



Students rally on behalf of convicted student

Black Student Union and other supporters share 'inspiring' words

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Dozens of students, faculty and staff members gathered yesterday afternoon in Hendrix Theater on behalf of Jarmichael Harris, a student convicted of assaulting another student last week.

The event, sponsored by the Black Student Union, of which Harris is chief of staff, was designed to raise awareness of

"mistaken identity" cases and to show support for Harris.

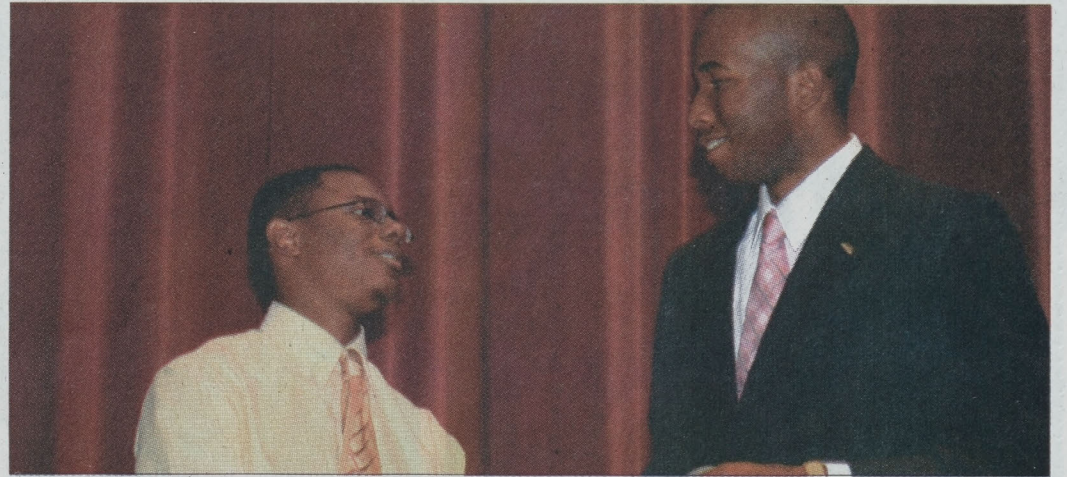
Harris, a rehab studies major, was arrested by ECU police last Thursday in front of Fletcher Hall after the victim of an early-morning assault on Sept. 28 told police that Harris was the attacker. The description the victim gave police of his attacker was a black man with glasses, measuring about 5-foot-9. Harris alleges that he was arrested solely on this description, without hard evidence or witnesses. On Monday, he also stated that he was sleeping in his dorm room in White Hall when the assault occurred at 3 a.m. on Sept. 28.

Harris has since been released on an unsecured bond until his court date, Oct. 22, but maintains his innocence.

BSU members are convinced of Harris' innocence as well. At the rally yesterday, friends and acquaintances of the student told the audience about Harris's character.

Harris also addressed the crowd briefly, saying that he wanted to make "headlines" when he came to ECU, but didn't know it would be in this way.

Student minister Trenton McDougal, Victory Campus



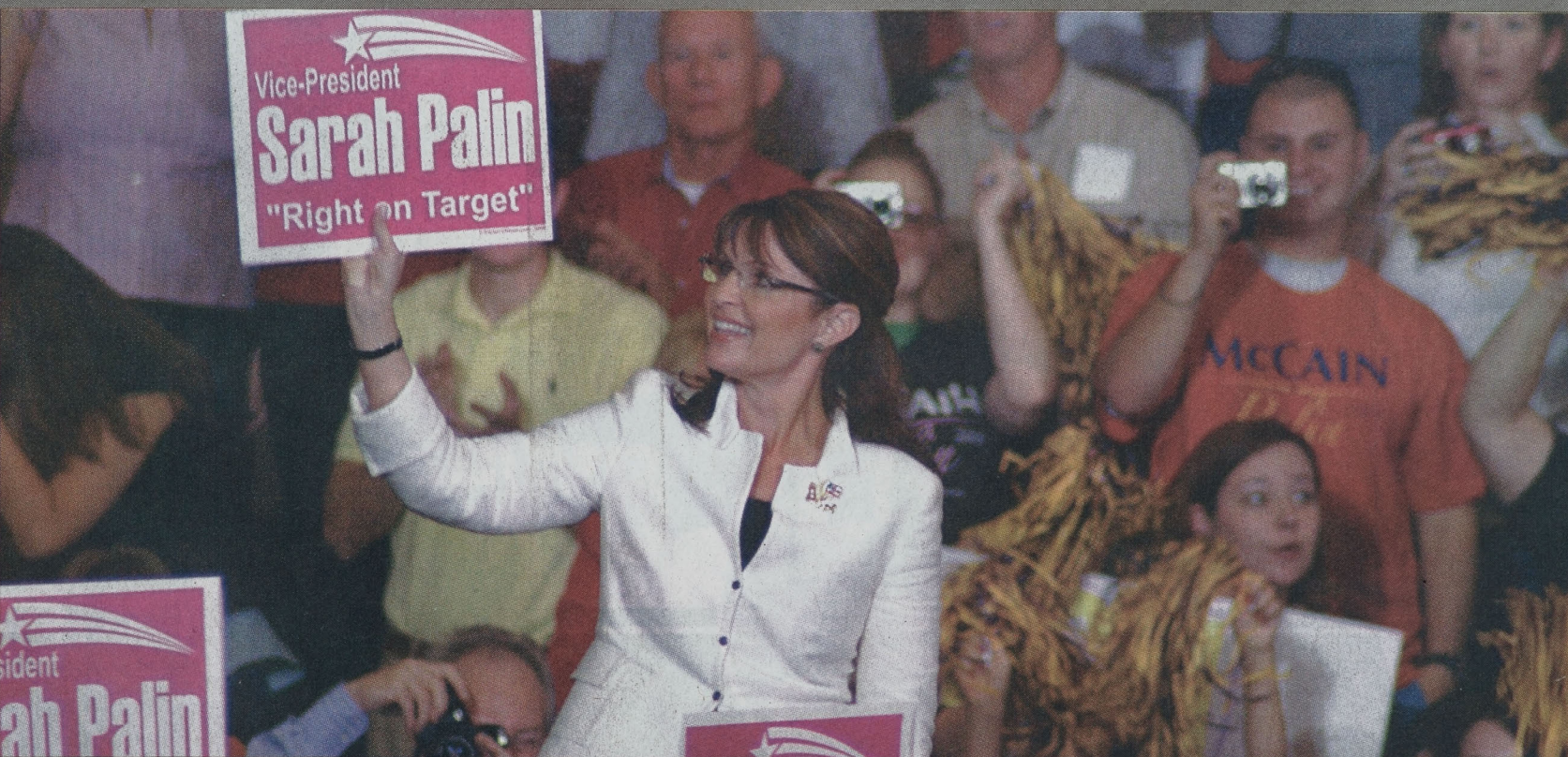
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Jarmichael Harris (left) shakes hands with BSU president Allen Thomas (right).

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Palin Rally



Palin visits ECU on the "Road to Victory"



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McCain-Palin enthusiasm hit a feverish pitch last night when 8,000 students, faculty, staff and members of Greenville and the surrounding areas gathered to watch the Republican vice-presidential nominee speak in Mingos Coliseum on Tuesday night.

The rally, a part of the McCain campaign's "Road to Victory" campaign, featured a myriad of Republican politicians from around the state, including Senator Elizabeth Dole, state representative

Louis Pate, Senator Jean Preston, mayor of Charlotte Pat McCrory and Senator Richard Burr. Each spoke before the much-anticipated arrival of Sarah Palin.

Palin took the stage at 7:29 p.m., with the Shania Twain hit, "She's Not Just a Pretty Face" playing in the background. Palin opened with words of praise for the Pirate football team.

"I understand your football season got off to quite a start this year," she said, eliciting cheers from the Mingos crowd. "It sounds like Greenville knows a little

something about how to turn an underdog into a victor. John McCain and I know that the people of Greenville are ready to shake things up in Washington."

Palin spoke about energy, taxes, the military, job creation, social security and her recent debate with Democratic vice-presidential nominee Joe Biden.

On the economy, Palin described concerns about the rise in gas and grocery prices and the "corruption" on Wall Street. She said that in a McCain-Palin administration, money would go into

the pockets of Americans.

"We need to eliminate those things that are not working for you: the people of America," Palin told the audience. "We will help to confront the more than \$10 trillion debt; if you don't want to be in a hole, what do you do? You stop digging. You can spend money better than government can spend it for you."

Palin also told the crowd of the McCain-Palin plan for energy independence, which includes offshore drilling and development of alternative energy sources such as

wind and solar power. Palin described U.S. oil independence as a matter of "national security and economic prosperity, brought by American ingenuity and production by American workers."

Palin emphasized her campaign's goal of cutting taxes for small business in order to boost job availability.

"John and I will push forward and sign into law reforms that will bring tax relief for middle class Americans, so that you business owners can keep more of what you produce," Palin

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Lecture series continues at ECU

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The Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences hosted the "Premier Lecture" for the 2008-09 "Voyages of Discovery" lecture series last night in Wright Auditorium.

Walter Isaacson, president and CEO of the Aspen Institute, gave his lecture, "Creative Thinkers Who Have Shaped Our World."

The lecture, which was sponsored by the David Julian and Virginia Suther Whichard Fund, began with opening remarks from both the dean of the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Alan White along with Chancellor Steve Ballard.

Isaacson's lecture focused on the importance of being creative and open-minded.

"Being creative and open-minded is such an important part of leadership and making great contributions to this world," Isaacson said.

Isaacson mentioned that he knows a lot of smart people but they often don't amount to much unless they are imaginative and creative.

He then focused on two great American figures that he believed made it so far because of their creativity and open-mindedness: Benjamin Franklin and Albert Einstein.

Isaacson explained that both of these men started off with absolutely no recognition or support, but because of their strong will were able to go on to do incredible things.

"We are who we create ourselves to be," Isaacson said.

He also mentioned his belief that the U.S. is more interested in partisanship than working together is plaguing the country.

"The openness and creativity of America has always made us strong," Isaacson said.

He then ended the event by taking questions from the audience and signing books.

Isaacson received his bachelor of arts in history and literature from Harvard College and a master of arts in philosophy, politics and economics at Pembroke College of Oxford University, where he was a Rhodes Scholar.

He began his career in journalism at the *Sunday Times* of London and then the *New Orleans Times-Picayune/States-Item*. He joined *Time* magazine in 1978 and served as a political correspondent, national editor and editor of new media before becoming the magazine's 14th

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Pirate Rant of the Day

I love October. I've already eaten 5,000 candicorns.

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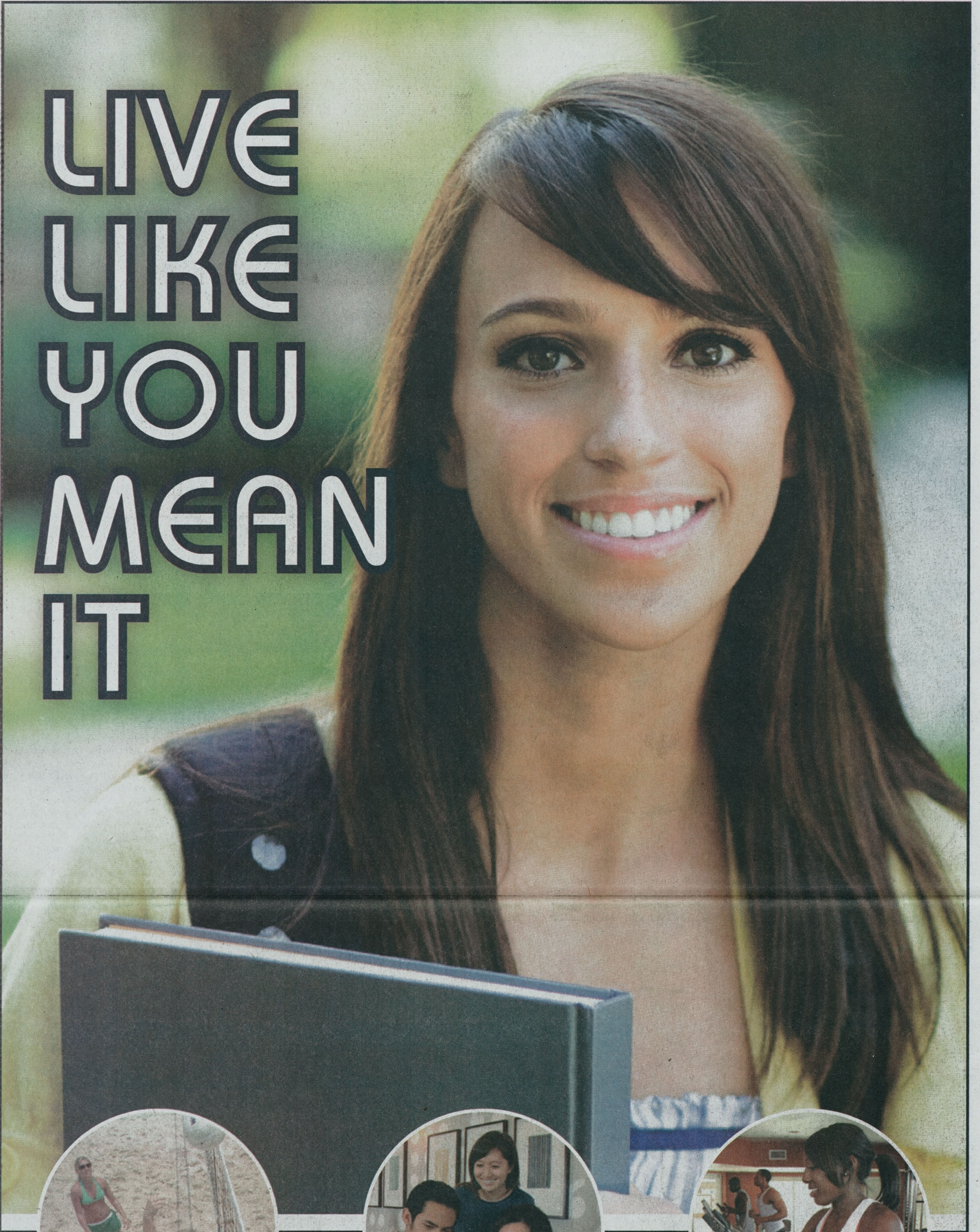
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Sports

The ECU football team will be looking to snap a two-game losing streak when it heads to Charlottesville, V.A. this weekend.

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Michelle Obama speaks to military families in N.C.

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Michelle Obama made her way to Eastern North Carolina on Tuesday, stopping in Jacksonville to speak to military families at the Jacksonville Commons Recreation Center.

Campaigning to help sustain the recent lead that her husband, Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama, has taken in the polls, she spoke to a crowd filled with excitement in anticipation of her arrival.

She began with a moment of silence to recognize the seventh anniversary of the invasion of Afghanistan, and then went into her message.

Michelle Obama spoke on issues that she said are important to soldiers and their families such as the war in Iraq, healthcare for soldiers and their families, benefits for military families, and the 21st century G.I. Bill that would provide an affordable college education for veterans; she told listeners that Barack Obama was concerned about those issues.

"[Barack Obama] understands because his life was shaped by the sacred contract our country makes with the men and women who serve it," she said.

She used her husband's history to illustrate the ties that he has to military families, reminding them of his grandfather's use of the G.I. Bill to get an education, and promising a commitment from the nominee to ensure that veterans today receive the same benefit.

With Election Day less than a month away, her message was clear: Barack Obama is the only candidate concerned about the issues that matter to military families and the "only choice" for president. It was a message that she returned to many times throughout her speech. However, she took a different aim than the candidates themselves have taken recently. Instead of focusing on his opponent, Michelle Obama's strategy was to focus on what Barack Obama is doing.

"There's only one candidate in this race that's going to create a 20th century V.A. There's only one candidate who has been

a consistent supporter of the 21st century G.I. Bill. There is only one candidate that puts the middle class at the heart of his economic policy. There is only one candidate, as you know, that is talking at all about a time table to assure that our troops return responsibly [from Iraq]."

Obama's mission was to assure military families that her husband is concerned about the issues that matter to them, and that he will work on their behalf. She spoke to military families about the hardships that they face when their loved ones are deployed.

"You become everything when your spouse is away," she said.

One military wife, Tess Sanders, whose husband has been in Iraq since March, addressed the crowd before Obama. Sanders said that she and her husband knew there were risks when he enlisted in the military, but didn't know that they might not get the help they were promised.

"We knew that we had to keep up our end of the bargain," said Sanders, "but we didn't know that our government might not keep up its end. And that's what hurts me the most, and that's what hurts this community."

Obama focused on those

issues saying that military families were "working every day to day to do it all without the support they deserve."

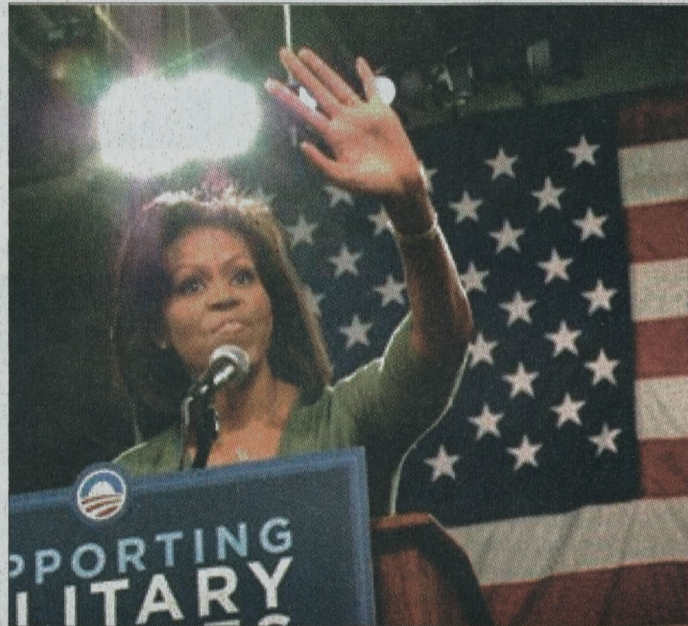
"They're not asking for much in return," she said. "They're not asking for the government to solve all their problems; they're just asking for a Washington that understands, a Washington that understands the unique challenges that military families are facing as part of their extraordinary commitment to this country."

"But Barack understands. That's one of the reasons that I'm traveling around—to let people know, Barack Obama understands."

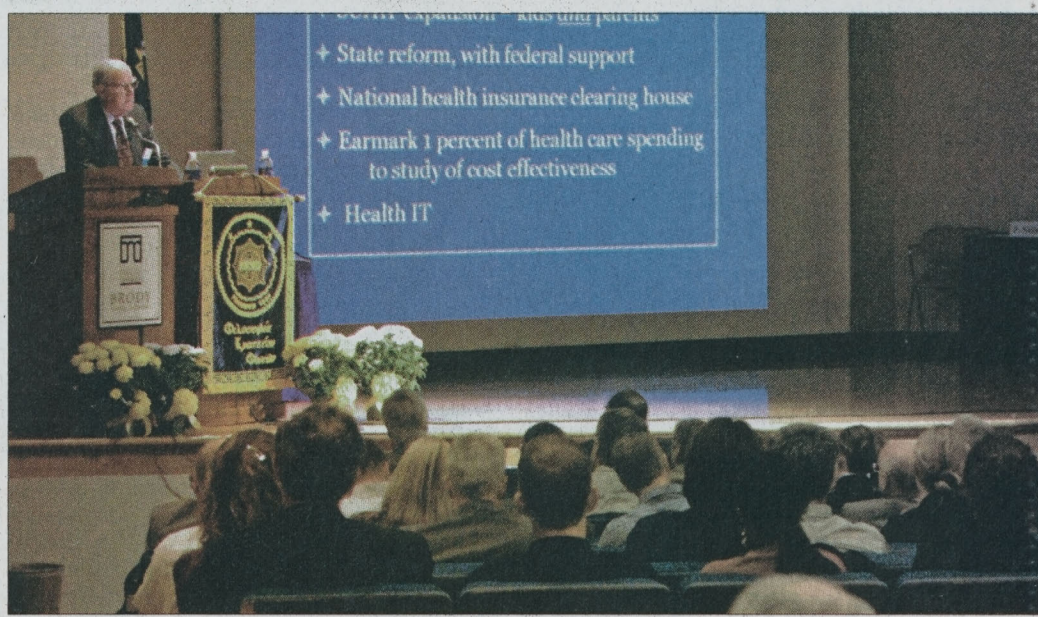
Michelle Obama encouraged the crowd to get involved, noting the Oct. 10 voting deadline for North Carolina, and the opportunity to vote early. She insisted that with "an engaged and focused electorate" her husband could win the election.

"We have to work together as a community, as neighbors, as brothers and sisters," she said. "And if we do that, not only will we elect Barack Obama as the next president of the United States, we can change the world."

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Michelle Obama speaks to military families in Jacksonville, N.C.



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Dr. Henry J. Aaron speaks to the audience about the U.S. healthcare system.

Forum tackles the healthcare crisis

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Tuesday morning, ECU's Brody School of Medicine and Phi Kappa Phi honor society hosted their annual forum. This year's topic was "Health Care: Public or Private Good."

The forum was held in the Brody School of Medicine auditorium, and attracted a mixed audience including ECU students, ECU physicians, health care specialists and providers.

The forum was designed to highlight issues concerning national, state, regional and local health care, and included a keynote speaker, a panel of health care professionals and an open discussion session.

The forum began with a brief introduction, by Blue Cross and Blue Shield president Robert Greczyn, of the keynote speaker Dr. Henry J. Aaron, senior fellow in economic studies at the Brookings Institute.

"Everyone deserves health care they can afford," said Aaron at the commencement of his speech.

The major questions discussed included: is healthcare a right for citizens, how much health care is a right for citizens and the options for a society when the cost of providing care



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A speaker at the healthcare forum.

becomes unaffordable.

Aaron discussed the U.S. health care system, which he characterized as needing practical revision. He also shed light on the current presidential nominees' plans for healthcare reform. Aaron outlined the economic and social pros and cons of each plan, and shared his professional opinion on each.

"The chances that McCain's plan would become law is zero because it is such a far-reaching change in the health care system," Aaron said.

He also pointed out the risks of Obama's proposal to nationalize healthcare, in rela-

tion to the current U.S. economic recession.

"We should not delude ourselves into thinking that healthcare is a job for the next president, it is a job for the next generation," Aaron said.

The speaker ended by suggesting our government should put more efforts towards researching the best possible course of action for improving our health care system. He commented that the most shameful aspect of the problem is the U.S. government's refusal to investigate what would work best.

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Banks cut rates to aid world economy

On Wednesday, the Federal Reserve and other major central banks from around the world cut interest rates to the financial crisis from becoming a global economic meltdown. The major indexes moved in and out of positive territory, with the Dow Jones industrials falling more than 200 points or rising more than 100 at times. The Fed reduced its key rate from 2 percent to 1.5 percent. In Europe, which also has been hard hit by the financial crisis, the Bank of England cut its rate by half a point to 4.5 percent and the European Central Bank sliced its rate by half a point to 3.75 percent. The central banks of China, Canada, Sweden, and Switzerland also cut rates. The Dow Jones industrials, already down 875 points this week, rose 85 points in afternoon trading. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said Wednesday that global financial markets remain severely strained, underscoring the need for quick action to implement the government's \$700 billion rescue program. The Fed's action will reduce borrowing costs almost immediately for U.S. bank customers whose home equity and other floating-rate loans are tied to the prime interest rate. Bank of America, Wells Fargo and other banks cut their prime rate by half a point to 4.5 percent after the Fed announcement.

Joe Biden calls McCain a sidekick, not a maverick

Democratic vice presidential candidate, Joe Biden, called Republican John McCain an angry man making ugly attacks against the Democratic ticket to cover up his support for President Bush. "You can't call yourself a maverick when all you've ever been is a sidekick," Biden said Wednesday of McCain. Biden argued that he and Obama have won all three debates so far. He said Tuesday night's town hall debate between the two at the top of the ticket, where voters asked most of the questions, showed "what a majority of American people are looking for — a steady hand, leadership, an optimist; not an angry man, lurching from one position to another."

Biden also ridiculed McCain running mate Sarah Palin for her attacks on Obama. Palin and Biden both used the debate more for attacks on the opposing standard-bearer rather than direct answers to the questions. The McCain campaign responded by saying that Obama and Biden lack a record of change or reform and have no credibility to call for either. Earlier, during an appearance on CBS' "The Early Show," Biden said Palin's criticism of Obama as friends with terrorists is "over the top." Palin has been telling supporters that Obama is close to a 1960s-era radical William Ayers, a founder of the violent Weather Underground. After first claiming that Obama had been "palling around with terrorists," she changed the thrust of the attack to say that Obama's ties to Ayers showed bad judgment.

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Isabelle Madson gets autograph.

time to interact with the crowd, signing autographs and taking pictures.

The night was full of country music, singing of the national anthem, a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by a military chaplain. Both the McCain and Dole camps showed campaign videos, and there was tons of chanting by the crowd (frequently shouts of Sarah, followed by Palin, were heard similar to the purple-gold chants of ECU fans at football games).

The Palin rally at Minges took place during a busy week for the McCain camp—Palin traveled to Greenville directly from two separate rallies in Florida, while McCain was in Nashville, Tenn. Tuesday night to duel it out with Barack Obama for the second presidential debate.

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Ministry staff member Blake Dameron and BSU president Allen Thomas were a few friends who spoke on Harris' behalf.

Dameron, who leads a weekly Bible study with Harris, focused on Harris' "integrity" before and after the incident took place, relating Harris' situation to a Biblical parable.

"We've seen how he [Harris] has lived his life," Dameron said. "It wasn't just rhetoric, he didn't just come to a Bible study, he lives what he talks about. That's why it's so key, regardless of what's going on, to see how he responded; he responded with integrity, with honesty and the right spirit."

Harris is involved with numerous organizations on campus, is an active member in a local church and regular community volunteer. On Monday, he said that this incident has nothing to do with race; he maintained this viewpoint yesterday at the rally. Thomas also reiterated this point to the crowd, stating that although the event was sponsored by BSU, members of other races also came out to support "justice" for Harris.

"I want to make something perfectly clear," Thomas told the crowd in Hendrix last night. "This is not an issue of race. People are getting things twisted; this is an issue of wrongdoing and 'mistaken identity.' We have Caucasian members in the audience, [and] the same thing can happen to you. Let me tell you something: We are called the Black Student Union, but we have room for everybody."

Dr. Lathan Turner, assis-

tant vice chancellor for Student Affairs, spoke on Harris' behalf and agrees that the situation is not about race.

"I think that when we talk about issues of justice, sometimes it is overcast by perceptions that it is race-driven," Turner said. "But we know that if you really take a deeper look into these scenarios, it really transcends race. It is justice."

After the rally, participants had the chance to write comments about the incident and notes to Harris; the notes will be sent to the

North Carolina district attorney's office in support of the student.

Harris said after the rally that he was touched by the support that students and faculty had shown through the ordeal.

"I knew I had a lot of friends," he said. "But, [wow.]. It was definitely a good feeling to see so many people I know in support of my situation; like I said, it could have happened to anybody."

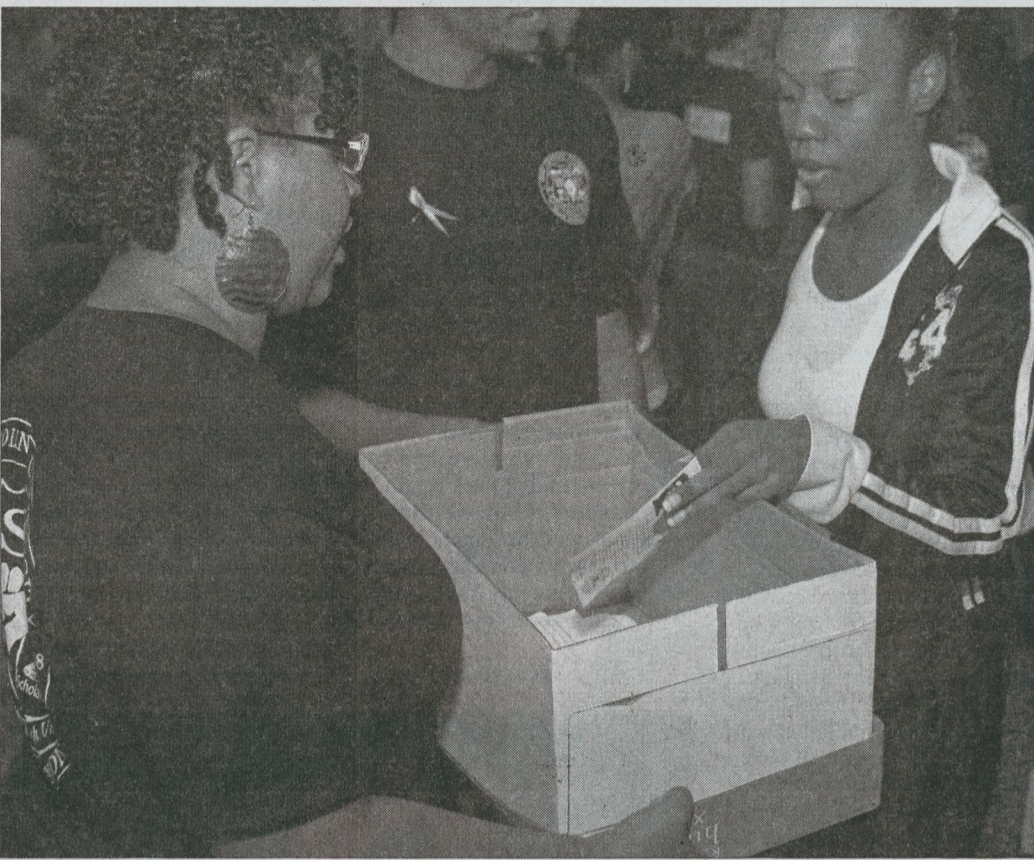
Harris also said that he felt that he and BSU accomplished their goal: to raise awareness about cases like his.

"Just to see that people can identify with the fact that this could have happened to anybody [makes it a success]," he said.

Before the incident involving Harris, BSU was campaigning for race to be taken off the community alert system at the university. According to Harris, though, his case did not pop up on that system.

The ECU police department declined to comment.

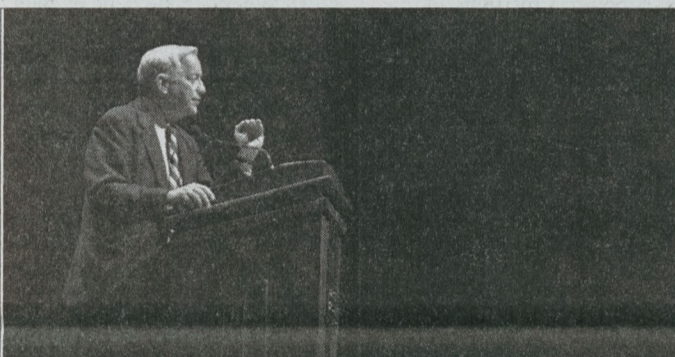
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Kyndall Peele, vice president of BSU, takes a comment card from a student.

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Walter Isaacson delivers his lecture on Wednesday night.

managing editor in 1996. Isaacson then became chairman and CEO of CNN in 2001, and two years later, president and CEO of the Aspen Institute.

Isaacson is the author of several best-selling biographies including *Einstein: His Life and Universe* (2007), *Benjamin Franklin: An American Life* (2003) and *Kissinger: A Biography* (1992).

He also serves on the board of directors of Reader's Digest Association, Tulane University and Teach for America and is on the advisory council of the National Institutes of Health, National Constitution Center and the Shakespeare Theatre in Washington, D.C.

After Hurricane Katrina, Isaacson was appointed by Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco

to be the vice-chairman of the Louisiana Recovery Authority.

In December 2007, he was appointed by President George W. Bush to be the chairman of the U.S.-Palestinian Partnership, a government and private sector partnership that works to provide economic and educational opportunities for the Palestinian people.

The "Voyages of Discovery" lecture series is made possible through contributions from the Dean's Advancement Council of the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences, the East Carolina Alumni Association and additional friends and supporters of the college.

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Panelist Dr. Pam Silberman, president and CEO of the North Carolina Institute of Medicine, spoke about the health care system in North Carolina and our need to "step up" in the quest for health care reform.

"Twenty percent of non-elderly people in North Carolina are uninsured," said Silberman.

She also noted that the state has seen a 12.5 percent decline in employee coverage. However, the state has also showed some incentive in the way of health care improvement—opening the first office of world health in the country.

Silberman made it clear that there is still more to be done.

"We are not a healthy state," Silberman said, referring to North Carolina's ranking of 34 out of 50 in obesity rates.

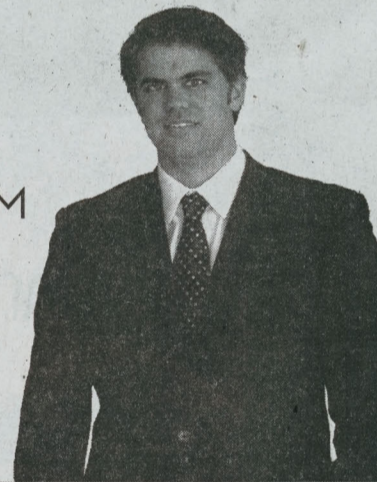
The forum came to a close around 12:15 p.m. and many attendees were impressed with the discussion.

"I was pleasantly surprised with the presentation," said Jean Whitfield, 3HC home health services employee.

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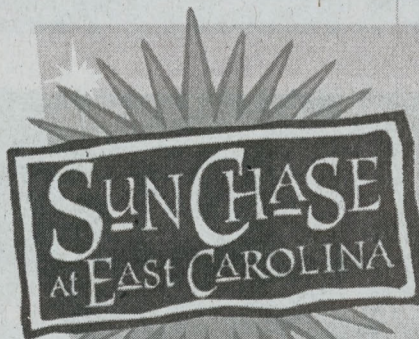
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Opinion

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Exponential growth or decay

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Technology is an exponentially growing machine that feeds off new scientific feats and consumer demands. But how much bigger will airplanes, military ships and buildings grow in our lifetime? More interestingly, how much will consumer electronics grow over the next few years? Televisions started as interactive pieces of furniture. An old cathode ray tube television from the 1950s looked like a small dresser with a glass screen. The 2008 Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, Nevada highlighted Panasonic's 150" plasma television.

It was nicknamed "the life wall" because the television could easily take up an empty wall in any living room due to its massive screen and its depth of only one inch. The television that was in my parent's house when I was growing up was in a large, polished wooden frame with simple stripes carved into the sides to give it some character. It swiveled on a heavy, wooden floor mount. It served as a piece of furniture as well because we decorated it like any other piece of furniture in the house—with ornaments that suited the season or upcoming holiday.

Sadly enough, the tube in the wooden box burned out a few years ago, and now my parents are in the process of buying a flat-panel television. Like early radios, televisions have become standard necessities for our homes. They provide us with news, entertainment and connections with the world around us.

Television brings us together and sedates our minds for a few hours after a busy day. But what does it say about our culture if our demands have produced a wall-sized television? Is the futuristic technology of *Fahrenheit 451* upon us today? Do we consume television, or is it consuming us? A big television and an extended cable package is just another status symbol, next to diamond rings and fancy cars.

The images used in commercials for Cadillac and high definition televisions seem to be blending—they're used for marketing purposes. One of the big advertisements for leasing a room in The Bellamy apartments is that every living room is furnished with a 32" flat-panel television. When people camp, a source of running water is usually the best place to set up the tent. Is television as much as a necessity as water? It seems so—without television, how would we know about Pur water filters and other such consumer goods that are intended to make life more enjoyable?

It's getting ridiculous that televisions and other electronics are now consistently being viewed as necessities in life.

We should be concentrating on more important issues than how cool the new flat screen, LCD TV is.

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Not all glitter and glam

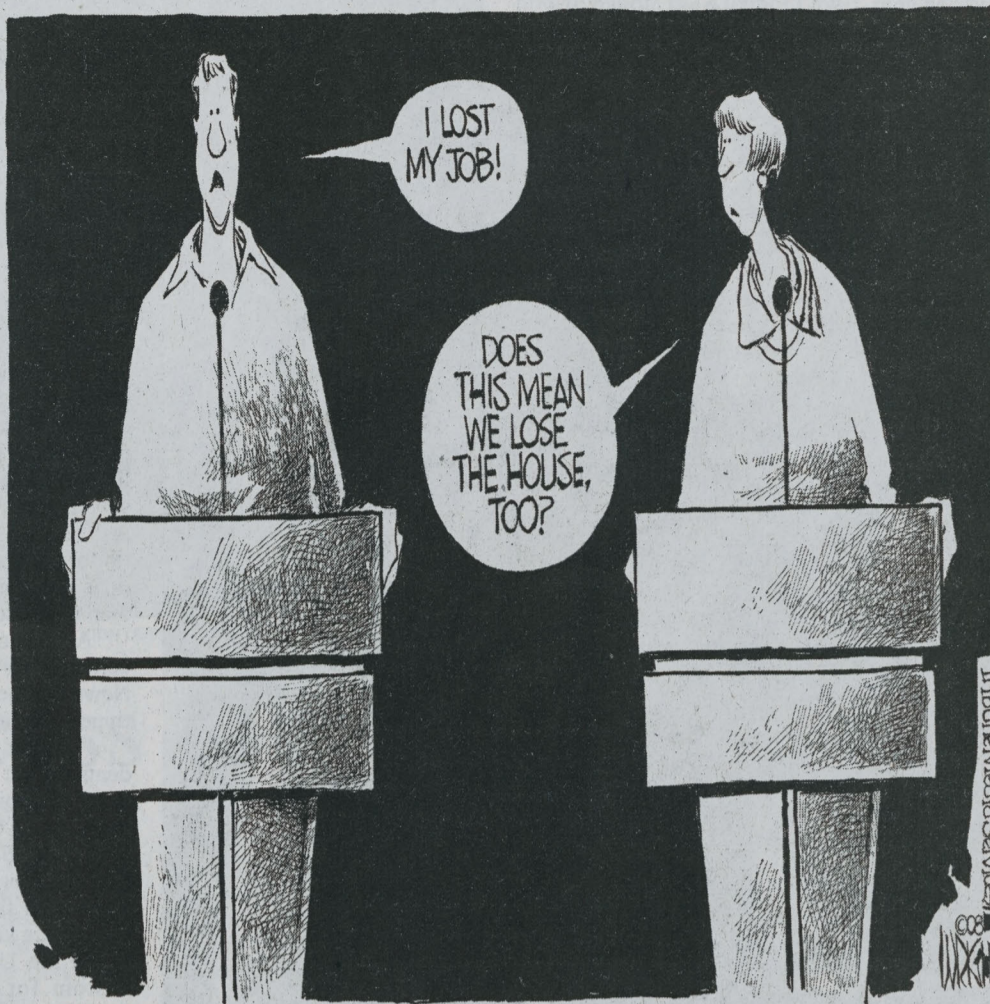
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As children, many of us wished for the fame of celebrities. They are the royalty of our society. However, few of us actually understand the hardships that come with such a high social status. Celebrities are under constant surveillance. They are followed by both photographers and fans, bombarded with requests for autographs and pictures, and have problems even going out for a meal. Even worse, sometimes their lives are put into jeopardy. Obsessed fanatics have more than once been willing to commit crimes in the hopes of catching the attention of their favorite celebrity. Take, for example, Jodie Foster's obsessed fan John Hinckley Jr.—his attraction stemmed from Foster's role in the movie *Taxi Driver*. After many failed attempts to contact her, he formed a scheme to kill the president, which mirrored the plot of the movie. In 1981, Hinckley attempted to assassinate the newly elected president Ronald Reagan. Lindsay Lohan is another celebrity that has faced danger due to her fame. Recently, Lohan was attempting to leave a restaurant when a paparazzo crashed into her Mercedes-Benz to capture the photo. If Lohan wasn't a celebrity, he would have never attempted something so dangerous. An extreme example is the death of Princess Diana. In 1997, traveling through Paris, her car was chased down by photographers trying to snap a picture of her with her new boyfriend Dodi Al Fayed. In the Pont de L'alma road tunnel, her car was pushed into the support pillars and she was killed. Not only was this a loss of a wonderful woman, it was the loss of a world figure. It isn't right that celebrities cannot leave their home or do something as simple as having dinner without worrying about being put in harms way because of their fame.

Celebrities are normal people with high profile jobs. No one should suffer because of his or her talent. Those who don't live in the limelight don't face the same stressors that a national figure does. Some argue that when people reach a certain level of fame, they have to accept the struggles that come with it.

One way to stop the madness? Society in general needs to stop idolizing these people on the level that they do. Appreciating the talent and art of someone is only natural; however, stalking and other types of obsessive behavior are unacceptable. As part of our pop culture, we have grown used to following the lives of the famous. Flipping through a gossip magazine while waiting in the check out line is a common practice. If we notice something outrageous or scandalous printed on the cover about our favorite celebrity, of course we will pick it up and read it. We are entertained by the rich: the more tragic the story, the more likely it will catch our interest. Celebrities are normal people, and it's horrible that they face continuous worry because they excel at their art. Celebrities are not gods, they are people like us.

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THE REAL DEBATE

PIRATE RANTS

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When I get sick, I like to be around lots of people I don't like. That way, next week they'll feel just as horrible.

I'm not afraid of McCain becoming president, but I'm afraid that he might die and Palin would become president. Then we'll all be screwed!

Every time I stay at my boyfriend's house, I feel like it's a competition with his roommate at who is having sex the loudest.

I got my coworker fired...it feels good.

I love October. I've already eaten 5,000 candy corns.

I think Biden has sexy dentures!

To the girl in the third floor cubicle at Joyner on Sunday night: I'm trying to study... Why can't you shut up?!

The only time I hate being a guy is when I really have to pee and my hands are very cold.

MA! THE MEATLOAF!

I never believed the clubs downtown profiled people until it happened to me! BOO to the O.P!

If that's the high life, puff puff... then I pass!

To the two people arguing in the library Monday night about whether or not the guy added some girl on Facebook: Please shut up, I'm writing a paper. Thanks.

Please stop inviting me to all your Christian events. I don't want to be rude and tell you I'm an atheist.

Can someone explain to me about these girls that wear cross necklaces hanging in their cleavage?

Does your girlfriend know that you're a crazy stalker? And that you still text me when I tell you to stop?

I swear, if I miss another midterm because you got me sick, I will flip out. Next time stay home and don't bring your germs to class!

I think it's sexy when girls come up and hit on me before I hit on them.

If you say 'the walls are paper-thin' one more time, I might beat your face until it is paper-thin.

How do you not know how to make Hamburger Helper? The directions are on the back of the box.

If you hate living here so much and are so unsatisfied, then why don't you just move out? It's like you don't exist anyway, so it isn't like we would notice if you were gone.

You know she has an STD when you pick her up for the first time from a bar called "Players" at 12 a.m. on a Friday night.

To the girl who sits below me in English class: STOP PICKING YOUR SCAB AND WIPING THE BLOOD OFF WITH YOUR DRINK LID! I ALMOST VOMITED!

I recently had an epiphany. NOOOOOOOO, I do not want to hang out with you or talk to you or even look at you. Take the hint already and leave me the heck alone. NOW. Thanks.

Why did they take the "Did you know?" section out of the East Carolinian? Bring it back and forget the horoscopes!

You know your school has too many STDs when you go to submit Pirate Rants and there is an advertisement that wants you to make a donation toward condoms.

Is there a tutoring class where I can learn how to pick up girls, keep them interested me and date them more than five minutes?

To the dude who kissed me on the forehead because you liked my pong form the other night: It was kind of weird but you can do it again if you want.

If your pit bull poops by my steps one more time, I'm going to pick it up and shove it in your face.

I wish I grew up in the 60s. Being a hippie is my life goal.

Drugs may lead nowhere, but at least it's the scenic route.

The last time politics and religion were mixed, people burned at the stake.

I have a degree in Liberal Arts - do you want fries with that?

My room is NOT a toilet, so would guys please stop peeing in it!

A new toilet paper has been developed for college restrooms—it's an inch wide and one micron thick. One roll lasts three years. Officials say savings can be used to fund college fountains.

To the guy that said, "You smell good" in math class after handing me my calculator back, I actually didn't take a shower that day, but thanks anyways. Nice gesture.

To the moron that stated Clinton's economic success was because of Bush, Sr. and Reagan: Brush up on your U.S. history. I bet you voted for Bush and I bet you'll vote for McCain. Good luck finding a job once you graduate... if you do.

I was walking to class when I heard a guy in front of me say, "I think its cool when a girl farts."

Why is it OK for guys to randomly hook up with hundreds of girls, but when a girl does the same, there's something wrong with her? Oh well, I'll just keep doing it!

I think it should be a requirement for ECU students to change their Facebook language to pirate.

I have memorized almost every word to the freecreditreportcard.com commercials. They are just so catchy.

I slept with her once and I caught feelings. I caught 'em bad.

I think it's really gross when you pop your back acne in class and I sit right behind you. I'm really scared I'm going to get a squirt of zit juice one day.

I think that all the Arby's in Greenville should change their name to Arrrrggghbys.

After I finished the College Alcohol Course, I felt like I needed a drink...

My boyfriend makes the lamest jokes. But I pretend to laugh anyways.

Sororities are dumb and kind of lame.

How do you not know that I have a crush on you? I see you every Monday and Wednesday lookin' ohhh so fine! I'll give you a hint: We have math class together.

Power hungry = A tool.

I would be rich if I got a dollar every time someone said, they liked my curly hair!!!

To the girl who whines about people not washing their hands: I prefer Germ-X! It kills 99.9 percent of all bacteria, so don't count on me getting sick.

To the girl with the sexy glasses: I see you downtown all the time with your crazy-haired friend! Do you two even go here?

I love spending time in Target with you!

Why do my professors load me up with all this work before fall break? IT'S NOT FINALS WEEK!

Different problem, different approach

A progressive approach to the war on terror

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THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Seven years after the attacks on 9/11, the Taliban regime remains active despite being deposed. After a long struggle against the legitimate government in Kabul, lieutenants of the Taliban leader Mullah Omar have entered into negotiations to end hostilities, and to notify the world of the group's severing of ties with Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda network.

Earlier this week, the Saudi royal government, headed by King Abdullah, announced it was mediating talks between the Taliban leadership and the Afghan government to bring an end to fighting. Details are sketchy and results are impossible to predict, but based on the willingness of each side to negotiate, this may be an example to follow in our own "global war on terror."

The Taliban is willing to abandon ties to al Qaeda and work with the Afghan government because their ability to act has been severely curtailed, most notably through military action. Their leaders fear for their lives, and prefer their influence in this world to glory in the next. This shows that they can be talked to. They can be brought back from extremist ideas. This doesn't mean they will become our best friends or even agree with us on any major policy. But it may be an indication that their threat to us is being eliminated.

The standing doctrine of the Bush Administration has been to use military force to deny haven to, and then destroy, suspected terrorist organizations. The difficulty in achieving the goals of this mission lie in defining the nature of terrorists, the extent to which we are truly committed to a "global" eradication of terrorism and the relative inability of conventional, massed military forces to seek out and eliminate all those who would resort to terrorism as a means to achieve a goal.

Terrorism is a tactic of war, as well as an ideology held by groups who employ this tactic. One difficulty in eradicating it is that terrorists are not a group of people that we can simply kill or arrest to resolve the problem. Terrorism is a form of asymmetrical warfare, war fought without the rules that countries have traditionally agreed upon, if not always uniformly followed. It is the choice of outnumbered, outgunned combatants against a superior force. Many times these attacks focus on civilian, symbolic and strategic targets. Terrorism is used to diminish an opponent's will to continue what can often be a long and endless fight.

Eliminating terrorism is particularly difficult when we as a nation assume that all terrorist organizations are formed around the same values and can be stopped by the same means. Groups like al Qaeda are composed of members that are either committed to die, or committed to live to carry on the fight. They have no room for negotiation, no material end that both sides could agree upon that would stop the fighting. But, this does not mean that all groups that are predisposed to terrorism cannot be dealt with before they resort to terrorist acts. Nor does it mean they must all be eradicated to produce peace.

A good example is the Sunni Awakening movement in Iraq; groups of men who would likely otherwise have been radicalized by lack of opportunity and continued strife have found a way to employ their energies in rebuilding their country, rather than destroying it further. Before we commit ourselves as a country to a course of action that could possibly produce one new enemy for every one we kill, we should take the time to analyze the best course of action while considering each different group and their varying agendas.

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Ask G

Dear G,

I'm a Super senior this year... again, and starting to feel like I'm running out of time. I just haven't been able to stick with one particular major. I started off as a biology major, and my goal was to apply to med school by my junior year. Those dreams went down the drain the year I took organic chemistry. Those hours soon became the most dreadful hours of my life. And then it happened: two miserable hours of sleep and six espresso shots later, I got up shortly after class started, folded my midterm exam into a perfect little square and walked right out. I'm afraid this has become a pattern... Don't get me wrong, I've had plenty of fun being a biology, art and communication major, but like my dad says, "This is getting ridiculous!"

What can I do? I'm tired of hearing, "You're still here!?!?"

Best regards,

Super... super senior

My Dear Super...super senior,

It is very refreshing to meet someone as zealously hungry for education as you are. Student loans and funny looks put aside, you surely must be the most well-rounded student to ever set foot on Wright Plaza.

But honestly, everyone faces insecurities in their academic fields, some more than others, obviously. In an education system turned factory, where the accumulation of facts overshadows discernment, it is only human to feel helpless and perhaps confused when all of the sudden we have the freedom to lay down our own expectations.

I commend you on your many efforts, as opposed to giving up on college all together. I completely agree with Lin Yutang when he says that, "The acquisition of knowledge is nobody else's business but one's own, and only then can education become a pleasure and become positive."

This statement merely stresses that you are the only one responsible for your education. Studies show that our generation will pursue an average of three careers, but in your case, let's just say you're getting a head start on everyone else. And they called you a procrastinator!

Get to know yourself better, and I assure you that things will start to fall into place. Having a plan is very important, but know that it'll change and do your best to accept the detours with an open mind and a bright spirit.

So, my dear Super...super senior, get out there and keep looking! You're better off exploring new interests now, rather than getting stuck in some cubicle staring at your cat's pictures and shamelessly hating your job. Besides, chasing your dream is half the fun.

A la prochaine,

G

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Trivia

1. Finish the phrase with 3 words: "Hell hath no fury like..."
 2. In China these noodle-dough dumplings are filled with meat and boiled in soup; what are they called?
 3. Founded in 1609, and now the capital city of its state, what is the oldest city in America west of the Mississippi?
 4. This small town in Missouri has less than 4,000 inhabitants, but four to five million visitors each year visit the two dozen theaters in town, which feature country music. What town is this, known as the Nashville of the Ozarks?
 5. Which basketball team and city has won the most NBA titles?
 6. Excluding Antarctica, which continent has the largest percentage of desert land?
1. A Woman Scorned. Written by 17th century English author William Congreve. 2. Won Ton. 3. Hanam Congreve. 4. Branson, MO. 5. Santa Fe, NM. 6. Australia.



Bartenders and servers depend on tips more than paychecks.

ASHLEY YARBER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Serving a tip for all

Here's a tip – on tipping

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An event that many students at ECU enjoy is taking a night out with friends or family to go to dinner.

While the food and the company of your loved ones are great, the fun comes to an end as your server leaves the check. Cringing at the total, you almost forget the tip for the server. As a result, the tip is sometimes smaller or larger than it should be.

According to Jim Vandy, a columnist for the Ball State Daily News Online, students are poor tipppers, but it isn't their fault.

"In their defense, many students do not know the expectations of tipping," Vandy writes, in his article *Odds are I probably hate you: Bad tipppers do not deserve service*. "Usually, students with first or second hand experience know the rules."

In the United States, it is custom for customers to tip in order to show appreciation for the given services. The tip amount depends on the service as well as the rules of the establishment and while it is voluntary, it is highly encouraged.

According to Yahoo.com's finance section, customers at dinner typically base tip amount on the performance of the server. Customers desire to feel welcome at a restaurant, and pay attention to a server's attitude, personality and promptness, along with overall food service. Tips can fluctuate based on these factors.

Many customers will also base tips on food preparation, feeling that it is the responsibility of the wait staff and cook to ensure that food is prepared adequately. Restaurant goers also

factor in the presence of their server. While periodic updating with a table is sufficient, constant interruptions are unacceptable.

According to a CNN report, the national average for tipping is 18.2 percent of the total bill.

"If a [customer] has been [in a restaurant or bar] all night and using our services and if we have given excellent service, they should tip 15 to 30 percent" said Megan McInerney, a senior and public relations major and bartender at 4th Street Tavern.

According to the NC Department of Labor, the average wage for a server is \$2.43 an hour.

"[Tipping] is basically our salary. We only make a couple dollars an hour so tipping is everything" said McInerney.

While not technically a restaurant job, bartending still incorporates the power of tipping. It is customary to tip one to two dollars per drink ordered, according to McInerney.

"Fifteen percent [is given] when the customer never felt a need to complain and the server's personality wasn't similar to cardboard," said Jon Alley, a server at Greenville's Cracker Barrel. "Thirty percent [would be given] when the guest felt relaxed and welcome, and if the server chatted with them or joked around and just generally made a good impression. Anything above 15 percent is all personality."

While it is at the discretion of the customer whether or not to tip when given bad service, customers are encouraged to speak with managers in these situations.

Students are not the only group guilty of stiffing servers. For McInerney, gender plays a role. McInerney observed that females do not tip as well. As a bartender, she notes that she

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Poetry is spoken by Word of Mouth Survivors share their stories



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Word of Mouth allows poets to perform and share talents with another.

Word of Mouth speaks to ECU's poets

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Literally hundreds of organizations at ECU are offered for students of different backgrounds and interests.

However, one club that is picking up some attention is the student-run poetry club called Word of Mouth.

Word of Mouth (WoM) is an organization that allows poets, lyricists and other writers interested in spoken word and performance to come together and share their talents.

Although not an official organization yet, the club has more than 16 poets after its start in August, and confirmation of the organization's official status will be available by the end of October.

Sophomore Johnny Martinez came up with the initial idea of starting the organization.

Martinez, who has been writing poetry since sixth grade, came together with other poets on campus to form the club.

"I founded an organization for poets in the past at my high school and I just wanted to bring that experience to college," Martinez said.

According to Martinez, it's important to have a club like WoM because poetry is often an art form that is overlooked.

WoM is the first poetry club at ECU, but the art of poetry is not new to the university's curriculum.

ECU offers three poetry classes, including Introduction to Poetry, which introduces students to the basics of poetry, like metrics, tone and theme; Introduction to Poetry Writing and Advanced Poetry

Writing.

Martinez, along with other poets from WoM, are taking Introduction to Poetry Writing this semester.

"In high school, I was very active in poetry. Not only did I have my own club at school, but I also performed with the local poetry group in my city," Martinez said.

The poetry group Martinez participated in through high school, SlamCharlotte, is ranked as the number one poetry club in the country.

This Friday, WoM had its first show at Genesis Lounge on Fourteenth Street.

WoM poets displayed their work in an inviting atmosphere with live music.

"It was a very relaxed show for lovers of poetry and the spoken word art form," Martinez said.

Another show is being

planned for late October or early November in Mendenhall.

The event will be free to all students and the public.

WoM is open to anyone interested in spoken word and poetry.

Since the purpose of the organization concentrates on performance, a poem must be submitted and performed before entry is granted.

Anyone interested in the organization can join the Facebook group, Word of Mouth Poetry Organization.

"The purpose of WoM is to give voice to the many pages of poetry that reside in the minds of the students of ECU. We then want to take that voice and enrich the community of Greenville and the campus of ECU," Martinez said.

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It was an "Evening of Survivorship" on Monday as different organizations took part in the "Peace.Love.Pirates.Cure" cancer awareness campaign in Hendrix Theater.

Students gathered to hear experiences of people who have survived cancer.

Survivors banded together to share their stories about battling cancer, along with information about themselves.

Speaker Chris Carlson never thought it was important for men to routinely maintain physicals with doctors, especially when it came to being examined in sensitive areas.

This all changed for Carlson when he was diagnosed with testicular cancer. While his story has a happy ending, Carlson stressed to the audience the importance of regular checkups.

Mary Margaret Manlove and Susan Neuhoff have similar stories about their fight with breast cancer. While Manlove has been in remission for years, Neuhoff is still fighting it everyday.

"I am in the process of surviving breast cancer," said Neuhoff.

ECU students Brooke Barton, Madalyn Miller, Taylor Bell and Timmy Baker offered their experience with surviving cancer. Although individual experiences differed, all emphasized that their cancer diagnosis did not define the person they were. Cancer was an obstacle that they had to face and since overcoming it, they lead normal lives.

Michael Dreisbach also shared his story of his battle with lung cancer.

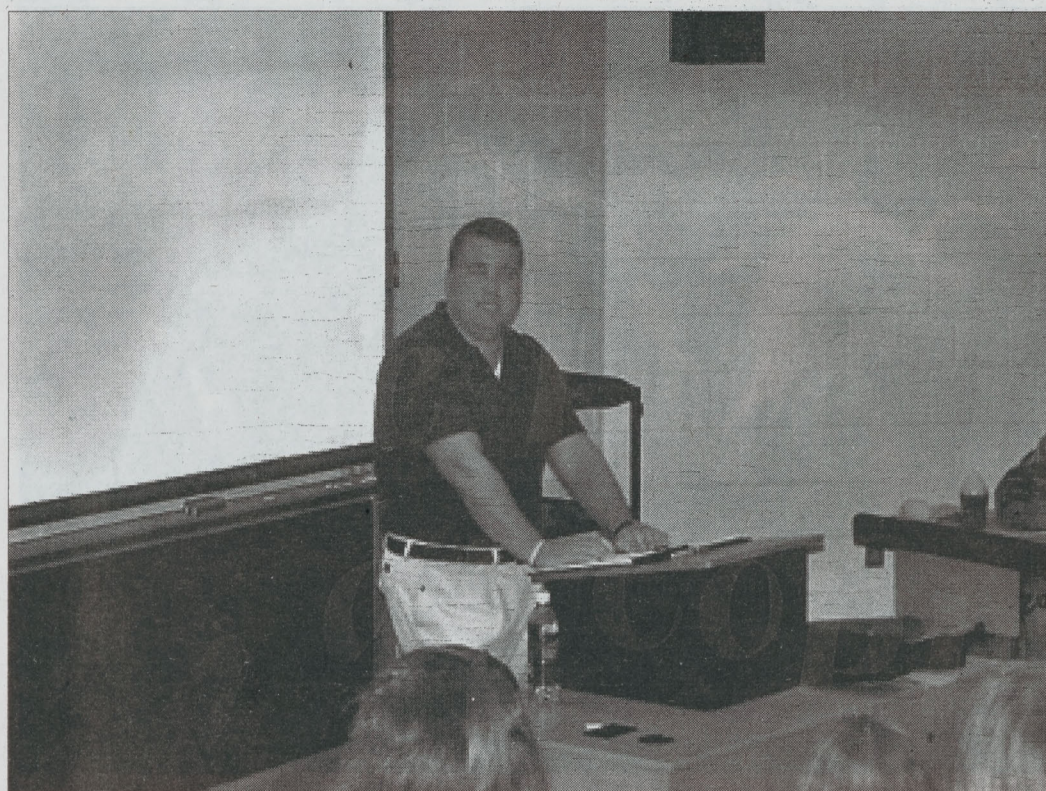
Speaking through a mechanical larynx, Dreisbach warned students of the bad decisions that led to him developing lung cancer.

Dreisbach started smoking at 15.

Along with his smoking habit, Dreisbach was a firefighter who rarely wore a mask on rescue calls.

"Every choice a person makes has a negative or a positive consequence," Dreisbach said, encouraging all students not to smoke and to quit if they

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Peter Romary speaks at the first "Success for Life" workshop.

Finding success for life

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Got issues? SGA is aiming to provide solutions for common issues that face ECU students through their "Success for Life" workshops.

"Success for Life" is a series of lectures organized by SGA that brings in various speakers that present issues relevant to overall student well-being.

The workshops inform students about departments and offices on campus that are designed to assist them if needed.

SGA will be hosting two "Success for Life" workshops each semester. The first took place last Wednesday.

Peter Romary, director of student legal services gave information about topics like landlord-tenant and lease issues and alcohol and fake ID laws. Romary also talked about alcohol laws in popular vacation

spots for college students.

"['Success for Life'] is a really important way for me to connect with my clients. I think it is very important that we convey as much information as possible so that we have informed consumers," said Romary.

According to Romary, the most common legal issues for ECU students are landlord-tenant issues, alcohol tickets and minor traffic infractions.

Romary warned students

who wish to get into the medical, legal, law enforcement or education fields that it can be difficult to get a job with any of these charges on their record.

Romary also gave advice on how to handle the Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE), saying that students are not required to blow into an alcasensor unless they are operating a motor vehicle. The simple odor of alcohol is not enough for permanent charges.

Students were also reminded to use technology to their advantage. When there is a problem, the best evidence is visual, according to Romary. Using digital cameras and camera phones to capture questionable behavior can be used as evidence to help in a court case.

The next "Success for Life" workshop will be held on Nov. 19 in the Multipurpose Room at Mendenhall Student Center. The speaker will be a representative from Vanguard, an investment management company that handles approximately \$1.3 trillion in assets across the country.

The session will focus on student financial issues, and a representative will speak about budgeting money, investing, credit cards and debt.

"It is important for students to come to these events because they will benefit from hearing the knowledge and information that each speaker shares with them," said Brad Teasley, the SGA Chief of Staff. "Many students often need legal advice."

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often encounters drunken patrons that exhibit better or worse tipping habits when intoxicated.

Alley found that, contrary to stereotypes, elderly people are good tipppers.

"The most consistent [tipppers] would be the elderly.... I've gotten amazing tips from senior citizens," Alley said.

Some local restaurants and nationwide chains have com-

pletely abolished the tipping rule altogether and opted for auto gratuity. Auto gratuity is added into the grand total, usually for parties of six or larger, and must be paid at the end of a meal. In these situations, it is not expected for customers to add an extra tip, unless they wish to do so.

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already do.

Through each of their different stories, the survivors mentioned the need for a positive attitude and the support of family and friends. Many mentioned how delighted they were to receive greeting cards and to have head shaving and hospital parties that helped make the road to recovery easier.

The panel also highlighted the importance of regular self-exams and stressed the importance of reporting abnormalities as soon as possible.

For audience members that attended the event, the impact of battling cancer was eye-opening.

Laura Ruffin, a sophomore social work major, gained insight from the panel.

"No matter how old or healthy [you are], you can still get cancer," she said.

For Morgan Logan, a freshman pre-health major, the stories of the survivors can be applied to any everyday situation.

"A positive attitude will get you anywhere," said Logan.

For more information about cancer awareness, stop by the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center located in the Student Recreation Center or stop by Student Health Services.

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In the tape mix



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Making a mix tape can be fun for friends or significant others.

From cassettes to CD's: Making the perfect mix tape

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THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Creating a mix CD has long been somewhat of a loving gesture, if not a declaration of one's love. With the release of *Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist*, what better time to teach readers how to make their own infinite playlist?

It all started with the mix-tape, which took more time and effort to create than the current method of burning a disc. The process usually involved picking out songs from numerous radio stations or CDs and then transferring them to a dual sided tape.

(If this process alone doesn't sway the hormones your way, then nothing will).

However, the upside to the old-school mix tape is that the listener or love monkey has to listen to every song on the tape and can't simply skip around as easily like a CD.

Of course, doing this is easier than awkwardly having to say, "Umm I kinda like you..."

The plus side for the advance-

ment to CDs is that you only have to worry about creating the perfect playlist and decorating a cover. Typically, creating the perfect mix takes about five minutes to burn depending on the size of songs, which gives the creator more time to get in touch with their artistic side and create an awesome cover.

Picking out the perfect songs for your mix is time consuming, but there is no way around that.

So, consider your audience: is this your unrequited love? A friend that loves hardcore tunes and the Spice Girls? Or is it simply for your enjoyment on long car drives?

Make sure you pick songs according to your intended audience or you will forever be cast out as "that guy" with bad music taste and horrible mixes.

Be sure to include some classics, preferably from your younger days, that you know the majority of your age range enjoyed. Mix in some of your favorites as well, along with unique and catchy tunes that a group can sing to.

Follow these rules and you'll be sure to create a mix worth keeping on the shelf.

You're not done just yet. It's time to name your mix,

which is the most vital step.

Don't settle for something like *Love Mix* or *I Wanna Do You in the Back Seat of a Mazda*. Those are simply unacceptable. The more random the title, the better. Create something simple, humorous—something that makes people curious about the creator and the music that the disc contains.

If you want the mix to be memorable, one that the receiver keeps for years to come, the artwork you create will seal the deal.

A creative way would be to make a fold out album cover from cardboard. Using a glue stick, and whatever else your artistic heart desires, make a masterpiece that you know your friend or lover won't throw away (unless they're a heartless demon). Spending time and effort on artwork will show your dedication to the mix CD, because a store-bought CD doesn't show that you spent hours picking out the perfect songs.

The artwork always has the potential to say: "I spent a lot of time and a few late nights making this, so you better enjoy."

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Nick (Michael Cera) and Norah (Kat Dennings) share an infinite playlist.

The good, the bad and the ugly

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Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist

Synopsis

Nick (Michael Cera) is a straight teenage bass player for a band, The Jerkoffs. Nick has recently experienced heartbreak at the hands of ex-girlfriend Tris, (Alexis Dziena) a snotty girl with an attitude problem who decides to show up to one of their shows. Not only does she attend the concert against Nick's wishes, she brings her new boy toy with her. Enter Tris' frenemy Nora: in an attempt to hide that she came without a date, she asks Nick to be her five-minute boyfriend. Little does she know that Nick was Tris' ex, and inevitably,

drama ensues. Nick, Norah and the members of The Jerkoffs set out after the show to find the band "Fluffy," this is where we follow them on their journey to find the band, and in the process, find love.

The Good

This is an instant classic in my book, ranking up there with *High Fidelity* and *Say Anything*. What the world needed was a musically-themed movie that Disney didn't produce and didn't include Zac Efron. The movie is sure to please those with distinguished musical taste. Soundtracks consisting of artists like Vampire Weekend and Band of Horses are an added plus.

The Bad

There are a few differences

between the book and the movie but the movie stayed close. Casting for the movie was well done except for Tris. Dziena did a good job of being annoying but not what you would expect after reading the book.

The Ugly

Cera plays the lovable emo nerd who ends up getting the girl again. Although he is perfect for the part, it makes me wonder if he can branch out to other roles. His characters in *Superbad*, *Juno* and *Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist* are one in the same.

Verdict

A must see for all music lovers and people in the scene.

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The Black Keys take Raleigh

STEPHEN MASON
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Sunday, the Black Keys raided the Disco Rodeo in Raleigh, North Carolina, putting on an unbelievably energetic show.

The duo, comprised of guitarist and vocalist Dan Auerbach and drummer Patrick Carney, have made a name for themselves for their blues-driven rock riffs, and are now touring for their new album *Attack & Release* which was released earlier this year.

The set list drew from their new album, which is a departure from their signature sound. The band's first four albums consisted of nothing but guitars and drums, but *Attack & Release* proved to be far from the norm.

Produced by Danger Mouse (one half of Gnarls Barkley) the album had heavy hip-hop influences and contained ambient synthesizers and keyboards, among other instruments. The

Black Keys performed songs like "I Got Mine," and "Strange Times," — the latter of which has a sound that relies heavily on Danger Mouse's added input. "Strange Times" was played without it, but never lost any of the energy.

In fact, the entire night was like that.

Their opening band, the Royal Bangs, were impressive. Influenced by acts like the White Stripes and Death Cab For Cutie, they have a fairly original sound. A five-piece act hailing from Tennessee, the Royal Bangs were not the typical first act that fans want to get off the stage. Their set was explosive — three of the members constantly switching between instruments, such as guitar, bass, percussion and keyboards.

The night came alive when Auerbach and Carney took the stage, putting on a show so forceful that Auerbach actually cut one of his fingers on his strings.

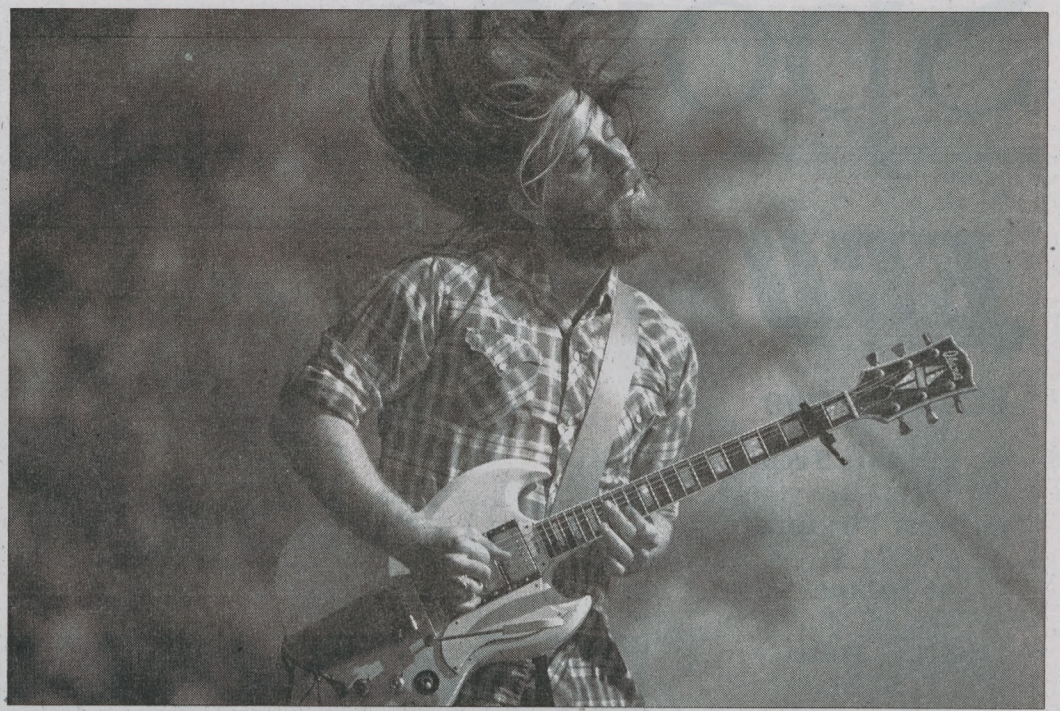
Without hesitation he sealed it up with superglue and started the next song. Carney was equally impressive, powerfully keeping deep rhythms to the point where he looked like he was in pain. His best moment was when he took a tambourine and used that instead of one of his drumsticks.

The band played songs from all over their catalogue, including their signature "10 A.M. Automatic" from *Rubber Factory* and a Captain Beefheart cover. The Disco Rodeo is a small venue, so the show was intimate, with Auerbach walking up to the edge of the stage and actively interacting with the audience.

What makes the Black Keys such a great live act is that they have a unique brand of hard rock, and they know how to play it: loud.

Really, really loud.

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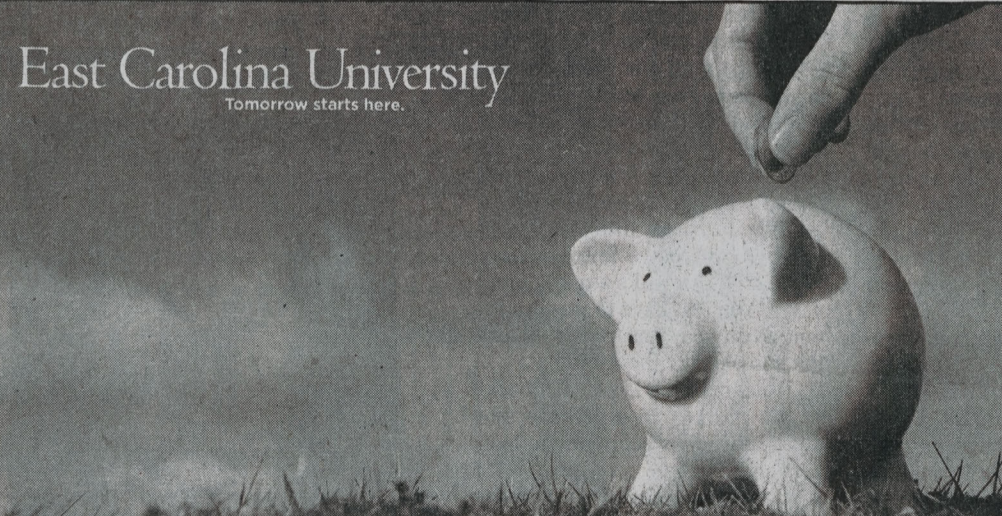
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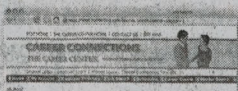
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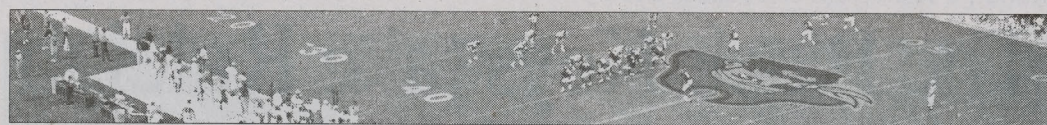
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ECU Schedule

- vs. Virginia Tech
W, 27-22
- vs. West Virginia
W, 24-3
- at Tulane
W, 28-24
- at N.C. State
L, 30-24
- vs. Houston
L, 41-24
- 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 Schedule

- vs. USC
L, 52-7
- vs. Richmond
W, 16-0
- at Connecticut
L, 45-10
- at Duke
L, 31-3
- vs. Maryland
W, 31-10
- vs. ECU
Oct. 11
- vs. North Carolina
Oct. 18
- at Georgia Tech
Oct. 25
- vs. Miami
Nov. 1
- at Wake Forest
Nov. 8
- vs. Clemson
Nov. 22
- at Virginia Tech
Nov. 29

THEY SAID IT

"This open date was very needed. It has been a very emotional September, obviously, with all the highs and lows that we've been through as a program. I think it was great to give these players, coaches and everybody an opportunity to get away and get their feet up under them a little bit."
-ECU head coach Skip Holtz

"We're going to compete everyday and give it our all. We're going to take pride in what we do, which is working hard every day. We're taking it as a business trip. We're going up there to win."
-ECU defensive back Jerek Hewett

"Virginia is going to be a phenomenal challenge for us right now as a football team. Virginia is 2-3 and coming off a big win against Maryland, who was 4-1 going into that game. Maryland had just come off a huge win at Clemson and walked into Virginia and got beat 31-0, rather soundly."
-Skip Holtz

"I think they're a very good football team who had two losses come in the middle of the year, both on the road. I think you could give most of it to what they were going through [with] the quarterback situation and their turnovers than anything else."
-Skip Holtz

ECU AT VIRGINIA OCT. 8, CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.

Pirates trying to get back to winning ways



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Virginia Starting Lineup



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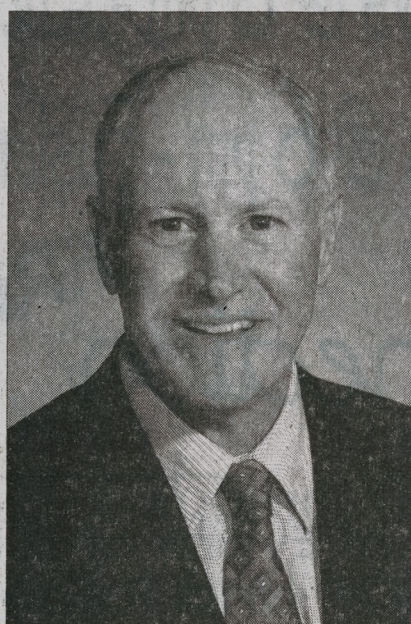
- QB- Marc Verica, Soph.
- RB- Cedric Peerman, Sr.
- FB- Rashawn Jackson, Jr.
- WR- Maurice Covington, Sr.
- WR- Kevin Ogletree, Jr.
- TE- John Phillips, Sr.
- LT- Eugene Monroe, Sr.
- LG- Austin Pasztor, Fr.
- C- Jack Shields, Soph.
- RG- B.J. Cabbell, Soph.
- RT- Will Barker, Jr.

Defense

- DE- Alex Field, Sr.
- DE- Matt Conrath, Fr.
- DT- Nick Jenkins, Fr.
- LB- Clint Sintim, Sr.
- LB- Jon Copper, Sr.
- LB- Antonio Appleby, Sr.
- LB- Denzel Burrell, Jr.
- CB- Vic Hall, Jr.
- CB- Ras-I Dowling, Soph.
- FS- Corey Mosley, Fr.
- SS- Byron Glaspay, Sr.

Special Teams

- K- Yannick Reyerling, Sr.
- P- Jimmy Howell, Fr.
- KR- Kevin Ogletree, Jr.
- Chase Minnifield, Fr.
- PR- Vic Hall, Jr.



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"They're built on speed. It's a speed style offense, spread out all over across the field. [They have] wide receivers who can run, a quarterback who can run [and] two or three running backs who have real good speed."

ECU plays Virginia on the road

KELLEN HOLTZMAN
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

While ECU spent its bye week recovering from a deflating 41-24 loss to Houston, Virginia was busy resurrecting its season with a surprising 31-0 shutout over Maryland last Saturday.

The Cavaliers' dominance over the Terrapins, who were previously 4-1, has cast a new shadow on this Saturday's showdown at Scott Stadium in Charlottesville.

"I think this is a different [UVA] football team than it was three weeks ago, and knowing that we have to go play them at home will present a great challenge for us," said ECU coach Skip Holtz.

The Cavaliers' three losses have come by way of rather stiff competition in formerly No. 1-ranked USC, Connecticut and Duke. But how UVA lost the games is more telling than just the results themselves.

The loss to a more athletic and overpowering USC team was no surprise, but a 45-10 loss to UConn followed by a 31-3 drubbing by Duke sent the Wahoo Nation into panic mode.

As Holtz implied, this doesn't appear to be the same team that ranked in the bottom 10 of the nation in total offense after its first four games—or that was outscored 128-36 by its opponents.

Instability at quarterback has been one reason for the Cavaliers' continued inefficiency offensively.

"I think you could give most of it to what they were going through at the quarterback situation and their turnovers more than anything else," Holtz said of UVA's early struggles. "Now that they're managing the game and doing a much better job, I think they're a very dangerous football team offensively, which can obviously score a lot of points."

Quarterback Marc Verica is beginning to come into his own after taking over for Peter Lalich after the second game of the season.

Verica struggled against UConn and Duke, but put together an admirable performance against the favored Maryland team. The sophomore went 25-for-34 for 226 yards and threw for two touchdowns with no interceptions against the Terrapins.

Stopping Kevin Ogletree, arguably UVA's biggest offensive threat, will be one of the ECU defense's toughest obstacles. The junior wide-out leads the Cavaliers with 318 receiving yards and two touchdowns, making him the fourth-leading receiver in the ACC.

Senior cornerback Jerek Hewett will be one of the members of the secondary who are aiming to rebound from a lackluster showing against Houston.

"I'm always out there looking for competition," Hewett said of the UVA receivers. "It's going to be a fun matchup. We're going to go out there and give it our all and hopefully we'll come out with a win."

Ogletree's two touchdowns came in the Cavaliers' last outing against the Terrapins, and marked UVA's first scores of the season through the air.

ECU's receiving corps is headed

in the opposite direction however, as Holtz announced the indefinite suspension of junior Jamar Bryant Wednesday afternoon. Holtz did not address the specifics of the suspension but said in a release that, "Bryant has been suspended indefinitely for a violation of team policy. There is an expectation of conduct associated with being a member of the Pirate football program."

Bryant is currently ECU's second-leading receiver, with 216 yards and three touchdowns on the season.

Verica's acclimation to the starting quarterback role is one explanation for the Cavaliers' turnaround, but his improvement can't explain the rushing surge against Maryland.

Although UVA coach Al Groh's teams are noted for utilizing two-back sets and pounding the football, the Cavaliers rank 10th in the ACC in rushing and dead last in scoring at 13 points per game. But those numbers appear to be on the rise after a surprising effort against its neighbors to the north.

UVA got the breakout game it had been hoping for from its leading rusher Cedric Peerman, who ran for 110 yards. Peerman's counterpart, running back Mikel Simpson, also rushed for 77 yards.

"I think they're finding something and you're seeing a little bit of a changing of the guards right now at running back with Peerman getting the number of carries that he is," said Holtz. "I think both running backs are very productive, but Peerman has really been impressive. If they are going to turn and spread us out, we're going to have to play in space. But I think they'll also play some two-back."

While Groh seeks to establish a running game on offense, his defense is centered on stopping it. The Cavaliers completely shut down the Terrapins' offense, holding them to just 79 yards rushing.

UVA senior and reigning ACC Defensive Lineman of the Week Clint Sintim played a major role in that feat with one sack, six solo tackles and a pass breakup. Sintim, who lines up at linebacker as well as the defensive end on third-down plays, is tied with former Cavalier Chris Long with 22 career sacks.

"We've seen him on film," said ECU offensive lineman Cory Dowless. "That kid's a really good player. You just have to prepare for him. Everybody has to step up as a unit and execute their job."

Holtz believes UVA's linebackers are the key to a defense that after last week is beginning to look menacing.

Holtz also pointed out that the Cavaliers' size across the board could pose a problem for the Pirates. UVA's starting defensive ends are both 6-foot-7 and their offensive line is massive.

Center Jack Shields is the smallest player on the offensive front, at 6-foot-5 and 289 pounds. His four line mates are all at least 6-foot-6 and weigh in over 300 pounds.

For both ECU and UVA, the question is: which team will show up? Both sides have had a puzzling array of results. If the Cavaliers put forth a Terrapin-like effort, the Pirates could be in for a battle during

East Carolina Starting Lineup



Offense

- QB- Patrick Pinkney, Sr.
- RB- Brandon Simmons, Sr.
- FB- Kevin Gidrey, Soph.
- WR- Dwayne Harris, Soph.
- WR- Alex Taylor, Jr.
- TE- Davon Drew, Sr.
- LT- Terence Campbell, Jr.
- LG- Cory Dowless, Soph.
- C- Sean Allen, Jr.
- RG- Doug Palmer, Jr.
- RT- D.J. Scott, Soph.

Defense

- DE- Zack Slate, Sr.
- DT- Jay Ross, Jr.
- DT- Khalif Mitchell, Sr.
- DE- C.J. Wilson, Jr.
- LB- Nick Johnson, Jr.
- LB- Pierre Bell, Sr.
- LB- Jeremy Chambliss, Jr.
- CB- Jerek Hewitt, Sr.
- CB- Dekota Marshall, Soph.
- FS- Van Eskridge, Jr.
- SS- J.J. Millbrook, Sr.

Special Teams

- K- Ben Hartman, Jr.
- P- Matt Dodge, Jr.
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HOLTZ

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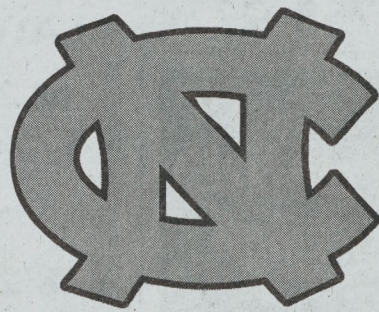


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Week seven: Ranking the Carolinas

1. UNC



Record: 4-1
Last Week: Won vs. UConn, 38-12

UNC holds onto the top spot after dominating No. 24 UConn last Saturday night. We know how good UNC's offense is, but it was the Heels' defense and special teams that stole the show last week. Bruce Carter blocked three punts, and defensive lineman Marvin Austin returned an interception for a touchdown, as UNC got its first win over a ranked team in three years. This is scary news, as winning 10 or 11 games is not out of the realm of possibility with the schedule the Heels have left.

2. WAKE FOREST



Record: 3-1
Last Week: bye week

Wake Forest had a classic letdown game against Navy two weeks ago after beating Florida State on the road. The Deacons have a tough schedule ahead of them now, starting tonight with Clemson and ending with a game against Vanderbilt to close out the regular season. Jim Grobe excels when his team is under the radar, and Wake is now under the radar after losing to Navy. That's not good for Clemson or the other teams that have to play Wake in the upcoming weeks.

3. S. CAROLINA



Record: 4-2
Last Week: Won at Ole Miss, 31-24

This would be my opportunity to remind you that I told you South Carolina would beat Ole Miss last week. Ole Miss was still thinking about how great its win over Florida was the week before, and the Gamecocks left Oxford, Miss. with a win. I said they would win because of the emotional factor mentioned above and because of Stephen Garcia. I was wrong about Garcia, as Steve Spurrier went with quarterback Chris Smelley, and the inconsistent quarterback delivered while Garcia sat the bench. It worked for Spurrier last week, but it won't again this week. USC continues its inconsistent play and loses to Kentucky this Saturday.

4. DUKE



Record: 3-2
Last Week: Lost at Georgia Tech, 27-0

Duke went into its first road game of the season with zero points, and left that same game with zero points. The Blue Devils certainly didn't pass their first road test, but they will have more opportunities. Georgia Tech is one of the best teams in the ACC this year, and Duke should rebound. Since it has been the laughing stock of college football recently, you have to be rooting for Duke to get to a bowl game this season. It is halfway there, but gaining three more wins in the regular season might be tough to do, as four of its final seven games are against ranked opponents.

5. CLEMSON



Record: 3-2
Last Week: bye week

All right Clemson, this is your week. Tonight is your game to prove that you're not as bad as the losses to Alabama and Maryland indicated earlier this season. Your game with Wake Forest tonight is on ESPN and everyone will be watching to see if your preseason hype was worth it. The Tigers are bigger, faster and more talented than Wake Forest. The problem is Clemson is bigger, faster and more talented than a lot of teams—but not better. This is your chance Clemson — show me something.

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Soccer ranked ECU SID

After a strong showing last weekend, the ECU soccer teams finds itself ranked in two regional polls this week.

The National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) has given the Pirates a No. 9 Southeast Region ranking while Soccer Buzz, the exclusive collegiate publication for women's soccer, has ranked ECU No. 12 in its Southeast Region poll.

The Pirates were ranked No. 13 in last week's Soccer Buzz Southeast Region poll while the No. 9 showing is the Pirates' highest-ever in the NSCAA weekly regional ranking, besting a No. 10 spot that the squad held for three weeks in 1999.

The Pirates remained in first-place in Conference USA after the weekend with a 2-0 shutout of Southern Miss and a 1-1 draw with UCF, with both contests taking place on the road.

Additionally, due to the team's 8-3-1 overall record, it has earned a ranking of 46 in the first RPI released by the NCAA this week.

ECU is one of four C-USA squads ranked in the top 50 of the initial RPI along with UCF (26), Rice (37) and Colorado College (38). The Pirates shut out Rice, 2-0 in Houston to begin conference play.

ECU returns home this weekend for the first time in four matches, as it hosts Tulsa on Friday and SMU on Sunday at Bunting Field. The match against the Golden Hurricane is scheduled for 4 p.m. while the Pirates square off against the Mustangs at 1 p.m.

Johnson filling linebacker void nicely



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Johnson is a full-time starter now.

JARED JACKSON
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

ECU didn't have to look far for a replacement after one of its best defensive players, senior Quentin Cotton, was

lost for the season after suffering a devastating knee injury against Tulane.

While Pierre Bell took over the middle linebacker position left open by Cotton's injury, junior Nick Johnson was added

to the defensive unit as the starting strongside linebacker, and has not looked back since. "[I just thought], 'oh man,'" Johnson said about watching Cotton go down. "I love him so it hurts me as much as everyone else to see him go down, especially him. It just means we have to come together more as a linebacker unit and make up for the plays he would make."

Since Cotton's injury, Johnson has gone from a so-called utility linebacker to a starter, but according to ECU defensive coordinator Greg Hudson, he was always a high caliber player.

"We had four starters," Hudson said. "Nick was one of the four guys; he played just as many snaps as everybody else in the first three games. Nick was actually a starter and he is the only guy that can play all three positions."

Johnson has noticed quite a difference between being the top backup and becoming a starter.

"It's a good feeling, it's exciting, but it comes with a lot of responsibility so there is a weight on my shoulders," he said of his newfound role. "It's a lot more tiring and a lot more physical. After the game you feel a lot more drained. You just have to get used to getting in that many plays in a game."

If his new role of starting strongside linebacker has affected Johnson in any way, not many people can tell. In his first career start against N.C. State, he had a team-high nine tackles, one of which was for a loss. Two weeks ago against Houston, he had his second straight stellar game with a career-high 11 tackles, as well as forcing and recovering a fumble.

"He's done great," Hudson said. "He has graded a winning performance each time and he has really exceeded my expectations of how he would be this year. We're really proud of him."

Arguably Johnson's biggest play of the season to date came in his hometown of Charlotte against Virginia Tech—the opening game of the season. Late in the second quarter he intercepted a pass at the Hokies' 20-yard line and returned it to their one-yard line. ECU was able to punch it in and cut its deficit to 14-7.

"It was big. It was in my home city so that was even more exciting," Johnson said. "I was electrified. It was fun. It meant a lot to me because I've always wanted to play at the Panthers stadium so that was something I got to do."

With the injury to Cotton, and Johnson's switch from backup to starter, ECU must rely on a young stable of linebackers such as Melvin Patterson, Cliff Perryman and Steve Spence to fill in at critical moments.

Even so, Hudson is pleased with their performance through the first five games of the season.

"I like their mindset; I like the way they practice," Hudson said. "I would like to see us make more one-on-one plays in space a little bit more, but we played really well our first three games. Those first few games were tough, and I'm just proud of where we are and just looking forward to watching these young guys get out there."

Johnson doesn't view the linebacker unit's newfound inexperience as an excuse, and is just worried about getting back into the win column.

"It's almost been like a roller coaster ride," Johnson said about the first five games. "We're about to get back on the upswing starting this week, so that will be good."

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UVA

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their first trip to Charlottesville since 1975.

"I'm very honest with them," Holtz said. "I'm not a bag of tricks guy to try and motivate them. I think we have to go back to holding everybody accountable, from coaches to players to being productive."

ECU has a 2-0 all-time record against UVA—making the Cavaliers the only ACC team the Pirates have a winning record against. ECU's two victories came in 1975 and 2006.

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FOR SALE

Good looking Teacup Yorkshire Terrier puppies for sale. Male and female available. Pictures of the puppies are available. Two of the puppies are full breed, AKC Reg. Price: \$650 (shipping price included). Note: I am ready to sale them with all the papers. For more details, email Roland at roland.cole120@gmail.com.

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Attention hardworking, responsible students: several part-time positions available. Flexible hours. Transportation can be provided. Responsibilities vary widely from manual labor to office support. Call Jeremy at 252-714-8779 for more info.

Part-time Positions Open at Greenville Recreation & Parks Department. Youth Basketball Coaches and Referees: Greenville Recreation & Parks Department is recruiting youth basketball coaches and referees for the 08-09 Winter youth basketball program.

Applicants must possess a good knowledge in officiating basketball games. Applicants must be able to coach and officiate league games for ages 5-18. Games are played on various days (Monday-Saturday) and hours are flexible according to class schedule. This program will run from December 1 to early March. Salary range will start at \$7.25 an hour. For more information, please contact the Athletic Office at 329-4550, Monday through Thursday 12 pm - 9 pm and Friday 12 pm - 7 pm. Please visit www.greenvillenc.gov to fill out an employment application.

Earn Extra Money. Students needed ASAP. Earn up to \$150 per day being a mystery shopper. No Experience Required. Call 1-800-722-4791.

Do you need a good job? The ECU Telefund is hiring students to contact alumni and parents for the ECU Annual Fund. \$8/hour plus cash bonuses. Make your own schedule. If interested, email us at ecutelefund@ecu.edu or give us a call at 252-328-9591.

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GREEK PERSONALS

Alpha Xi Delta sisters of the week: Rachel Nystrum and Kerianne Gilmar-tin. Thanks for all you do, ladies!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 15 is the application deadline for persons interested in pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Rehabilitation Services. Applications must be obtained online at <http://www.ecu.edu/rehb/> or from the Department of Rehabilitation Studies, 4425 Health Sciences Building. If you have questions regarding the degree, please contact Dr. Martha Chapin at 744-6291.

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