



Students 'get a clue' at campus event

Local businesses and student organizations come out to support

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Dozens of students, organizations and businesses camped out on the Mendenhall Brickyard yesterday for the Get A Clue event.

From the Resident Hall Association to Dominos, students had a chance to mill around tables topped with freebies and information from 1-4 p.m.

T-shirts, pens, soda cozies, plastic cups, key chains, gift certificates and sunglasses were some of the items given away by vendors at the event. Quiznos restaurant even gave passers-by a free sample of their pita-bread wrapped "sammies," filled with toppings like grilled chicken, bacon and melted cheese.

Other organizations, like University Manor, gave event-goers a chance to win free stuff, like a cooler filled with Pirate gear.

Facecard, a company that offers pre-paid Mastercards to its users, set up shop at the Get A Clue event to make students aware of their product.

"Facecard is really geared toward students," said Griffin Coxe, senior public relations major and sales representative for the company. "We wanted to get the word out to students [because] Facecard is kind of a new company."

Koinania Christian Center, a local church, also manned a table at the event. Senior health fitness specialist major and church member Daryl Hardy said that he felt that the event was a good way to interact with other students.

"We came out here to witness and show the love of Christ," Hardy said. "We [also] came out here to extend the hand of fellowship [to students]."

Student organizations also joined the troupe of informational tables to meet and greet potential members.

One of those student organizations was S.A.L.S.A. (Student Associa-

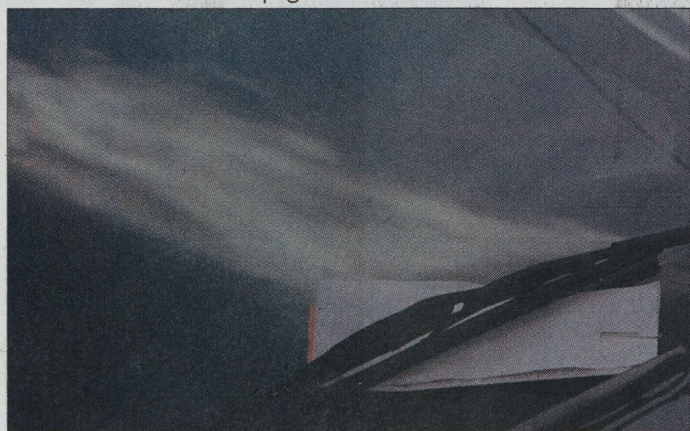


Tables like this one were set up on the Brickyard on Wednesday.

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Major changes being made to off-campus parking

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ECU students will be seeing a huge change in off-campus parking in the Tar River University neighborhood area come the end of October.

Major parking changes are being made in the areas between Elm Street and Reade Street and from 5th Street north to the Tar River.

The first change that is being made in the area is a change

from two-hour parking spaces to residential spaces. Residents in the affected areas will be able to purchase up to three parking permits per household.

Permits can be purchased from Public Works for five dollars with the required documentation. Owners must submit proof of residency that gives the address applied for and tenants must provide a copy of their lease with all parties showing the length of term for the lease. These spaces will be parking-

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Early voting site geared toward students



The Newman Catholic Campus Ministry building will be the site for early voting starting in October.

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This year, ECU will host the first early voting site ever just a step away from campus. From Oct. 24 to Nov. 1, students can vote early for the presidential election at the Newman Catho-

lic Campus Ministry building, located on 10th Street beside the TKE fraternity house.

The Pitt Co. Board of Elections director Dave Davis said that for years he and his staff have wanted a site that is more accessible to ECU students.

"There has been an interest

in it for a long time," he said. "I know [for] at least four years. [This year] just seemed like the right time. It's going to be such a big election-- the administration got on board with it."

Davis and other organizations started looking for places on or near campus to house

the early voting site earlier this year, and according to Davis, the Newman Catholic Center seemed to be the perfect solution.

"Every site has to be 100 percent handicap accessible," Davis said. "The Newman Catholic

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I like to imagine girls who wear over sized sunglasses as insects. It helps me get through the day.

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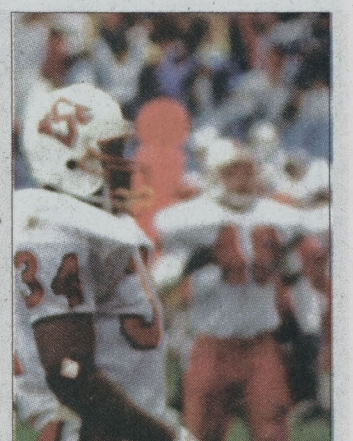
Residence halls prepare for the annual "King and Queen" competition on Thursday.

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ECU and N.C. State will be playing football in Raleigh this weekend. Turn to sports for a preview of the rivalry game.

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Palin's e-mail account hacked

Governor Sarah Palin's Yahoo! e-mail account was hacked yesterday, revealing a few personal e-mails that she sent as governor of Alaska.

"This is a shocking invasion of the governor's privacy and a violation of law. The matter has been turned over to the appropriate authorities and we hope that anyone in possession of these e-mails will destroy them," the McCain campaign said in a statement.

It is unclear how hackers got into the Republican vice presidential candidate's e-mail account, but certain personal details like the governor's birth date and zip code might have contributed to the invasion.

U.S. Embassy in Yemen bombed

A car bomb aimed at the U.S. Embassy in San'a, Yemen hit the front compound gate and killed six guards and four civilians yesterday. After the initial blast, another blast was heard, followed by a 10-minute round of gunfire. Several homes nearby were damaged by the blasts, but no word was given as to whether the heavily guarded embassy sustained any damage. Regional TV news networks Al-Jazeera and Al-Arabiya showed shaky footage of the embassy's area following the blasts, with a heavy cloud of black smoke rising from a spot just beyond concrete blocks painted yellow.

Return to Texas

Galveston residents tried in vain on Wednesday to return to their hometown after Hurricane Ike ravaged the island only five days ago. City officials told residents that they could come to Galveston and "look and leave," but then changed the policy on Wednesday for fear of chaos on the roads. Vehicles stood bumper to bumper along Interstate 45 for 20 miles; home goers were turned away at the bridge after sitting in gridlocked traffic for hours. Ike has claimed more than 50 lives—17 from Texas. Nearby Houston is still without power, leaving approximately 1.4 million residents in the dark until at least next week, according to Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff.

House votes to ease gun restrictions for D.C. residents

The House moved Wednesday to allow D.C. residents the right to buy and own weapons, including semiautomatic weapons. The bill, backed by the National Rifle Association, passed 266-152 yesterday, with 85 of those votes from pro-gun Democrats. The bill repealed the district's semiautomatic handgun ban by overturning a D.C. law requiring that firearms be kept in the home, locked up and inoperable.

The bill is unlikely to go to the Senate for review in the last few weeks of session, according to the Associated Press, but has given lawmakers a chance to have a pro-gun vote shortly before the elections.

"The president wants to sign the bill this year and urges the Senate to take action on the House-passed bill as quickly as possible to ensure that the residents of the district are able to exercise their Second Amendment rights in a robust and meaningful way," White House press secretary Dana Perino said.

Another nightmare on Wall Street: Dow down 450

(AP) The stock market took another nosedive Wednesday as the American banking system appeared even shakier and investors worried that the financial crisis is spinning so far out of control that even government rescues can't stop it.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which only two days earlier had suffered its steepest drop since the days after the Sept. 11 attacks, lost another 450 points. About \$700 billion in investments vanished.

One day after the Federal Reserve stepped in with an emergency loan to keep American International Group Inc., one of the world's largest insurers, from going under, Wall Street wondered which companies might be the next to falter.

A major investor in ailing Washington Mutual Inc. removed a potential obstacle to a sale of the bank, and stock in two investment banks, Morgan Stanley and Goldman Sachs, was pummeled.

It was the fourth consecutive day of extraordinary turmoil for the American financial system, beginning with news on Sunday that another venerable invest-

ment house, Lehman Brothers, would be forced to file for bankruptcy.

The 4 percent drop Wednesday in the Dow reflected the stock market's first chance to digest the Fed's decision to rescue AIG with an \$85 billion taxpayer loan that effectively gives it a majority stake in the company. AIG is important because it has essentially become a primary source of insurance for the entire financial industry.

As the stock market staggered, the price of gold, which rises in times of panic, spiked as much as \$90.40 an ounce. Bonds, a traditional safe haven for investors, also climbed.

"The economy is not short of money. It is short of confidence," said Sung Won Sohn, an economics professor at California State University.

The financial stocks in the Standard & Poor's 500 dropped even more, falling 10 percent, and insurance that backs corporate debt soared for the last two surviving independent U.S. investment banks, Morgan Stanley and Goldman Sachs.

"It seems as though banks are hoarding cash, no matter what rate they could be lending it at,"

said David Rosenberg, North American economist at Merrill Lynch.

Markets around the world also tumbled, with stocks dropping from Hong Kong to London. Brazil's benchmark index saw the largest drop, losing nearly 7 percent in a day.

Worse, the short-term credit markets remained frozen, with overnight interest rates soaring for loans between banks and for overnight loans to businesses. Long-term loans, however, didn't rise as much.

"The worry on short-term loans is you're not sure who the ultimate borrower is," said Brian Bethune, chief U.S. economist at Global Insight Inc.

And in case anyone needed additional symbolism, a glass panel near the top of a Bank of America skyscraper in Midtown Manhattan fell more than 50 stories onto the street below and shattered. No injuries were reported.

In the United States, the faltering economy and banking system have begun to dominate conversations at dinner tables, bars and online, not to mention

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by-permit-only spaces between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Outside of these times anyone will be able to park in those spaces.

Also, roads that are less than 32 feet in width from curb to curb will allow parking on only one side of the street. "No parking" signs are currently being placed throughout the neighborhood on the side of the street where parking is not permitted.

"We're making one side of the road no parking," said Wes Anderson, director of the City of Greenville Public Works. "That's to make sure that emergency vehicles can get through."

Once all of the signs are placed, and in the areas where signs already exist, there is a chance of receiving a ticket or being towed if parked in a residential space or on the wrong side of the road.

The project was set in place by the City of Greenville but has been supported by ECU, according to Stacey Pigford, assistant traffic engineer for the City of Greenville.

"We've been coordinating this with ECU parking and they said that they have ample on-campus parking for students that won't be able to park there anymore," said Anderson.

Pigford, however, "foresees this only pushing students out further" into the community to find parking.

According to Anderson, it will take until about mid-October to get all of the signs up, but students could be ticketed or towed in the areas where signs are already posted.

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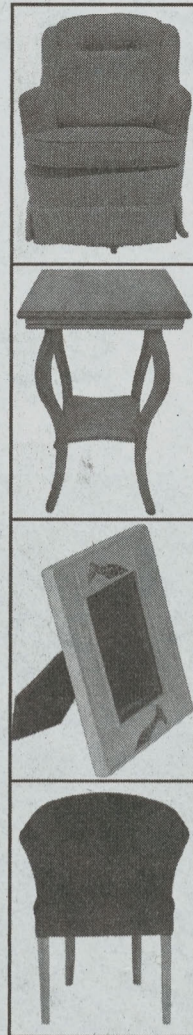
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tion Latino-Spanish Affairs). "We're trying to get people to come to our group [and] know more about [it]," said student Grace Polo-Wood, chair of S.A.L.S.A.'s dance committee. "This seems like a good way to do it."

The Get A Clue event was organized by the ECU Office of Student Organizations. The purpose of the event was to give student and local organizations and local businesses the chance to interact with students.

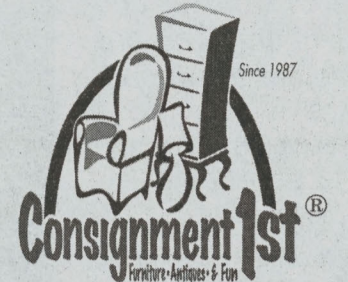
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Center fell right into that with the pathway leading right up to the door [and] the handicap space right up at the end of the path. It was just the perfect spot."

Democracy North Carolina, a nonpartisan organization that urges citizens to become involved in the voting process, was part of helping set up an early voting site so close to ECU a reality.

Tia Stanley, field organizer of eastern NC for Democracy North Carolina, said that the closest voting place to campus is Jaycee Park, a 40-minute walk from the center of ECU's main campus.

"If you want to walk to Jaycee Park, that's good, but we can do better," Stanley said. "With 26,000 plus faculty, staff and students, I think it's one of those no-brainer type of things [to put a site on-campus]."

Davis said that UNC-Chapel Hill offers an early voting site for its students, but many of the colleges and universities in the eastern part of the state do not, and that has people buzzing.

"People are excited," she said.

At early voting sites, including the one at the Newman Catholic Center, students and non-students can cast their vote regardless of if that is their regular polling place.

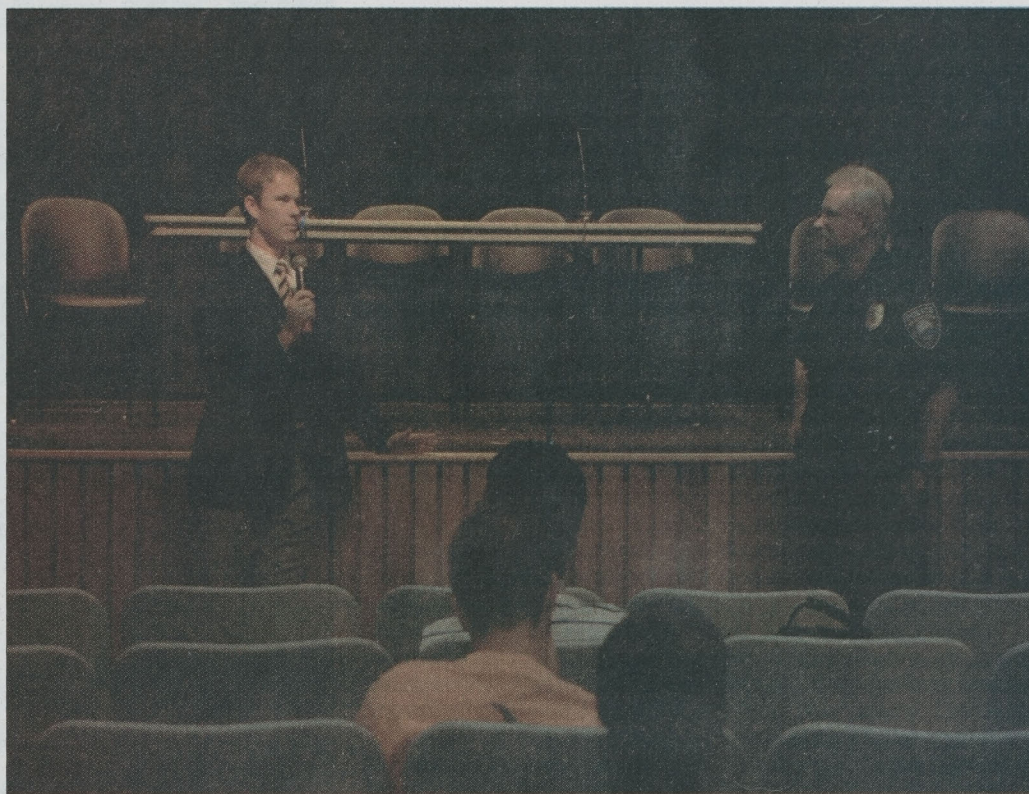
"The whole purpose of early voting is [that] you can go anywhere in your county and vote," Stanley said.

During the week of early voting, people can cast their vote from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

To register to vote, log on to co.pitt.nc.us.

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'Student Town Hall Meeting' held to discuss campus issues



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Andrew Griffin and Scott Shelton address the crowd at the student forum on Wednesday.

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A "Student Town Hall Meeting" open-forum discussion was held last night in Hendrix Theatre.

Moderated by ECU SGA president, Andrew Griffin, students had an opportunity to voice their questions to both the ECU police department and members of the Athletic Department.

Chief of Police, Scott Shelton, kicked off the event with an overview of the ECU police department. Shelton informed the crowd that he joined ECU's police staff in March of 2008 and has only been with the department for about six months.

The ECU police department has 62 sworn police officers, all of which have received training at the Basic Law Enforcement Training Academy. Upon hiring, these officers are not placed immediately on the street, but first undergo a 12-week field-training program to become familiar with ECU's campus and its procedures.

Sergeant Stormer, of the crime prevention unit and supervisor of the student patrol unit, next addressed the crowd on the importance of the resident hall liaison program. In this program officers are assigned to one of the 15 residence halls and work to form a relationship with the residents in the event of an emergency.

"We want to have an open

relationship with the students," Stormer said. "We are being very proactive in our approach and are not trying to wait for a situation to arise."

Sergeant Carnevale, the community affairs sergeant in charge of the off-campus population, then spoke about the importance of protecting the some 80 percent of students that live off-campus.

"We work very closely with the Greenville police department," Carnevale said. "We want to implement our services to the various apartment complexes and neighborhoods that we weren't reaching directly."

Carnevale also runs the self-defense classes offered by the ECU police department. The 12-hour, four evening course is both educational and hands-on and offers a high-stress simulation where students utilize everything they learned from the class.

"The class is very empowering and we've seen such a transformation," Carnevale said.

The free monthly classes are open to both male and female students, faculty and staff.

Following the overview of the police department, the forum was opened up for students to ask questions.

A number of students raised questions and concerns regarding the Sept. 6 ECU-WVU football game. Shelton was asked to address the game and what will be done to prevent similar problems in the future.

"We need to work with you

to understand the issues and educate students," Shelton said. "We must work hand-in-hand to develop programs to assist in keeping you safe."

Shelton recognized that law enforcement from other areas may respond differently to situations in an unfamiliar environment and for that reason ECU will no longer be using officers from outside Pitt County.

Shelton also emphasized the importance of examining the steps that need to be taken for the next game. He said he doesn't believe that increasing the staff level is necessarily the way to improve safety but rather utilizing the event staff in a more effective manner.

ECU director of athletics, Terry Holland, said at the forum yesterday that he is "convinced that those who stormed the field had the very best intentions and truly care about ECU athletics."

Holland suggested that ECU students find ways of celebrating that are safer.

"I've never seen a crowd connect with the people on the field as I did Saturday," Holland said. "That is very special and we need to protect that in any way we can."

ECU police plan to hold a similar forum once a month to maintain their relationship with the students and have a proactive approach so similar problems don't arise in the future.

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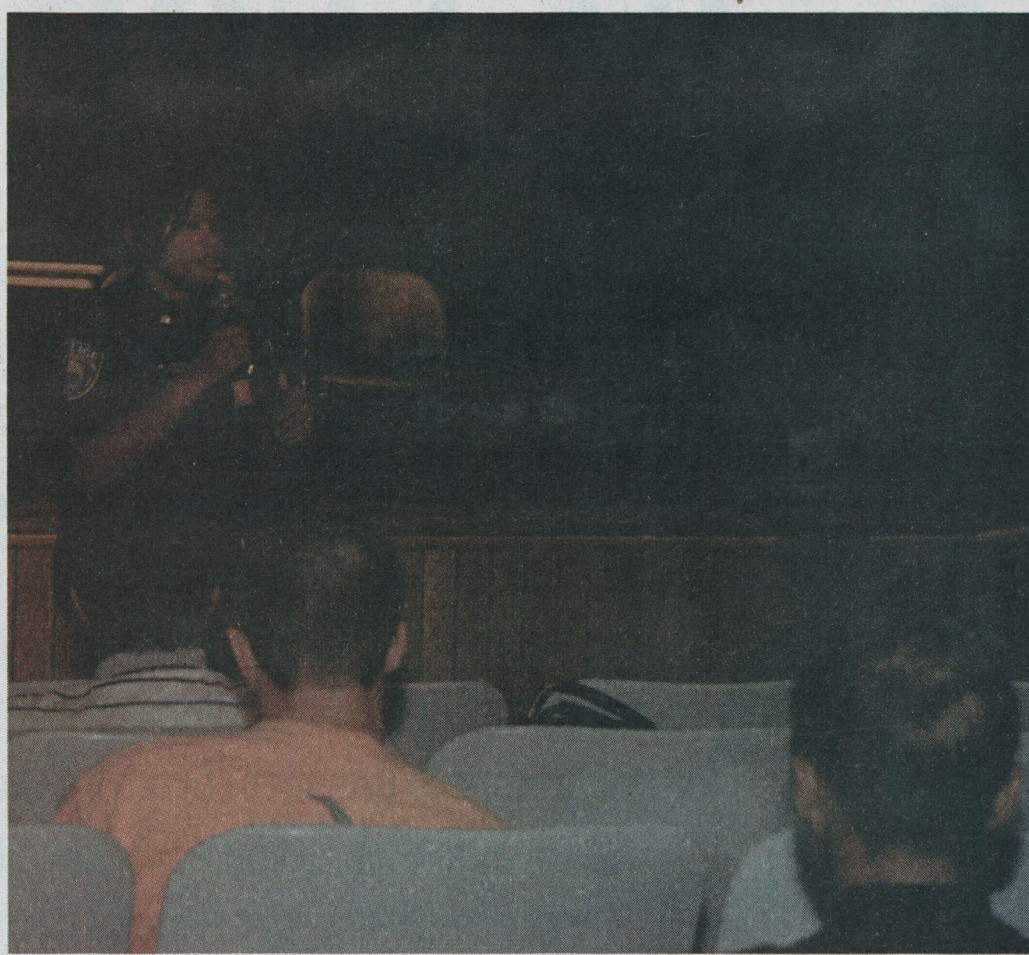
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seizing the campaign trail. One blogger, Michele Catalano of Long Island, posted this on Wednesday: "Dreamed about AIG and the stock market, woke up with the urge to stock up on canned goods and shotguns."

Mortgage rates, which had fallen after the government's takeover of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, rose again, removing a glimmer of hope that the housing crisis, the kindling for the broader financial meltdown, was hitting bottom.

And new statistics showed that construction of new homes and apartments fell a surprising 6.2 percent in August to the weakest pace in 17 years.

The Treasury Department, for the first time in its history, said it would begin selling bonds for the Federal Reserve in an effort to help the central bank deal with its unprecedented borrowing needs.

Treasury officials said the action did not mean that the Fed was running short of cash, but simply was a way for the government to better manage its financing needs.

Separately, the Securities and Exchange Commission tightened rules on short selling, the practice of betting that a stock will fall.

A \$62 billion money market fund — Primary Fund from Reserve — on Tuesday saw its holdings fall below its total deposits, a condition known as "breaking the buck" that hasn't happened to a money market fund since 1994, Rosenberg said. Money market funds are supposed to be conservatively invested and almost as safe as cash.

Democratic presidential

nominee Barack Obama appeared Wednesday in a two-minute commercial to outline his economic plans and caution it won't be easy to fix the nation's worsening financial problems.

"The truth is that while you've been living up to your responsibilities, Washington has not," he said.

Republican John McCain's running mate, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, said of the AIG move: "It's understandable but very, very disappointing that taxpayers are called upon for another one."

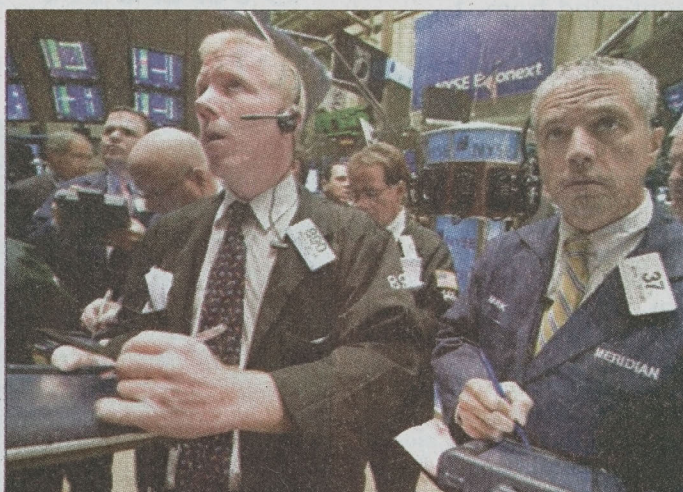
The Dow fell 449.36 to 10,609.66, finishing near its lowest point of the trading day. The index is down more than 7 percent just this week and more than 25 percent since its record close less than a year ago, on Oct. 9, 2007.

Stock in Washington Mutual fell 13 percent, dropping 31 cents to \$2.01 amid reports that the government was trying to find a buyer for the bank, which has been battered by bad home loans. It lost \$3.3 billion in the second quarter.

Many economists worried about the unintended consequences of the Fed's actions.

"Every time that umbrella widens, it gets heavier and heavier for those holding it up — which is the taxpayer," said Bernard Baumohl, chief economist at the Economic Outlook Group in Princeton, N.J.

"With most Americans now preoccupied about their own future job security, the one thing they do not want to hear is how they will end up paying the bill for poorly managed companies," he said.




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Like many Americans these past two weeks, I've spent much of my time either hearing, seeing or watching Sarah Palin somewhere in the media. Whether it was Tina Fey's dead-on impersonation on *Saturday Night Live*, Palin's various "town hall" speeches or her interview with Charlie Gibson on ABC, it's pretty much "Palinmania" in America recently.

Much like a lot of America, I went "who?" when Palin was chosen as McCain's vice presidential pick for the 2008 election; so it seems this current oversaturation of all things Palin was necessary for us to get to know the candidate better.

Yet, in the midst of the current "Little Miss Sunshine" pageant that seems to be the qualification for vice president, what have we really gotten to know about Mrs. Palin?

I could go on for pages on how McCain's pick is a desperate attempt by an out-of-touch old man whose own "ditch-bed-ridden-wife-for-young-pretty-millionaire" marriage doesn't represent the family values his party preaches.

Or what about choosing Palin as a lazy maneuver to win over Clinton supporters who use the "I want a woman in the White House no matter what she supports" logic. I mean, Palin represents the very worst in bureaucracy and nepotism in politics.

I think I got a pretty good idea of Sarah Palin's character when she spoke at the Republican National Convention. Regarding Obama's much-lauded community service-- "I guess a small-town mayor is sort of like a 'community organizer,' except that you have actual responsibilities."

Now, disregarding the fact that Palin has a grand total of only one extra year in office compared to Obama, during which I'm sure she had many important meetings with the Russians next door, I really have to wonder why her speech-writers and indeed Mrs. Palin herself, would allow themselves to be seen as such "negative nancies" regarding community service.

This current election has been driven a lot by the need for change in the White House, a certain H-word I won't write because even I'm starting to get sick of it and the idea that the next person in office is going to have an atlas-sized responsibility on their back to help clean up America, and put us back in good favor with the rest of the world. Seems to me that if I were a Republican, the party that has overwhelmingly been in favor of hands-off government and communities taking care of themselves with the help of... community organizers, I wouldn't insult a potentially large portion of supporters like that.

Palin has been banking a lot on the "hockey mom" demographic. From her "lipstick" joke to touting her ever-growing family on stage, it looks like Palin really wants to let us know that she may be in the pockets of big oil, but gosh darn it, she's still just a mom (imagine that in pink cursive for the proper effect).

So, what is Palin's problem with community service? Many of the biggest non-profit organizations in the country are run and populated by the same people Palin is trying to court for this years election. MADD, the PTA, the SPCA and Habitat for Humanity all spring to mind when I think about community service and at least one of those actually has the word "mom" in it.

Palin's commentary on community organizers reveals the negativity that has been feeding the Republican ticket this year and shows how instead of solutions, the McCain/Palin campaign offers biting sarcasm and insults that would be considered too low for even a high school treasurer election.

It reminds me of a phrase that has circulated on the Internet following Palin's comments, "Jesus was a community organizer, Pontius Pilate was a mayor."

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Working hard for the money

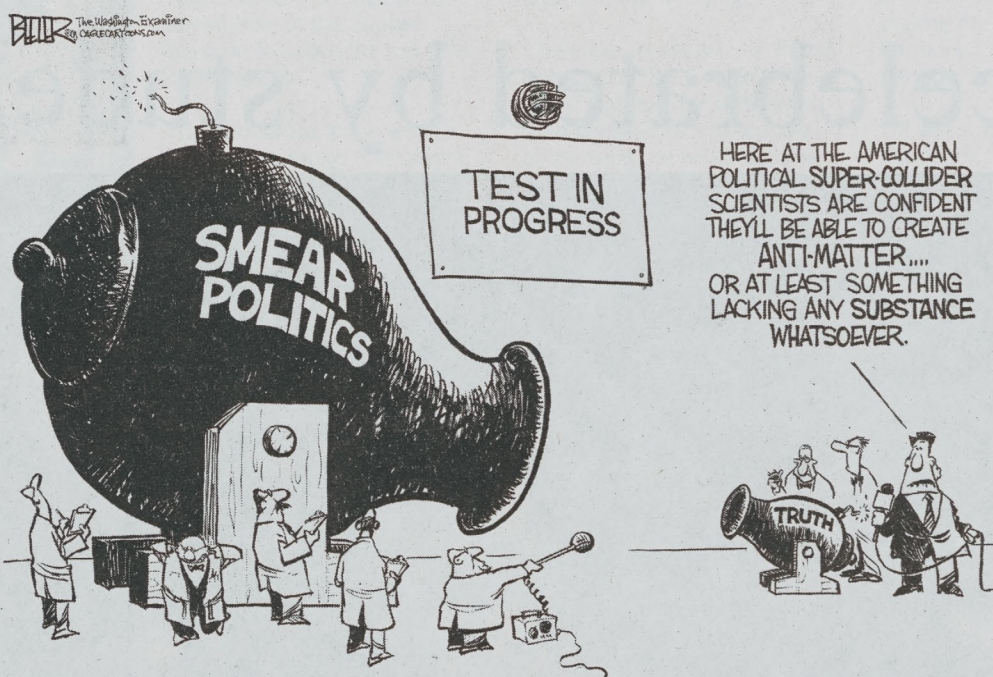
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It's a scenario that many college students are familiar with and usually despise, but one that sometimes cannot be avoided: paying the bills. Whether it's university tuition, rent, utilities or insurance, there is always a form of paper tab demanding your payment.

I have been working in the job market since I was 15. From working at a daycare to waitressing, I have had six jobs over the past six years and currently, I work three jobs and go to school full-time.

It's not something I necessarily choose because I love working (although, thankfully I do enjoy all of my responsibilities), but it's mainly because my parents are slowly weaning me off the financial stream they have provided for me for almost 22 years. I am by no means complaining about having these jobs because to tell the truth, they have prepared me more for the "real world." Working so much has taught me good work ethics, job responsibility and business skills more than any classroom or book could ever teach.

However, there is one important lesson that I have realized in balancing these jobs and school work over the past four years: I am absolutely



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NUMBER 90 YOU SURE ARE CHOCOLATEY!

I wish I were fatter so people wouldn't sit next to me on the bus.

Wow ... I made so much more money working as a waitress at a strip club than I do working at the Student REC Center!

Sarah Palin is like the new "It" girl, huh?

The Raleigh newspaper had a story about N.C. State students selling their game tickets to ECU students and about how many ECU fans would be there. I hope we overwhelm them with our attendance this weekend! Go Pirates! Beat the Pack!

All y'all who have seen the leprechaun, say "YEAHHH!"

Tina Fey is a better Sarah Palin than Sarah Palin is.

The ad in the Classifieds section about "mystery shoppers" is whack! All they do is rip you off and make you believe you are able to get a job.

To the professor that says we're at the point right now to treat his class as a job: If you paid me I would!

Are there any girls out there looking for something short-term, sloppy and regrettable?

To the subhuman primates who keep trashing the men's room in Austin on the second floor: You do not belong in college. Please go back home for potty training.

I know a gay guy who is against gay marriage. The conversations are always interesting to watch when he gets into a debate with a straight guy who supports gay marriage. Like *Twilight Zone*, kinda.

Anyone else wanting a cold-snap?

I have gotten A's in Calc 1, Calc 2 and Calc 3. Tell me how I have gotten D's on my first three stats tests? And, also please tell me why no one in the math lab can tell me what I'm doing wrong? You guys are tutors ... TUTOR ME!

So what is up with that creepy guy that walks around campus smoking a pipe all day and night?

I hooked up with my roommate's mom. Sorry, dude.

My brother goes to WVU and still will not return my phone calls. I promise I am not going to rub the game in your face anymore ... I just want to know how Grandma is doing!

People keep saying McCain attacks Obama with his ads. ...I'm honestly not seeing much of a difference between the two campaigns' ads. Could someone please explain it to me?

I like to imagine girls who wear over sized sunglasses as insects. It helps me get through the day.

Campus employees are unappreciated. Thank you for all that you do!

I hope everyone handles the Obama change better than they're handling the new Facebook change.

Why am I paying a stupid student health fee if I can't get an appointment three days straight? Seriously, there HAS to be a better way.

Why is it that all of the people that I know who want to be cops all have anger and mental issues? It really makes me reconsider my decision as a criminal justice major.

"I can see Russia from my house!" Tina Fey '08!

To the hot guy who stood up to the Pirate's Cove bus driver Tuesday. You're my hero! You SO should have punched her in the face! I hope you didn't get in trouble!

How come last semester, when a bunch of pro-Obama rants were posted, no one said much of anything, but now when a bunch of pro-McCain rants are posted the person who chooses them is suddenly considered biased? Am I the only one who sees this?

What ever happened to the guy that played Carl on Family Matters?

ECU was cooler in the 70s because now we have global warming.

Ah, election year. The time when friends become enemies, intelligent people become dumb and the fate of the country is determined by people who just don't care. God Bless America!

I hate it when people come into the computer lab to TALK to their friends the whole time. LEAVE please!

Dear women--please don't wear bras.

I honestly think my boyfriend is gay with his best friend. They're like obsessed with each other!

For all the girls that came to college with boyfriends that aren't here: Stop complaining, we really don't care.

So, instead of the correction making the front page, we get a news brief?

terrible at it. I have struggled with grades, had a mediocre social life and lost hundreds of hours of sleep in the process.

Stop trying to run me over with your skateboard!

Just because I'm southern doesn't mean I'm racist, so thank you for YOUR ignorant comment!

Unfortunately, I am not alone. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, half of full-time college students ages 16 to 24 were employed in 2005, up from 34 percent in 1970. However, this isn't the only figure going up. College Board reported that for the 2006-2007 academic year, tuition and fees at four-year public institutions increased by 6.3 percent. Even the Pell Grant, the largest and most beneficial source of aid for students has decreased since 2005.

To everyone who pours their drinks out on the dance floor of Rumors: Thanks, I really enjoyed falling.

I slept with my best friend as her boyfriend slept with my roommate and she never knew.

Of course, this doesn't include the increased cost of living, the inflated gas prices or other various factors that contribute to monthly bills. All of my friends have at least one job and from what I have observed, most of them come from middle-class families who have little to no financial problems. Many have taken jobs not only to help pay bills, but to learn a form of responsibility and accountability that only comes with having a job.

Who really wants to meet the chancellor? He doesn't like us anyway.

Hey ladies, say something and don't just stare, its creepy.

I took on multiple jobs to help my parents out because my brother and sister decided it would be wise to get married within two weeks of each other, inevitably diminishing a large lump of my parents' finances.

Nevertheless, there is a good side to working and attending college full-time. For one, financial responsibility can be learned and be helpful in the time after college—getting married, having kids and working full-time requires a lot of it—and accountability is useful and will prepare anyone for what to expect post-college life. But, there are downsides to taking on too much. Grades can suffer tremendously and for 55 percent of students working 35 or more hours per week, this has a negative impact. While low hours can prevent this harmful effect, low hours do not pay bills that so many college students are struggling to take responsibility for.

Youth of today: cast your vote

ANDREA ROBERTSON
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Voters 18 to 29 years old hold an estimated 20 percent of the eligible voting population.

Nov. 4, 2008 is Election Day; a day that presidential candidates and fellow citizens hope that as many people as possible will cast their vote.

The 2004 election saw the largest potential youth voter population in 20 years, according to former CIRCLE Director and current CIRCLE Senior Adviser William Galston. One-fifth of the 2004 eligible voting population was composed of citizens ages 18 to 29, an approximate 41 million voters.

It has been speculated that the voting-trend will continue to rise. Once you begin to vote, you are more likely to continue. Thus, voting is a "habit-forming activity," according to Donald Green, director of the Institution for Social and Policy Studies at Yale University.

In April of this year, Karlo Barrios Marcelo, a research associate for CIRCLE, arranged a fact sheet about young voters in North Carolina, which presented that only 45 percent of eligible North Carolina citizens ages 18 to 29, showed up to the polls to vote in 2004.

However, by combining Marcelo's information and the population results from the 2000 N.C. census, only about 634,000 of the 1.4 million eligible youth voters possibly voiced their opinion in the Bush/Kerry election.

This is one of the most pivotal elections in U.S. history. We will have either our first Black president or our first female vice president. The results of this election will also determine the path our country takes economically and in foreign policy, two issues that greatly affect our citizens, especially with our disdain for rising gas prices.

This election season also had another first; it was the first time a presidential candidate visited ECU.

Both candidates know how important the youth vote can be if we make an effort to care enough to vote.

The decisions made by the new president will affect everyone. If you do not vote, you are allowing someone you do not attempt to elect, to govern you.

You cannot legitimately complain about any aspect of how the country is run if you do not vote. If your argument is that your vote is pointless because the Electoral College is flawed and should be abolished, then vote for the candidate that you believe or know has a similar belief as you. It is possible that if that person were elected, he or she could work towards abolishing the Electoral College, while in office.

It's worth trying to elect someone who could bring about changes that you agree with; trying is better than giving up.

Everyone who is eligible to vote should cast his or her vote. If you do not like the republican candidate or the democratic candidate, then vote for someone on the third-party ticket. No vote is a wasted vote. You never know what might happen; it's possible that a third party could win the nomination for president. In 1992, Ross Perot did better than many people probably thought he would.

Vote on every possible level that you can: in clubs, in student government, in our city, in our state, in our nation. It is your civic duty to vote and voting is a great way to try to bring positive change to your country.

Do not allow your voice to go unheard. Regardless of whether you think your opinion counts, it is impossible for it to count if you refuse to try. Apathy can be the death of our voice if we allow it to be.

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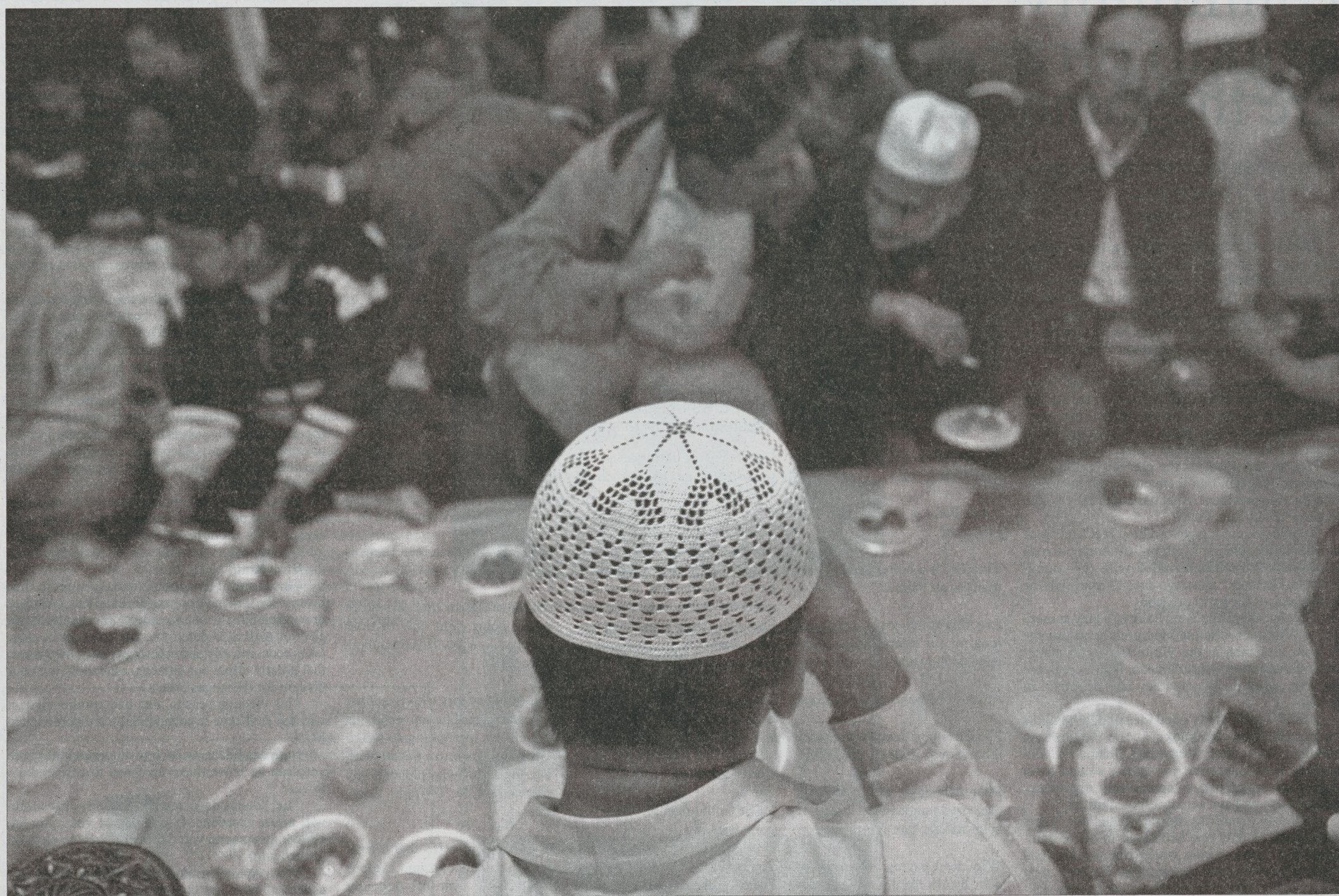
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Ramadan celebrated by students at ECU



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Millions of people throughout the world celebrate the month-long holiday.

Annual Fast-a-Thon to occur next Monday

ALISON KILLY
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Each year, for the entirety of the ninth month, billions throughout the world celebrate Ramadan. Next Monday, it will be celebrated by students at the annual Fast-a-Thon (FAT) at ECU.

Sponsored by the Muslim Student Association and the Student Activities Board, the banquet will feature Saeed Dar,

who will speak about Ramadan and begin the event with a prayer. Food will be provided, but limited to the first 150 participants.

According to the Islamic faith, the observance of Ramadan is the celebration of the month when Allah was revealed through the first verses of the Qur'an. Through fasting and abstaining from "impure" activities during the daylight hours, Muslims seek to purify their bodies and minds.

"On the day of the FAT, each student will go about their day like normal, minus eating, drink-

ing, smoking, sexual activities, talking about people, losing your temper, cursing ... basically, any mischief," said Rania Issa, president of the ECU Muslim Student Association.

From dawn until sunset, participants in Ramadan are not allowed to eat or drink. After sunset, Muslims participating in the FAT are given a meal called "iftar" and another called "suhoor," before sunrise during the fast. It is also common for Muslims to pray for several hours each day during Ramadan. A

special prayer called "Taraweeh" is said in addition to the regular prayers. FAT is not just for followers of Islam; all students are encouraged to join in. "Everyone from any background is welcome to participate and to tell their friends to do so as well," said Yazid Al-Fayyad, the cultural awareness chair of the Student Activities Board.

For those that deem themselves religious, the celebration can be used to reflect on blessings and clearing the mind and body of "worldly" things. If you do not

consider yourself to be a religious person, abstinence from certain activities can still be practiced in an effort to learn empathy.

"Daily, around the world, non-Muslims and others go without food," Al-Fayyad said. "We perceive food as something that is always available to us, and to have to go without it for more than 12 hours by our own doing is quite an experience."

Issa hopes that those who attend, religious or not, will learn more about the holiday, sacrifices and gains that are made during

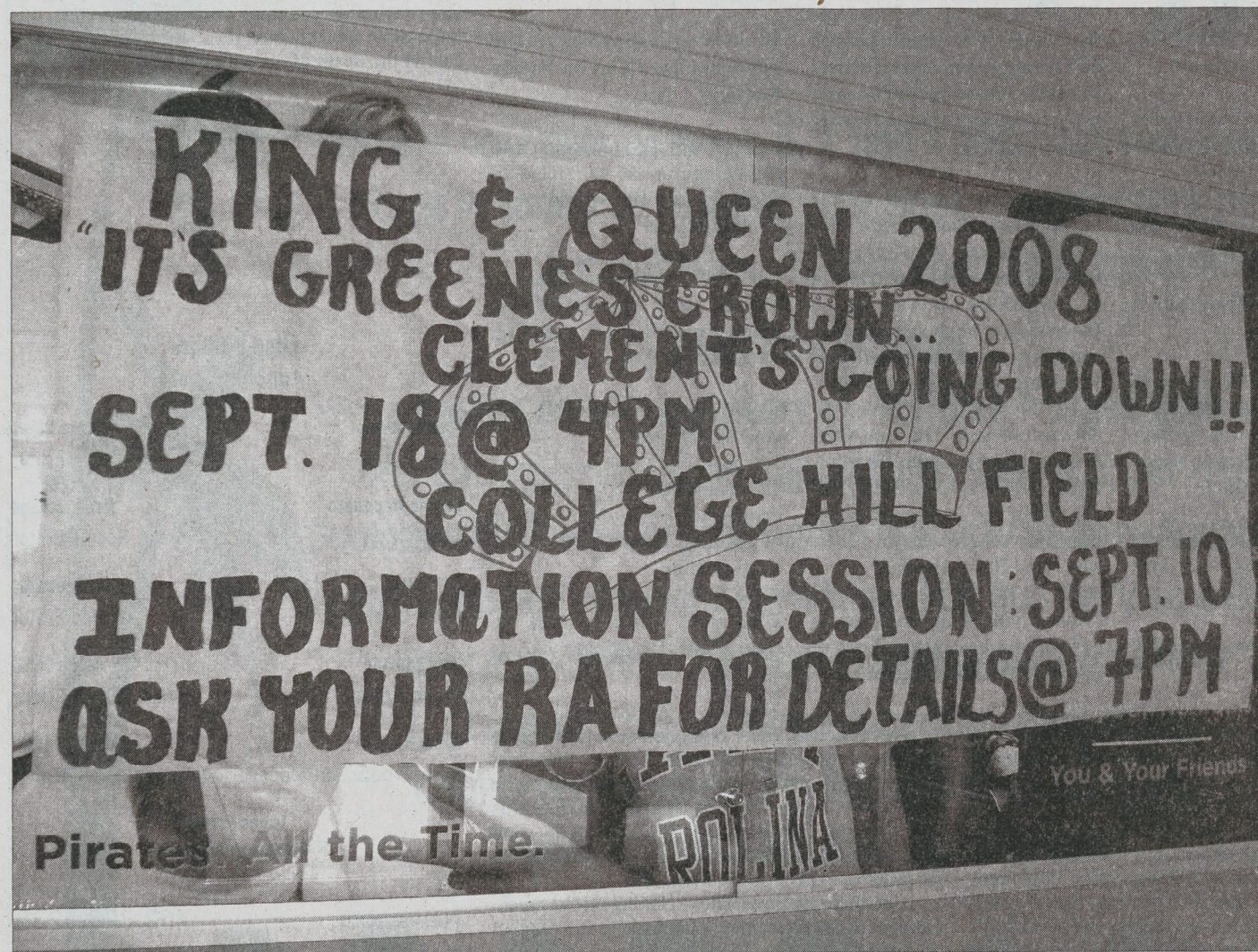
the entire month.

"I hope to lead a discussion, where the participants share their day, experience and feelings on what they gained from the fast," Issa said.

The fasting and abstaining will begin on Sept. 22 starting at exactly 5:49 a.m. and ending at 7:06 p.m. The actual Fast-a-Thon event is free and will begin at 7 p.m. in the Multi-purpose room of Mendenhall Student Center.

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Students carry on King and Queen tradition



ERIN EDWARDS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Clement Hall has claimed the Queen crown for five years.

goal is always to offer fun activities for students to interact while having a good time in a friendly but competitive way."

Residence halls have been gearing up this past week in an effort to win the title. Aycock Hall held a pep rally Monday night for its residents.

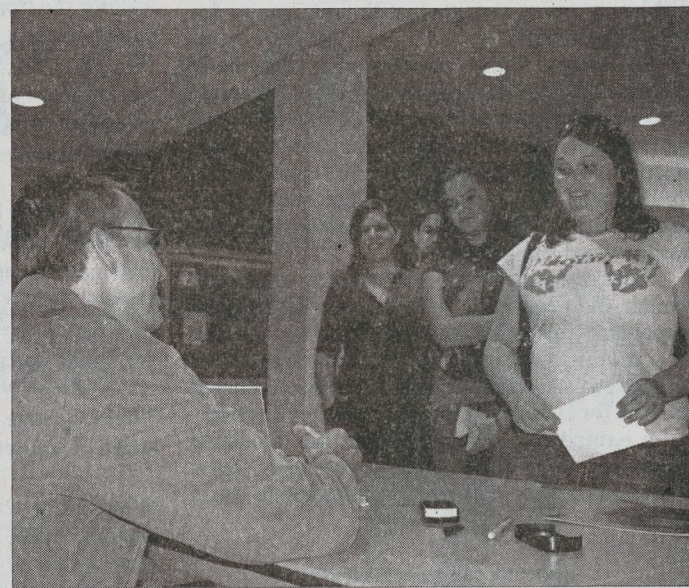
"I want the students to have fun and build relationships and I want them to take pride in the residence hall they live in and hopefully we can pull out a victory," said Marcus Silver, the

Aycock Hall coordinator.

Residents of Aycock created banners and capes to go along with their "superhero" theme.

Rachael Willits, Garrett Hall coordinator, said her goal as a coordinator is to get as many people as possible to come out and play. The theme for her hall is "Gladiators."

Garrett Hall took home king last year along with Clement Hall as queen, where Willits was a



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Frank Warren met with students after speaking at Hendrix Theater.

Students divulge their secrets

CAT POTTER
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

More than 500 people filled the seats of Hendrix Theater Tuesday to hear the words of motivational speaker and creator of PostSecret.com, Frank Warren.

PostSecret.com is a Web site started by Warren that displays various secrets from people all over the globe, and is updated every Sunday.

According to Warren, he started the Web site after passing out 1000 postcards to strangers in the D.C. area, and eventually began receiving more secrets than postcards originally distributed.

The Web site was launched in November 2004, and has since received thousands of secrets while getting about a million hits to the site each week.

Warren feels the Web site provides a place for people to divulge secrets they have never

before been able to share with others.

"I wanted to create a safe nonjudgmental place where people like me could share our secret selves," said Warren.

Warren's vision for his Web site extended to the crowd of many ECU students and some non-students as Warren spoke about the project and the secrets he has collected over the years.

Some of the secrets shared brought tears, hugs, laughter and cheers from all of those in attendance.

Warren emphasized the importance of expressing yourself in artistic ways and the value in getting rid of secrets that many have struggled with their entire lives.

"When we think we're keeping a secret ... that secret is keeping us," Warren said in his presentation.

ASHLEY ABERNATHY
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Today, students from every residence hall will drop their books for a while to come out and show their ECU spirit at the annual King and Queen of the Halls event.

Almost 21 years ago, the ECU Student Recreation Center and Campus Living decided to establish an event early in the semester to "help students feel more connected to ECU,"

according to Steve Myszak, assistant director for residence life.

The purpose of the King and Queen event is to get students out of the residence halls and involved on campus.

ECU Student Recreation and Campus Living staff started planning this year's event in late summer.

"Since King and Queen is a student affairs tradition, we do not want to change the format too much," said Myszak. "The

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Clint Eastwood wrote all themes from movies Unforgiven, A Perfect World, The Bridges of Madison County and Absolute Power.

The U.S. share of the world music market is 31.3%.

Since its launch in 1981, the song "Memory" of the musical Cats has been played on radio more than a million times.

Paul McCartney was the last

bachelor Beatle when he married Linda Eastman in a civil ceremony in London in 1969. Paul's brother Mike was his best man. No other Beatle attended the wedding.

There are six versions of Franz Schubert's "Die Forelle" ("The Trout"), simply because when friends asked him for copies of the song, he wrote out new copies to the best he could remember at the time.

In 1952, John Cage composed and presented "4'33," a composition consisting of four minutes and 33 seconds of silence.

The Carpenters signature song, "We've Only Just Begun," was originally part of a television commercial for a Californian bank.

In 1972, Leslie Harvey of Stone the Crows died after being electrocuted onstage in England. In 1976, Keith Relf, formerly of The Yardbirds, was

electrocuted by his guitar while playing in his basement.

During a mid-performance in 1994, Ramon Barrero, a Mexican musician famous for playing the world's smallest harmonica, inhaled the harmonica and choked to death.

U2 was originally known as Feedback.

In May 1997, Paul McCartney broke his own world record by obtaining his 81st gold disc.

Global sales of pre-recorded music total more than \$40 billion.

The top selling singles of all time are Elton John's "Candle in the Wind '97" at \$33 million; Bing Crosby's "White Christmas" at \$30 million; and Bill Haley's "Rock Around the Clock" at \$25 million.

DVD discs are the same diameter (120mm) and thickness (1.2mm) as a CD, but a DVD can store 13 times or more data.

Thomas Cook, the world's first travel agency in the world, was founded in 1850.

In the West, the most popular male names are James and John. The most popular female name is Mary.

The name Wendy was first used in JM Barrie's Peter Pan.

Lady Peseshet of ancient Egypt (2600-2100 B.C.) is the world's first known female physician.

The 16th century Escorial palace of King Phillip II of Spain had 1,200 doors.

Adriaan van der Donck was the first and only lawyer in New York City in 1653.

A Duke is the highest rank you can achieve without being a king or a prince.

The British royal family changed their surname (last name) from Saxe-Coburg-Gotha to Windsor, the name of their castle, in 1917.

Before writing 007 novels, Ian Fleming studied languages at Munich and Geneva universities, worked with Reuters in Moscow and then became a banker and stockbroker.

Julius Caesar was known as a great swimmer.

There are more than 600 million telephone lines today, yet almost half the world's population has never made a phone call.

When Alexander Graham Bell passed away in 1922, every telephone served by the Bell system in the U.S. and Canada was silent for one minute.

The people killed most often during bank robberies are the thieves.

Orville Wright numbered the eggs that his chickens produced so he could eat them in the order they were laid.

On New Year's Day in 1907, Theodore Roosevelt shook hands with 8,513 people.

The oldest person on record is Methuselah (969 years old).

An exocannibal eats only enemies. An endocannibal eats only friends.

Alexander Graham Bell never phoned his wife or mother because they were deaf.

Burt Reynolds' father was the chief of police in West Palm Beach, Florida.

On Oct. 5, 1974, four years, three months and 16 days after Dave Kunste set out from Minnesota, he became the first man to walk around the world, having taken more than 20 million steps.

English sailors came to be called "limeys," after they used lime juice to combat scurvy.

The word "Machiavellian" is named after Niccolò Machiavelli, who was friends with Leonardo da Vinci.

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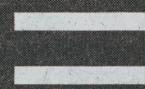
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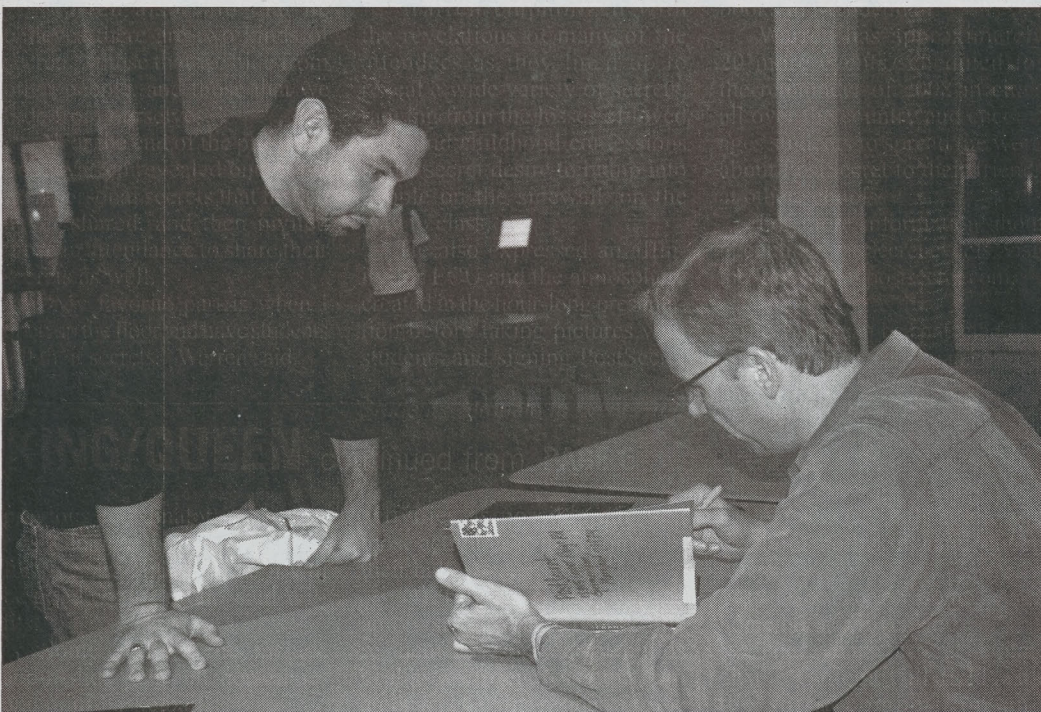
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Warren spoke about his experiences with the Web site, launched in 2004.



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Warren also had a book signing at the event.

Warren also said that he believes there are two kinds of secrets, "those that we hide from other people, and those that we hide from ourselves."

Near the end of the presentation, Warren revealed one of his own personal secrets that he had never shared, and then invited those in attendance to share their secrets as well.

"My favorite part is when I open up the floor and have students tell their secrets," Warren said.

Warren empathized with the revelations of many of the attendees as they lined up to reveal a wide variety of secrets, ranging from the losses of loved ones and childhood confessions to the secret desire to bump into people on the sidewalk on the way to class.

He also expressed an affinity for ECU and the atmosphere created in the hour-long presentation before taking pictures with students and signing PostSecret

books in Mendenhall.

Warren has approximately 20 more events scheduled for the remainder of 2008 in cities all over the country and encourages students to spread the word about PostSecret to their friends at other schools.

For more information about upcoming PostSecret events, visit the Web site at postsecret.com.

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previous coordinator.

"Clement has had the crown for five straight years, so it will be good competition," said Wil-lits.

Some of the events include slip-n-slide, putt-putt, horseshoes and mini-basketball.

The competition is based on the percentage of students from each residence hall that show up to the event. However, once residents come to the event, they must participate in as many

activities as possible and win those activities to gain points for their hall.

"It builds relationships amongst the residents and the resident advisors and it builds healthy and friendly competition amongst all of the residents in the residence halls," Silver said.

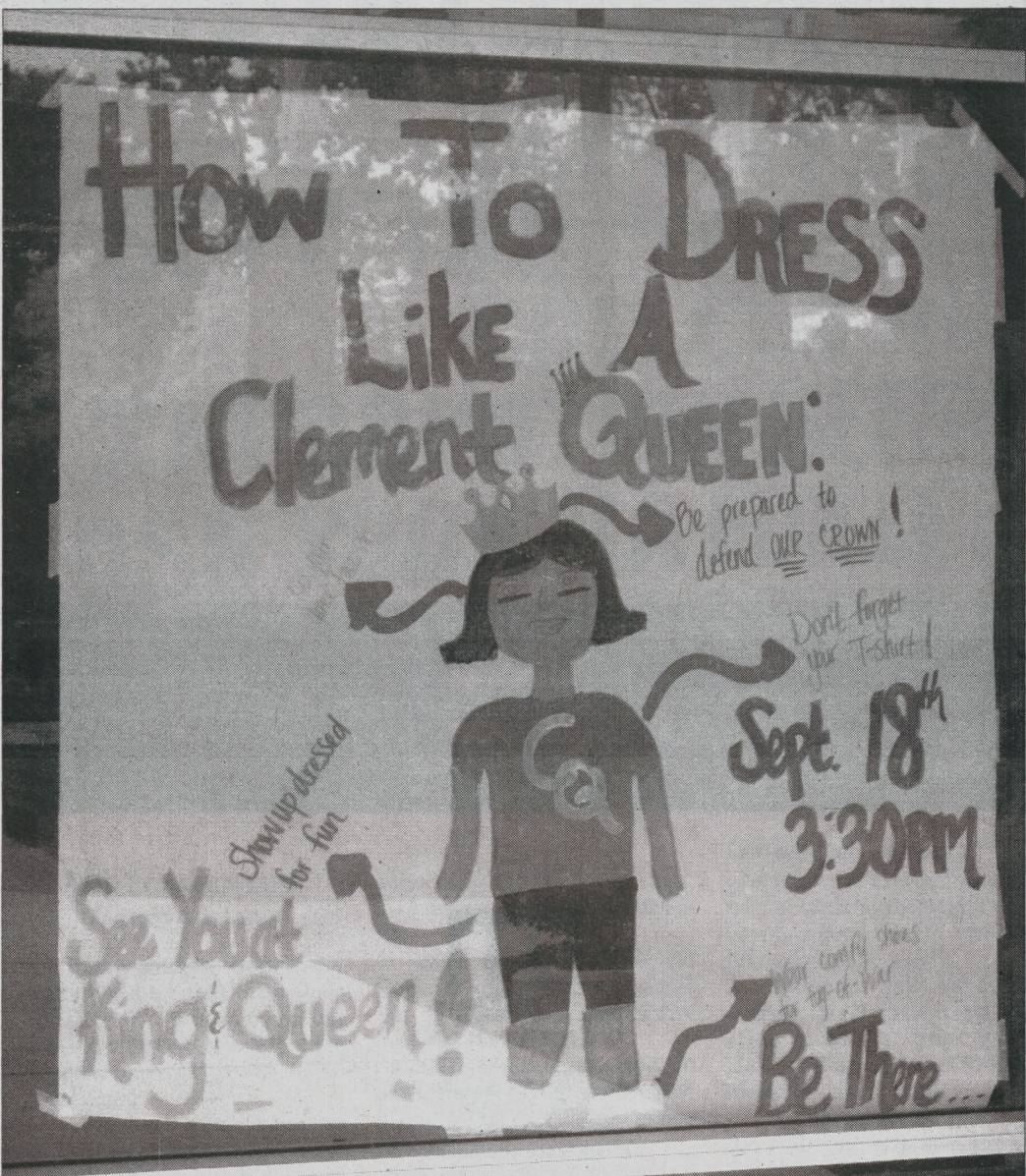
The top four female groups and the top four male groups will come together and compete in a tug-o-war challenge to secure the win of one king and one queen.

A residence hall is allowed to claim both king and queen titles.

"It would be awesome to take home both," Silver said.

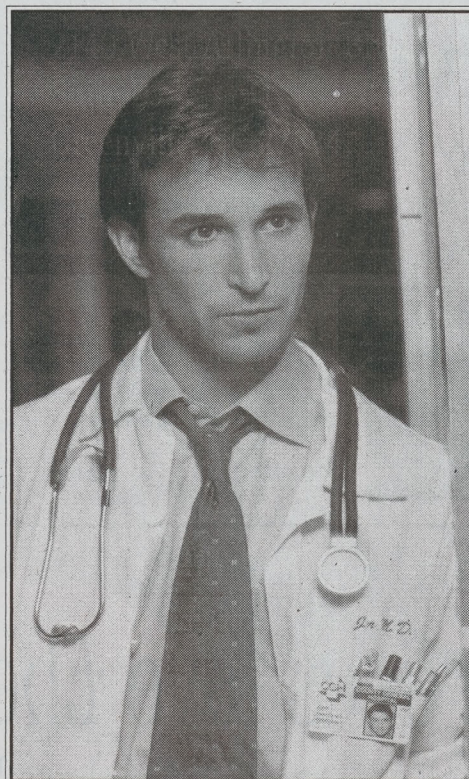
The event starts at 4 p.m. on the College Hill field with the spirit competition and will go until 6 p.m. when the final tug-o-war competition occurs.

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Students compete in events from putt-putt to mini basketball.

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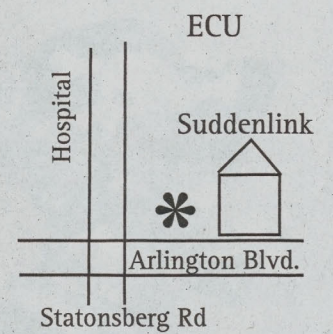
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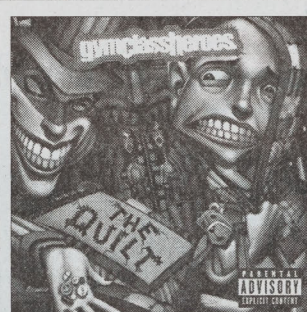
Newman strikes it rich, *The Quilt* has too many holes

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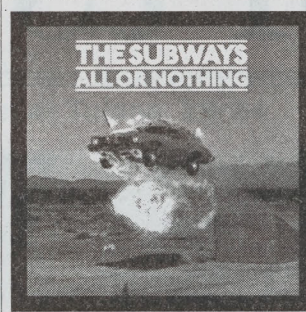
Okkervil River
The Stand Ins
3.5 out of 5

Forever the band-next-door, Okkervil River has always come so close to creating a classic album, and with last year's *The Stage Names*, they nearly got there. *The Stand Ins* isn't quite as good as its predecessor, although it does expand on similar themes such as love, loneliness and the like. It's propelled by engaging moments, most notably the album's opener, "Lost Coastlines." A soft, folk-rock number, it expounds into a sonic tour-de-force of electric power, topped with Sheff's heartfelt vocal performance. Overall, the album succeeds and fails in relaying the message track to track, but *The Stand Ins* is still a worthy entry in their entertaining catalogue.



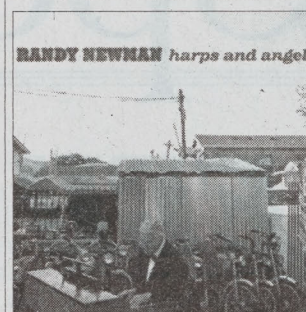
Gym Class Heroes
The Quilt
2.5 out of 5

Gym Class Heroes haven't quite figured out who they are or what they want to do. *The Quilt* is made up of tunes seemingly made in the spirit of creating fun club music, but McCoy's lyrics don't match. There's a fine line between being clever and annoying, and McCoy always finds his way to the latter. Take the single "Cookie Jar." Musically compelling with lamenting synths and a notable appearance by The Dream, but bogged down by lines that mix races with treats. "Oatmeal Raisin Asians" and "Macademia Caucasians" may be the most laughable. While the top half is loaded with potential singles like "Like Father, Like Son," or "Catch Me If You Can," the second act is loaded with boring filler. The album is a decent effort by artists who take themselves too seriously for their own good.



The Subways
All Or Nothing
3 out of 5

The head-banging riff that dominates "Girls and Boys," acts as a promising start by a group desperate to be respected, but never has an album lost so much steam so quickly. Not to say *All Or Nothing* immediately drops into a collection of ballads, but there is no moment that matches the tone the band sets at the start. The Subways would have been better off following their more metal and punk instincts, but they quickly found comfort in post-grunge, a genre that like its forefather, is dying quickly in all spectrums. There's not a song on here that you can point to as a truly weak moment, rather, it's a large collection of them that make up a sound that's repetitive.



Randy Newman
Harps and Angels
4 out of 5

One of the more unorthodox singer-songwriters of the past few decades, Newman has always found himself stuck between two dimensions. One, his voice isn't as pretty as Elton John's and two, his messages aren't as genius as Bob Dylan's. But Newman never tries to be either, and his cartoony, mush-mouthed vocals mixed with his "Aw, shucks," lyrics make *Harps and Angels* a near-masterpiece. He never ventures too far outside of simple blues and ragtime melodies, using all the generic tricks along the way. And while he's sure to make his acerbic political views known on tracks like "A Few Words in Defense of Our Country," he also makes room for sincere, though comical, anecdotes (like on the closing track). And to think, most people know him as the guy who wrote "You've Got a Friend in Me."

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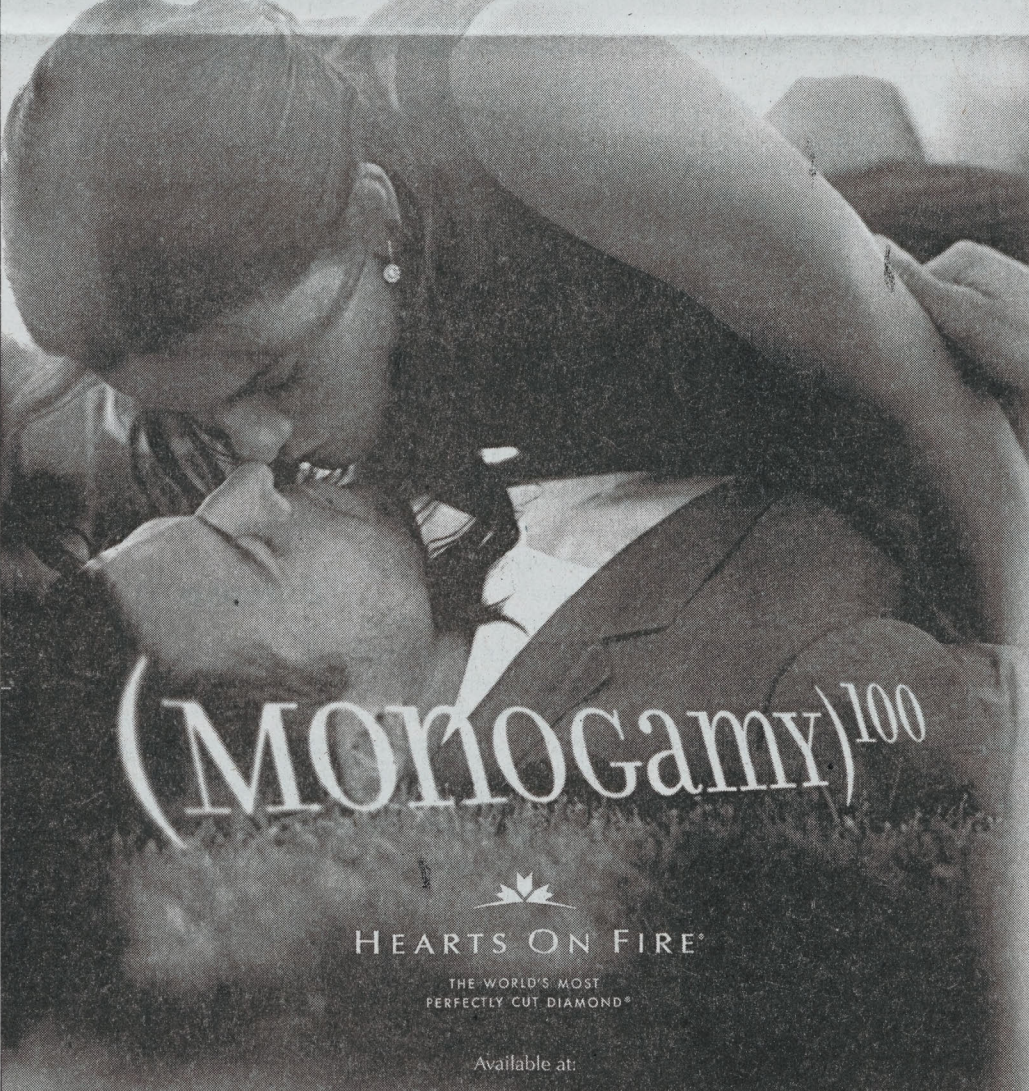
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ECU/State rivalry starts with saving lives

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This year's rivalry between ECU and NC State is about more than football—it's about saving lives.

The ECU/State blood donation competition was a concept adopted by the Student Pirate Club this year, and is a competition between schools to see which school can collect the most blood donations. The only rule of the challenge is that each school only has one day for the drive and all donors must meet the American Red Cross donation requirements.

"This [challenge] is the first of many and we hope to make it an annual event," said Elizabeth Browning, the special projects coordinator for the Student Pirate Club.

State fans were allowed to give at the Greenville site but they had to take the walk of shame with a faded N.C. State flag. Although their pint donated would go to the Pitt Co. center, N.C. State would be credited for

that pint.

The blood drive took place from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in Jones Hall of the Murphy Center, which overlooks Bagwell Field. The donations will go to help patients at Pitt Memorial Hospital.

Aside from saving lives, students received a free T-shirt that reads "I bleed Purple and Gold," a chance to win a Pontiac Solstice, a Thanksgiving giveaway or summer giveaway prize pack and two tickets to this weekend's game. The Student Pirate Club will also give a \$100,000 endowment that will benefit the athletic scholarship fund.

With Saturday's football game on the horizon, ECU students, faculty and staff lined up to give blood. By 5:45 p.m. yesterday, the drive had surpassed the goal of 255 pints, and still had a little over two hours left in the drive.

N.C. State's blood drive was Tuesday, with a goal of 90 pints. The final results from both schools should be released today.

The winner of the blood drive challenge will receive a trophy,

made by an ECU alumnus, which will be awarded at the next home game against Houston.

Many donors chose to give in groups for support. Two friends Samantha Adriaans and Anneliese Hartman, decided to give blood together. Hartman, a first-time donor, and Adriaans both agreed that "it [was] a good thing to do" and it was nice to "get a free shirt." The two are Pirate Club members and did not get tickets in hopes that they would win the raffle at the drive.

"Volunteering is a good way to get involved when you can't give and the challenge is a good way to get the people hype about the game," said Hollie Brooks, a volunteer at the drive.

Another volunteer Jermaine Freeman added, "It's a good way to save a life and the competition only heightens the event."

Many members of the community also came out to support the cause and give a donation.

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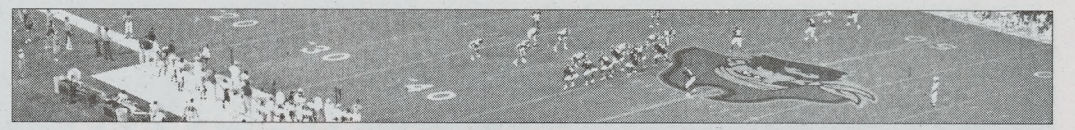
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- at Tulane
W, 28-24
- at N.C. State
Sept. 20
- vs. Houston
Sept. 27
- at Virginia
Oct. 11
- vs. Memphis
Oct. 18
- at UCF
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- vs. Marshall
Nov. 8
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- at UAB
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- vs. UTEP
Nov. 28



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- at South Carolina
L, 34-0
- vs. William and Mary
W, 34-24
- at Clemson
L, 27-9
- vs. ECU
Sept. 20
- vs. South Florida
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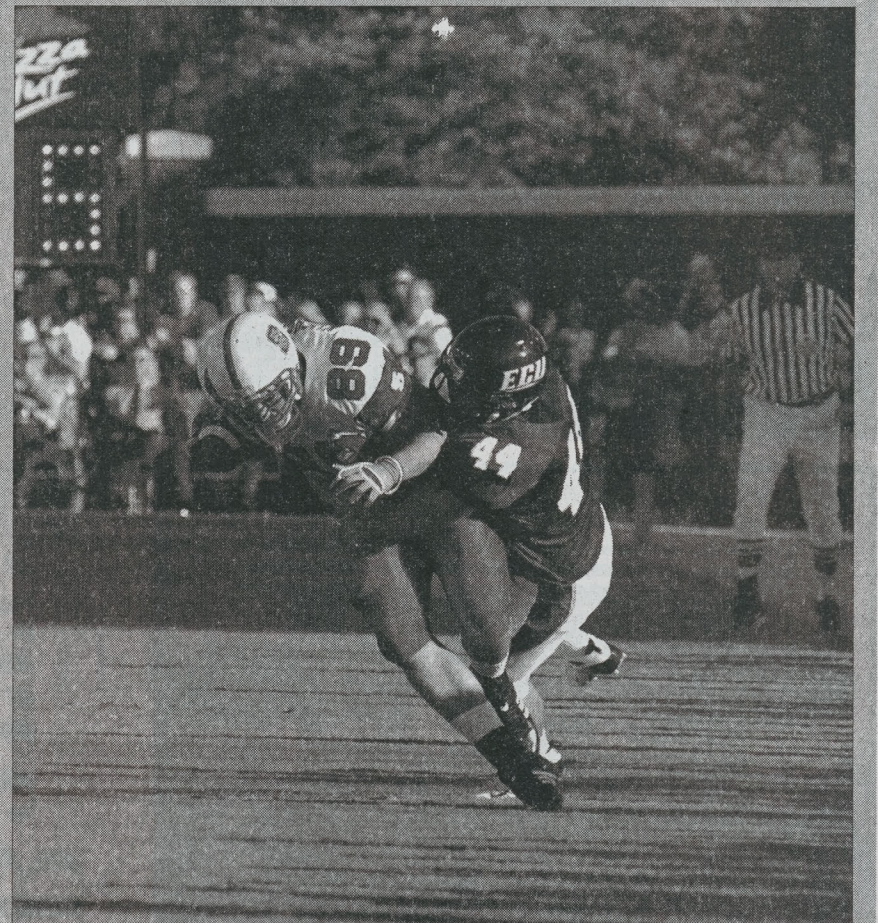
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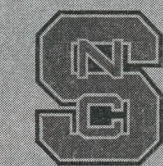
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Pirates looking for revenge on N.C. State

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N.C. State Starting Lineup

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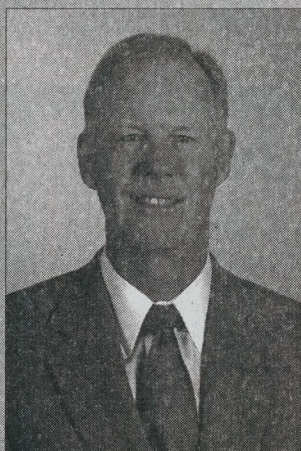
- QB- Russell Wilson, Fr.
- RB- Andre Brown, Sr.
- FB- Harrison Ritcher, Soph.
- WR- Jarvis Williams, Soph.
- WR- Owen Spencer, Soph.
- LT- Julian Williams, Jr.
- LG- John Bedics, Sr.
- C- Ted Larsen, Jr.
- RG- Meares Green, Sr.
- RT- Jerail McCuller, Jr.

Defense

- DE- Shea McKeen, Jr.
- DE- Willie Young, Jr.
- DT- Antoine Holmes, Sr.
- DT- Leroy Burgess, Jr.
- LB- Robbie Leonard, Sr.
- LB- Ray Michel, Jr.
- LB- Nate Irving, Soph.
- CB- DeAndre Morgan, Soph.
- CB- Jeremy Gray, Fr.
- FS- Justin Byers, Fr.
- SS- J.C. Neal, Sr.

Special Teams

- K- Josh Czajkowski, Soph.
- P- Bradley Pierson, Sr.
- KR- T.J. Graham, Fr.
- Andre Brwn, Sr.
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O'BRIEN

"They're a team that Coach Holtz has done a great job with. He's in his fourth year and these guys took some lumps as young kids but now they're seniors and juniors and they're dish-ing the lumps back out."

It is said that when rivalries meet, previous records go out the window.

That's exactly the case for Saturday's game as ECU [3-0, 1-0] travels to Raleigh to take on archrival N.C. State [1-2, 0-1], a week after escaping Tulane with a last-minute win. With a victory, the Pirates will start the season 4-0 for the first time since 1999.

While ECU has found huge success in the first three weeks of a young season, N.C. State cannot claim the same. The Wolfpack's only win came against Division 1-AA William and Mary.

However, in the series between the Pirates and Wolfpack, it is possible that records will not matter when these two schools meet. Just last year, N.C. State came to Dowdy-Ficklen stadium with a 1-5 record and knocked off ECU 34-20. The win sparked the Pack to finish the season with a respectable 5-7 record.

"This is a rivalry game," said ECU coach Skip Holtz. "This is a game that we're excited to have the opportunity to play, especially since it's the closest game on our schedule, only being an hour away. We have the opportunity to bump heads with N.C. State from a recruiting standpoint as well."

"We played them the last couple of years and we're extremely excited to play them again. I don't care what the records are. People talk about them being 1-2, but they came in here at 1-5 last year and beat us 34-20. The records are absolutely irrelevant," he said.

Even with that said, N.C. State has played downright atrocious at times in the first three weeks of the season.

Against South Carolina in the season opener, the Wolfpack only managed 138 total yards of offense and were shutout 34-0. The next week was the William and Mary win and just last week N.C. State lost to Clemson 27-9 while giving up 428 yards to the Tigers. The only touchdown of the game for the Wolfpack was an interception return.

Despite the facts, the Pirates are taking the Wolfpack seriously especially after last year's debacle.

"They [N.C. State] are very talented on both sides of the ball," said ECU senior quarterback Patrick Pinkney. "We can't make a lot of mistakes where they get good field position or they will put it in the end zone."

The N.C. State offense is certainly capable of putting points on the board, but has lacked consistency at the quarterback position so far this season. Starter Russell Wilson suffered a concussion in the season-opening loss to South Carolina and returned last week against Clemson.

Wilson will be making his second-straight start this Saturday, and has shown talent on the field this season.

"I have been really impressed with Russell Wilson," Holtz said. "He's very athletic and has a strong arm. He hasn't played very much after getting injured in the opener and then not playing in their second game. I think he's a very talented player."

Former J.H. Rose star Andre Brown has been the workhorse of the N.C. State team

this season.

"Andre Brown is, again, very talented," Holtz said. "He's a hard runner. He's big, strong, physical and an upperclassman. Their two receivers, Jarvis Williams and Owen Spencer are also tall, athletic, fast and talented players."

N.C. State's defense, on the other hand, is very fast and talented. If not for the offense's inability to sustain long drives, the Wolfpack's defense could easily be one of the top in the nation.

"When you look at them, I've been very impressed with Willie Young, the defensive end who gave us fits last year," Holtz said. "I believe eight or nine of them are upperclassmen and the sophomores who are playing are some of their better players. They're very big and strong upfront and they move very well."

N.C. State is second in the nation with seven interceptions, and has forced a total of 10 turnovers in 2008.

The Pirates themselves must overcome some major injuries to key personnel.

Senior linebacker Quentin Cotton went down with a knee injury in the second quarter last week against Tulane, and is out for the year.

"That's a big loss losing someone like that and his playmaking ability," said senior linebacker Pierre Bell. "As a team, all we can do defensively is come closer together. It's going to take everyone to fill his shoes."

As for injuries on the offensive side of the ball, senior tackle Stanley Bryant is out indefinitely, as is senior wide receiver T.J. Lee.

"They're [Bryant and Lee] seniors and [they] brought a lot to the table but at the same time it's football and you have injuries," Pinkney said. "The people that are in the two deep have to step up and go in and play like starters."

The Pirates' kicking game has also been a concern to Holtz. ECU is one of four on field goal attempts this season and is still without last year's starter Ben Hartman, who has begun kicking in practice, but still listed as questionable for this weekend's game.

"I'd be lying if I said I wasn't concerned about it," Holtz said of the kicking game. "Ben Ryan's kind of gotten into this mental game with himself and all of a sudden I think he's gotten a little too mechanical. He's not been kicking near as well these first couple of weeks as he did in camp. Matt Dodge had been kicking much better in practice. I just made the decision I was going to kick Matt Dodge [against Tulane] and then he missed it--and that's a tough situation for those guys to get thrown into."

Even though ECU is adjusting to some early season adversity, the fact of the matter is that the Pirates still must travel to Raleigh and take on their bitter-rival, N.C. State. As for the game meaning more to ECU than the others, Bell said they all count the same.

"[This would mean as much] as last week and the past three weeks," Bell said. "A win is a win no matter who you play. Even though it's [N.C.] State, it's one win. It doesn't count as two."

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Offense

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- RB- Brandon Simmons, Sr.
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- LB- Pierre Bell, Sr.
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Week four: Ranking the Carolinas

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1. ECU

Record: 3-0
Last Week: Won at Tulane, 28-24



The Pirates found a way to win last Saturday in New Orleans, despite the classic trap game scenario. After beating two ranked teams to open the season, Tulane was sandwiched in the schedule, the week before playing archrival N.C. State. ECU didn't look great, making mental mistakes and lacking consistency on offense—but the bottom line is that it came away with a victory and remains unblemished in the loss column. A talented and hungry N.C. State is waiting this week in Raleigh, and the Pirates will have to play well to remain undefeated.

2. WAKE FOREST

Record: 2-0
Last Week: Bye Week



Wake Forest might actually be the best team in the Carolinas, but its wins don't even come close to the ones by ECU thus far. That can all change this week, however, as the Deacons play Florida State in Tallahassee. Florida State has looked good so far this season, but has yet to play a Division I-A team. This game could be a statement game for either team and it will definitely affect the ACC championship race.

3. UNC

Record: 2-0
Last Week: Won at Rutgers, 44-12



Props to Butch Davis. The UNC coach fooled all of us—or at least some of us. The Heels' dominating win at Rutgers last Thursday night proved a couple of things. One: UNC is for real this season and is poised for a breakout season. Two: UNC's season-opening 35-27 win over McNeese State meant one thing—it wasn't interested in playing that game and was already preparing for the Rutgers game, not the McNeese State team that was in front of it at the time. The Heels have a huge game this week, hosting defending ACC champion Virginia Tech. At that game, UNC will have to prove itself again.

4. CLEMSON

Record: 2-1
Last Week: Won vs. N.C. State, 27-9



Clemson has yet to look like a top-10 or top-15 team this season. We might not find out how good this team actually is for another couple of weeks, when they play the ACC's top teams in a short time span. Clemson's defense looked good against N.C. State, but we've already discovered that almost any defense looks good against an N.C. State offense. The Tigers host South Carolina State this week before actually playing some competition that can shed some light on the situation.

5. S. CAROLINA

Record: 1-2
Last Week: Lost vs. Georgia, 14-7

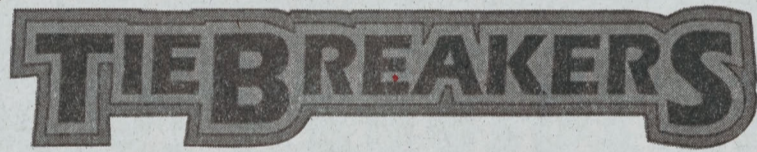


South Carolina played its heart out against Georgia last Saturday, but a couple of mistakes cost it the upset. Luckily for the Gamecocks, they play Wofford and UAB in consecutive weeks so they can be paid a couple of wins before continuing its brutal SEC schedule. This USC team is talented and pretty good, but you just have to wonder how many wins it can pick up with the schedule that stands in front of it. If Duke continues to win games and USC continues to lose, the Blue Devils could shockingly sneak into these rankings—by default.

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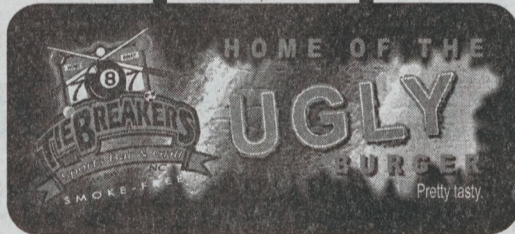
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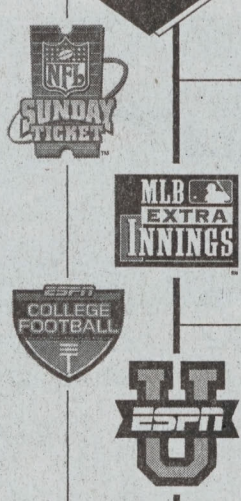
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- Dec. 6 Salisbury
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- Jan. 16 Loyola College
- Jan. 17 George Washington
- Jan. 30 Alumni Game
- Jan. 31 Christopher Newport



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ECU hockey taking 'Holtz-like' approach

KELLEN HOLTZMAN
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

While campus is buzzing about football, the ECU ice hockey team is preparing for a potential dream season of its own.

Once again, the team has the ACHA National Tournament locked in its sights.

Like the gridiron-Pirates, there is very little room for error during the regular season when it comes to solidifying a spot on the national stage.

New team president and center Zach Johnston has even adopted the ideals of a head coach who knows a thing or two about motivation.

"We're almost taking the attitude of [ECU coach] Skip Holtz," said Johnston. "Just go 1-0—except our mindset is 2-0 because we have two games on the weekend. Wins are what get you to nationals."

Johnston is just one piece of the renovation ECU has undergone during the off-season. This season will also mark the reign of a new coach, Mike Markham, as well as participation in a newly revamped Blue Ridge Hockey Conference (BRHC).

Johnston is replacing former goaltender Brent Falcon, who helped build the program from scratch. Falcon, now residing in Raleigh, is still on board with the team serving as general manager.

"They are definitely some big shoes to fill," Johnston said of Falcon. "But I'm doing my best at it. It's a whole different role than I imagined coming into it, but I'm taking it all in stride."

Falcon played a key role in bringing in Markham to guide the team through its fourth season.

Markham, originally from Syracuse, N.Y., arrives with a wealth of knowledge about the game on ice. The grizzled veteran has more than 30 years of coaching and refereeing experience, with the most recent coming in the form of an assistant coach from the Syracuse Junior Stars of the Ontario Provincial Junior Hockey League.

During his coaching stint in Syracuse, Markham offered his coaching wisdom to the likes of Edmonton Oilers center Rob Schremp. A number of other NHL players and upstate N.Y. natives often spent their summers sharing the ice with Markham's teams, including Tim Connolly (Buffalo Sabres), Craig Conroy (Calgary Flames) and Brian Gionta (New Jersey Devils).

Markham, who has retired from coaching and living in New Bern, credits the spirit of ECU supporters as an incentive for joining the Pirate Nation.

"That's what really attracted me," said Markham. "When I did a little research on how high everybody here is on [ECU

hockey], I think the biggest thing that I noticed is that the alumni base for ECU is all over. Everywhere you go there are ECU fans. And not only are they there, but they're visible and very loud."

His coaching expertise should come in handy as the Pirates trade life as an independent for membership in the new BRHC. But this isn't the BRHC of old—the conference has been stripped and refurbished to create a more competitive environment.

The conference features a total of 19 teams, which are grouped into three divisions: Atlantic, Carolina and Coastal.

The Atlantic Division has a distinct Virginia-flare, featuring George Mason, Lynchburg, Northern Virginia, Radford, VCU, VMI and William and Mary.

The Carolina Division is home to Appalachian State, N.C. State, UNC Charlotte, UNCW, The Citadel and Georgia Tech.

ECU will suit up in the Colonial Division, which was designed to be the premier division of the BRHC.

The Pirates will be joined by Christopher Newport, George Washington, Loyola, Old Dominion, Richmond and Salisbury. CNU and Richmond each finished in the top four of the ACHA South last season, while ODU skated their way into the national

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Campbell nominated for award

(ECU SID)

ECU's Terence Campbell is this week's nominee for the 2008 FedEx Orange Bowl/FWAA Courage Award, to be announced at the end of the season.

Campbell, a junior offensive lineman from Maxton, N.C., has returned to action after undergoing emergency heart surgery in the winter of 2007.

Campbell was a starter at tackle in 2006, when he recorded 47 knockdown blocks, played 880 snaps and made Conference USA's all-freshman team. But in February 2007, he was diagnosed with a blood clot in his heart after a scary episode when he began coughing and felt numbness in his arms and pain in his chest.

Two days later, he was undergoing surgery for a condition known as acute coronary thrombosis. Surgery removed the clot, but Campbell's athletic future was in doubt. He wasn't allowed to run or lift weights - much less play football - in 2007.

"That was hard to take," Campbell told the News & Observer, "that I would have to live without (football)."

A scar remains on Campbell's heart wall, but the organ's function has returned to normal.

Last January, he received doctors' clearance to resume athletic participation, and chose to do so.

"When I first started (in spring practice), I worried," Campbell told the News & Observer. "Any little thing would scare me. Now I don't think about it. It feels like it never happened."

Campbell has played a reserve role in ECU's first three games this season, helping the Pirates to a 3-0 start that includes wins over Virginia Tech and West Virginia.

But because of injuries, Campbell is expected to start at left tackle this week.

For the third straight year, the Football Writers Association of America and the FedEx Orange Bowl will announce a weekly

nominee each Wednesday during the season. A blue-ribbon panel will determine the winner from all of the nominees.

The winner of the FedEx Orange Bowl/FWAA Courage Award will be announced in December and be presented with the trophy.

The Courage Award was created by ESPN The Magazine's senior writer Gene Wojciechowski, also a FWAA member. A select group of writers from the FWAA vote on the winner each year. The requirements for nomination include displaying courage on or off the field, including overcoming an injury or physical handicap, preventing a disaster or living through hardship.

Previous winners of the FWAA's Courage Award are Navy's Zerin Singleton (2007), Clemson's Ray Ray McElrathbey (2006), the Tulane

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tournament in Minnesota. "It's looking to be very competitive; much more competitive than last year, scheduling teams here and there--being independent," Johnston said.

In addition to a full slate of conference action, ECU's home schedule is highlighted by visits from (ACHA) Div. II regional rivals Duke and Virginia Tech in November.

In total, Markham's roster will feature three seniors, five juniors, five sophomores and 12 freshmen.

Returning winger Sean Burns and center Chris Cesario provided a bulk of the scoring in 2007-2008, but Markham is anticipating a more diverse attack this time around.

"I expect it to be totally spread around this year," the ECU coach said. "I think we are going to surprise a lot of teams by going out and wearing them down with the ability to play four lines. Most teams can't do that."

Defensively, ECU must replace seniors Mark Linzer, Jon Huck and Jon Koritz. Senior Donovan Dean and sophomore Ryan Konchalski will lead a group of inexperienced defensemen, a number of which are converted forwards. Freshman defenseman Dan.

Owens has been impressive in the preseason and could see significant ice time. The Raleigh native may be new to the program, but he says he knows what is at stake.

"The biggest goal is nationals by far," said Owens. "Everyone is working hard to get there. We're playing in a new league this year, so we're definitely trying to leave a mark there."

With a young defense in front of him, sophomore goaltender Matt Dalgetty has been impressed by the new regime in place for ECU ice hockey.

"He definitely knows his stuff," said Dalgetty of Markham. "He completely changed the preseason. He's worked with the guys—not about individual skills—but the overall team play. He's really brought the team together."

It's that kind of cohesiveness that will be necessary for the Pirates to reach their first ever national tournament.

The road to Rochester, M.N. begins this Friday at 9:30 p.m. inside Bladex on Ice, as the team plays its annual Purple-Gold intra-squad scrimmage.

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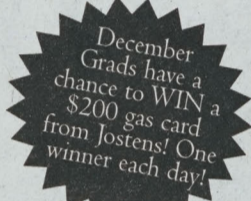
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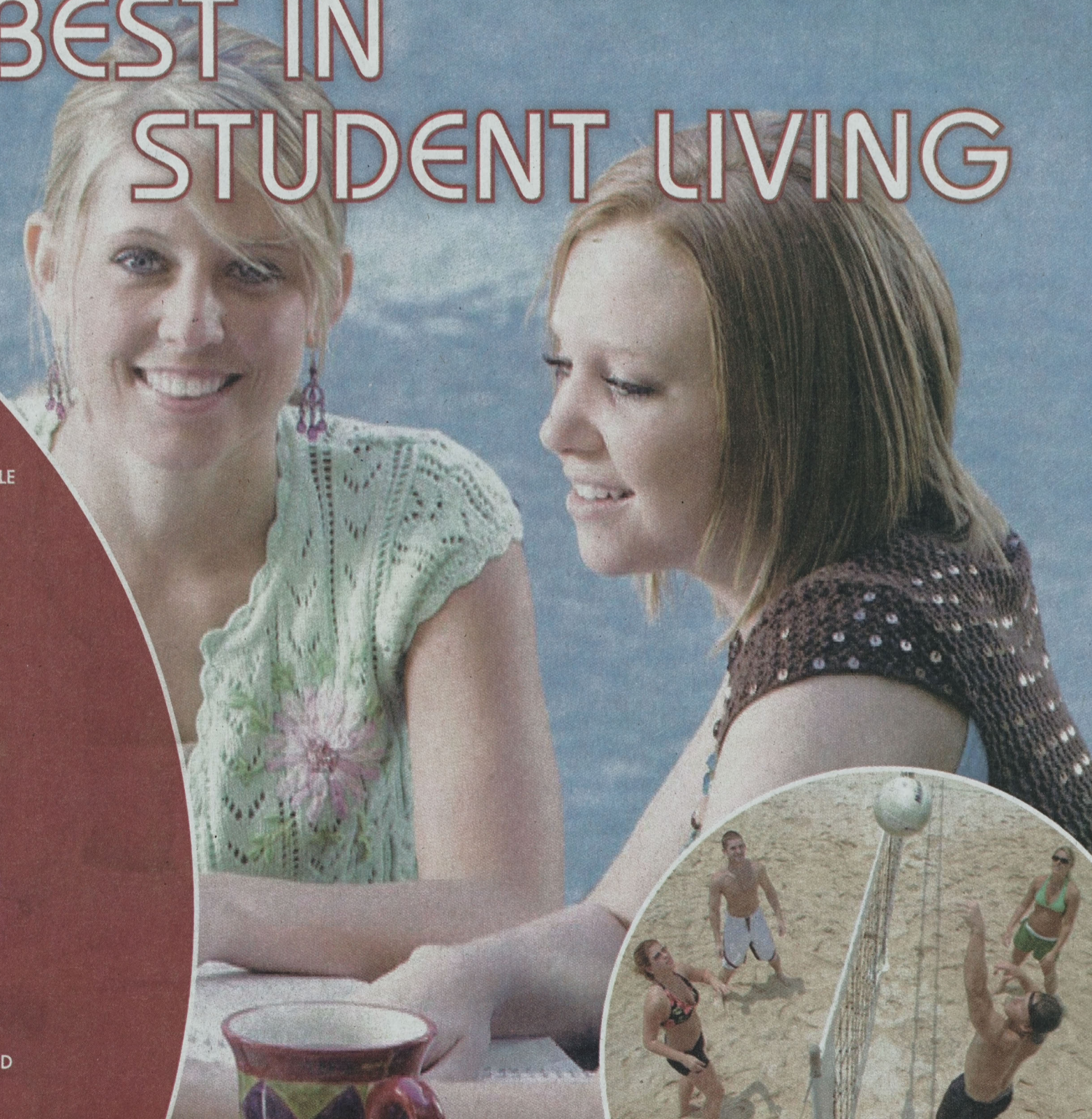
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