when the members of his party were more than willing to ignore Clinton's extracurricular activities?

It's simple. There's a new messiah on the horizon: Barack Obama.

This man practically walks on water, and the party just can't afford a moral degenerate like Edwards from stealing even a little of the limelight.

I can forgive the man for cheating on his wife. It was reprehensible, but we're all human. Harder to forgive is a bunch of people — most of whom are probably guilty of the same thing, or worse — turning their backs on him for the sake of politics.

In a party with such outstanding role models as Clinton, Ted Kennedy and Jesse Jackson, is there really room for such hypocrisy?

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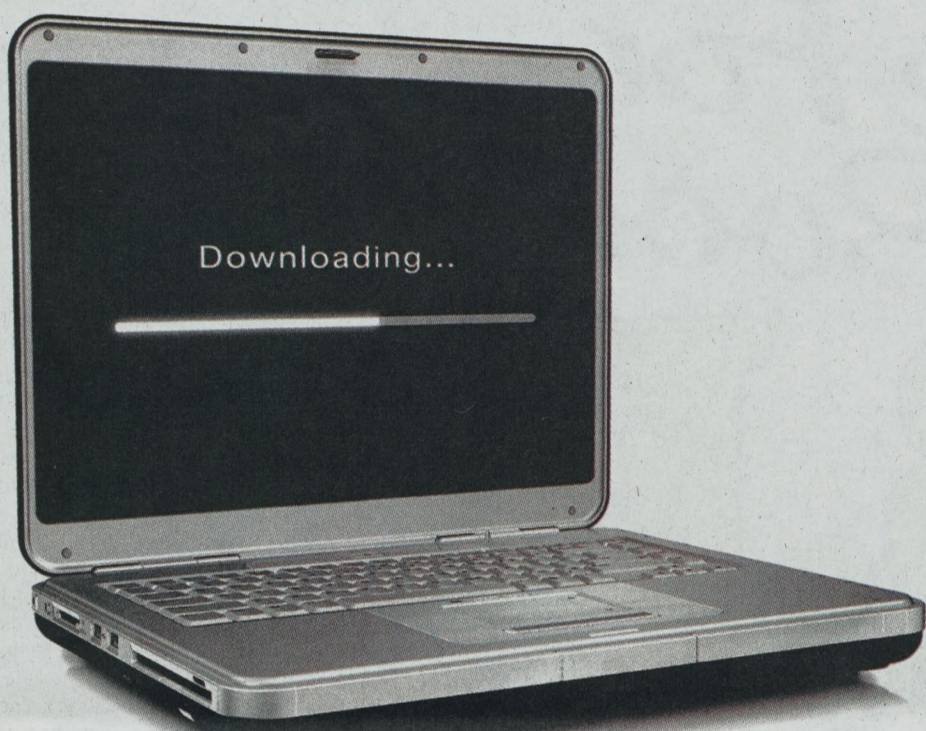
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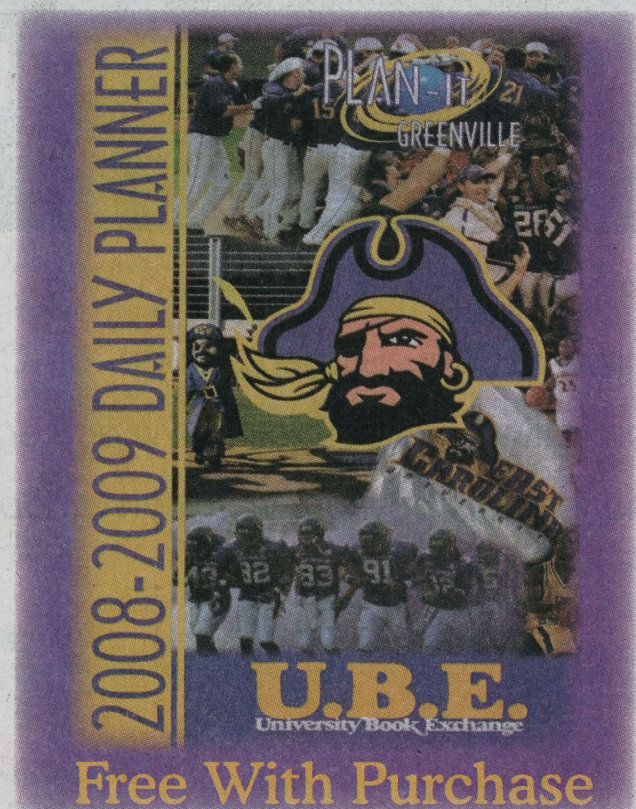
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Pitt County teachers take trip of a lifetime

Japanese culture learned and taught

ERIN EDWARDS
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

For four weeks this summer, 12 Pitt County schoolteachers were given the opportunity of a lifetime.

Dr. John Tucker, a professor of history at ECU was granted the U.S. Department of Education Fulbright-Hays' Group Projects Abroad Short Term Seminar, a national competition with the task of taking public school teachers outside of the country. The overall purpose for traveling to Kyoto, Japan was to infuse Japanese language and culture into the Pitt County school system.

Kyoto is located in the central area of the island of Honshu, Japan. With a population of 1.5 million, Kyoto used to serve as the capital of the entire country. Participants in the program stayed in the city approximately four weeks.

Between June 10 and July 8, Pitt County teachers within the K-12 range visited various schools and universities, including Kyoto Education University, Momoyama Junior High School, Kyoto University, Osaka Education University and Hiroshima University. A few of the schools visited are affiliated with ECU, and teachers visited the main campus to discuss matters of education with faculty and staff.

Participants were given opportunities to immerse themselves into the ancient culture of Japan, which included over two dozen Buddhist temples, Shinto shrines and samurai castles. Teachers even participated in plenty of tea ceremonies, while dressed in traditional kimono outfits.

Teachers sampled local cuisine and were either challenged by or enjoyed the overall diet of the Japanese. All believe they were fortunate with the absence of accidents or illnesses, along with zero luggage or transportation problems during their stay. This was also true with safety concerns, in which all agreed that they believed they could trust the Japanese in regards to safety, hospitality and cleanliness.

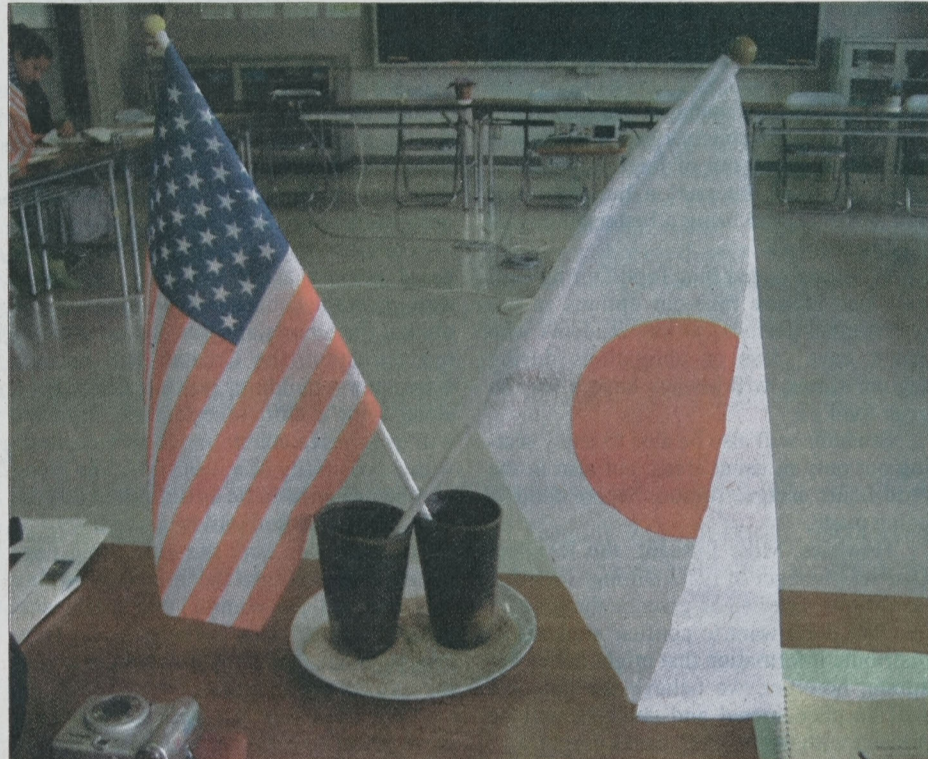
Their luck even spread to the weather conditions in Japan.



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The teachers enjoyed tea ceremonies in traditional kimono fashion.



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Ashley Falvo takes time to interact with Japanese children.



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Participants met with faculty at Japanese schools to discuss matters of education.



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An apprentice geisha, or Maiko.

"Throughout the four week trip, Japan was actually going through the 'tsuyu,' which is their rainy season," said Tucker. "During this time, there were four days of rain, but nothing that kept us back from exploring."

Tucker added that the overall temperature was unseasonably cool, keeping weather conditions pleasant with little to no humidity.

The entire group did a considerable amount of walking during the trip--up to 200 miles. However, all of the walking paid off during the group's rigorous hike up Mount Fuji, in which they crossed over the 10,000-foot barrier, allowing them to observe volcanic rock and ice above the tree line.

Still, the trip to Japan was not solely for leisure.

"This wasn't just a vacation," Tucker said. "All of the teachers thought about how meaningful their experiences would pertain to education and lesson planning."

The overall expectation from the teachers who traveled on the trip was to take what they learned from their experiences and teach it to their own students. All participants were

required to keep journals and devise a week's worth of lesson plans into their own classroom, integrating Japanese history, culture and language and personal understanding of what they were a part of.

"For many, this trip added another layer of understanding in the world, opening up a

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Mendenhall Student Center to remain open for fall semester



Mendenhall Student Center will continue operation for the Fall 2008 semester, pending decision about future construction.

ERIN EDWARDS
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The wondering and waiting is over: Mendenhall will be opened to students this fall. Mendenhall Student Center was set to close this summer in preparation for a two-year renovation in which the interior would be reworked and brought up to code. This would also include a face-lift of the exterior to match other buildings surrounding it. Construction was originally scheduled to begin last summer, but was postponed to the end of December. Now, the project has been brought to a standstill as administration re-

assess the overall project.

The Board of Trustees established Mendenhall Student Center upon a dedication in 1974, when construction had commenced on a commodious student center that was in the planning stages for several years.

Today, the building is the focal point of university unions, student experiences and student media. Mendenhall also hosts weekly events and programs in Hendrix Theater and Pirate Underground, two staple locations in the building.

For many, Mendenhall Student Center doesn't just serve as office space. In the past year alone, the building hosted approximately

7,528 meetings and events, up seven percent from the year before. However, projections for the university have indicated that the student population could reach between 35,000 and 45,000 in the next 10 years.

Dean Smith, associate director of finance and administration at ECU, says that the project came to formation in 2002, but was examined thoroughly before construction could begin.

"Kemal Atkins, the vice provost for student affairs took a look at the project and decided that we needed to revisit it again,"

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Students needed for online poll

LAKEISHA GOODMAN
STAFF WRITER

Fall 2008 is a new beginning for the Student Activities Board, formerly known as Student Union.

Aside from a name change, the Student Activities Board has come up with an idea to increase students' satisfaction with the entertainment on campus.

On Nov. 6, as a part of Homecoming activities, the Student Activities Board will host a fall concert in Minges Coliseum. The event is open to all, with tickets for students costing no more than \$10. However, the featured artist is not yet known. Students will decide who they want on stage. Voting for the artist is taking place online.

The choices have been narrowed down to 10 artists based on availability and price range. These artists include: Michelle Branch, Lupe Fiasco, New Found Glory, Gavin DeGraw, Jack's Mannequin, Anberlin, Motion City Soundtrack, Fabulous, CarTel and Blake Shelton.

"I've already voted," said senior Joe Annunziata.

Although he had a few concerns, Annunziata feels that it was a great way to get students involved.

According to the Student Activities Board Special Events Chair, Matthew McCarthy, all students' input is greatly appreciated. He feels that since the fall concert is for students, all of those interested must submit their votes in order for the event to be a success and fully enjoyed.

"I think the new method is

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What am I suppose to eat?!?! Try these gadgets and tips to stay fit on a budget



ECU dining offers various meal options for students to enjoy, along with new ideas about upcoming projects. STAFF PHOTO | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

ERIN EDWARDS
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

After a long morning with classes, you may feel tired and experience a rumble in your stomach. You are hungry, and the only thing you care about is solving that situation. Luckily, for all ECU students, there are various options available for the hungry student.

Whether you are looking for a hearty breakfast, a midday snack or a yummy smoothie to put some pep in your step, ECU dining services strives to provide this and much more.

ECU dining guarantees that there will be plenty of exciting opportunities for incoming students, as well as innovative changes for ECU students coming back for another year.

Many renovations are currently taking place, along with other projects in the works. Todd Dining Hall is finishing up summer construction on College Hill, and will be open to students soon.

"At Todd Dining Hall, students will be able to see their food prepared in front of them," said Allison Metcalf Woodard, the

district marketing manager for ECU Dining. "The many changes being made will take any mystery out of food preparation, allow for more interaction between staff and students, and bring a better quality of freshness for all."

Woodard added that Todd Dining Hall will also feature take-out options in between meal periods, so any students who might have class or obligations during regular times, will always have a way to grab food.

Students will also be able to enjoy seating not only in usual areas, but also in the food court around stations where food is being made.

However, Mike Lysaght, the Resident District Manager of ECU Dining, says that no definite date can be given at the time.

"We don't want to confuse students or distribute information that might not be accurate; however, we believe the outcome will be phenomenal and students will be pleased with the results," said Lysaght.

Todd Dining Hall isn't the only dining place that is undergoing major changes. Starting in January of 2009, Wright Plaza will take out Java City coffee and

replace it with Starbucks. This construction is phase one of a two-part production, which involves the entire closing and renovation of Wright Plaza, with the exception of the Starbucks.

For returning students, many may have heard rumors about a Chili's restaurant opening at the Croatan. According to ECU dining, the reports are true and after major reconstruction, the Croatan will become a two-story building, hosting Chick-fil-A along with a Chili's restaurant. Students will experience counter-style service along with a possibility of a wait staff. The menu will be designed to be as unlimited as possible, but no alcohol will be served.

Construction isn't the only thing happening with dining at the university. Many new changes are coming that might surprise students. This includes going trayless, a change that many universities across the country are adopting.

"We tried this last year for two days in an effort to measure just how effective it would be for us," Woodard said. "We found that there was less food waste and

(MCT)
In these tough economic times, some things have to go, like bottled water, low-fat lattes and manicures. But you don't have to let your body go. Push-ups, jumping jacks and crunches are priceless. They cost nothing and you can do them just about anywhere. Throw in a few relatively inexpensive workout gadgets and it's just like having a gym membership with no fees or contracts.

"If you are on a tight budget, no need to panic," says Terrence Thomas, owner of Expert Fitness Solutions in Aventura, Fla. "There are inexpensive ways to get into and stay in shape."

After all, exercise is a remedy for stress. It can help lower blood pressure, reduce the risk of heart disease and improve your overall mood. Try it and you just might stop fuming the next time you're at the gas pump.

To help you get started, we asked Thomas and two other experts to share their favorite gadgets and tips for staying fit on a budget. Here they are:

RESISTANCE BANDS
"The most beneficial equipment would be a set of resistance bands," says Ali Witherspoon, owner of A.L.I. Bootcamp in Hollywood, Fla. "They come in different strengths — light, medium and heavy resistance — to work your upper and lower body" just as gym equipment does. To perform biceps curls or an overhead press, for example, stand on the bands and grip the handles and go through the same motions as you would with dumbbells or machinery. Do just as many reps as you would in the gym.

Expect to pay less than \$10 per band, which includes written instructions, or about \$50 for a set of bands that comes with an instructional DVD.

More tips: www.alibootcamp.com

ANKLE WEIGHTS
"With ankle weights, you can do a whole body workout, and ladies can do all leg exercises," says Natalie Brabner, owner of Florida Fitness Trainers in Aventura. You can tone your muscles and burn more calories just by wearing them throughout the day, and "while watching TV, you can do hip extensions and build your glutes, which we Brazilians are famous for." To get your glutes in shape, strap on a pair of ankle weights and get down on all fours. Then raise and extend one leg at a time, keeping your leg steady. "Do five sets of 20 every night."

A set of ankle weights will set you back \$20 or less.

CALISTHENICS
"There's nothing better than old-fashioned body-weight exercises," Thomas says. "They worked for Jack Lalanne and they will do the same for you." Calisthenics also have "what I call a survival slimming effect. Since you are lifting your own body weight, the body is forced to adapt. In other words if you are heavy, this type of exercise will encourage weight loss out of the sheer will to survive." Besides push-ups and jumping jacks, try squat thrusts: With your feet together, squat down and place your hands on the floor next to your feet. In one explosive movement, jump your feet backward into a push-up position, then jump your feet forward and stand up again. You might remember this from P.E. class.

A mat is not necessary, but if you prefer one, expect to pay \$20-\$40.

SWISS BALL
In addition to core training, such as sit-ups, which can be done on the Swiss ball, you can perform stretches and explosive

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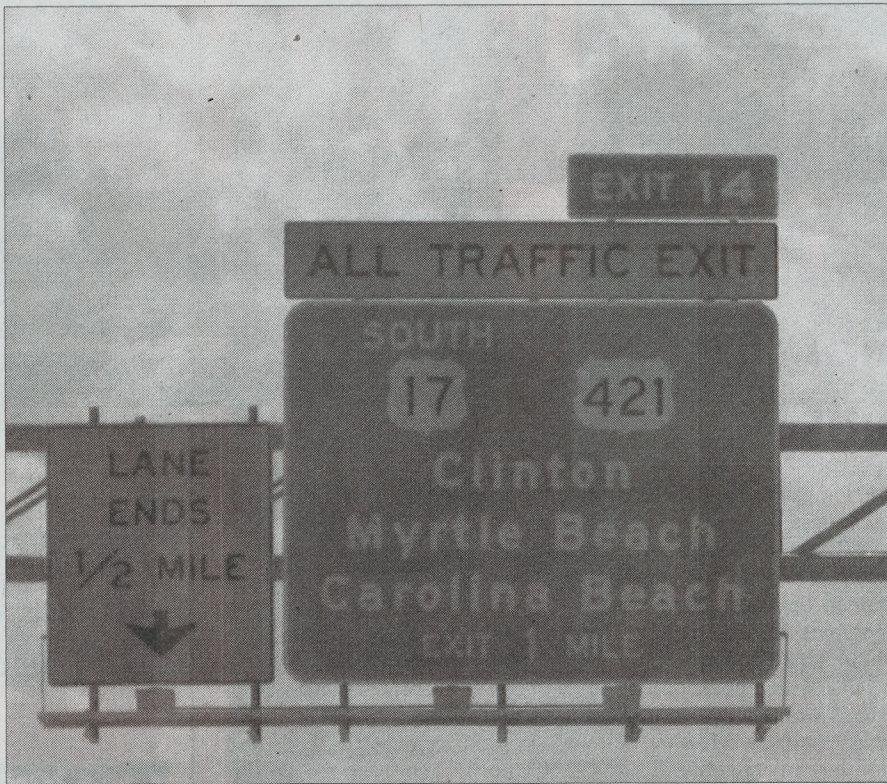
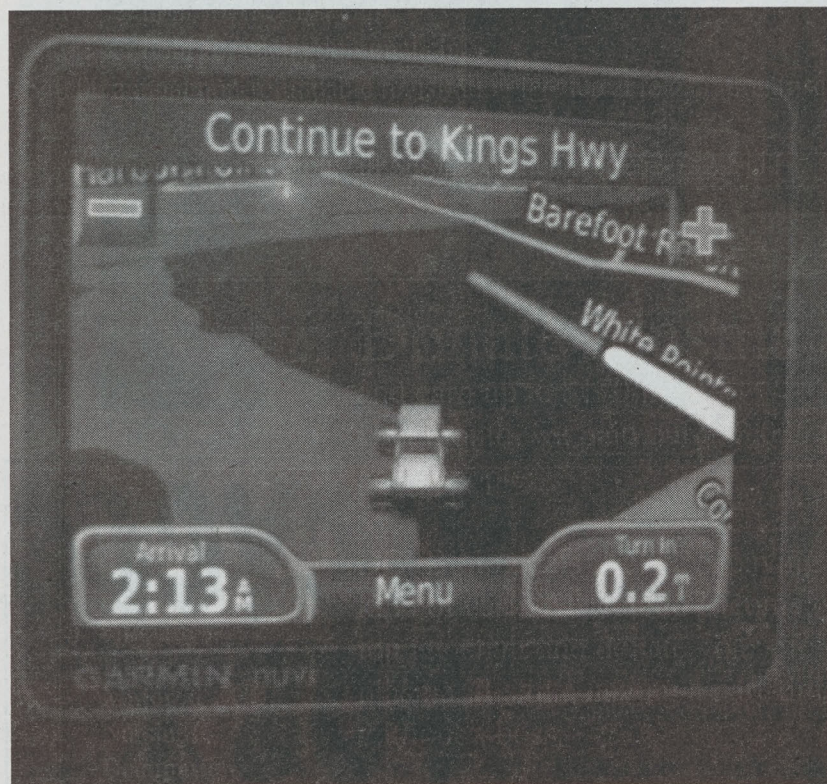
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Three friends, one band and lots of gas money

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The GPS system that got us to where we were going.

The overall trip to and from Myrtle Beach totaled over seven hours.

ERIN EDWARDS
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

In what used to be months filled with soaking up the sun and possessing an overall lazy demeanor, my summer has been spent working countless hours, with rarely any time off. I knew that before my final year at ECU could begin, I had to take some sort of adventure with friends.

I seldom miss a show by any band that I like, but since many of my favorites apparently have issues with playing in North Carolina, I usually have to travel to Virginia or South Carolina to catch them. This time, I headed to the House of Blues in Myrtle Beach to catch Coheed and Cambria, one of my top bands of all time

(second only to Incubus). I dragged my two friends and lukewarm fans, Stephen and Maggie, along for the road trip.

12:05 p.m.-Maggie and I pick up Stephen. He says he needs to run by Mendenhall to print out his ticket. I yell at him accordingly for not doing so already.

12:15 p.m.-We run to campus and discover that Mendenhall is closed. I almost leave Stephen in the parking lot. We decide to smooth things over by getting gas and ordering food at Sheetz, then eventually figuring out how to get Stephen's ticket.

12:25 p.m.-We stop at Sheetz. I almost put diesel in my car as Maggie and Stephen order food. I spend too much money filling the car. I grab water as Maggie or-

ders a sub and Stephen apparently orders a well-done steak, because it takes three years to make.

12:45 p.m.-We drive to Kinkos to print off the ticket. This costs Stephen a whopping \$1.19 on his credit card. We start randomly talking about blowing up the screen and Kinkos and I get a feeling that we are being too loud, because many are staring. We leave before they call the cops or kick us out.

1:14 p.m.-We finally head out on Highway 13. We start talking about pet peeves and the strange people we knew in high school. Stephen tells us stories about a bizarre girl in his theater class who "absorbed" things with her hand as she grabbed them. He demonstrates

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from B1 said Smith, who is part of a planning committee that meets and brainstorms ideas for the project. "It's clear just how fast this university is growing, so we want to explore every opportunity and option that we can in order to make sure that we can adequately adapt to this growth."

Smith also confirms that although there were options to either renovate Mendenhall or just begin construction on an entirely new student center, no set models have been determined just yet.

ECU senior Jeni Patel believes that renovations should continue as planned, citing that minor construction in the past still hasn't brought it up to par. "I think that Mendenhall Student Center should be renovated," said Patel. "The building has had a lot of remodeling done over the past couple of years but it still needs a total makeover."

Patel adds that even if the building is out of service for an extended period of time, there are plenty of other places on campus for organizations to meet or have events.

"There are many empty classrooms after the bulk of classes are over in the daytime and different organizations could use those rooms," Patel said. "Events can be held outside during most of the year because the weather is only extremely cold for a few months. For those months where it is not possible to hold events outside then organizations could try to make use of other places like the Christenbury Gym or Minges."

The committee that Smith and many other ECU staff and students serve on will present their ideas to the Board of Trustees on Sept. 25, when a final decision will be made on how to accommodate students at the fastest growing school in the UNC system. The committee is even exploring other student centers, including those at George Mason University, Georgia Tech, UNC Wilmington and UNC Charlotte.

As for now, students can enjoy Mendenhall Student Center for at least one more year.

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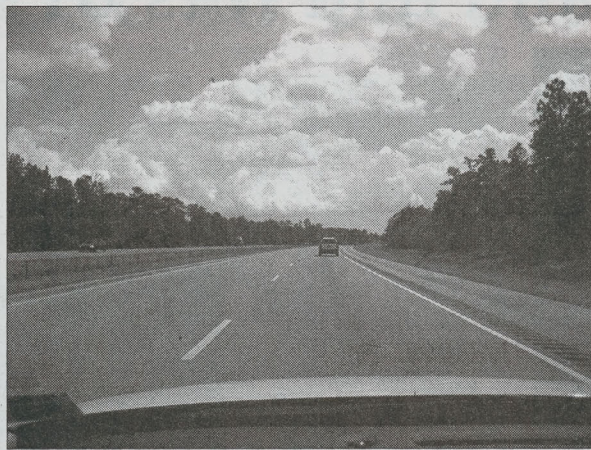
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The sign for the House of Blues.



The view from the driver's seat.



ERIN EDWARDS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN
Claudio Sanchez, lead singer for Coheed and Cambria.

with my bag of Cheese Nips.
1:40 p.m.-Maggie and I rock out to "No Diggity" by Blackstreet. I demonstrate my incredible talent of air drumming. The subject comes up about David Bowie and Prince, prompting Stephen to ask why so many women find them sexy. Maggie comments that it's their artistic and musical ability, but I find their man-liner to give them that appeal. I keep that comment to myself.
2:03 p.m.-We start taking MySpace pictures through my sunroof in the car. We try to look as emo as possible.
2:07 p.m.-We mock M. Night Syhamalan's movies. Enough said.
2:20 p.m.- Stephen finds my Homer Simpson slippers in the backseat. I tell him that if you put them on, it looks extremely vulgar. I am right.
2:48 p.m.-Maggie starts taking about our friends that are pregnant. We all agree that we do not like children.
2:54 p.m.-All of us rock out to Barenaked Ladies' "One Week." I am embarrassed that I know all of the words.
3:39 p.m.-We stop for a bathroom break. I discover that my toilet seat I use is half missing. As we head back out, I can't get the car above 40mph so I step on the gas as hard as I can and yell at the car. I then realize that I am in first gear. I am made fun of severely.
4:13 p.m.-We reach Myrtle Beach. We pass way too many strip clubs. We finally find House of Blues and I take a pic-

ture, almost wrecking the car in the process.
4:25 p.m.- We eat an early dinner at Logan's Roadhouse. Stephen believes that in order to prepare for the concert, we should order a Porterhouse 20 oz steak with a bucket of blood. I see a woman with a graphic Texas Chainsaw Massacre shirt on. I lose my appetite.
5:55 p.m.- We head back to the House of Blues and stand in line, which has already extended half a mile or so. As we are talking, we notice the guy in front of us is staring. He starts to invade my personal bubble (three feet). He tries to butt in on our conversations, but it is too awkward. This makes my stomach hurt.
6:35 p.m.- The guy is still staring at us and now letting us know minute by minute what time it is.
7:05 p.m.- The doors finally open. The guy is still staring at us, even as he is walking up to the venue. As soon as we are let in, we bolt in order to avoid him. We keep a watchful eye the entire time.
7:45 p.m.- After walking around forever to find a good spot, we settle on the stairs by the bar. We have a good view of the stage as the opener, Russian Circles, comes out. I am not aware they are an instrumental metal group, so I get a little bored.
9:00 p.m.- Coheed and Cambria come on stage. I freak out a little, along with everyone else. My personal space is invaded yet again as people start thrashing around. I get a mouthful of hair as the guy in front of me starts head-banging.

9:45 p.m.- The concert is amazing, although I get confused when they play a song that I don't know (turns out to be "The Trooper" by Iron Maiden.) A couple in front of us starts making out...for 10 minutes. I'm surprised that Stephen is able to see.
10:20 p.m.- Coheed and Cambria come out for an encore. After playing "Welcome Home," they go into playing "The Final Cut." In this song, each member of the band is given a solo. The drummer is given the last one.
10:30 p.m.- The drummer is still banging away on his solo. It almost ruins the entire show.
10:45 p.m.- The show officially ends and we head back to the parking lot. As we are leaving, a guy runs up to the car, sticks his head in the window and screams, "LIQUOR!!!" Then another car passing us talks to us on a megaphone.
11:00 p.m.- After a quick stop to a gas station to get an energy drink, we head back to Greenville.
On the three hour ride home, our conversations touched on music we liked, past relationships, and what we envisioned our future turning out to be like. Perhaps it was the late hours or the Death Cab for Cutie CD playing on repeat the end ride, but I realized that I had a blast with my friends and that it was the perfect way to end the summer.

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Column - Voting ends Sep 8th
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 All ECU students can vote for as many bands as they choose on OneStop until Sept. 8.

a great one because it gives students more of a chance to influence the entertainment that is brought to the school," said Demetrius Philson, The Assistant Director of Student Activities and Major Events, Jacob Tidwell says that in order for the event to be a success, there has to be a large number of votes. He also hopes to see a large number in attendance at the fall concert.

Don't wait, cast your vote as soon as possible. To vote simply go to the ECU Web site and log into OneStop using your PirateID and pass phrase.


After logging in, click on the tools tab and look for the section that says "survey." Click on the survey titled "Student Activities Board-Fall Concert Survey" and complete the survey.

Each student is only allowed to take the survey once, however, you can vote for as many artists as you want.

Voting will end on Sept. 8 and the concert will take place on Nov. 6.

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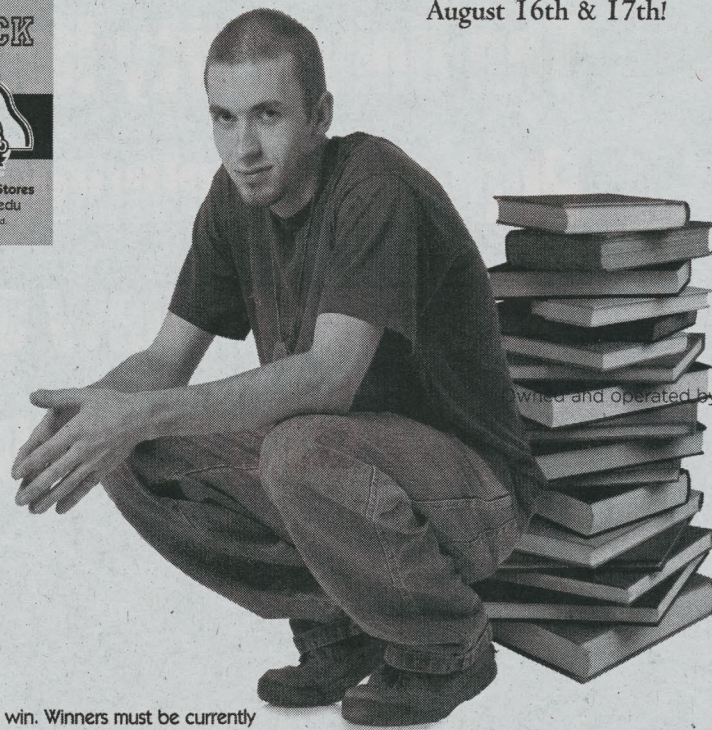
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Teachers climbed up Mt. Fuji, reaching past the 10,000 foot line to view volcanic rock and ice.

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new dimension of life experience and expanding their own knowledge," Tucker said.

Along with the personal experience, participants found the interactions between the Japanese and themselves to be rewarding, a characteristic they believe is hard to find nowadays in the U.S. Even children were intrigued by their presence in Kyoto, with numerous youth always eager to walk up and practice the English language. Swarms of kids would intermingle with the teachers, spending hours learning more about one another's culture and personality.

"I learned more about myself... Before the trip, I saw myself as the stereotypical guy," said Scott McLaurin, a teacher at Ayden-Grifton High School. "There is an element of serenity there and experiences that went beyond the norm of what I expected. I enjoyed the entire experience of peace and rest and I strive to integrate [that] using the individual greater good, as well as trying to integrate with my school lessons with my students."

McLaurin wasn't the only participant who endured this type of change.

Many gained a respect for nature and the environment, especially after witnessing gardens of serenity, which were specifically designed for peace, around the hustle and bustle of the city.

"It was meaningful to visit sites and drink tea, but the personal experience of meeting the Japanese and embracing their personal interaction was well worth everything," said Elmhurst Elementary teacher Wanda Williams.

Even religious aspects were present during everyday life. Although surrounded by numerous Buddhist temples around the city, group members believed that the secular and spiritual were given a more common ground to share, with a connection to something larger than going to church only once or twice a week.

"What I saw was such a point of cultural diversity," said Janis Crane, a teacher at Ayden Middle School. "I felt that my individuality was accepted and that the Japanese wanted to hear about us, not try to change us."

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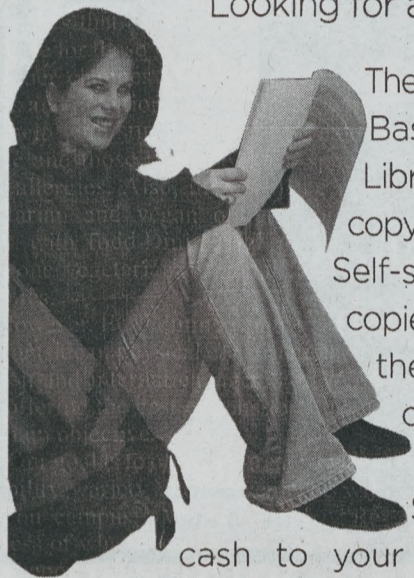
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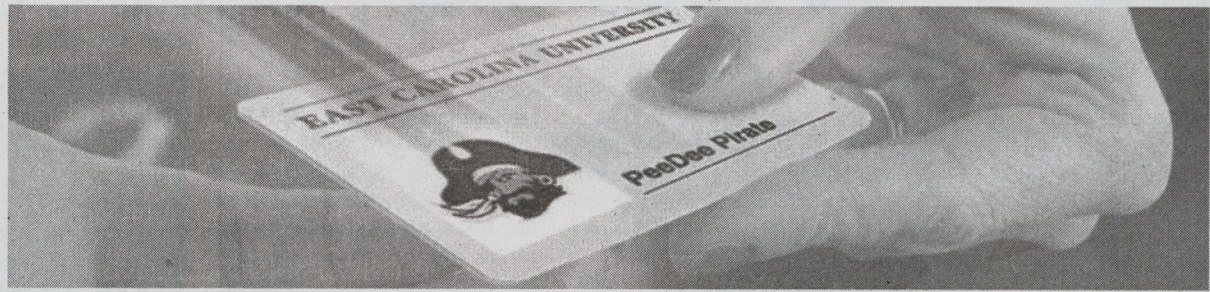
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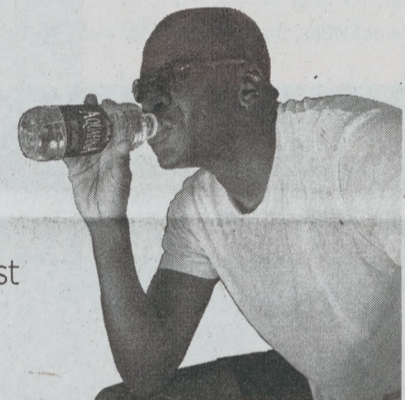
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that we save water."

However, for students that might not be used to the idea of going tray-less, Woodard says that a limited number will be available for those who request it.

Other changes include listing ingredients and nutritional information, which will help with students watching caloric intake and those that may have specific food allergies. Also, there will be more vegetarian and vegan options for students, with Todd Dining Hall offering at least one vegetarian or vegan feature at all times.

However, ECU dining wants to see results outside of physical construction, renovation and internal changes. For Woodard, offering the best options for students is a main objective.

"Our goal is to offer the greatest value, flexibility, variety and convenience with food on campus," Woodard said. "Regardless of what is going on, we strive to have a good program."

For Lysaght, witnessing the excitement of students when they see the options available is what makes it all worthwhile.

"We don't want to be just the food service that you have to eat," Lysaght said. "We want to bring excitement for on-and-off-campus students with what we have when it comes to food."



The Java City in Wright Plaza will soon be torn down and replaced with a Starbucks.

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Some activities, such as running, walking or pushups, require no money at all.

athletic exercises, Thomas says. "This makes the ball the Swiss army knife of fitness." To do the Russian twist, place your back on the ball and keep your feet on the ground with your knees bent. Keep your torso straight, arms straight and hands touching. Then, move your arms from one side to the other, without pausing. Don't forget to breathe. To increase the intensity, hold a dumbbell or any other weighted object lying around the house.

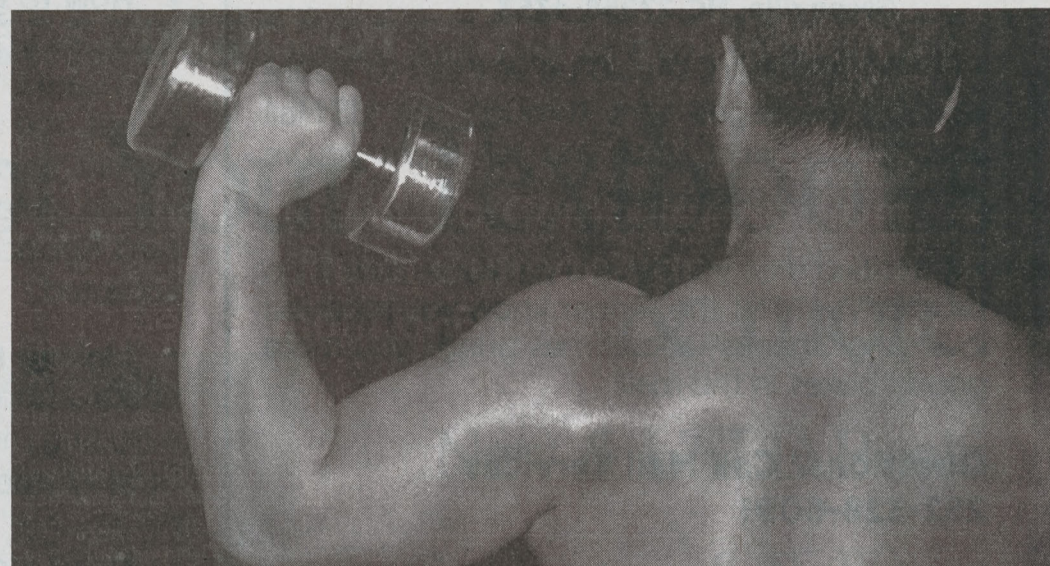
Swiss balls, depending on the size, cost \$20-\$50. A 10-pound dumbbell should cost less than \$15.

KETTLEBELLS
A kettlebell workout is like "calisthenics of steroids," Thomas says. Kettlebell exercises can

help build strength, endurance and flexibility. Among the dozens of kettlebell exercises, the windmill, which mainly targets the obliques, is popular. Hold a kettlebell overhead with one arm. Keep that arm locked at all times and keep your other arm behind your back. Push your butt out in the direction of the kettlebell and turn your feet out at a 45-degree angle from the arm with the kettlebell. Lower yourself as far as possible, pause, then return to the starting position. Do several reps and switch sides.

The price of a kettlebell, depending on the weight, ranges from \$30-\$150.

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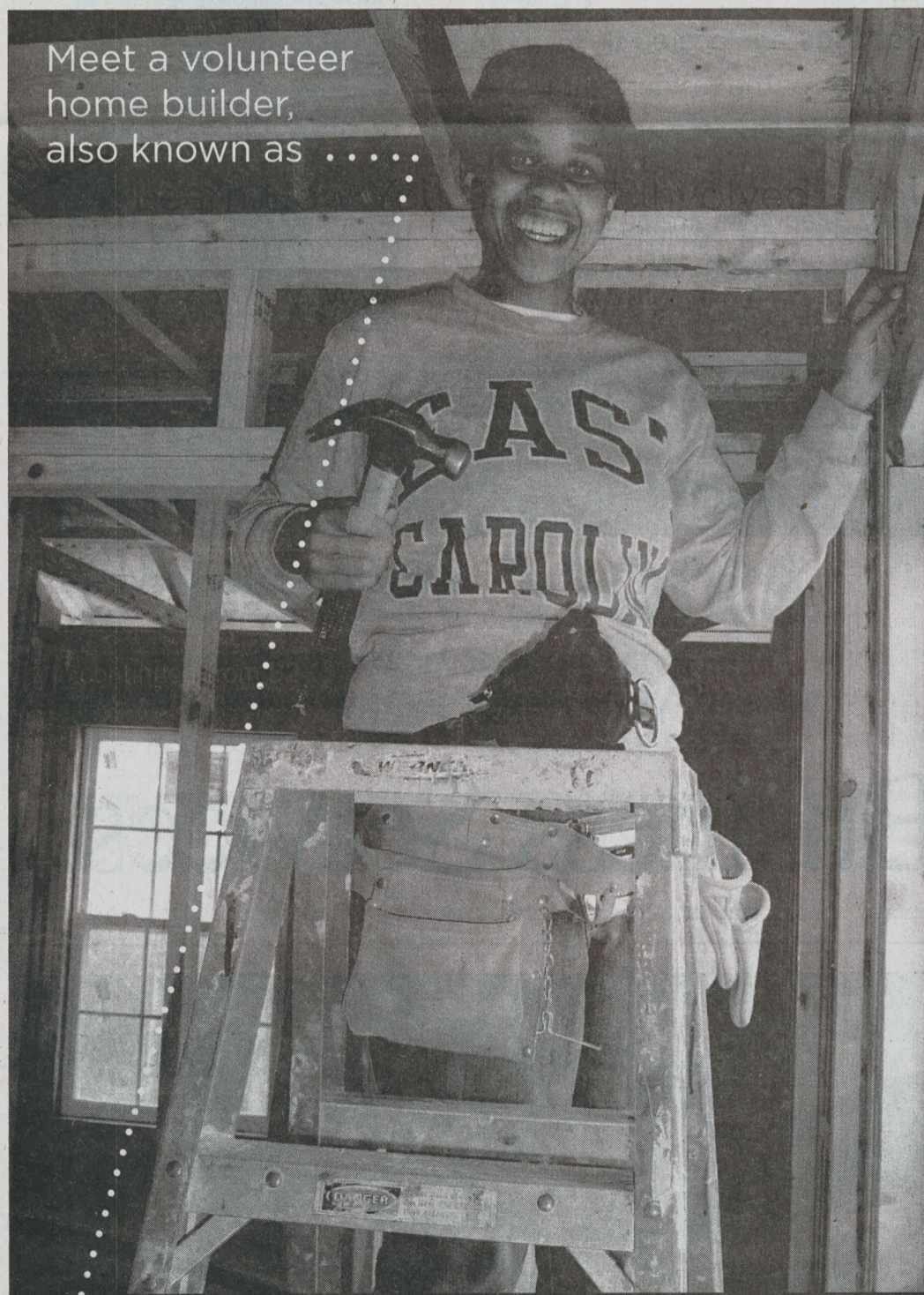
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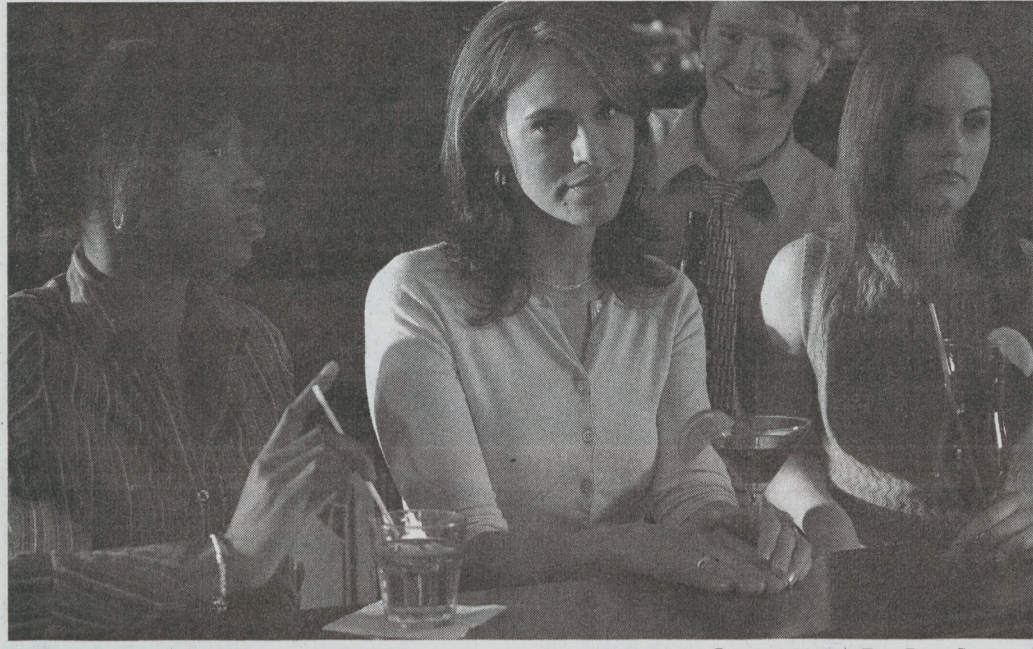
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Dial 'R' for rejection



For unwanted advances, there is now a easy way to deal with it.

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(MCT)
It's an age-old mating ritual, not unlike a courtship ceremony you might see on the Discovery Channel. The male species puffs out his chest, struts over to the female, fumbles through some conversation, perhaps buys her an Appletini, and, if all goes well, scores her cell-phone number. After the respectable three days have passed (remember the movie *Swingers*?), the

male calls the female. But if she has given him the number 407-970-8278, he is in for a rude surprise. "You've reached the Rejection Hotline!" a cheerful voice says. "... Unfortunately, the person who gave you this number did not want you to have their real number." Then the voice rattles off a host of reasons for the rejection — arrogance, body odor, a "psycho-stalker vibe." The man behind the voice,

Jeff Goldblatt, originated the Rejection Hotline four years ago. He was at an Atlanta bar and observed a man flirting with an uninterested woman, who ultimately told the man to get away from her. Even the man's friends were laughing at him. There had to be a less humiliating way of rejecting someone, Goldblatt figured. So he recorded a Rejection Hotline message, first as a joke, but then word spread. Today, about 1.6 million callers

dial the number each month, Goldblatt says. Local numbers are available for about 30 cities. Goldblatt, an MBA student at Emory University, also runs rejectionhotline.com, a site that makes a profit through advertisements, sponsorships and products for sale such as Rejection Hotline underwear. Goldblatt estimates that 98 percent of callers dial for fun. As for those who take it seriously, Goldblatt says, "We like to think it's a public service." (By "we," Goldblatt is referring to himself and his tribe of unpaid interns.) He says it's a service to both sides, particularly the rejecter, who saves face instead of enduring a public rejection. Nice it is not. Receiving the number could be crushing, says Elayne Savage, author of "Don't Take it Personally! The Art of Dealing with Rejection." "You don't know someone's history, and you don't know how they may have been hurt in the past," Savage says. "You don't know what kind of reaction someone might have." She adds that the hotline could dredge up painful memories, perhaps childhood traumas. "There are classier ways to do a decline," Savage says. John Fuhrman, author of

"Reject Me _ I Love It! 21 Secrets for Turning Rejection into Direction," recommends offering a reason for rejecting someone. Constructive criticism, if you will. You could tell a person, "What I'm really looking for is X, and you are not that." There's always the cop-out, "It's not you, it's me." But when faced with a particularly obnoxious person, Fuhrman doesn't rule out a direct, "You know what, it is you." "There is definitely a need for it (the hotline)," says Fuhrman, who is known in some circles as "Mr. Rejection." "If you've got someone you can't shake off, absolutely, use the number." Allison Cox has done so several times. Cox, a bartender at Universal Orlando's CityWalk, once was pursued by a man wearing a shirt that read: Hi, You'll Do. Charming. He wouldn't take the hint, so she gave him the number. "I thought I would never see him again," Cox says. She thought wrong. He came to the bar again and told her that giving the rejection number was really mean. It hurt his feelings. And then he asked for her number again.

Did you know?

- The white part of your fingernail is called the lunula.
- Libya has the only flag that is all one color with no writing or decoration on it.
- Tennessee is bordered by more states than any other. The eight states are Kentucky, Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina and Virginia.
- There are only three animals with blue tongues, the Black Bear, the Chow Chow dog and the blue-tongued lizard.
- Goat's eyes have rectangular pupils.
- The correct response to the Irish greeting, "Top of the morning to you," is "and the rest of the day to yourself."
- The Chinese ideogram for 'trouble' symbolizes 'two women living under one roof'.
- The poisonous copperhead smells like fresh cut cucumbers.
- Alexander Hamilton was shot by Aaron Burr in the groin.
- Cat's urine glows under a blacklight.
- Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors.
- Mark Twain was born on a day in 1835 when Haley's Comet came into view. When he died in 1910, Haley's Comet came into view again.
- Babies are born without knee caps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2-6 years of age.
- Ingrown toenails are hereditary.
- The longest U.S. highway is Route 6 starting in Cape Cod, Massachusetts going through 14 states, and ending in Bishop, California.

Horoscopes

- Aquarius**
Your energy levels are rather low right now, but they seem to be heading for an upswing. It's a good time for low-key activities with friends and family that can recharge your emotional batteries.
- Pisces**
You can rely on coworkers and others on the periphery of your social circle to pull more than their weight today — maybe so much so that you can pull off an unexpected win from behind!
- Aries**
You and your people are going to need some pretty serious recreation after today's big push! Your drive for success is legendary and on days like today, it shines for the whole world to see.
- Taurus**
It's a good time for you to talk to people you disagree with and simply try to understand how they see the world. The shift in perspective doesn't influence you, but it does give you serious insight.
- Gemini**
Your tasks are just a little more difficult than you had expected today, but if you can rearrange — or better still, postpone — a few of them, you should find that you can manage them all just fine.
- Cancer**
It's a binary day, either good or bad with little to no room in between. See if you can cut your losses if things start to go south — maybe by going home early or calling for a nice, long time-out.
- Leo**
You're excited about something big that seems like it could change your life, but you may need to keep it to yourself for the time being. Things are still complicated for your people and they need to approach you.
- Virgo**
You need to relax and have fun today — things are pretty great and there shouldn't be anything so pressing that you can't put it off after a bit of attention. It's a great day for a party!
- Libra**
You should try to be vigilant today, especially at work — though folks could try to take advantage of your trusting nature almost anywhere, really. There's no need to get paranoid, though!
- Scorpio**
Your social energy is potent today and you should find it easy to get along with almost anyone — even those with whom you have profound disagreements. It's a great time for negotiations.
- Sagittarius**
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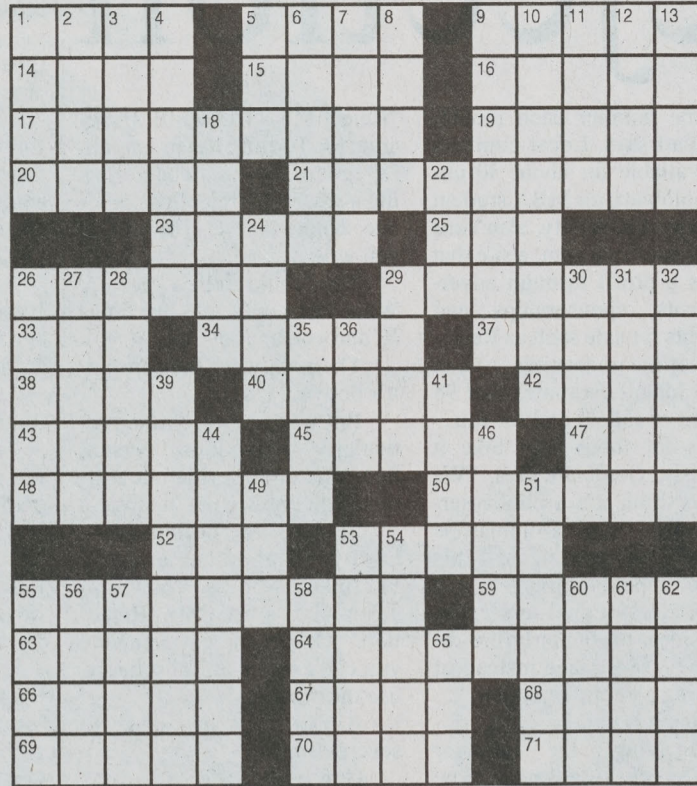
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- 5 Memorable times
- 9 Old anesthetic
- 14 Loafing
- 15 Tenant's payment
- 16 Got out of bed
- 17 Self-restrained
- 19 Hose down
- 20 Desert greenery
- 21 Cocktail garnish
- 23 Particles
- 25 Theol. belief
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- 34 Scope
- 37 Throat problem
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- 50 Respectful deference
- 52 Middle East org.
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- 55 Fellow traveler
- 59 Follow
- 63 Studio sign
- 64 As might be expected
- 66 Cake covering
- 67 Applaud
- 68 Sugar source
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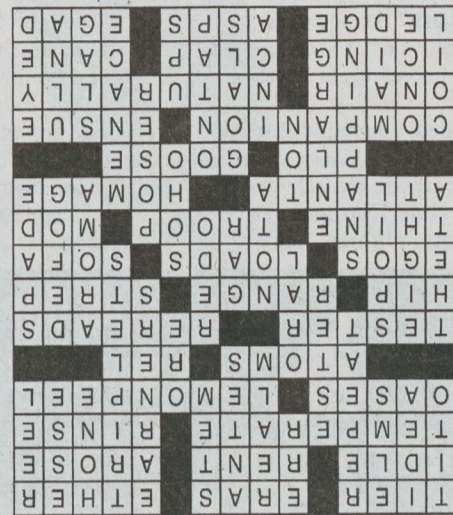


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- 22 Mine find
- 24 Verbal
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- 27 Octet number
- 28 Go bad
- 29 Make over
- 30 Bakery byproduct
- 31 Clear, as a windshield
- 32 Comic David
- 35 bene
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- 41 London district
- 44 Blow up
- 46 Tough question
- 49 Heavy weight



- 51 "Dennis the ___"
- 53 Hockey scores
- 54 Ready to be served
- 55 Corkscrew
- 56 Second word of a limerick
- 57 Domestic worker
- 58 Earlier Peruvian
- 60 Smelting waste
- 61 Radius neighbor
- 62 Checked out
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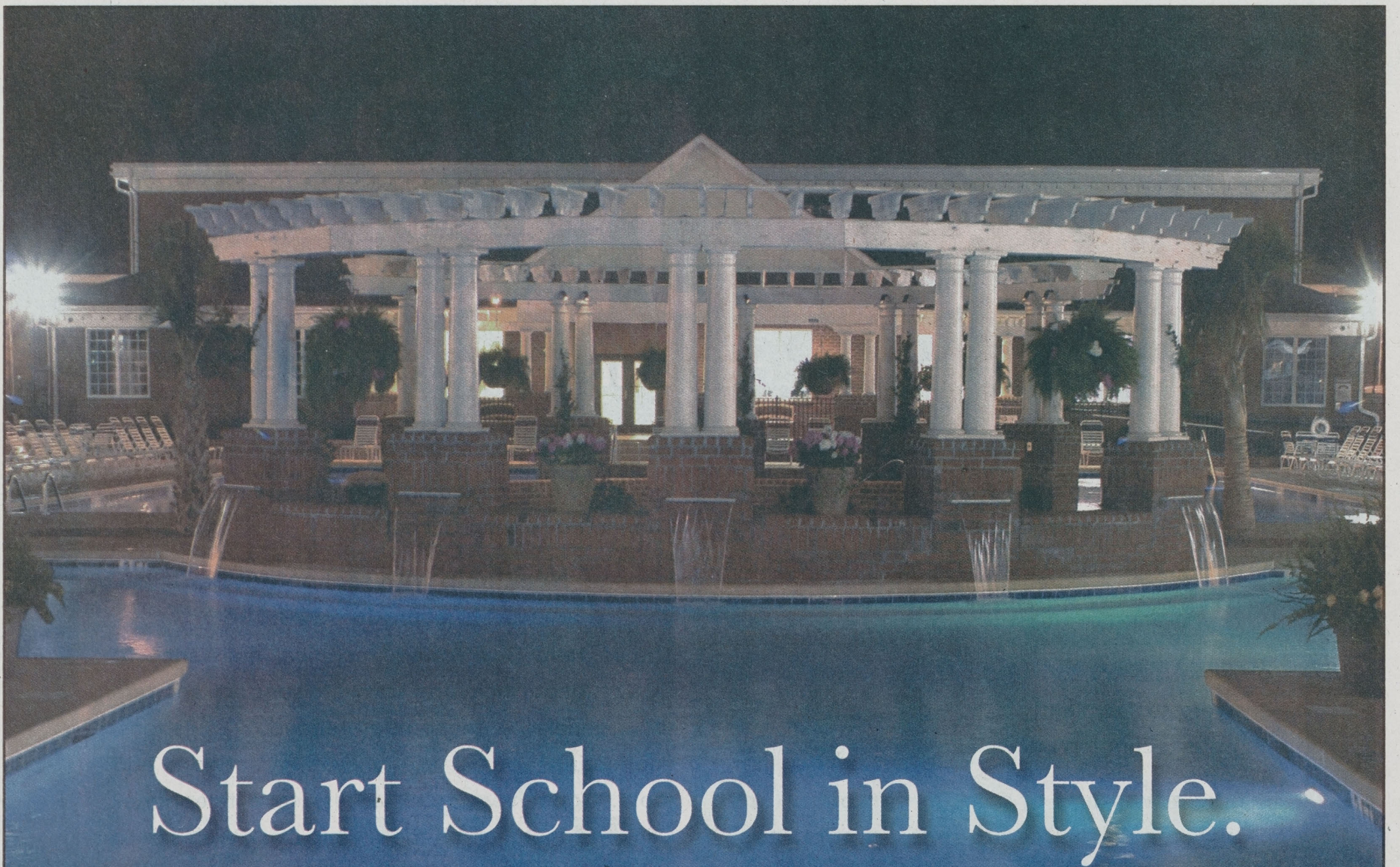
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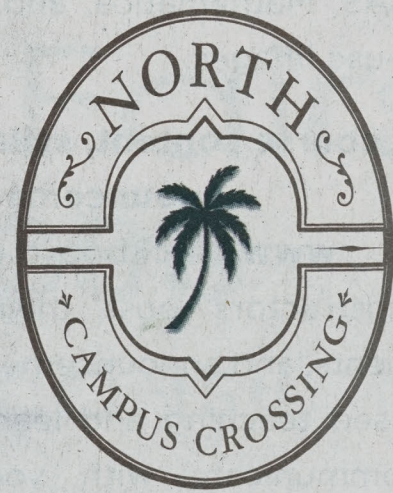
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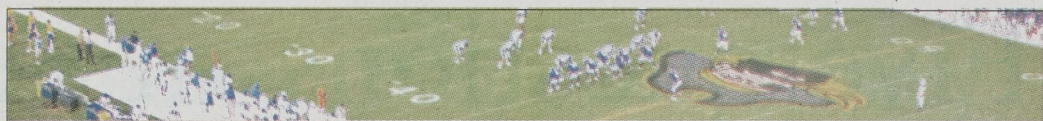


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- vs. Virginia Tech
Aug. 30
- vs. West Virginia
Sept. 6
- at Tulane
Sept. 13
- at NC State
Sept. 20
- vs. Houston
Sept. 27
- at Virginia
Oct. 11
- vs. Memphis
Oct. 18
- at UCF
Nov. 2
- vs. Marshall
Nov. 8
- at Southern Miss
Nov. 15
- at UAB
Nov. 22
- vs. UTEP
Nov. 28



Virginia Tech Schedule

- at ECU
Aug. 30
- vs. Furman
Sept. 6
- vs. Georgia Tech
Sept. 13
- at UNC
Sept. 20
- at Nebraska
Sept. 27
- vs. W. Kentucky
Oct. 4
- at Boston College
Oct. 18
- at Florida State
Oct. 25
- vs. Maryland
Nov. 6
- at Miami
Nov. 13
- vs. Duke
Nov. 22
- vs. Virginia
Nov. 29

THEY SAID IT

"Everybody's undefeated at this point and everyone has lofty goals with what they're trying to accomplish. There's a lot of excitement, enthusiasm and interest."
-Skip Holtz

"Playing Virginia Tech in Charlotte should be an exciting atmosphere to play in and it could play a big part in our upcoming season."
-Wide receiver Dwayne Harris

"I think with the goals we have in our program and what we're trying to do is win a conference championship. Knowing how close we've come (to that) the last two years has put a little fire in everybody's belly."
-Skip Holtz

"I don't think now is the time to pat ourselves on the back and talk about going to a bowl game and beating Boise State. Right now, what we have to do is find out what we have to get done to close those last games out at the end of the year in order to win a conference championship."
-Skip Holtz

"Coming into the season, we know that we're going to have to play a lot of great offenses but that's a challenge that we look forward to week in and week out."
-Free safety Van Eskridge

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Pirates hoping for better result this time



Virginia Tech Starting Lineup



Offense

- QB- Sean Glennon, Sr.
- RB- Kenny Lewis, Jr.
- FB- Kenny Jefferson, Jr.
- WR- Ike Whitaker, Jr.
- WR- Cory Holt, Sr.
- TE- Greg Boone, Jr.
- LT- Ed Wang, Jr.
- LG- Nick Marshman, Sr.
- C- Ryan Shuman, Sr.
- RG- Sergio Render, Jr.
- RT- Blake DeChristopher, Fr.

Defense

- DE- Orion Martin, Sr.
- DT- John Graves, Soph.
- DT- Cordarrow Thompson, Jr.
- DE- Jason Worilds, Soph.
- LB- Cam Martin, Jr.
- LB- Brett Warren, Sr.
- LB- Purnell Sturdivant, Sr.
- CB- Macho Harris, Sr.
- CB- Rashad Carmichael, So.
- FS- Kam Chancellor, Jr.
- SS- Dorain Porch, Jr.

Special Teams

- K- Dustin Keys, Sr.
- P- Brent Bowden, Jr.
- KR- Ervin Garner, Fr., Kenny Lewis, Jr.
- PR- Macho Harris, Sr.



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"We're going to be a football team that has some good talent, a team that will get better as the season goes along. Hopefully, we will be a good football team by the end of the season."

ECU opens season with Virginia Tech

KELLEN HOLTZMAN
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

In 2007, ECU trotted onto Lane Stadium's field side-by-side with nationally ranked Virginia Tech. In 2008, the Pirates will once again open with a highly regarded Hokies team—but this season, the game won't be overshadowed by a tragedy; what happens in between the lines is the only thing that matters in this rematch.

Last season, the Pirates faced the unenviable task of marching into a spirited Blacksburg, Va. town, wrought with passion for its school in wake of April 2007's campus massacre. A win for ECU would have been nothing short of an absolute shocker, as an entire nation rooted the Hokies on.

ECU was coming off of a successful, yet disappointing season that ended at the hands of South Florida in the Papajohns.com Bowl. The Pirates stifling defense disrupted the Virginia Tech attack all afternoon long, as the Hokies stumbled to a hard-fought 17-7 victory.

"It was an emotional game and a great opportunity for a lot of our players to go up there," ECU coach Skip Holtz said of last year's battle. "...Last year, there was a little bit of an unknown feeling, but this year our players are really excited and understand that Virginia Tech has a great football team and a great football program—but they stood toe-to-toe with them last year and competed with them. I think that gives them an tremendous amount of confidence going into this year's game."

This season, ECU enters with a confident swagger after last season's thrilling upset of Boise State in the Hawaii Bowl. Getting close is no longer an acceptable outcome—the Pirates fully expect to be able to compete at a high enough level to win.

"Last year's game helps a lot with our confidence," senior linebacker Pierre Bell said. "I know last year some people thought we didn't have a chance at all and we played them close, so this year we should have some confidence when we play them."

Virginia Tech's shortage of experienced players across the boards is a glaring disparity from last season.

The defense is returning only four starters, the offense is forced to replace stars like wide receiver Eddie Royal and running back Branden Ore, and the special teams will have new starters in three (placekicker, holder, deep snapper) of the four most prominent positions. This is not the same Orange Bowl team from last season, but despite the personnel turnover, a seemingly weak ACC Coastal Division has the Hokies sitting atop their division in the preseason. Virginia Tech even garnered enough votes to push them all the way to No. 15 in the USA Today/coaches poll.

"Last year, they were returning eight starters on each side of the ball and they had a great nucleus of players who had experience and had been battle-tested," Holtz said of the Hokies. "This year, I know they're going to have talent and still have some great returning players. They're going to throw talent out there on the field; they probably just don't have as much experience (this time)."

The Hokies may have a few holes to fill but their returning players are studs. Offensive lineman Sergio Render and cornerback Victor "Macho" Harris represent the Hokies on the first team of the preseason All-ACC squad.

Render, noted for his athletic ability, is preparing for his third season as a starter in the Virginia Tech trenches. Harris probably carries the most name-recognition of any Hokie—and rightly so; he is widely regarded as one of the nation's top cornerbacks and will be relied upon to lead a green defense. Harris, who had the crucial 17-yard interception return for a touchdown in last year's season opener, is also preparing to play some wide receiver this season.

Like Holtz, Virginia Tech coach Frank Beamer must resolve a competitive battle at quarterback. The differences between the candidates, senior Sean Glennon and sophomore Tyrod Taylor, mirror those of ECU's Patrick Pinkney and Rob Kass. Glennon's mobility, like Kass's, is limited, but both have strong arms and good pocket presence. Taylor and Pinkney give their teams a playmaking option, one that isn't limited to dropping back and passing.

Another playmaking option may come in handy for both teams, as neither side has established a "go-to" tailback.

Dominique Lindsay, Jonathan Williams and Norman Whitley are three of the most prominent Pirate backs vying for field time.

Both offenses are also still in the process of sorting through receiving talents to nail down the season's depth chart

One of ECU's biggest receiving and special teams threats will be sophomore Dwayne Harris, who is coming off of an electric freshman season.

"Last year, Virginia Tech was my first game playing at the D-1 level, and it was a great experience," said Harris. "This year, there will be a ton of people there again and it should be an exciting atmosphere—playing at the Panthers stadium."

Harris and the Pirates are eager to earn respect this time around. With the series scheduled to continue every season until at least 2013, the ECU athletics administration and fans alike would like to see ECU-Virginia Tech develop into a true rivalry.

In reality, the Pirates haven't scored a win against the Hokies since 1992. ECU may be confident, but the team hasn't forgotten whom it is up against.

"It will be an emotional and exciting game and I think this team understands the challenge, but it's one they're really excited about as well," said Holtz. "Sometimes the fear of getting your brains beat in is an unbelievable motivator."

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East Carolina Starting Lineup



Offense

- QB- Patrick Pinkney, Sr.
- RB- Jonathan Williams, So.
- WR- Jamar Bryant, Jr.
- WR- Dwayne Harris, So.
- WR- Alex Taylor, Jr.
- TE- Davon Drew, Sr.
- LT- Stanley Brant, Sr.
- LG- T.J. Harper, Jr.
- C- Stephen Heis, Jr.
- RG- Doug Palmer, Jr.
- RT- D.J. Scott, So.

Defense

- DE- Zack Slate, Sr.
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- DT- Khalif Mitchell, Sr.
- DE- C.J. Wilson, Jr.
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- LB- Pierre Bell, Sr.
- CB- Jerek Hewitt, Sr.
- CB- Darryl Reynolds, So.
- FS- Van Eskridge, Jr.
- SS- Leon Best, Sr.

Special Teams

- K- Ben Hartman, Jr.
- P- Matt Dodge, Jr.
- KR- Jonathan Williams, Soph., Dwayne Harris, Soph.
- PR- Dwayne Harris, Soph.



HOLTZ

"What we've got to do is set that lofty goal. We've had lofty goals every year we've been here but I think the players feel those goals are a little moer attainable this year."

Five questions in need of answers

JARED JACKSON
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

5. Is this the year ECU gets a Conference USA title?

Any member of the football team will tell you that unless ECU makes it to the C-USA title game then the season is a failure. The Pirates have been close the last two years but have fallen apart at the end of the conference schedule, with losses to Rice in 2006 and Marshall in 2007 costing them greatly.

This year the goal is clear: win C-USA. The schedule is in ECU's favor this year, as it gets most of its toughest conference opponents at home and has a bye week before its toughest conference road game. Three of the final five games are on the road however, so if the pattern of the past two years is followed then the Southern Miss, UAB or UTEP games could be the ones that dethrone the Pirates conference title hopes for a third straight year. The Pirates' coaches and players have stressed the importance of winning C-USA this season, and if they can learn from what has happened the last two years, there's a good chance this is the year.

4. How will the special teams be?

While the special teams play last year earned ECU two of its biggest wins—North Carolina and Boise State—the unit was otherwise below average. Matt Dodge had moments of brilliance as the punter, averaging 41 yards per punt, but he lacked the consistency that coach Holtz demanded from him.

As far as field goals, Ben Hartman was a sub-par 13-of-22 with eight of those misses coming from less than 39 yards. Hartman seemed to find consistency in the latter part of last season, any momentum he had came to a screeching halt this summer as he suffered a leg injury that could leave his availability in the early part of this season in question. The special teams unit will certainly be a big question mark this season and should get tested early with the first two games against Virginia Tech and West Virginia.

3. Will the secondary be able to stop the pass?

While the ECU defense will get recognition for its strong defensive line, the Achilles heel of the unit is the secondary. Last year, ECU ranked among the worst in the nation in stopping the pass, allowing 289 yards per game through the air.

The Pirates are simply hoping that last year was a learning experience and that with another spring/fall of practice under their



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Chris Johnson will be tough to replace this season.

belts, the secondary will be able to step up to the challenge. If not, then the pass happy offenses of Conference-USA will once again give ECU fits.

2. Can the running game handle the loss of Chris Johnson?

Last season was the year of Chris Johnson. This year it could be the year of Dominique Lindsay, Jonathan Williams, Norman Whitley or Brandon Simmons, among others who are trying to replace a game changer such as Johnson.

Doing that is much easier said than done however. Last year, Johnson ran for 1,423 yards and 17 touchdowns in 13 games. The next closest running back to him was Dominique Lindsay, who had 205 yards and five touchdowns. While Johnson did get the majority of attempts it is certainly unknown at this point in time if one of the backs this year can even get close to matching that production in the running game. Of course Johnson was also great in the passing

game. Last year he was the second on the team in receiving with 528 yards and six touchdowns. Lindsay was once again the next running back closest to Johnson in that category, with 58 yards receiving and one touchdown on only nine receptions.

With limited experience returning and Lindsay's injury, it will obviously be tough for the ECU offense to replace its departed star.

1. How will weekly quarterback competition affect the offense?

While the question of who will start the Virginia Tech game as quarterback is presumably Patrick Pinkney, it will probably still be a week-to-week situation as to who will start the rest of the games. Last season, Rob Kass was slated to start against the Hokies for the season opener, but due to a DUI arrest, he didn't make his first game appearance until the fourth game of the season, against West Virginia. Pinkney made the most of his starting duties—especially against in-state rival North Carolina, when he threw for 406 yards and three touchdowns. Kass also had his share of success, including engineering the final drive in the Hawaii Bowl, in which the offense was able to get into position for a game-winning Ben Hartman field goal.

While both quarterbacks bring different things to the table, Patrick is more of a scrambling quarterback where Kass is a pocket passer. The two, along with offensive coordinator Todd Fitch, were able to put in place an offense that could handle a dual quarterback system and find success. Why coach Holtz has been more in favor of settling with one quarterback, he isn't opposed to going back to the dual quarterback system if it means wins. The competition will go on week in and week out especially if one doesn't perform much better than another on a consistent basis.

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Who has the edge? Opinion: Defense is the key to winning Conference USA

KELLEN HOLTZMAN
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Offense-VT

Skip Holtz and Frank Beamer may want to trade coaching techniques in order to manage their strikingly similar offensive units. Both coaches are tackling potential quarterback "controversies" for consecutive years. Both coaches will rely on "committee" running back systems to replace star performers (ECU's Chris Johnson and Virginia Tech's Branden Ore). And both coaches will benefit from offensive lines with more experience, while both sets of receiving corps lack a significant number of game-tested veterans.

The Hokies get the offensive nod simply because they have a more talented player pool than ECU. Outside of quarterback Tyrod Taylor, the Hokies most lethal weapon could be tight end Greg Boone, the offensive MVP of the spring. The offensive line, led by All-ACC selection Sergio Render, has four returning starters and should pave an easier path for the board of backs. The Hokies' top contenders for tailback, Kenny Lewis and Jahre Cheeseman, are looking to bounce back from injuries that kept them sidelined for the spring. As many as three other backs, including a redshirt freshman and a true freshman, are in the mix for playing time.

Defense-ECU

Last season, ECU's front-seven was stellar and this year should be no different. Defensive ends and preseason All-Conference-USA selections Zack Slate and C.J. Wilson anchor a deep and talented line. Senior linebackers Quentin Cotton and Pierre Bell lead the way for an equally talented and punishing linebacker corps. The secondary, one that was statistically among the worst in the nation in 2007, should be an improved one. Junior Van Eskridge, who led ECU with 104 total tackles in 2007, provides an intimidating presence for the Pirates' secondary out of the free safety position. Senior Orion Martin is the only starting defensive lineman returning for Virginia Tech. He is joined by cornerback Macho Harris, linebacker Cam Martin and free safety Kam Chancellor as the only returning defensive starters.

The Hokies have the talent to fill in the holes but ECU's deep and experienced front-seven should, at the very least, put pressure on the quarterbacks and stuff the run.



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Marcus Hands (92) and Linval Joseph (97) are among the players returning on ECU's defensive line.

RONNIE WOODWARD
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

There is a saying in football that offense sells tickets and defense wins championships—and that is no truer than in Conference USA. All you have to do is look at last year's champion to realize that.

Last fall, UCF showed the rest of C-USA the recipe for winning a championship in the league that has turned into the most offense-heavy and unpredictable in the nation, and believe it or not, they did it with defense.

Scoring points has been very easy for most in C-USA lately. Last year, the conference boasted the nation's top offense (Tulsa) and had two players from the same conference rush for more than 2,000 yards for only the second time in college football history.

But the defensive statistics weren't quite as pretty.

Last season, seven of C-USA's 12 teams ranked 100th or worse in the nation in total defense and pass defense. UCF wasn't one of them, and that had a lot to do with winning the conference. Every team in the league knew how to score points, but not many actually knew how to stop the opposition.

UCF was one of two C-USA schools to allow less points in 2007 than in 2006, and the Golden Knights were first in the league in total defense, pass defense and sacks against conference opponents. With nine returning starters on defense, UCF allowed 25 points or less in seven of its nine conference games—including the win over Tulsa in the C-USA championship game.

ECU has aspirations of winning its first conference championship since 1976 this season, and for that to happen, the defense must play better.

Playing with an inexperienced secondary last season, the Pirates finished 114th in the nation in pass defense and 95th in total defense. They were forced into shootouts and frequently bailed out by Chris Johnson and an explosive offense. Johnson will not be on the field this year, and Head Coach Skip Holtz and defensive coordinator Greg Hudson have both acknowledged that more pressure will be on the defense to win games.

"It's a high responsibility, but it is a fact," said Hudson. "In order for us to expect any type of championship, we're going to have to play great defense."

Hudson said that being a defensive coordinator in C-USA can be very challenging and frustrating at times, and that trend looks like it will continue. Former Hawaii coach June Jones will bring his high-powered run-and-shoot offense to SMU this season, and two successful offensive coordinators will have their first chances as head coaches in C-USA this fall. Southern Miss, which fired longtime defensive-minded coach Jeff Bower last fall, will be coached by Larry Fedora, who guided Oklahoma State's nationally ranked offense last season. Kevin Sumlin, who has been an offensive coordinator at Oklahoma and Florida, will also

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Intangibles-ECU

Never underestimate an underdog. ECU should cherish these tough non-conference matchups against BCS conference opponents and embrace their role as an underdog. Pirate fans may hope last season's success has changed the perception of ECU football around the country—but in reality, a bowl win in Hawaii two days before Christmas probably didn't do very much. In the eyes of a football-crazed nation, this is still an ECU program that hasn't won a conference championship in over 30 years. To Virginia Tech, this is the same ECU program that hasn't notched a win against the Hokies in its last six tries.

It remains to be seen, or heard rather, whether Virginia Tech's "Let's Go-Hokies" chants will drown out the ECU contingent's equivalent of "Purple-Gold." But there is no doubt that the hoards of Virginia Tech maroon on display at Bank of America Stadium will overtake the purple of ECU supporters, outnumbered in their own state.

The Pirates mindset of playing for pride and desire to prove doubters wrong should give them an advantage.

Special Teams-VT

Virginia Tech's "Beamer Ball" has made it the favorite in this category for just about every game in each one of Frank Beamer's 20 seasons. Beamer has become legendary for his defensive tactics, as his special teams are usually adept at blocking kicks and scoring touchdowns. However, Virginia Tech's lack of experience on the offensive side will be a concern in the early stages of the season. The Hokies must replace a starting placekicker, holder, deep snapper and standout return man. That return man is Eddie Royal, a second-round draft choice of the Denver Broncos. The Pirates have an outstanding kickoff returner to replace as well in Chris Johnson; Dwayne Harris and Jonathan Williams will have their work cut out for them to plug the impression that Johnson has left. Macho Harris will be the preferred option on punt and kick returns for Virginia Tech. An injury to ECU kicker Ben Hartman could leave the Pirate special teams vulnerable and stretched thin. With Hartman's availability in question during the preseason, freshman Ben Ryan and punter Matt Dodge have been competing for the placekicking job.

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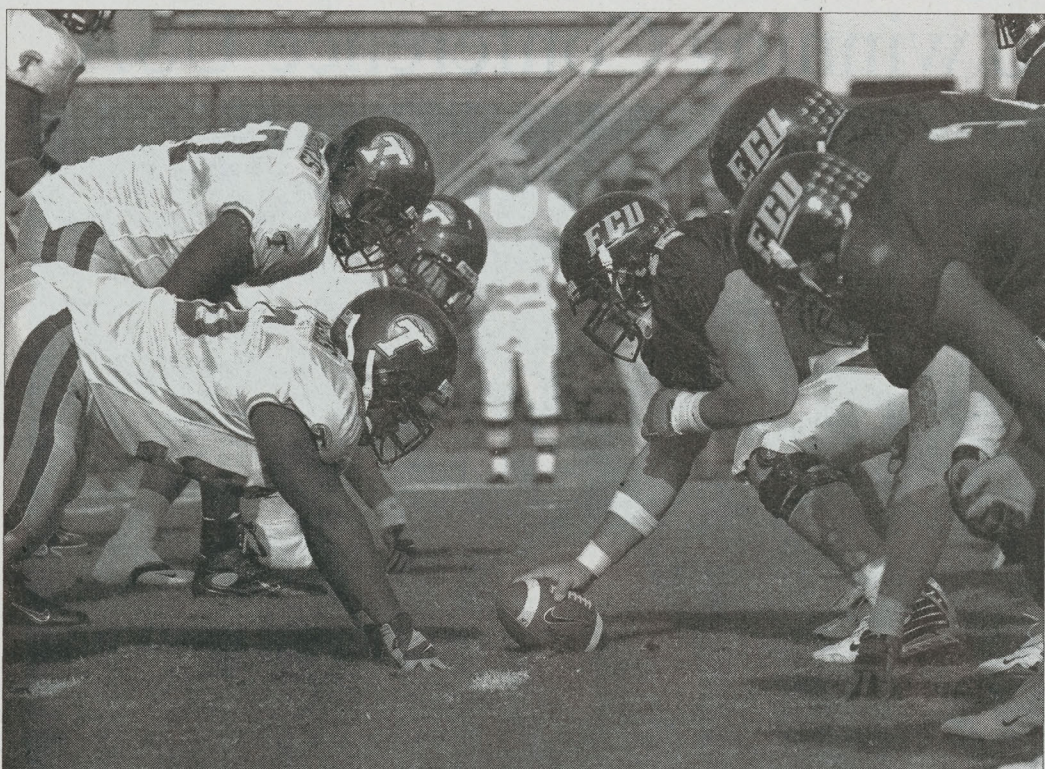
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Offensive line is quietly making noise



The Pirates' offensive line returns four starters and is rated among the best in Conference USA.

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To have a great offense in college football, you usually have to have a good quarterback.

But every good quarterback usually needs a good offensive line to protect him. These are the guys that few people outside of diehard football fans pay attention to—but more often than not—they are the difference in

a quarterback getting sacked or throwing a touchdown pass.

"We just try to keep the skill position players happy, and make them better," said junior offensive lineman Doug Palmer. "It feels so good to see one of them score because of the work that we did. It's all about getting those seven points, and that's makes everyone happy."

Last year, the ECU offense exploded behind the playmaking abilities of Chris Johnson.

Whether the departed speedster was running the football or taking a screen pass all the way to the house. At times, Johnson made the offensive line look good with his lightning fast speed, but without a strong offensive line unit to open up running lanes for him, ECU could and probably would have lost many more football games.

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Phelps steals the show in Beijing



Michael Phelps has reached superstar status this summer.

AP

Michael Phelps finally seems to be grasping what it all means.

Maybe it started to sink in when the president showed up at the Water Cube and came back for an encore. Maybe he got a better idea when all those NBA superstars — Kobe Bryant and LeBron James among them — actually led the cheers for him. Maybe it was those relentless text messages from friends back home.

Maybe he actually listened when the race announcer at the pool said in a deep, authoritative voice:

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The head dipped. The shoulders twitched. The slightest of smiles creased his lips.

"Growing up, I always wanted to be an Olympian," Phelps said later. "I just kept thinking, 'Wow, greatest Olympian of all time.' It's a pretty cool title."

After winning five gold medals and setting five world records over the course of four days, Phelps actually got a bit of a respite Thursday at the Beijing Games, maybe even take a minute or two to reflect. He merely had the semifinals of the 200-meter individual medley in

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be the headman at Houston. "Sometime you look around and say, 'why are things a little different in this league,'" Hudson said.

"The offensive creativity in our league is very high. I jokingly say that it's like every coach in the league is interviewing each Saturday, trying to see who can put the most points on the board.

"But it still comes down to tackling. Whether it's in space or in a small window, you have to be a fundamental team."

ECU does return a good amount of experience on defense this season. For the first time in the Holtz era, ECU returns nine starters on defense, which could be very valuable.

"It allows you to go back out on the field against those opponents with the understanding of how to defend things," Hudson said of the experience he has returning this fall.

"The players know what to do and how to get ready for that opponent."

Free safety Van Eskridge, who is one of the Pirates' leaders on defense, said that eliminating long pass plays has been the main focus of the defense this preseason and last spring.

"By us having the core of our defense back and some good chemistry going, hopefully it will allow us to play better and smarter than last year," he said.

C-USA, which has had a different champion in each of the past six seasons, looks to be as wide open as ever this year. Tulsa is gaining the most preseason recognition, but the Golden Hurricane will be breaking in a new quarterback and only return five starters from a defense that all but cost it a conference championship one year ago.

ECU, UCF and Marshall—the top-3 contenders in the East Division—all lost key players on offense, but return nine starters on defense.

This fall, the offenses of C-USA are likely to once again dominate the highlights and receive the most attention, but don't forget how valuable defense can be in this league—UCF sure figured it out last season.

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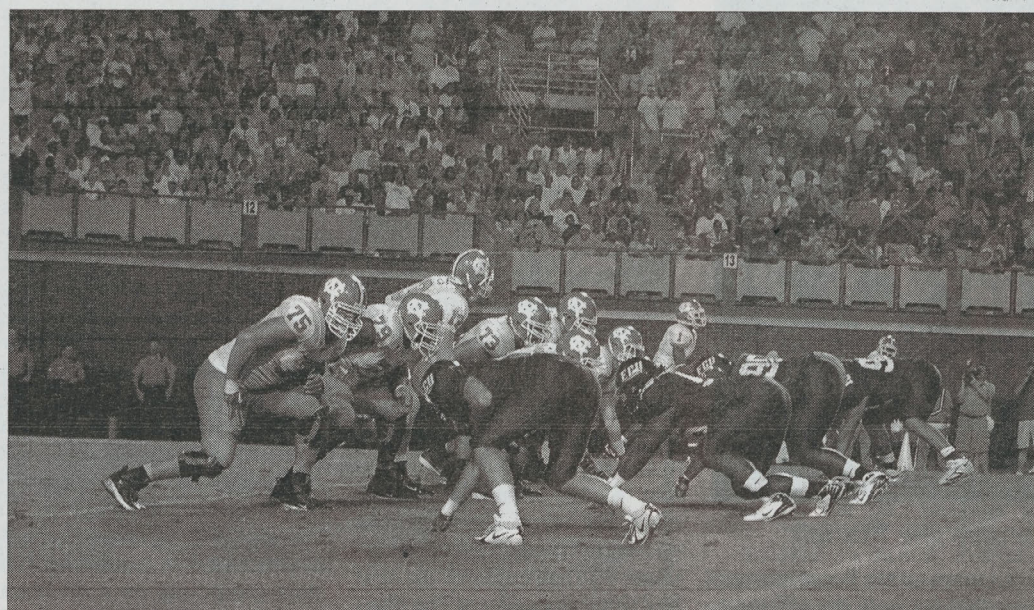
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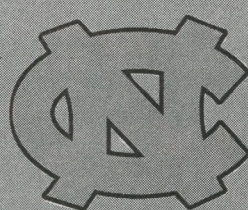
Since the college football teams from north and south Carolina are spread out amongst different conferences, The East Carolina will be doing a "ranking the Carolinas" feature each week, starting with this week's preseason edition. Clemson grabs the top spot, mainly due to its amazing wealth of talent, but there are multiple teams which are capable of taking the top spot as the season progresses.

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The Pirates beat in-state rival UNC last season, but the two teams will not meet this year.



3. North Carolina

Many will wonder why the Tar Heels rank so high on this list; after all, they won only four games last year. While UNC only went 4-8 overall and 3-5 in the ACC, progress in the team started to shine through in the latter part of the season. The ACC coaches and media picked also the Tar Heels to finish second in the coastal division behind Virginia Tech this preseason. If the Tar Heels can get off to a good start, a 9-3 or 8-4 record in the regular season is not out of the question, but a rough start could put them in exactly the same place they were at the end of last season.



4. ECU

The Pirates seem to be relatively low on this list, but many questions remain about the team. The defense should be good, but when it comes to the offense, it remains to be seen if ECU can deal with the loss of running back Chris Johnson. In addition, it will be interesting to see if Patrick Pinkney or Rob Kass can duplicate their success from last year. After going 8-5 overall last season and 6-2 in C-USA, the Pirates beat Boise State 41-38 in the Hawaii bowl. After back-to-back 7-5 regular seasons and bowl appearances, one would think that anything less than a conference championship would be a failure.



5. South Carolina

The Gamecocks were everyone's pick last year to be among the best in the SEC. While they were for a couple months, South Carolina eventually wound up with a 6-6 record overall and went 3-5 in the mighty SEC. This year the schedule is kind to the Gamecocks, and they will have to play some of their best football just to match last year's .500 record. With that said, it wouldn't be wise to think Steve Spurrier couldn't take this team to a good bowl game if all the cards fall into place.






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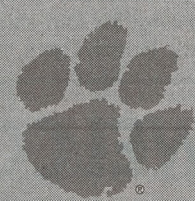


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1. Clemson

The Tigers are without a doubt the deepest team in the Carolinas and could be poised for a national championship run. Last season, Clemson went 9-4 overall and 5-3 in the ACC, culminating in a 23-20 overtime loss to Auburn in the Peach Bowl. While the conference record wasn't outstanding last year, the Tigers are the overwhelming preseason favorite to win the ACC this year, mainly due to its plethora of talent and speed on the offensive side of the ball. If the offensive line can hold up this season, the Tigers could be destined for great things. They must be prepared however, as they open against Alabama in one of the most anticipated games of the season.



2. Wake Forest

The Demon Deacons are considered to be strong ACC championship contenders this season. While perhaps they are not the national championship contender like Clemson, the attitude at Wake Forest has come to expect conference championships after posting back-to-back winning seasons the past two years. Last season, Wake Forest went 9-4 overall and 5-3 in the ACC. The Demon Deacons capped off the season by winning the Meineke Car Care Bowl, 24-10, over Connecticut. This year, Wake Forest figures into the ACC race in the latter part of the season.

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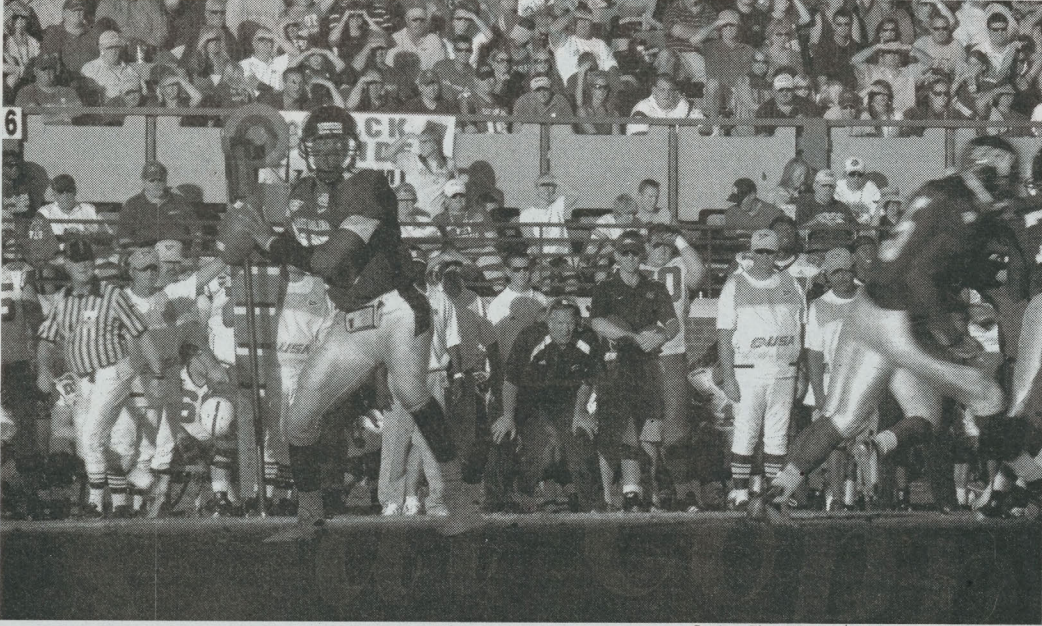
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Quarterback Patrick Pinkney will be relying on his offensive line this fall.

position in football, offensive linemen have to instinctively know what the teammate beside them is doing—and are forced to work well as a group.

"They live together, they socialize together, they hang out together and they're a unique group," Shankweiler said of his group's cohesiveness. "I insist that they all know all five positions. That way there's a common thread running through all of them and they can't stay in their own little cabinet, they have to understand what all of them are doing."

The key to having a good line is pretty simple according to junior lineman Sean Allen.

"The most important thing on the offensive line is knowing how to play together," he said. "You have to learn how to work with the guy beside you and the guy beside him."

Part of the reason that Shankweiler is impressed by this group of players is the maturity among them and how they reach out to other guys to try and make them better.

"There is a lot more of players coaching players than I've seen since I've been here," Shankweiler said. "They now understand what I want, and they are more mature."

The feeling is mutual between player and coach, which Palmer pointed out this preseason.

"I've learned how to be patient and just listen to what he (Shankweiler) has to say," Palmer said, who is currently slated as ECU's starting right guard for the opener against Virginia Tech on Aug. 30. "We just have to keep listening to him, because he knows what he's talking about."

The offensive line isn't without some key losses however. The unit lost starters Matt Butler and Josh Coffman to graduation.

"I feel real strong about the offensive line as a unit right now," Palmer said. "We lost Matt Butler at guard and Josh Coffman at tackle, but we feel good and we're just trying to come together as a unit and get ready for Virginia Tech."

As the summer rolls along and the opener

against Virginia Tech creeps up at a fastening rate, Shankweiler believes that not only the offensive line, but the offense as a whole, could be a force to be reckoned with this fall.

"I think with where we are right now on offense, we can be as good as any offense in this league [Conference USA]," Shankweiler said. "But to be good in this league, you've got to be well over 400 yards a game, so we're going to have play with a sense of urgency and a sense of maturity because this league is being known for being wide open on offense, and we're very capable of that."

To be successful however, Shankweiler thinks the offense will have to be multifaceted.

"My other two times here, we have two NFL quarterbacks (Jeff Blake and Davied Garrard). Throughout the 1990s, the common theme was there was an NFL quarterback," Shankweiler said. "Not to say that the guys we have know can't play in the NFL, but our focus now is maybe more a multiple way of attacking defenses."

"Maybe we have to spread it out more or we may have to do some things in the option game, whereas in the past, we always had that big guy under center that we knew could bail us out. I think our line of scrimmage has to be better than it used to be and our multiplicity has to be better than it used to be."

The key to the Pirates' overall success on offense this year could come down to the offensive line, and its ability to not only control the line of scrimmage, but also the flow of the game.

ECU's experienced offensive lineman must be on their toes week in and week out and expect the unexpected and make it a reality. Because again, they are the difference between a sack and a touch-down pass. They are the difference between a five yard loss and a 15-yard run. They are often times the difference between a win and a loss.

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Harrington taking advantage of Tiger's absence

AP

Not long after Tiger Woods announced he was done for the year because of knee surgery, the search began for the player who could dominate golf in his absence, especially the final two majors.

Padraig Harrington didn't make too many short lists.

Most eyes were on Phil Mickelson, No. 2 in the world with three majors among his 35 victories around the world. Maybe it was time for Ernie Els to emerge anew, especially now that Woods wasn't around to break his heart. Youth focused on Sergio Garcia, a phenomenal talent who had captured the next best thing to a major at The Players Championship.

Harrington provided the answer not once, but twice.

First came his four-shot victory in the British Open, where

he shot 32 on the back nine in 35 mph wind at Royal Birkdale. One month later, Harrington awoke from a daze to win the PGA Championship with a 66-66 at Oakland Hills.

That gave him three of the last six majors — only Woods has won that many so quickly in the last 25 years.

And instead of asking whether he could fill the void, the question now is whether Harrington can challenge Woods when he returns.

"It's a good situation that you can ask that question," Harrington said. "I have probably been the leading player in Europe for close to six years. It is a big step now to move up and start competing on a different level. I've got Phil. I've got Tiger ahead of me. I don't necessarily pay attention to what they're doing. I pay attention to more what I'm doing."

That might be one reason

why Harrington presents such a threat.

He works as hard on his game as anyone, even though Vijay Singh gets the credit as the hardest-working man in golf. Harrington has never been one to be so consumed with results and rankings to abandon the process of getting better. Remember, he went a full year without winning between his consecutive British Open titles.

"Many periods in my career, I've had lulls where I've been in between things and come out stronger," he said after his two-shot victory over Sergio Garcia and Ben Curtis. "I'm looking at this period as one of those that I am coming out stronger with experience, and I'm putting a lot more things together. I'm making things happen on the golf course."

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Michael Phelps (right) celebrates with his teammates after winning 4x200-meter freestyle relay.

the morning, followed by the preliminaries of the 100 butterfly in the evening.

By Phelps' standards, a rather light day.

Just look what he did Wednesday: In the span of an hour, he set a world record in the 200-meter butterfly — even though a faulty pair of goggles filled with water during the race — and then came back to lead the first 800 freestyle relay to crack the seven-minute barrier, virtually lapping the rest of the field.

Those were the 10th and 11th gold medals of Phelps' career, leaving Mark Spitz, Carl Lewis & Co. in the dust. And he's still aiming to win three more before he leaves China, which would take down the record he really wants: Spitz's

seven-gold performance from 36 years ago.

Everyone else is just a spectator.

"I think he's undisputedly the greatest swimmer of all time," longtime Italian coach Alberto Castagnetti said. "He's stratospheric, in technical terms and in terms of mental preparation. I've never seen anyone like him."

Castagnetti should know. He raced against Spitz at the Munich Games.

"Spitz was much more limited," the coach said. "He had two races that were similar, freestyle and butterfly, and he had a team behind him for the relays in which even I could have won."

These are the finals Phelps has left:

— Friday, 200 individual medley: Teammate and fellow hip-hop aficionado Ryan Lochte certainly makes this a potential stumbling block, considering he put up the third-fastest time in history at the U.S. trials last month. Then again, Phelps set a world record in that same race and will benefit from Lochte trying to pull off a tough double, also racing in the 200 backstroke on the same morning.

— Saturday, 100 butterfly: American Ian Crocker holds the world record, but he set that mark three long years ago. Phelps has won nearly every big race between the two, including the 2004 Olympics, last year's world championships and the most recent U.S. trials, where he pulled away to an easy win. Crocker will be well rested, however, since this is his only individual event.

— Sunday, 400 medley relay: The U.S. has never actually lost this event at the Olympics, the only blip on its perfect record coming in 1980 when the Americans boycotted. This is about as sure of a lock as Phelps will have at these games, though there is always the chance of a stumble. Remember Crocker jumping in too early on a relay exchange during what should have been a routine prelims

swim at last year's world championships? The Americans were disqualified, denying Phelps the chance to win an eighth gold.

Judging by the way he's swimming in China, it would likely take a similar fluke for Phelps to miss out on Spitz's record.

"He is just a normal person, but maybe from a different planet," said Russia's Alexander Sukhorukov, fresh off a thrashing by the Phelps-led Americans in the 800 free relay Wednesday but still wearing a silver medal around his neck.

Cornel Marculescu, who runs the sport's governing body, concurred with the intergalactic theory.

"The problem is, we have an extraterrestrial," Marculescu said. "No one else can win."

British swimmer Simon Burnett has a different take, which he shared with American men's coach Eddie Reese when they ran into each other in the cafeteria.

"He was saying to me, 'I think I've figured out Michael Phelps,'" Reese said. "He is not from another planet; he is from the future. His father made him and made a time machine. Sixty years from now he is an average swimmer, but he has come back here to mop up."

Science fiction aside, the 23-year-old from Baltimore is clearly swimming off the charts in Beijing.

After a six-gold performance at the 2004 Athens Games, Phelps needed only five days here to surpass Spitz, Lewis, Soviet gymnast Larisa Latynina and Finnish runner Paavo Nurmi as the winningest Olympian ever.

"Being on the team with him these past couple of years, a lot of us take what he does for granted," said Natalie Coughlin, who's won three medals of her own at these games but barely has gotten noticed. "We expect him to break world records. We expect him to win."

In the 200 fly, his signature stroke, his goggles filled with water shortly after he dove in the pool. Still, he glided across the surface, his long arms gobbling up water.

GOLF continued from C6

That's what happened Sunday.

Harrington was three shots behind Garcia at the turn, having watched the Spaniard make a remarkable par with a long bunker shot on the eighth, and an even better par from across the green on the monstrous par-3 ninth.

But that's when the teeth pinched forward, the tongue stuck out of the corner of his mouth, signs that he was pouring everything into every shot. He birdied the 10th from 15 feet, hit 5-wood out of the rough and just over the green on the par-5 12th to set up another birdie, then tied Garcia for the lead with a 12-foot birdie on the 13th.

Harrington played 27 holes Sunday in the rain-delayed PGA Championship. He one-putted 14 times, and took only 11 putts over his final nine holes. None were as meaningful as the last three, when he saved par with a 12-foot putt on the 16th to tie Garcia again, took the lead with a 10-foot birdie on the 17th as Garcia missed from 4 feet, and got his name on the Wanamaker Trophy with a 15-foot par on No. 18.

It was the stuff of major champions. It was the kind of putts Woods routinely makes when he wins majors.

"It's a long way to catch Tiger at the top," Harrington said. "But I know that the only way of focusing on doing that is focusing on me, controlling what I can do. That's the only thing I can ask of myself."

It is impossible to ignore Harrington now.

When Europe had gone through eight lean years without a major, it was Harrington who ended the streak with his playoff victory last year at Carnoustie. Not since 1905-06 had a European won the British Open in consecutive years until the Irishman won at Royal Birkdale.

Tommy Armour was the last European to win the PGA Championship in 1930 until Harrington won at Oakland Hills.

And he even carved out history all to himself Sunday as the first European to win consecutive majors.

"I obviously hold a lot of European players who I grew up watching in high esteem," Harrington said. "To believe that I achieved something they hadn't is very special."

More accolades could follow.

Even though Woods won four of the six PGA Tour events he entered and captured a 14th career major at the U.S. Open on one good leg, Harrington presents a strong challenge as PGA Tour player of the year. No one has ever won two majors in the same season without getting voted the award by the players.

He is virtually a lock to win the points-based award from the PGA of America unless Mickelson or Masters champion Trevor Immelman wins every tournament they enter, including the Fall Series.

And to think it all began with a loss no one remembers.

Harrington had a chance to win his first major in the 2006 U.S. Open at Winged Foot. He played bogey-free for the first 15 holes until making bogey on the final three to shoot 71 and finish two shots behind.

"I dodged a bullet because there was some more high-profile losers that day," he said, referring to Mickelson and Colin Montgomerie. "But I walked away from that tournament knowing I could win a major. And you've got to lose them to know you can win them. I've got to put myself in the position and learn from it and understand it before I actually go and do it."

That's what Garcia needs to do before he can join the elite. In the meantime, Harrington has rightfully taken his place.

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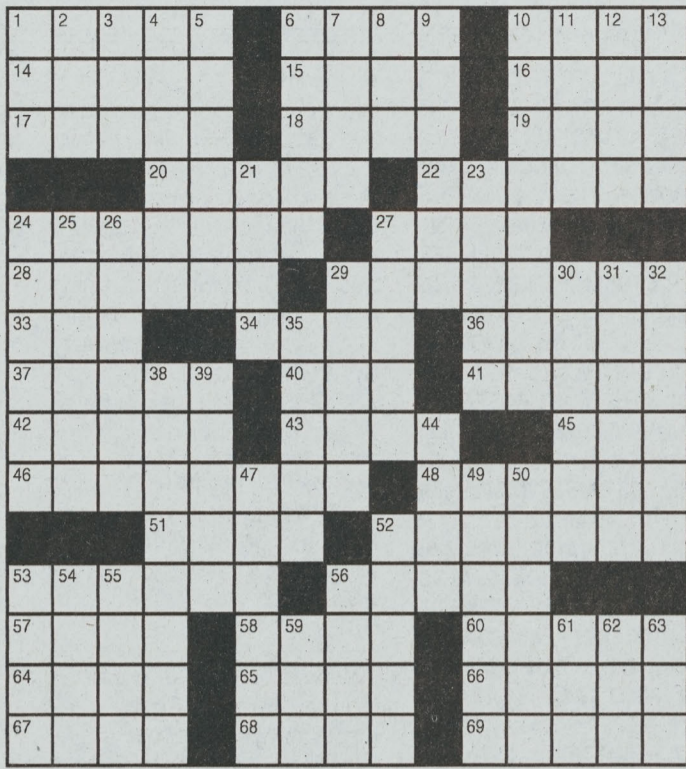
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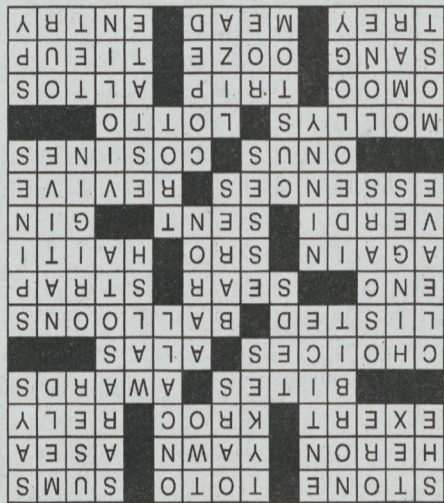
- ACROSS**
 1 Boulder
 6 Oz dog
 10 Totals
 14 Long-legged wader
 15 Show boredom
 16 Going by yacht
 17 Use forcefully
 18 Fast-food magnate Ray
 19 Depend (on)
 20 Light meals
 22 Performance prizes
 24 Options
 27 Lamenters' cry
 28 Leaned to one side
 29 Birthday party items
 33 SASE, e.g.
 34 Scorch
 36 Binding device
 37 Once more
 40 No-seats-available letters
 41 Land of Port-au-Prince
 42 "Aida" composer
 43 Mailed
 45 Rummy game
 46 Concentrated extracts
 48 Come back to life
 51 Big burden
 52 Trigonometric functions
 53 Ringwald and Pitcher
 56 State-run gambling
 57 Melville novel
 58 Excursion
 60 Choir voices
 64 Carried a tune
 65 Seep
 66 Traffic snarl
 67 Deuce beater
 68 Anthropologist Margaret
 69 Way in
- DOWN**
 1 That girl
 2 Big D location
 3 Mineral vein
 4 Eddie Murphy film
 5 Lure
 6 Toddlers
 7 Dinghy movers
 8 Pair count
 9 Available by beeper
 10 City south of Tampa
 11 ___-friendly
 12 Pinochle display
 13 Has printed on it
 21 Knight and Williams
 23 Guitarist Joe
 24 Split in two
 25 Door holders
 26 Academy Awards
 27 Slugger Hank
 29 Uncovers
 30 Beginning
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 35 Twisty turns
 38 School of thought
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 44 Jogging pace



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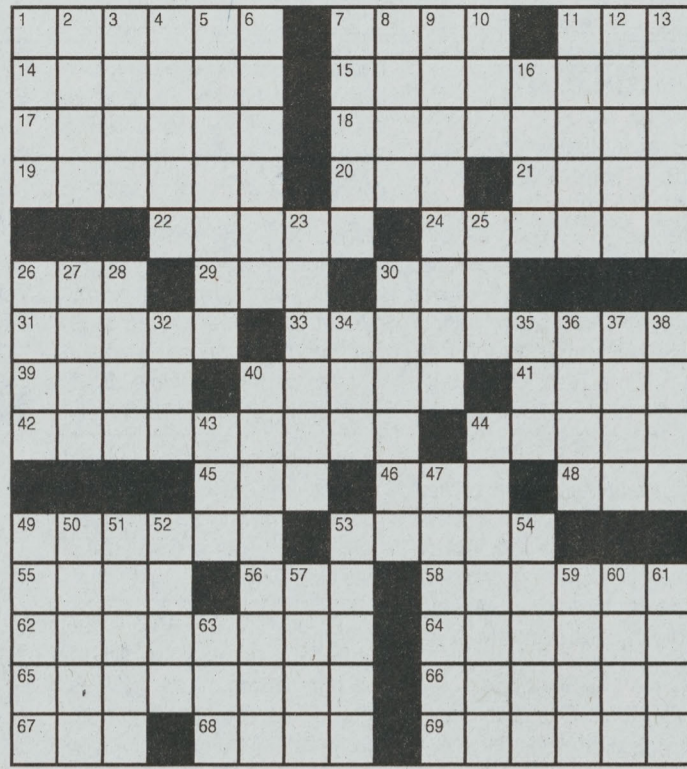
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- 47 Usual practice
 49 Will contents
 50 Stringed instrument
 52 Got by
 53 Part of MVP
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 55 Solitary
 56 Ms. Minnelli
 59 Fish eggs
 61 Asian holiday
 62 Lord's Prayer starter
 63 Mata Hari, e.g.

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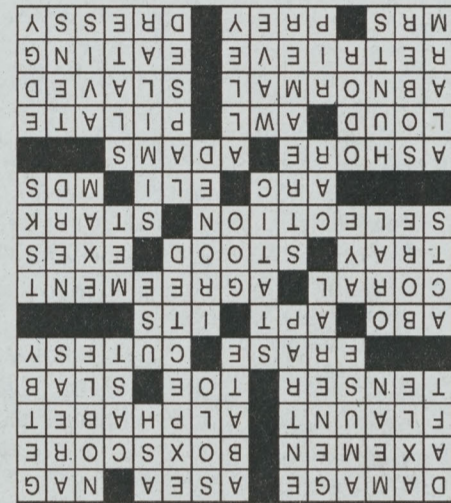
- ACROSS**
 1 Injure
 7 Aboard ship
 11 Old horse
 14 Lumberjacks
 15 Ballgame record
 17 Show off
 18 Language symbols
 19 More on edge
 20 Corn location
 21 Chunk of bacon
 22 Clean the slate
 24 Excessively precious
 26 Blood class. syst.
 29 To the point
 30 Part of TGIF
 31 Reef material
 33 Meeting of minds
 39 Waiter's aid
 40 Held one's ground
 41 Former partners
 42 Choice
 44 Naked or raving mad?
 45 Crescent shape
 46 QB Manning
 48 GPs
 49 On the beach
 53 John or John Quincy
 55 Too colorful
 56 Leather puncher
 58 Infamous hand-washer
 62 Atypical
 64 Worked like a drudge
 65 Fetch
 66 At lunch
 67 "___ Doubtfire"
 68 Hunted animal
 69 Formal, casually
- DOWN**
 1 Ditsy
 2 Wheels' connection
 3 Have in mind
 4 Tickle one's fancy
 5 Widespread



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Solutions



- 6 Catch in a sting
 7 Taper off
 8 Fly alone
 9 Due at any time
 10 Silver-gray color
 11 Aristocratic
 12 Bailiwicks
 13 Eke out a living
 16 Throw
 23 Crackling noise
 25 Apply
 26 Play parts
 27 Use a drill
 28 Of the mouth
 30 Smoothed (out)
 32 First mate's reply
 34 Moo ___ gai pan
 35 Shea player
 36 Midterm, e.g.
 37 Socially inept loser
 38 Scolding sounds
 40 Party decoration
 43 Elevator cage
 44 Comparable
 47 Expired
 49 Red light
 50 On the wagon
 51 Looks for
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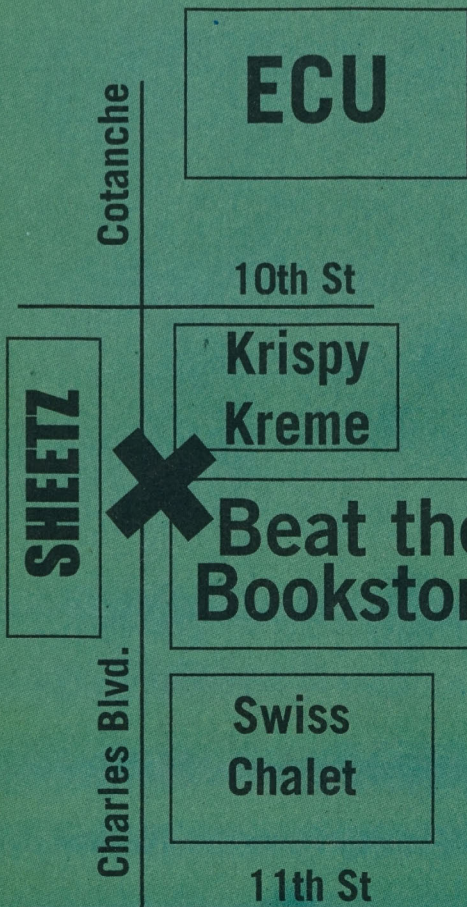
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