

## Newman Catholic Center commands big numbers

More than 1,000 vote in first three days of early voting

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For the first time in ECU history, an Early Voting site is being held on campus in hopes of encouraging students to vote. The Newman Catholic Student Center opened its doors to voters on Friday and will remain open until Nov. 1.

Located beside the Brewster Building, the Newman Catholic Student Center will not only host early voters, but register new voters as well.

Students can drop in Monday through Friday from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and cast their vote before Election Day on Nov. 4. The Early Voting site has hosted over 1,000 voters since they opened

and have registered approximately 58 new voters.

"It's been a steady response," said poll worker, Linda McGowan.

For many students, the election this November will be their first. In hopes of easing students into the voting process, *The East Carolinian* is providing a list of voting tips from Bob Hall, director of the nonpartisan watchdog group, Democracy North Carolina, that have been verified by the State Board of Elections.

- You may wear a button, hat, or shirt with a candidate's name as you quietly vote, but you may not actively draw attention to your choices.

- You may take a list of your choices into the polling place to help you remember, but do not show the list to others or

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Kal Penn and ECU students walk to the Early Voting site at the Newman Catholic Student Center.

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## Kal Penn canvasses ECU for Obama

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Kal Penn, of "House M.D." and *Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle*, joined representatives from the Campaign for Change, and ECU students to

rally support for Obama and encourage students to participate in early voting.

At 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25, Penn, along with other volunteers, canvassed dorms on campus handing out information about Early Voting and Obama's

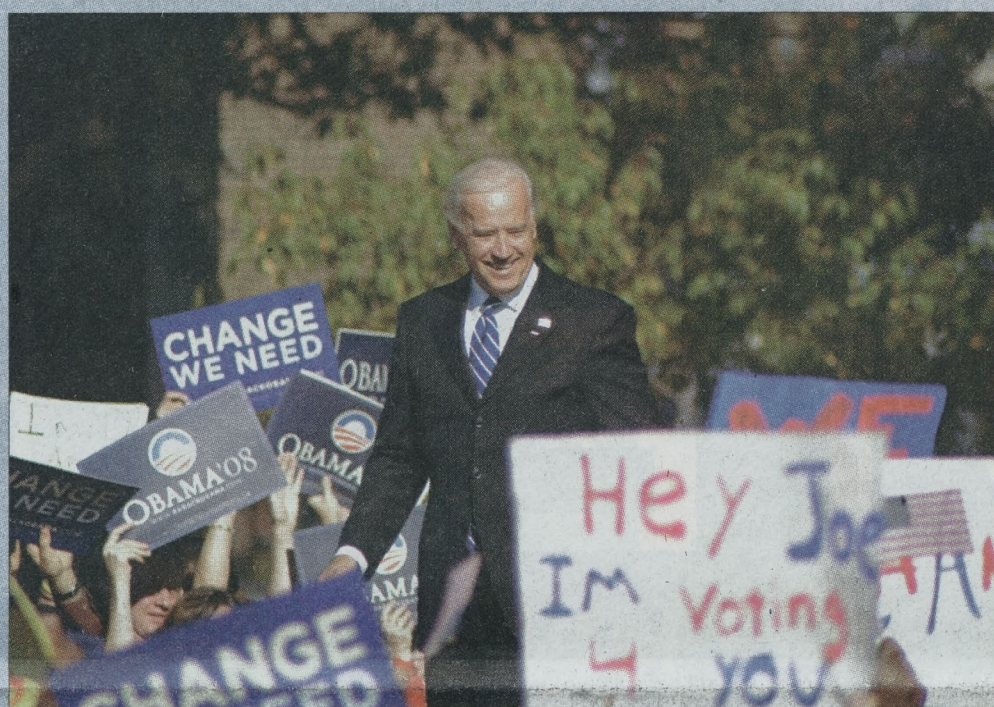
plan for presidency, and the rally that would take place on Monday Oct. 27 featuring vice-presidential candidate, Joe Biden.

"It is really important to Barack and Joe that everyone has a chance to vote," said Penn.

When asked why he decided

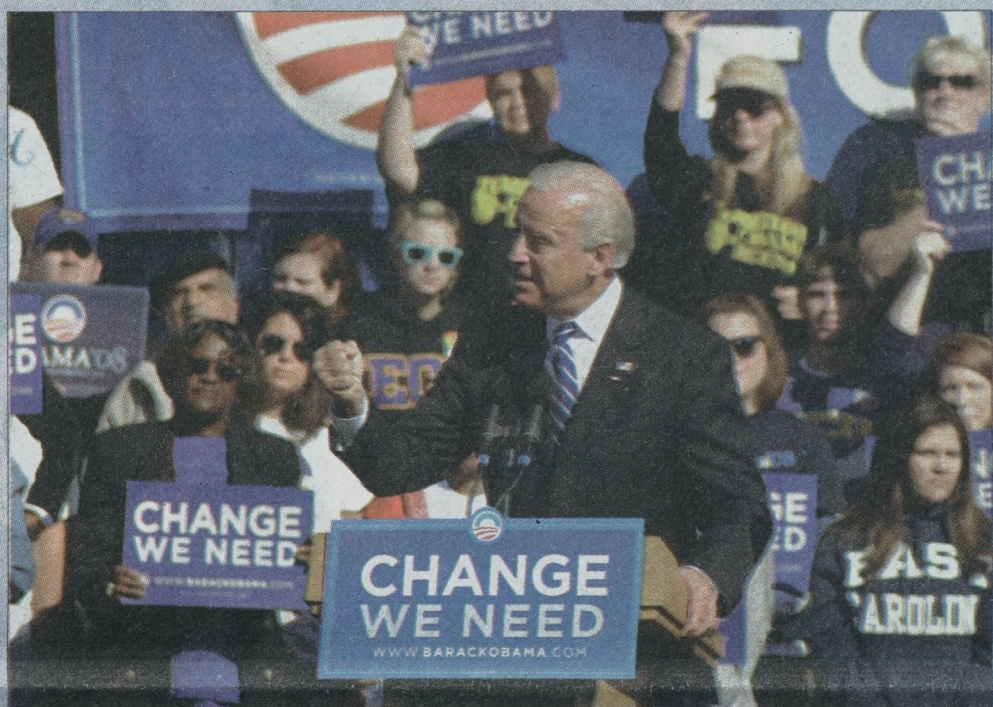
to support democratic candidate Barack Obama for president, he commented that he has many friends in college who are in debt and Barack proposed a \$4,000 credit tax that would alleviate

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Democratic presidential candidate, Joe Biden, greets audience members on Monday.

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Biden speaks to the crowd about voting and the economy.

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## Biden steps on campus to talk about voting

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With only eight days left until America votes, Democratic vice-presidential nominee Joe Biden made an appearance on campus yesterday with hundreds attending to hear the senator talk about the importance of voting and the economy.

About 10 a.m., local politicians, students, staff, faculty and members of the community and surrounding areas gathered outside at the Mendenhall Brickyard to get a glimpse of the senator.

The rally began with a prayer by North Carolina Senate hopeful Don Davis before former Student Govern-

ment Association president and first Black SGA president M. Cole Jones took the stage to lead the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Congressman G.K. Butterfield also spoke briefly to the group about "his friend," Sen. Biden, calling the vice presidential nominee a "statesman" and "foreign policy expert."

"My friends, we are tired of the failed policies of the Bush administration," said Butterfield. "It's time for change in North Carolina. It's time for Barack Obama and Joe Biden to put America on the right path."

Melissa Hege, ECU student and the ECU field organizer for the Obama campaign in Greenville, also gave a few words about the hard work of students during the months leading up to Election Day before introducing Sen. Biden to the crowd.

"In this region we have [had] record-breaking numbers as far as getting people registered to vote," Hege said. "And we couldn't have done that without ... every student, every student organization [and] every community member. You don't know the impact you have had on this campaign."

Biden took the stage holding an ECU baseball hat before diving into his 20-minute speech.

Biden focused on the economy, hitting home what the Obama campaign has been preaching for months: a John McCain administration would contain the "same" policies as the Bush administration's regarding the economy and other issues.

"It's not about [if] you are better off than you were eight years ago," Biden said. "The economy in crisis,

workers losing their jobs, families losing their homes and watching their incomes decline, the cost of everything from health care to college on the rise, our stand in the world decline ... the answer to the question is not, 'are we better off?'—everyone knows we're not better off. The real question is, 'how can we be better off four years from now?'"

"I know Halloween is coming," he said. "But John McCain dressed as an agent of change—that costume doesn't fit, folks."

Biden also spoke of the loss of jobs in the country and the state, and the U.S. health care system, which has left millions uninsured. Biden mentioned the climbing number of foreclosures across the country along with the Obama/Biden plan to "rebuild" and "restore" the American middle class

by giving tax cuts to those citizens.

"If we can help Wall Street, then we can help Evans Street and all the streets in Greenville," Biden said.

Biden poked fun at the McCain camp's use of the word "maverick," saying that, "you can't call yourself a 'maverick' if all you've been for the last eight years is a 'sidekick,'" drawing cheers from the crowd.

After his speech, Biden took time to shake hands and take pictures with students and members of the audience.

In addition to Biden's speech in Greenville, the senator also visited Greensboro, NC and New Port Richey, Fla. on Monday.

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## Federal grand jury indicts suspect in UNC slaying

(AP)

A federal grand jury on Monday indicted one of two men accused in the slaying of the student body president at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, adding on to state murder charges.

Demario Atwater, 22, was indicted on one count of carjacking resulting in death, and carrying and using firearms during

and in relation to carjacking, both of which could allow federal authorities to seek a death sentence.

State prosecutors had already charged both Atwater and Lawrence Lovette, 17, with murder in the March 5 death of Eve Carson, 22, of Athens, Ga. Her body was found early that morning in the middle of a residential street near the school's campus. She had been shot five times, including

once in the head with a 12-gauge shotgun.

"It's a matter of prosecutorial decision making," said Lynne Klauer, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's office in Greensboro. "We have an obligation to bring charges where there has been a federal offense. This is a case where it fits ... federal offenses as well."

Atwater already faces the death penalty if convicted on

state murder charges. Lovette can't be sentenced to death in either state or federal court because the crime was committed before he turned 18.

U.S. Attorney General Michael Mukasey must approve seeking a death sentence in the federal case. Prosecutors said Monday he has yet to do so. The federal indictment also charges Atwater with being a felon in possession of firearms and pos-

sessing a short-barreled shotgun that had not been properly registered to him.

Federal executions are rare. Only three people, including Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh, have been put to death by the federal government since it resumed executions in 2001 after a 38-year hiatus. Executions are even more rare in Orange County, which hasn't returned a death sentence in about 70

years. But Dr. Lawson Bernstein, a clinical and forensic psychiatrist who has testified as an expert witness in both state and federal death penalty cases, said federal authorities have begun stacking charges that could lead to a death sentence in more than one venue to boost the chances of winning a guilty verdict.

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leave it behind.

- You may vote for any candidate of your choice, regardless of the political party listed on your registration form.

- Voting a "straight-party ticket" does not include the president; you must vote for president and nonpartisan judges separately. If you vote on a paper ballot, look on both sides.

- You do not need an excuse to request an absentee ballot, but when you send it back, the form must include the signatures of two witnesses and their addresses.

- You do not need to show your registration card when you go to vote.

- New voters may need to show a form of ID when they first vote if the driver's license or Social Security number they listed on the registration form did not match government databases. Acceptable forms of ID with your name and current address include any government document (license, bill, letter, etc.), a utility bill (gas, phone, etc.), your check or bankcard statement or a payroll stub.

- You may go to any of the Early Voting sites in your county to vote, not just the one nearest to your precinct.

- If you missed the regular deadline to register, you can still register and vote on the same day, but only at one of your county's Early Voting centers. You'll be asked to show a form of ID, such as one of those listed above. Use same-day registration if you've moved or to update or change your registration.

- You may not use same-day registration on Election Day; it may only be used during the Early Voting period from Oct. 16 to Nov. 1.

- Ballots cast during Early Voting count just like those cast on Election Day.

- The easiest time to vote, when lines are generally shortest, is in the mid-morning

or early afternoon.

- It's best to vote in your own precinct on Election Day, but you may vote in any polling place in your county. If you vote outside your assigned precinct, your choices will only count for the items that also appear on your home precinct's ballot. Some items on your home ballot, such as a particular district race, may not appear on another's precinct's ballot.

- If your name does not appear on the registration rolls or you have any problem when you vote, you should be offered a provisional ballot; you should be given a toll-free number or Web site to learn if the ballot was counted or the reason it was not counted.

- Members of the military and students can register at the address where they live now, even if their mailing address (or address for tax purposes) is elsewhere.

- Felons convicted in North Carolina or another state may register and vote in North Carolina after serving their full sentence, including probation. No document certifying the restoration of their citizenship rights is needed.

- If you have an outstanding warrant, bankruptcy, traffic ticket, or civil fine, you may still vote.

- It's against the law to intentionally distribute false information about the voting process.

- If you have problems or see suspicious activity, call the State Board of Elections at 1-866-522-4723 or the Election Protection hotline at 1-866-OUR-VOTE.

- To check your registration, see a sample ballot, find your nearest Early Voting center, or learn the truth behind a rumor, go to 2008ElectionConnection.com or call 1-888-687-8683.

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## McCain says Bush wrong on economy

(AP)

Republican John McCain promised to pivot from President Bush's economic policies and impose strict controls on government spending that would spur investor confidence and the stock market's recovery.

"I will protect your savings and retirement accounts and get this stock market rising again," said McCain, after huddling with economic advisers and pledging a break with Bush administration policies.

Aides said that McCain's call for cuts in the capital gains tax and tax breaks for seniors who invest would help the market rebound, a nod to the top issue on voters' minds little more than a week out from Election Day.

"A stronger economy with greater investor confidence would help turn the stock market around," said Tucker Bounds, a McCain spokesman. "That would help drive up stock prices and the market recovery."

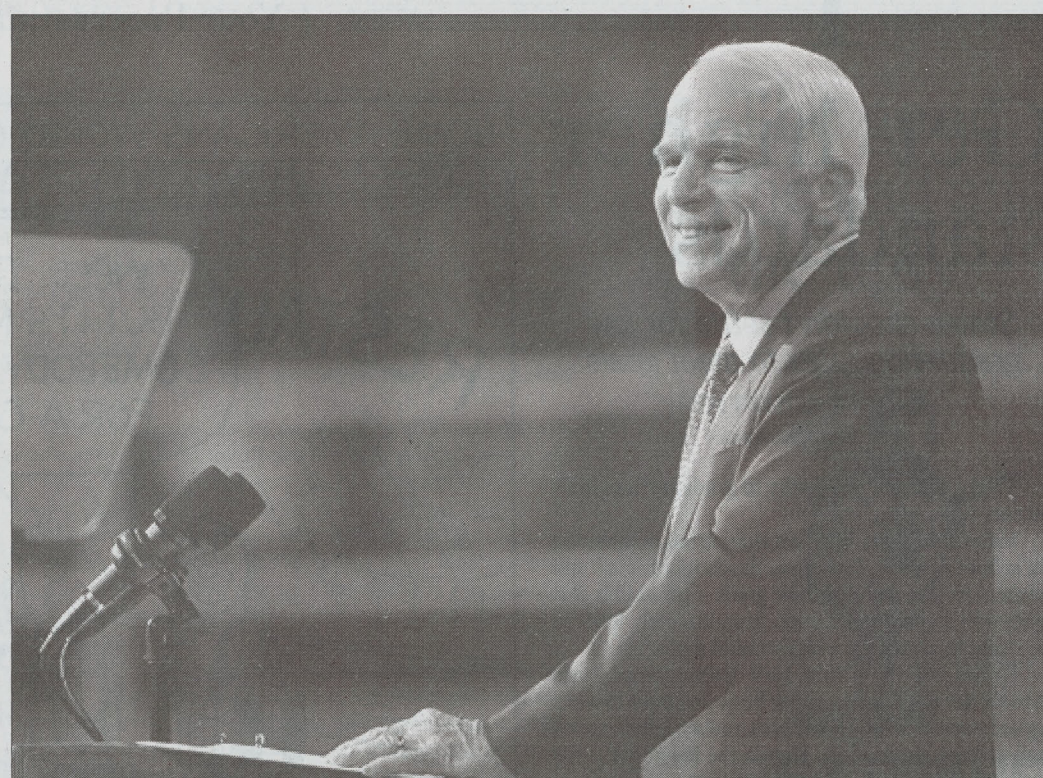
In his closing argument of the marathon election, McCain tread a thin line between bashing Democratic rival Barack Obama and making clear that he would steer a different course than the current GOP administration.

"We both disagree with President Bush on economic policies," McCain said. "My approach is to get spending under control. The difference between us is he thinks taxes have been too low, and I think that spending has been too high."

His most dramatic claim was a pledge to turn around a plunging stock market. Most of the progress he promised would come from the economic stimulus sparked by big tax cuts he's pushing, McCain said.

"I will create millions of jobs through tax cuts that spur economic growth," McCain said. The capital gains tax cut he's proposing would encourage investors, Bounds said.

Before he spoke, McCain met with economic advisers including former rival Mitt Romney and former Housing Secretary Jack Kemp. The event was designed to focus his message on the economic meltdown that has dominated the campaign



John McCain questions George Bush's economic plan.

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and left him on the defensive. The downturn has helped boost Obama to a lead in the polls, both nationally and in key battleground states like Ohio.

"The difference between myself and Sen. Obama is my plan will create jobs, it's a difference of millions of jobs in America," McCain said. "My approach will lead to rising stock market prices, a stabilized housing market, economic growth and millions of new jobs."

Obama campaign spokesman Bill Burton responded, "A day after John McCain said that he agreed with George Bush's economic philosophy, he continued to parrot the same failed policies that give billions to billionaires and big corporations while providing no relief at all to more than 100 million middle-class Americans."

McCain's meeting with economic advisers came as polls show him trailing Obama, with most Americans deeply worried about the direction of the economy. For weeks McCain has been seeking to distance himself from Bush and his economic policies and he made that break

complete in the nation's industrial heartland. Obama has tried equally hard to tie McCain to Bush, repeatedly citing McCain's 90 percent support for Bush in Senate votes.

At a rally in Dayton, McCain continued to criticize Obama.

"That's what change means for the Obama administration, it means taking your money and giving it to someone else," said McCain. He ridiculed Obama's argument that his tax plan was based on fairness.

"There's nothing fair about driving our economy into the ground and we all suffer when that happens," said McCain. "We'll cut business taxes to help American jobs and keep American business in America."

McCain opposed another economic stimulus package and said he would instead seek to bring spending under control. He made clear the advisers he met with would be part of his administration and it would steer a far different course than Bush.

McCain described an economic stimulus plan under discussion in Congress as "another \$300 billion spending spree they

are calling a stimulus plan."

"I would rather give the great American middle class additional tax cuts and let you keep the money and invest it in your future," said McCain.

McCain repeated his proposals to cut taxes for those who hold stocks for at least a year, and end requirements that force people to take money out of retirement accounts during the market's downturn.

He also said he would toughen rules governing the financial markets.

"I will demand complete transparency into the accounts and activities at all banks and insurance companies so they cannot take on the kind of risk that brought down the financial system," said McCain. "We will have strict rules of conduct on Wall Street and if they are broken, executives will be severely punished."

While he voted for a \$700 billion rescue package for the financial sector, McCain said, "the government will get out of the banking business fast" if he's elected.

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some of the burden placed on many college age students.

The canvas' purpose was to gather students to walk down to the Early Voting site located across the street from the bottom of College Hill.

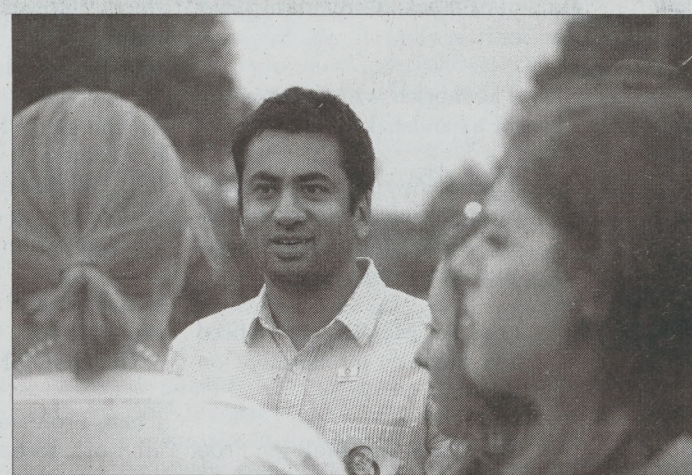
Penn spoke with students before heading to the voting site about how important student volunteers and voters are to the election, especially those in North Carolina whose votes could likely determine the outcome of the fast approaching Nov. 4 election.

Penn has been visiting college campuses all over the United States for the last year, and is a part of a 50 state strategy by the democratic candidates to encourage students to register and vote.

The campaign for change has



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Penn speaks to students about Obama's campaign.

hosted many rallies featuring celebrities and events on campus throughout the last few months, enlisting the help of many volunteers and interns.

The volunteers participated in registering other students to vote, helped organize and facili-

tate events and made calls.

"I like that the office is in a convenient place, centered around campus," said Tony Virella, freshman finance major who started working with the campaign in high school and reconnected at ECU.

## Correction

The headline that ran on the front page of *The East Carolinian* on Thursday, Oct. 23 was incorrect. The headline should have read, "Perdue makes pit stop in Greenville."

*The East Carolinian* staff takes full responsibility in acknowledging this mistake and will more carefully review copy so that something of this nature does not happen in the future.

Any questions about the headline can be directed to Elise Phillips, Editor in Chief.

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"This is just the state of the prosecution in these types of cases where there's a particularly heinous crime," he said.

Authorities believe Atwater and Lovette kidnapped Carson from outside her Chapel Hill home just before 4 a.m., stole her sport utility vehicle and took her to several ATMs, eventually withdrawing \$1,400.

Both suspects were arrested separately a week later after authorities released surveil-

lance photos, including one that showed a man reaching toward an ATM from what appears to be Carson's Toyota Highlander.

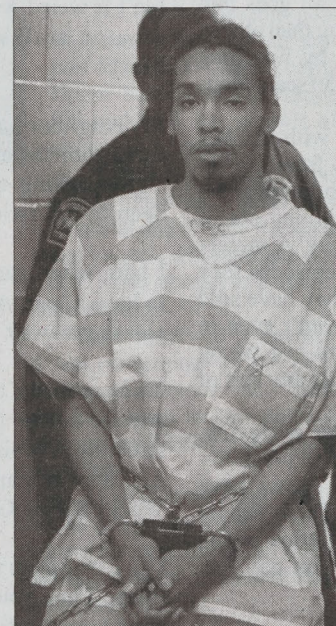
Messages left with attorneys for Atwater and Lovette were not returned on Monday.

News of Carson's death led to an immediate outpouring of grief on the North Carolina campus, with thousands gathering for an impromptu memorial service. A massive crowd also attended funeral services for Carson in her hometown of Athens, where she had been student body president at her high school.

Orange and Chatham County District Attorney Jim Woodall said Monday that his office had been in communication with the U.S. Attorney's office regarding possible charges against Atwater, and that their case against him shouldn't affect the prosecution on state charges.

After his arrest in Carson's death, authorities charged Lovette in the death of Duke University graduate student Abhijit Mahato. Mahato was found dead Jan. 18 in his apartment near the university's campus in Durham, about a 20-minute drive from Chapel Hill.

Stephen Oates, 19, of Durham, also is charged with murder in Mahato's death. An autopsy report found that Mahato was shot once in the forehead.



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## Get higher standards

States shouldn't settle for low graduation rates to meet goals

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Today, kids are less likely to graduate than their parents were.

Since 2002, No Child Left Behind has bombarded our school systems, causing both school officials and teachers to lose sight of their goals — providing students with a quality education that ultimately leads to the students obtaining a high school diploma.

Under the No Child Left Behind Act, state schools are required to show both progress toward higher standardized test scores and a higher rate of high school graduation. Here's the loophole — the states set their own graduation target.

In order to make it appear that their schools are making progress in both these criterions, states are setting their graduation rates extremely low. North Carolina currently has a graduation rate of 72 percent and has decided they must improve this rate by a 0.1 percentage point every year. Sadly, it will take nearly one hundred years for North Carolina to reach a graduation rate of 80 percent. Because No Child Left Behind has school officials concerned with producing higher test scores, states are basically turning a blind eye to all the students who are dropping out.

If there is going to be a national act, like No Child Left Behind, the federal government should set the graduation targets, not the states. Test scores should not be the focus of America's school systems. America needs to stop giving schools a pat on the back for good test scores, when one in four students is dropping out!

It is true that the school systems are pressured to improve their test scores because of No Child Left Behind, but is our nation so stupid that they can't see how many children are being left behind? Stop focusing on the test scores and focus on the fact that members of our youth are continuing to fall through the cracks by not gaining a high school diploma.

North Carolina has received praise for its high test scores, but if only 72 percent of their students graduate, the test scores are irrelevant. Does no one realize that 28 percent of students in North Carolina are not graduating?

Not to mention, states have been getting a break when it comes to the number of dropouts. Researchers have only been figuring the amounts of students who quit school in 12<sup>th</sup> grade. News flash: you can drop out before 12<sup>th</sup> grade! If states can't do a better job of producing more high school graduates, then they shouldn't be in charge of setting the target graduation rate.

There is more than enough time for the federal government to take a stand in order to make sure that our youth are fully benefiting from their educational experience. Stop focusing on test scores. Stop allowing states to set graduation targets that are insanely low. Expect more from our students; they need their education to make it in this world.

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## Reality shows: death of television

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Reality TV has officially invaded our lives. You cannot turn on the television without seeing at least one commercial for a reality show. What happened to scripted television? Has Hollywood really run out of ideas that they rely strictly on the simple nature of man? I find it outrageous that television has become completely overrun by unimaginative reality shows.

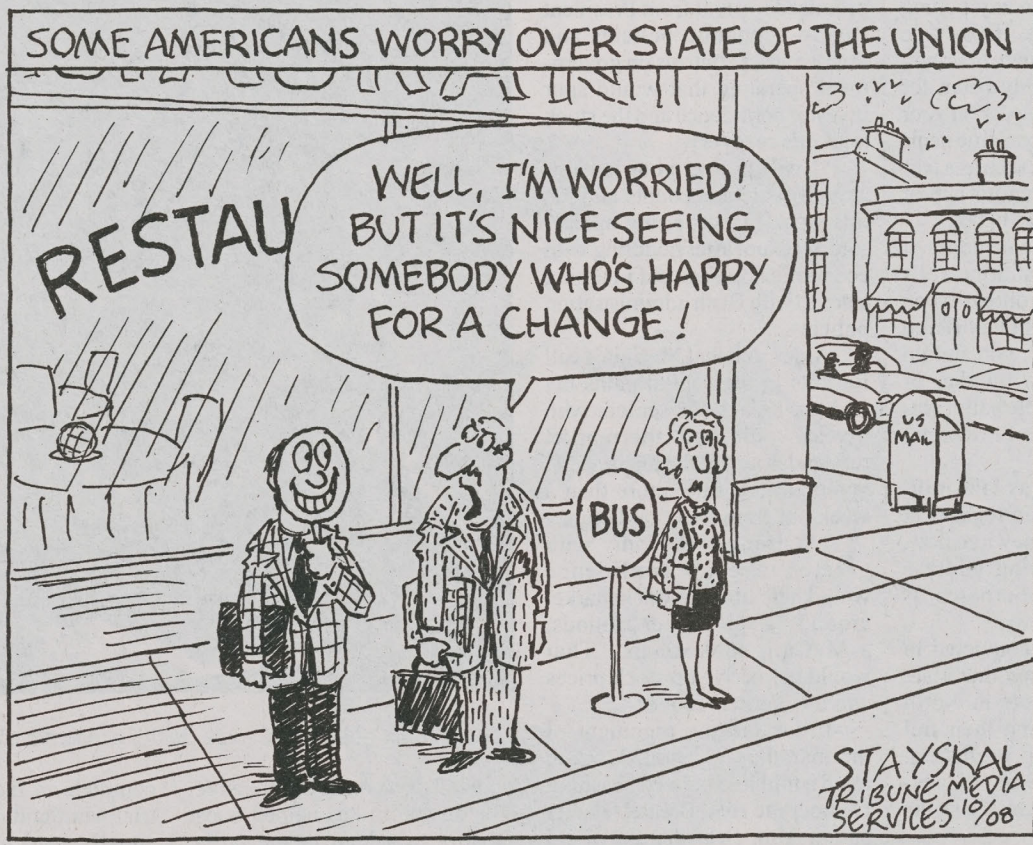
Case in point: Seven people entered a house and were filmed to see what would happen "when people stopped being nice and started being real." Of course, I'm talking about the pilot season of MTV's "The Real World." Back when this aired though, it wasn't seen so much as reality TV, but more as a documentary. "The Real World" has continued to air since its 1992 launch, but 10 years later, the explosion of "reality" has hit us. CBS released "Survivor" in 2002 and America has never looked back.

Almost every channel has a reality show. They range from romance to documenting a family's life to a myriad of "charm schools." Our channel surfing has become based around whose life we find more interesting. Some people can't get enough of Lauren Conrad and her catty adventures on "The Hills." For those with a wild side and a strong stomach, there is the Discovery Channel's "Man vs. Wild." However, has anyone ever stopped to think that maybe these so-called shows aren't really anything but the slow demobilization of talent? Probably not. No thought at all goes into these shows. Some are more interesting than others, sure. But what has anyone gained by watching Flavor Flav make out with more than 50 scandalous women? Nothing.

In America, we pride ourselves with the fact that someone in this country can go from rags to riches. Nevertheless, the people who appear on these reality shows aren't doing anything out of the ordinary or spectacular. At best they've merely sold themselves for however many episodes they star in. However, most of the time they have sold themselves for pseudo-fame; they aren't even in the business for the money. They are just taking up time on a television show that lacks any sort of actual creativity.

So, with our airwaves taken over by reality, you have to wonder what happened to creativity on television. It's awful that most shows have no scripts, no actors and no talent. These people make fools of themselves while America points and laughs. I guess you get what you pay for: absolutely nothing.

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## PIRATE RANTS

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

To my roommate whom I haven't seen in two weeks: I'm going to start selling your things if you don't show some sign of life in the next 48 hours.

I always wonder if people who wear hats with tags plan to return them... beware of the greasy hat when buying.

So, they want to build a Wal-Mart near the river and a trash dump in a swampy area? That sounds about right.

To the girl who keeps flashing me in the bathroom: I act annoyed but I kinda like it.

To the guy who got a new Speedo: I thank the heavens above that I don't have to see your back hair curling out of it.

The shocker is not a substitute for a handshake!

The other week I saw a squirrel eating a Snickers bar. It actually peeled the wrapper back and everything.

Let's get Metallica or Coheed and Cambria for Barefoot on the Mall.

Why does my Biology 1100 teacher not know how to teach? Why does he suck? Why God, why?

OK, so I am the queen in this little chess game, but in order to start, you have to MAKE A MOVE!

I didn't break up with you to be mean, I just don't love you anymore... ouch.

If I am going to tutor on campus with the PTC, I would like to have a guaranteed parking space instead of having to park in metered parking.

A big truck and a built body does not make up for your lack of manhood. Sorry.

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How about those ECU Marching Pirates???

Isn't it weird when your coordinator stalks you at Wal-Mart?

My neighbor has lived here for three months and already has eight parking tickets and has been towed twice.

I hate when random girls try to have a "pee party" with me... please go away.

They couldn't have gotten anyone better than the Backstreet Boys to sing the National Anthem at game one of the World Series. Go Phillies!

I go to the gym to get away and relax. Then you show up with your annoying voice and ruin my entire night. Stay home or shut up!

I miss a sailor.

My pit bull is going to be a bumblebee for Halloween! Aren't you jealous?

My dream job is to read all the Pirate Rants that are submitted.

The maintenance people came knocking on my door while I was having sex. I thought if I did not answer the door, they would not come in, but I WAS WRONG. Sorry to the maintenance person who had to see that.

To those bothered by the SRC lifeguards: The deepest part is four feet. Stand up!

Stop sending me e-mails about my academic failures. You don't think I already know I'm not doing so hot in three of my classes? Sheesh!

To the guy who watches the girl randomly walk down the hill: Talk to her, that way it is less creepy and it might get you somewhere.

What is a Pirate's favorite subject in school? AARRGGGHH!

I hate professors that expect all work to be in on TIME, yet they can't seem to get all work GRADED ON TIME!

Enjoy your pumpkin while you can because that stupid dinosaur is gonna get smashed.

When there's a Rant about a beautiful girl, I like to think it's about me.

I cheated in one of my classes with my toes.

You've been using the same towel since school started. Please wash it for once!

Stay away from my man. You're not pretty and you're an annoying drunk. He's obviously not into you, so BACK OFF!

It's going to take a lot more than warm water to wash that cereal bowl out...you are nasty.

"Banner Self Service" sounds dirty.

I sat in front of a girl on the brown bus today who clearly likes to hear herself talk. Sorry girl, you're definitely not as interesting or cool as you think you are.

To the girl in my psychology class: You ruin all your outfits with your shoes. They never match and are way tacky.

I have nothing against Obama or McCain, but it's their obnoxious supporters that make me not want to vote for either one.

My roommate doesn't wear shower shoes.

A little bit of advice Mr. Virgin: Get to know the person first before you ask them to be your girlfriend... you're creepy!

I'm voting green party this year. Taking sides between Obama and McCain is like picking between dumb and dumber!

So what if you're gay and you have girls hit on you on the drunk bus while you're driving. Take it as a compliment and shut your mouth!

Sometimes I feel like Pee Wee Herman when I ride my bike.

I don't get why some girls wear short dresses and heels to class like they are going to the club. Then they complain about being cold! Wear some clothes!

To the girl who sits in front of me: QUIT putting on your makeup in class. It doesn't do you justice.

Hey roommate! If you're gonna do it, please throw away your wrappers in the trash. THANK YOU!

It's kinda sad how OBSESSED you are with your boyfriend.

To the owner of the pink Paul Frank bike that's always parked outside the art building: I love it, where did you get it?

I think we should tear down the crappiest building on campus and build a roller coaster in its place.

To that one girl in Umstead: Please stop trying so hard. You are acting pathetic, and it's giving the rest of us girls here a bad name.

To my neighbor at University Manor who sings and plays their guitar late at night: You sound great! Serenade me, please!

Is it bad that I laugh hysterically when people fall on their bikes or skateboards on campus?

I love that you write, "I love you" on my hand!

To the guy who was mugged on Friday night on Fifth Street: I was the one girls behind you who called 911, just wanted to make sure you were alright.

Could someone please tell me why girls insist on looking burnt orange when it's clearly cold outside and no longer summer? Your "fake bake" is trashy and not cute at all. Go pale like the rest of humanity.

To the guy that came up to my friend and I today and gave us the awkward wave on Tuesday: Next time, sit with us so you don't have to aimlessly walk around the Plaza and Dowdy.

## Wall to wall Wal-Marts

LARA OLIVER  
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

I have to give a great big thank you to the Wal-Mart Corporation right now.

You see, I've always enjoyed fighting through crowds every weekend in the parking lot with the highest crime rate in Greenville. And, I've always loved shopping in a store that manages to not only smell of disinfectant but also human waste. Between that and being yelled at by store employees for being "in the way" and never being able to truly know what the price of anything outside of a \$9.98 DVD is until I get to the register, going into a Wal-Mart store is always such an adventure.

You see, my problem is that I don't feel like I have any kind of options—only being able to shop at just one Wal-Mart in town. Now that there's going to be two Wal-Marts within 15 minutes of each other, I feel like I've been transplanted to some kind of metropolitan shopping paradise!

OK, so I was being a little bit sarcastic there. Truth be told, I loathe Wal-Mart. I know, what a surprise, right? But, I can't see how anybody can not be opposed to there being one—let alone two—Wal-Marts inside their city limits.

I won't even bother trying to win any numbers to my side in the anti-Wal-Mart debate. If you shop at Wal-Mart despite their cruel hiring/firing practices, poor wages, lack of health insurance for employees, questionable product origins, tricky pricing to deceive consumers into paying mark-ups for products they believe are cheaper and other atrocities, then you're probably not going to stop shopping there just because an opinion columnist at a local college paper doesn't like them.

But, I can hope you won't shop at the second Wal-Mart they're building in town and prove that people will not be fooled.

Supporters of the second Wal-Mart say that with a new Wal-Mart will bring new jobs. Yet, I never hear of any of these supporters actually working at a Wal-Mart. From reports online about the massive turnover Wal-Mart participates in to avoid paying health care, to it's rare to non-existent pay raises, I'm left wondering if people really think that a three-month stint at Wal-Mart making minimum wage is really worth it.

If you feel that a new Wal-Mart will make shopping easier because the line is too long at the current Wal-Mart, then don't shop there anymore. If you're annoyed at the poor customer service, then don't shop there anymore. If you're scared of all the crime that happens after hours, then don't shop there anymore. Am I getting a little repetitive here?

From reading the comments on the WITN Web site, I see that many of the people annoyed most at the building of the new Wal-Mart are citizens who will be living adjacent to its land. How can we say that a store is really necessary if our own citizens don't want the store in their backyards?

Believe me, I used to live across the street from the (I guess the term "primary" would work here) Wal-Mart. Between the pollution caused from shoppers traveling from as far away as Greene Co., drug deals occurring behind the store and a shooting aimed at an interracial couple in the parking lot, I'm left wondering what cost people are willing to put up with to save 30 cents on tooth paste. I suppose the citizens of River Hills will find out soon.

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# Features

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## Horoscopes

### Aries

Family security and increased romantic intimacy are now an ongoing theme: Beginning Tuesday, and lasting over the next four to five weeks, expect complex family or home issues to be steadily resolved. Pace your reactions according to the time schedule of loved ones; at present, others may be highly motivated to make productive home changes and fast romantic improvements.

### Taurus

Romance and long-term friendship will now enter a phase of open discussion and newfound passion: After mid-week powerful physical attractions may become a prime influence in your life. Find new ways to explore sensuality and romantic commitments: Relationships will now quickly evolve based on your subtle comments, guidance and direction.

### Gemini

Workplace or financial demands will this week require a bold or expressive approach: Monday through Wednesday expect recent restrictions or failed discussions with authority figures to be slowly corrected. Late Thursday, a four-week period of business ambition and financial negotiations arrives. Don't be shy: New opportunities will soon be offered.

### Cancer

Home relations and long-term romance will now enter a period of rapid actions or serious discussions. Speak your mind freely concerning recent disappointments or setbacks: Over the next five weeks honest and sensitive confrontation will bring about positive emotional change and new growth in family security.

### Leo

Early this week a mood of business and romantic restlessness will fade. Wait for attitudes to slowly change and expect an intensive phase of ambition or sensuality to then arrive. Over the next five weeks, close relationships will be less complicated by social rules or home pressures: Set concrete goals and let others see your confidence.

### Virgo

Over the next few days an old friend or long-forgotten emotional issue between lovers may resurface. Even though feelings of nostalgia are strong right now, this is not a good time to become overly focused on the past. Say your farewells to old patterns and move swiftly on: Loved ones now need present day dedication.

### Libra

Gather friends and trusted companions around this week: Emotional strength can now be gained from sharing your ideas, plans and feelings with a receptive social group. Over the next few weeks many Librans will feel a powerful urge to establish a new network of friends or begin unique social activities.

### Scorpio

Intensive romantic change will now be difficult to resist: After Wednesday emotional security between lovers and conflicting business aspirations may be a central theme. Clarify long-term goals and show loved ones your dedication: All is well.

### Sagittarius

Celebrations and gentle emotional encounters will bring romantic improvement over the next eight days. Many Sagittarians are now ending several weeks of workplace or financial stress. Spend extra time with loved ones before Friday: Long-term relationships will now offer increased intimacy and powerful moments of family sharing.

### Capricorn

Over the next few days family and romantic relationships will intensify: Watch for loved ones to create a new level of intimacy within the home or ask for increased emotional support. Three months of misplaced priorities is now ending: Show others your intentions and welcome positive growth in all key relationships.

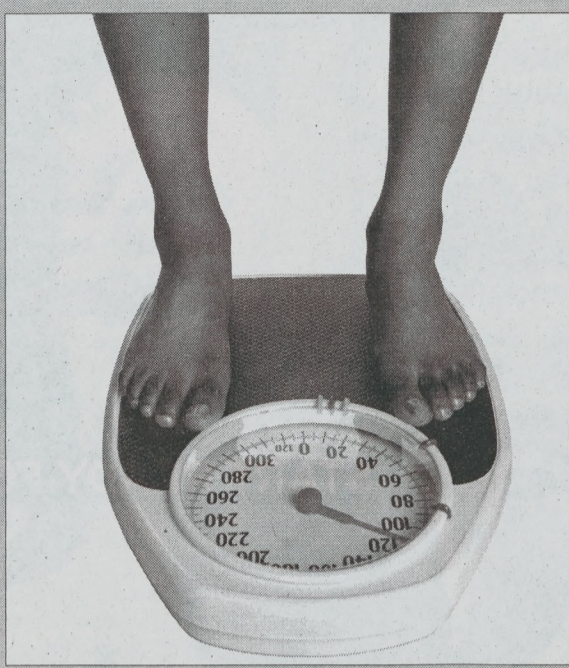
### Aquarius

Business and romantic security are now on the rise: After Tuesday many Aquarians will begin six weeks of rapid business expansion and increasing romantic intensity. Be prepared to separate a key business project into several parts.

### Pisces

Four weeks of business misinformation and disjointed work communications will fade over the next few days: Watch for a new wave of business ambition to soon arrive. Listen to your initial instincts: At present, colleagues will respect you.

## Weight loss systems promise results



Countless diets promise quick results.

Do they really follow through?

ERIN EDWARDS  
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Most everyone has been in the predicament: If only I could lose a couple of pounds, I would fit in this or that. No matter the situation, at one point in time, we have all wanted to get our bodies into that pair of skinny jeans.

However, with all of the fad diets and trends, it's almost impossible to determine which one is the right for you. From Weight Watchers to South Beach, Atkins and even a vinegar diet, literally hundreds of diets are out there that promise results. But which one is the right one? The East Carolinian took a look at what each plan guarantees and what they can do for your body.

### Atkins Nutritional Approach

Created by Dr. Robert Atkins in 1972, the Atkins Diet is a mixture of low carbohydrate eating and a four-phase regime: induction, ongoing weight loss, pre-maintenance and lifetime maintenance.

The induction phase is designed to put the body in a state of ketosis, with only 20 net grams of carbohydrates allowed per day. While followers are allowed to eat meats, fish, eggs and salads, they are prohibited from alcohol intake. The induction phase is seen as one of the most significant phases, with many reporting weight loss of around five to 10 pounds per week.

The ongoing phase sees a small increase in carbohydrate intake at around five per week. It is also during this time that followers learn how food groups can affect craving control. It is suggested that more vegetables are added to the diet, along with a "ladder" of foods that should be eaten in the order in which they are written.

Carbohydrate intake is, once again, increased during the pre-maintenance phase with the intention of learning the maximum amount of carbs that can be eaten without gaining weight. Habits are later maintained during the lifetime maintenance phase.

The Atkins diet received heavy popularity in the early 2000s, with approximately one in 11 Americans using the diet. The food industry even felt the effects, with sales in certain foods, plummeting. However, the diet was quickly blacklisted upon reports that Dr. Atkins had substantial heart problems, a result of his own diet. While these rumors were quickly dispelled, users of the diet were not convinced, and the Atkins Nutritional company filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in 2005.

Atkins also endured medical controversy. While many of the studies were new and not always conclusive, some discovered that a low carbohydrate diet can be responsible for various metabolic and emotional side effects. However, another study found that women who adapted to the diet had a slightly less risk of developing coronary heart disease. Possible benefits for individuals with diabetes and cancer were also discovered.

### South Beach Diet

Created by cardiologist Arthur Agatston, the South Beach diet is designed to help followers distinguish between good carbohydrates and good fats.

Like the Atkins diet, South Beach is emphasized in phases.

Phase I typically last for two weeks, with dieters able to eat lean cuts of meat, fat-free cheese and plenty of vegetables while avoiding fruits, dairy and alcohol. With three meals a day and snacks, phase I is used to help figure out when hunger is satisfied while losing cravings for starches and sugars.

Once phase I is finished, phase II gradually begins. The prohibited foods in phase I are returned, but in smaller amounts, in order to continue emphasis on foods with a low glycemic index.

Phase III is soon achieved once a desired weight is accomplished. Like Atkins, phase III is a maintenance phase, in which followers are to distinguish good carbs—high in fiber or high in good fats, and good fats—polyunsaturated and mono-unsaturated fats.

Overall, South Beach stresses to dieters the importance to eat until they are satisfied. No calories are counted and it is recommended that users eat six meals a day. Studies have shown favorable results using the South Beach Diet, however the first two weeks of rapid weight loss are countered by small weight loss in the weeks following. The restriction of daily servings of both fruits and vegetables, along with dairy and whole-grain foods can cause the body to lose many important vitamins.

### Weight Watchers

Founded in 1963, Weight Watchers is an international weight-loss program that operates in over 30 countries. Two plans are offered to followers: the "Flex Plan," which focuses on a "point" system of allotted foods throughout the day, and the "Core Plan," similar to the South Beach Diet, in which followers are to eat until they are satisfied.

Unlike South Beach and Atkins, Weight Watchers members are encouraged to attend weekly meetings, where they are to weigh in and discuss different strategies and key points to losing weight. An online version is also available for those who don't want attend meetings. Membership fees are included, in which members can pay by the week or the month.

In a report published by CBS, half of dieters who reached their goal weight through the Weight Watchers program were at least five percent lighter after five years. Experts concluded that while this might not seem like much, maintaining this loss is considered a "health benefit."

### Jenny Craig

Infused with numerous celebrity endorsements, Jenny Craig has made a name as one of the largest weight management programs in the world. The company was founded in 1983 and has since established over 550 centers across the United States since then.

Jenny Craig combines nutrition and simple activity in order to get members to reach a predetermined weight. Using prepackaged foods and some store bought necessities in the early stages, customers are soon transferred to regular meals once they have reached the halfway mark of their goal weight.

The program is overseen by health and nutrition specialists and each member is assigned their own personal consultant. Like Weight Watchers, members can physically weigh in and meet with consultants to discuss personal goals and assess the previous week's eating and exercise habits.

Also, membership fees are collected (around \$50 a month) along with the cost of food, which can cost around \$14 a day.

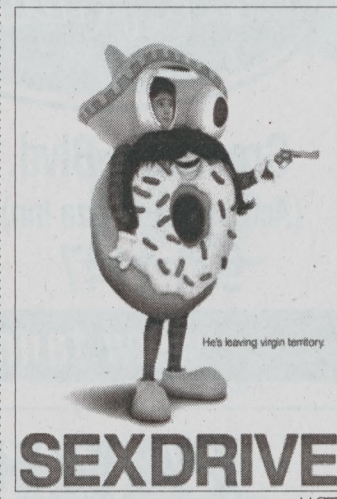
According to the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, the Jenny Craig program offers food that is not that much different from foods Americans have in their own home. With an overall menu that has a substantial high fat count, clients that wish to opt for lower-calorie foods, simply are not given any form of alternative.

While each dietary program has its own pros and cons, the overall decision is left up to the person who desires to lose the weight. Consumer reports have positive and negative comments about all of the programs and countless research has been done about all of the aforementioned plans.

However, it is important to remember that healthy eating, combined with exercise is vital not only to weight loss, but to maintaining a healthy lifestyle that will better your health in the future.

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## The good, the bad and the ugly



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Sex Drive

Stars: Clark Duke, Josh Zukerman, James Marsden

### Synopsis

Based on the novel, *All the Way* by Andy Behrens, Ian Lafferty (Josh Zukerman) is an 18-year-old virgin with girl problems. What's a boy to do? He finds a woman on the Internet that shows him interest. After a few conversations, she (screenname: Ms. Tasty) decides to invite him to her hometown, but the eight-hour drive doesn't interest Lafferty. At least not until Ms. Tasty says that, "if you come all the way here, I will go all the way with you."

To say the least, Lafferty's mind was made up for him.

Taking along his two best friends, womanizer Lance (Clark Duke) and Felicia (Amanda Crew), Lafferty steals a 1969 GTO Judge from his abusive and hostile older brother Rex, (James Marsden) and begins the long journey for a chance with Tasty.

Car trouble, bathroom breaks and hitchhikers take them all over the place, leading to several mishaps and crazy scenarios.

### The Good

Clark Duke finally has a starring role. If you remember him from the Clark and Michael Web series, you'll know this is a long overdue starring appearance. Duke (Lance) is where most of the comedy in *Sex Drive* lies. His witty nature, along with his womanizing ways was entertaining.

There was plenty of crude humor, which is to be expected from this type of film. However, the crudeness was evened out with sarcastic humor, especially with the appearance of Seth Green, who plays Ezekiel, an Amish farmer with an expertise in vintage cars.

### The Bad

Josh Zukerman's character Lafferty looked too familiar. Then I realized that he is Jim Levenstein from *American Pie*. With the same awkwardness of relationships and sex, Lafferty finds himself in the same embarrassing sexual situations, including one where his parents find something unexpected under the covers.

### The Ugly

The worst thing about the movie is that it is in the long line of films that claim to be the *Superbad* of 2008. Is anyone else getting tired of movies claiming to be the new *Superbad*? The only way there will be a new *Superbad* is if Seth Rogan decides to make a *Superbad II - The College Years*. However, *Sex Drive* is a typical teen movie, depicting just what its title suggests.

### Verdict

Trailers can be deceiving, but *Sex Drive* looked to be forgettable. Overall, it was just that. While good for a few laughs, it is certainly not enough for the price of a movie ticket. Wait and put it on your Netflix queue and in the meantime, watch all the episodes of Clark and Michael.

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## Joyner Library offers another look at Russia

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Students and faculty can get a second look at Russian culture this month as Joyner Library opens another Russian art exhibit.

Titled "Russia in Transition," the exhibit opened on Oct. 16 and will run until February of 2009.

Yelena Francis, a Russian instructor at ECU, spearheaded the idea of the exhibit with the help of Mark Sanders, head of the reference department at Joyner Library.

"I am acting as a representative of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures by trying to show the local students diversity of Russian life and culture from different points of view," Francis said.

The exhibit consists of 38 photos that were taken in Russia, mainly in St. Petersburg and Moscow, from 2000 to 2004.

The exhibit is based around the late Perestroika times, which was the early period of President Putin's ruling. There are also featured photos of street life and events, along with portraits.

The actual photographs came from the Missouri Historical Society and Missouri History Museum in St. Louis, and were taken by an



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The new exhibition features photos taken by an American journalist.

American journalist who lived and worked in Russia.

"The fact that these photos were taken by an American is very valuable due to the specific vision of Russia 'from outside,'" Francis said.

The focus of the exhibit is Russia's transition from a socialist system to capitalist system. For years, Russia was under strict prohibition of any private business and lacked basic consumer goods and services, but then began to transform. Soon, private enterprises starting appearing and new business such as street vendors

and fast food restaurants became new to Russia.

"To know what change has happened to Russia during the presidency of Putin has changed the image of Russia, so this is a very important topic," said Elena Murenina, the director of the Russian Studies Interdisciplinary program at ECU.

The photos are sorted by subjects and grouped into certain categories such as religion, business and history in Russia. There is also a section depicting Russia's reaction to the events of Sept. 11.

In addition to these categories,

the exhibit features photos that illustrate everyday life in Russia. Each photo has its own commentary.

This is the second Russian art exhibit to be showcased in Joyner.

The first exhibit presented pictures that were taken by amateurs while this particular exhibit contains photographs from the collection of the Missouri Historical Society.

The exhibit became possible due to the financial support of the ECU Chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi and with the support of several ECU professors.

"I think this [the exhibit] is a great opportunity to see how beautiful and diverse Russia is and I hope it will stimulate students to study abroad to Russia," Murenina said.

"I hope that it will be interesting and educational for the ECU students and everyone who is interested in Russian history, politics, and mentality," Francis said about the exhibit.

ECU offers several study abroad programs to Russia as well as a Russian Studies program. Student can major or minor in Russian Studies at ECU.

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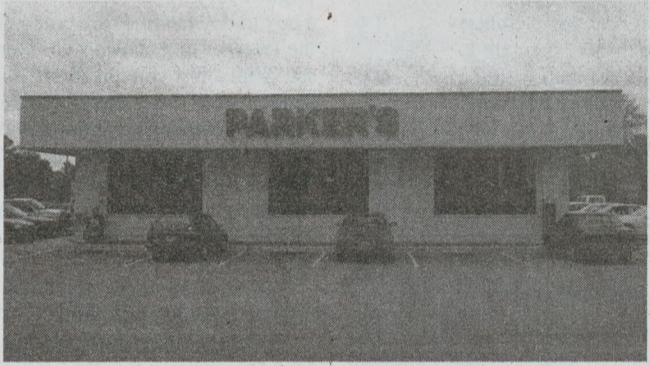
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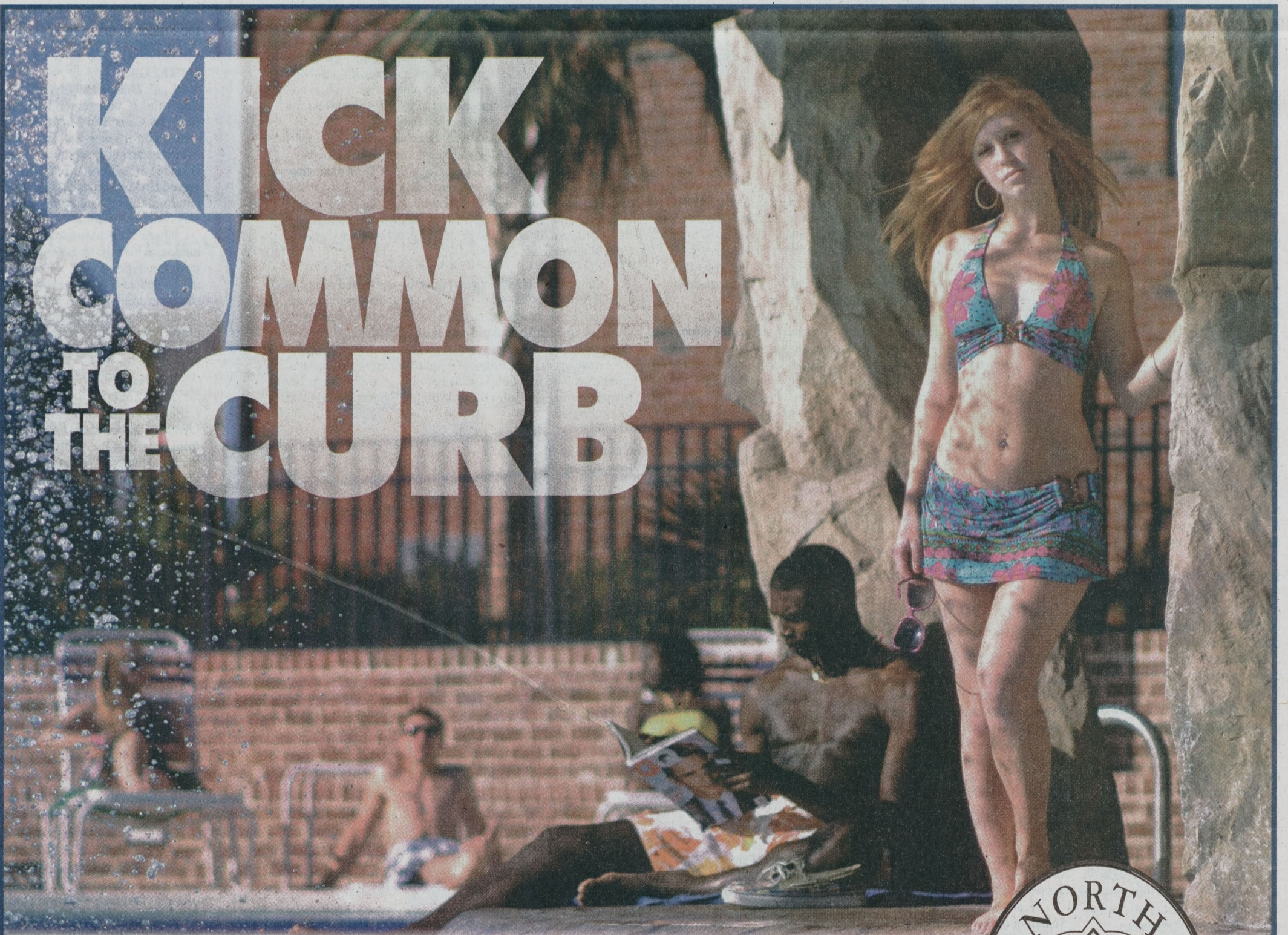
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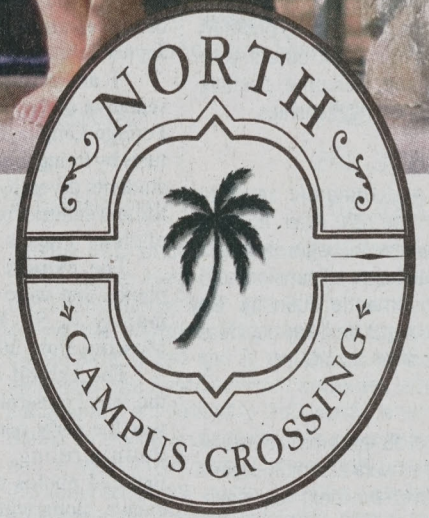
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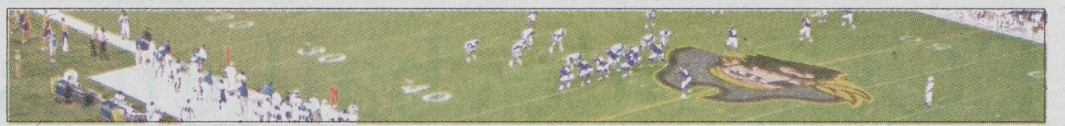
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## C-USA Soccer Standings

- ECU**  
6-0-4 (22 pts.)
- Memphis**  
7-2-1 (22pts.)
- UCF**  
6-2-2 (20 pts.)
- Colorado College**  
6-3-1 (19 pts.)
- Rice**  
6-4-0 (18 pts.)
- UAB**  
5-3-2 (17 pts.)
- UTEP**  
5-4-1 (16 pts.)
- SMU**  
4-6-0 (12 pts.)
- Marshall**  
3-7-0 (9 pts.)
- Tulsa**  
2-6-2 (8 pts.)
- Houston**  
2-7-1 (7 pts.)
- Southern Miss**  
1-9-0 (3 pts.)

## C-USA Football Standings

- East**
- ECU**  
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- Marshall**  
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- Memphis**  
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- UCF**  
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- UAB**  
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- Southern Miss**  
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- Tulsa**  
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- Tulane**  
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## Is playing Appalachian State a good idea?

### YES

KELLEN HOLTZMAN  
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Something very disturbing caught my eye on a trip down U.S. 264 East earlier this year. On my way back into Greenville, I passed a billboard just outside of Pitt County celebrating ASU's most recent national championship victory.

Was this really Mountaineer memorabilia residing in the heart of the Pirate Nation? I could only hope there was similar sign in Watauga County reminding those in the western part of the state of a certain ECU triumph in the Hawaii Bowl over media darling Boise State.

If for no other reasons than curiosity and bragging rights, I say bring the Mountaineers on. Let's see how far their program has really come.

Over the past four years, I've cringed when listening to local fans compare ASU's team to ECU's, entertain the idea of a top-25 ranking for the Mountaineers or argue that quarterback Armanti Edwards is Heisman-worthy.

ASU has built quite possibly the best program in Division I-AA—but it is still just that—a I-AA school. The Mountaineers have been getting what they deserve: I-AA national championships—not I-A rankings or Heisman hype.

If they want to play with the big boys, let them have their shot. One win over Michigan shouldn't have ECU quaking in its boots.

Beside the curiosity factor, next year's games could rekindle an historic rivalry that dates back to 1932. The two schools began the series as rivals in the North State Conference but have not faced since 1979. ASU holds a 19-10 all-time advantage.

What better time to start making up ground? This isn't

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Because of a scheduling conflict with N.C. State, ECU recently added Appalachian State to its 2009 football schedule.

When the two teams meet in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium on Sept. 5, it will be ECU's first game against a Division I-AA opponent since hosting William & Mary in 2001. The Mountaineers have the best program in I-AA however, with three-straight national championships and a season-opening win at Michigan in 2007.

So was this a good decision? Assistant sports editor Jared Jackson says no. Senior sports writer Kellen Holtzman says yes. What do you think? Go to [theeastcarolinian.com](http://theeastcarolinian.com) and state your case.

### NO

JARED JACKSON  
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When I first heard of next season's Sept. 5 game between ECU and Appalachian State, only one thought came to my mind: why?

Of course, the Mountaineers have had a great run over the course of the last three seasons in winning three-straight Division I-AA National Championships (perhaps a fourth on the way), but when it comes down to it, what exactly does an ECU-App. State game do for the Pirates? Not much in my opinion.

Most people know the Mountaineers not for their titles but for their giant killer status. In 2007, ASU opened the season by beating Michigan at the Big House, 34-32, in one of the biggest upsets in college football history.

ECU is certainly not on the same level as a program like Michigan, so a loss to the Mountaineers wouldn't be as degrading as what the Wolverine's suffered, but it wouldn't be far off.

Not that I expect ECU to lose, because I fully believe we will win. However, if the Pirates win against the Mountaineers then they were supposed to, but if they lose then it is simply a devastating and quite embarrassing early season loss.

It's a lose-lose situation for the Pirates in many regards.

If it's an ECU win then it's simply another W in the win column, but a loss could prove fatal for the rest of the season and especially hard to overlook for Bowl representatives when they're looking for participants; no matter how the Pirates would finish out the season.

What would you rather have if you're a Bowl representative, a team that has a loss to Appalachian State or a team that has taken a beating at the

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## Guard-heavy Pirates hit the court



Senior Jasmine Young (3) will be relied upon again this season.

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The ECU women's basketball team officially started practice last week, and this year they look hungry to challenge for the

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Conference USA title and a berth in the NCAA tournament. They open the season Nov. 14 when they will host Hampton University, and rest assured, these Pirates will be ready to play.

This year's squad will be led by senior guards Jasmine

Young and LaCoya Terry, both preseason All-Conference selections. Their talent and experience was highlighted by Head Coach Sharon Baldwin-Tener.

"Our strength is definitely our guard play with Jasmine and LaCoya," said Baldwin-Tener. "I think we have a lot of experience there and a lot of talent there."

Baldwin-Tener was also quick to point out other areas of the team that she will be counting on to produce good results.

"We also have Allison Spivey out on the wing; she's come along very well," she said.

This year, the Lady Pirates will try to balance out an attack that too many times last season became one-dimensional. Young and Terry both averaged more than 34 minutes per game last year as well as being the only two players to average double figures in scoring. Add in that the two also led the team in assists, and the picture is starting to get a little clearer.

However, finding production from other areas of the court could happen with more frequency this season. Spivey and senior Gabriela Husarova are experienced and active wing

players who can also contribute with passing and scoring from the high post.

But the Achilles heel of the team remains the lack of a dominant low post presence.

"The biggest question mark for us is our post players and what they're going to do," Baldwin-Tener said.

Despite the lack of experience, Baldwin-Tener was optimistic about the progress her post players have made since last season.

"Our post players have really conditioned very hard over the last year," she said. "We've really tried to get in better shape on the inside. We've also been working on their technique as well as physical and mental toughness."

"We've got to get better both defensively and offensively on the inside and I think this past year has helped our post players gain a lot of experience that is going to help us this season."

The Lady Pirates are certainly trying to improve on last season's finish; a mediocre seventh in the conference and first round exit in the conference tournament will not do this

season as Baldwin-Tener and her players look to win big.

"Every year as a team it's our goal to go to the postseason and this year is no different," Baldwin-Tener said. "We want to win the conference regular season and tournament, and we want to make it to the NCAA tournament."

And this season she believes the team has the talent to accomplish those goals.

"I think our talent has gone up since last year," she said. "I think we are deeper and certainly the incoming freshmen have helped that. We have a very talented squad and they should play very well this season."

ECU has a good chance to finish in the top half of the standings and may advance one or two rounds into the conference tournament, but their lack of skill and experience in the frontcourt could hinder their success this year. Young and Terry will get a lot of attention, but the Lady Pirates will have to find other players who can win games.

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# ECU volleyball ends losing streak

ECU SID

After putting forth strong efforts but falling short in its last two matches, the ECU volleyball team turned the corner and got the victory it was looking for on Sunday inside Minges Coliseum. The Pirates downed SMU 3-2 (13-25, 25-22, 16-25, 25-23, 15-13). With the win, ECU improves to 12-14 overall, including 2-9 in Conference USA action. SMU falls to 12-13 overall and 4-7 in the conference. The win also halts a 10 match losing streak for ECU, as the team had not won since defeating Morgan State on Sept. 20, and is the first for the Pirates in a five-set match this season.

Play in the first set resulted in a 3-3 tie before SMU was able to gain a five-point advantage at 10-5. The Mustangs went on to double the Pirates' score at 12-6, 16-8 and 20-10 before a late ECU rally made the final score 25-13 in favor of SMU. Hannah Fenker led the offense with two kills while Trish Monroe paced the defense with six digs.

The second set went much more the way of the hosts. After trailing the Mustangs 3-1 to begin, ECU forced a 4-4 tie before taking a 12-5 lead. SMU answered the Pirate surge, winning seven of the next eight points to close the gap to just two points at 13-11 before forcing a deadlock at 15. The match was also knotted at 16, 17, 18 and 19 points each, after which the Pirates took a narrow 21-19 advantage. ECU held onto the slim lead for the rest of the set and won 25-22. Melissa Zentner and Katie Prast each finished the set with four kills, while Lizzy Bruin tallied three. Monroe kept up her fine defensive play, digging out seven more balls.

ECU found itself down early in the third set, 5-0, but fought back to trail by just one, 6-5. The teams alternated points and SMU led 11-10 until winning six of the next eight points to establish a five-point lead, 17-12. The Mustangs continued to push points, going on an 8-4 run to close out the set, winning 25-16. The Pirates managed just four kills total in the set and

hit--216. Monroe again led the defense with four digs and Amanda Lutzow also picked up three.

A tight score was how the fourth set started, as the largest lead either team held at the start of the set was three points by SMU at 7-4. The Mustangs extended their advantage to four at 10-6 before ECU made a comeback. The Pirates fought to tie the score at 11 before taking a two-point lead of their own at 15-13. SMU answered the Pirate rally, knotting the score at 17 points each. After a 19-19

score, a Zentner kill gave the Pirates a lead they would not let go of, despite the Mustangs closing to within one at 24-23. A Bruin and Fenker block gave ECU the final point it needed in winning the set 25-23. Zentner pounded down five kills in the set and Erica Banning recorded three while Monroe and Fenker tied for the lead in digs with five each.

In the final set the score was tied at points one through nine until ECU won three points in a row to grab a slim 12-9 advantage. SMU won the next

point to make the score 12-10, but ECU responded by again winning back-to-back points, establishing a 14-10 lead. Not giving in, the Mustangs took two points of their own to make the score 14-13 in favor of the hosts. One final kill by Bruin gave the Pirates the last point and the set victory, 15-13.

It was indeed a team effort for the Pirates in the match as Zentner was the only player to record double-digit kills, with 12. Bruin and Prast each tallied eight and nine of the 11 players in the match that recorded at

least one kill. Monroe finished her day with 23 digs and is now in fifth-place on the Conference USA digs in a career leaderboard. She has now recorded 1,761 digs over her four-year career. Katie Koop also finished with 10 digs and 40 assists, giving her two double-doubles on the season. Bruin also helped the defense, collecting seven total blocks, including four solos.

ECU takes a break until Friday, when it resumes play with a match at UAB. First serve is scheduled for 8 p.m.

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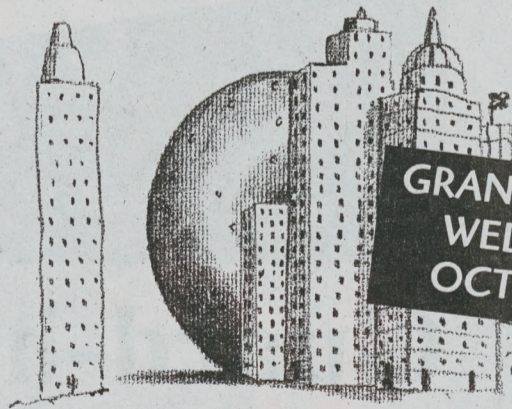
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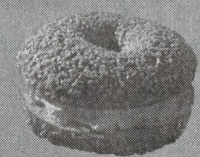
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### ECU SID

The ECU soccer team earned a 3-3 tie with defending Conference USA champion Memphis on Sunday at Bunting Field, getting scores from three different players to remain unbeaten in the league. The Pirates' second-consecutive draw pushes their record to 11-3-4 overall and 6-0-4 in conference play while the Tigers are now 11-4-2 on the season and 7-2-1 in C-USA.

The tie means that ECU can clinch no worse than a share of the league title with a win over Marshall at Bunting Field on Friday. The Pirates could also earn the championship outright with a win and a Memphis loss or tie at UAB on Thursday. ECU would also take the No. 1 seed with a win Friday due to earning two ties against UCF and Colorado College while the Tigers

lost to both of those squads.

"Memphis is a team that has great possession and is very dangerous offensively," said ECU coach Rob Donnenwirth. "Give our ladies credit though because we battled and stuck to our game plan very well. We will put this behind and get ready for another important game against Marshall on Friday."

Memphis dominated possession throughout the game and recorded eight straight shots to begin the contest. However, it was sophomore Bailey Wilcox who put the Pirates ahead in the 30th minute. Freshman Amanda Malkiewicz took a run down the right side of the field and slipped a ball past the defense, which found Wilcox, who powered the ball into the net past Tiger keeper Jordan Boyle for her first goal of the season. Memphis would equalize just a minute and a half later, when Elizabeth Hildebrandt crossed the ball from the right side and found the head of Krista Turner, who put it into the back of the net past a diving ECU keeper, senior Amber Campbell.

Despite added pressure, the Tigers could not score for the remainder of the stanza as the game balanced, 1-1 at halftime. Memphis out-shot the Pirates 14-2 in the first half while fouls were even at four.

A duo of corners won by ECU in the first 10 minutes of the second interval proved valu-

able, as senior Blair Heffner and sophomore Amanda Broz both beat Boyle, three minutes apart, to give the Pirates a 3-1 lead. Senior Nicole Moore picked up an assist on both plays.

Eleven minutes later, the Tigers rallied, scoring goals by Kylie Hayes and Lizzy Simoinin, just five minutes apart to even the contest at 3-3 and send it to overtime. The shot margin was much closer in the second half, as Memphis unleashed eight shots as compared to five for ECU.

The Tigers had a great chance to end the game in the first overtime period, but Simoinin hit the crossbar and was unable to get to the rebound as the Pirate defense cleared.

On Friday, ECU rallied twice to earn a valuable point on the road as it tied UAB, 2-2, at West Campus Field in Birmingham.

The tie ensured that the Pirates will end the season unbeaten on the road in C-USA, a program first.

UAB scored quickly, receiving a strike from Laura McCalla in the eighth minute to put ECU behind for the first time in conference play, a span of eight games. However, the Pirates would equalize 11 minutes later when junior Alexis Foltz scored her team-leading fifth goal in C-USA matches, an unassisted tally that tied the match at 1-1.

"This was a hard fought game," Donnenwirth said.

"UAB played with a lot of energy and emotion and we battled hard for the tie. Madison scored a great goal to tie it up and Amber came up with some big saves."

The Blazers out-shot ECU 8-4 in the first half while also committing more fouls, 5-2. Pirate netminder Amber Campbell came up with three saves as opposed to her counterpart's two.

ECU allowed UAB eight consecutive shots to begin the second stanza and the Blazers capitalized on the eighth chance when Tiffini Turpin scored to put her side in front, 2-1. It is the first time that the Pirates have allowed more than one goal in conference play. Just when it looked like ECU would be sent home empty-handed, a senior stepped up and gave the Pirates new life. Just six minutes after the Blazers went ahead, Madison Keller took a ball from fellow senior Savanna Russo and buried it into the back of the net, evening the score line at two.

Each squad recorded four shots in the overtime, but none of the chances found their mark as the contest ended at 2-2. UAB sorely out-shot ECU 23-9 while Campbell made a season-high 12 saves.

ECU closes out the regular season on Halloween Friday, as it takes on Marshall at Bunting Field. The contest is scheduled for 3 p.m.

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hands of Oklahoma? Which is exactly my next point.

Before the ECU-ASU pairing was made public, rumors swirled on Internet message boards and the radio that ECU and Oklahoma had a deal in place where the Pirates would travel to Norman, OK next season and the Sooners would travel to Greenville in 2013. One of the reasons this deal supposedly fell through is because ECU Athletics Director Terry Holland believed that Oklahoma would write a large sum check in 2013 and say thanks but no thanks, leaving the Pirates with another void in the schedule.

I believe that if you have the chance to play a program like Oklahoma you should jump on it. It's not everyday that you get a chance to travel to one of the

nation's truly elite college football programs and get a chance at knocking them off- albeit a small one.

However, even a loss for ECU would be beneficial in the long term given the certain media attention the game would attract after the Pirates' huge upsets to begin this year. Then if they were to play well against the Sooners, ECU would have momentum to build upon to carry them the rest of the season. The mentality of, "Well, we lost but we hung with them so we can play with anybody in the nation" could set in.

Another reason why the Oklahoma deal didn't happen is that it would've taken away a home game for the 2009 season. All of ECU's non-conference games would be against BCS

opponents, with three being on the road. The Pirates would have to play at Oklahoma, at North Carolina and at West Virginia, with the only non-conference home game being Virginia Tech. While that is certainly a tall task, it is what the Pirate program must do in order to one day hopefully jump in a BCS conference.

When it comes down to it, the ECU-ASU matchup is just not a good one for the Pirate program. It attracts virtually no media attention outside the state of North Carolina and at the end of the day ECU has either won or lost against an inferior program.

This is not the way that Holland and ECU coach Skip Holtz have wanted to build the program the last four years - so why start now?

## YES continued from 7

some no-name school from the depths of I-AA. This is an in-state rival that has a winning record against our program.

Throughout its low profile history, ECU can relate to being avoided by other schools because of fear by the other party. ASU has earned the right to be able to play I-A schools in its home state and beyond.

One of the pros of scheduling home-and-home series against teams like Virginia Tech and West Virginia is selling out Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

The "Fick" might not reach full capacity against ASU, but it will certainly come close. This game will have the second-best atmosphere of the home season, next to the Virginia Tech game.

The Mountaineers are well

known for packing Kidd-Brewer Stadium in Boone and should easily fill the Dowdy visitors section with black—not to mention the countless ASU students who will undoubtedly find their way into the ECU student section for the east versus west battle.

Next season, ECU is already scheduled to face Virginia Tech at home and West Virginia and North Carolina on the road. Adding a fourth top-25 caliber team would do the Pirates no favors, especially if that game was played on the road.

ECU stands a much better chance of getting a win against the Mountaineers in Greenville than say, beating Oklahoma in Norman, Ok.

At some point, ECU needed to start scheduling games it

could legitimately expect to win. ASU is no pushover, but this is a game the Pirates have to expect to win.

Tulsa's non-conference schedule this season consists of North Texas, New Mexico, Central Arkansas and Arkansas. That kind of schedule is getting them a step closer to a BCS game.

I'm not saying ECU should follow suit, but one less matchup against a powerhouse won't hurt.

What does ECU stand to gain by playing this game? A win. The Pirates have the same thing to lose in this game as they do any other. If ECU can't beat ASU on its home turf, the team is facing more problems than whether or not the game should have been scheduled.



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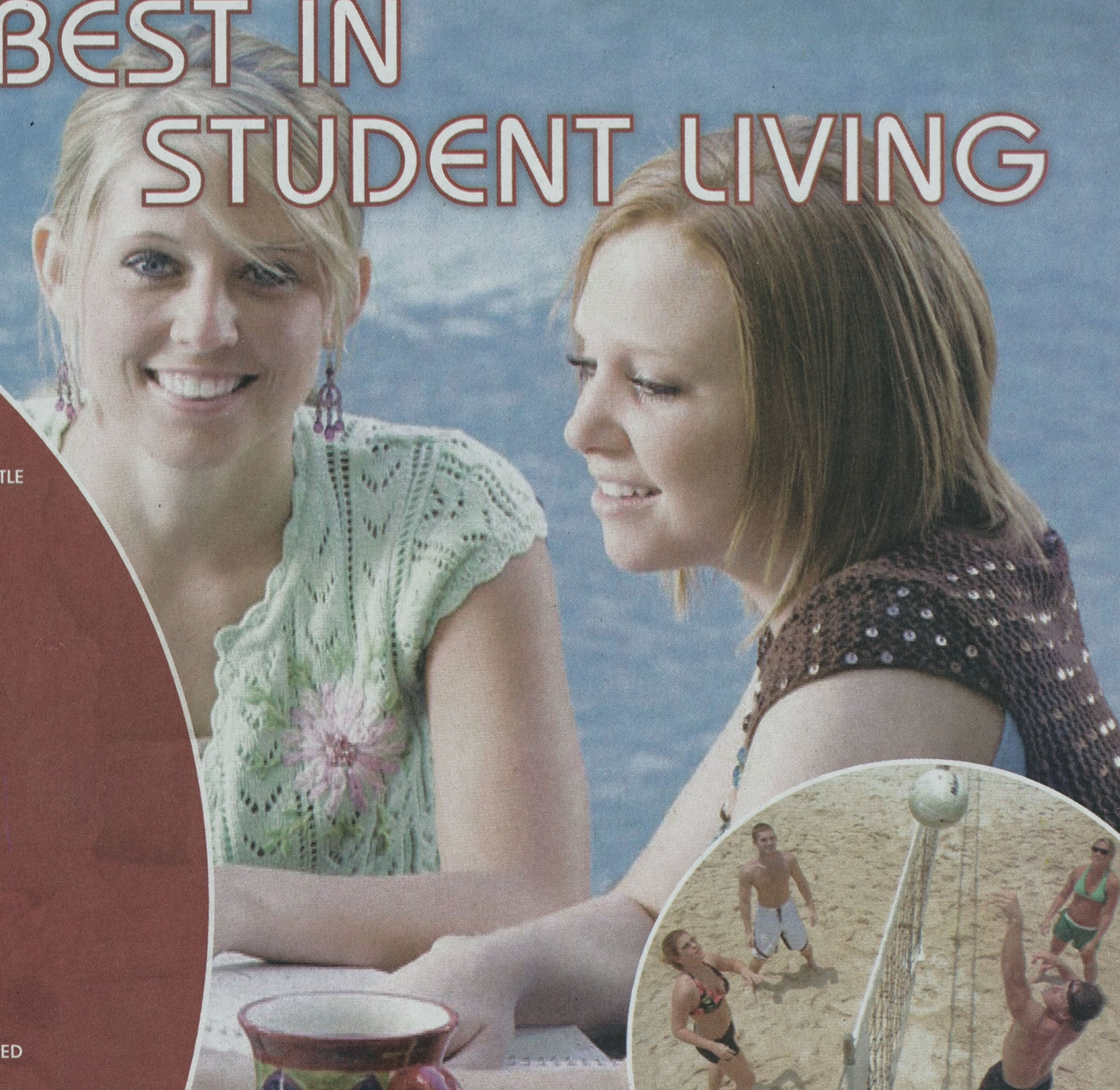
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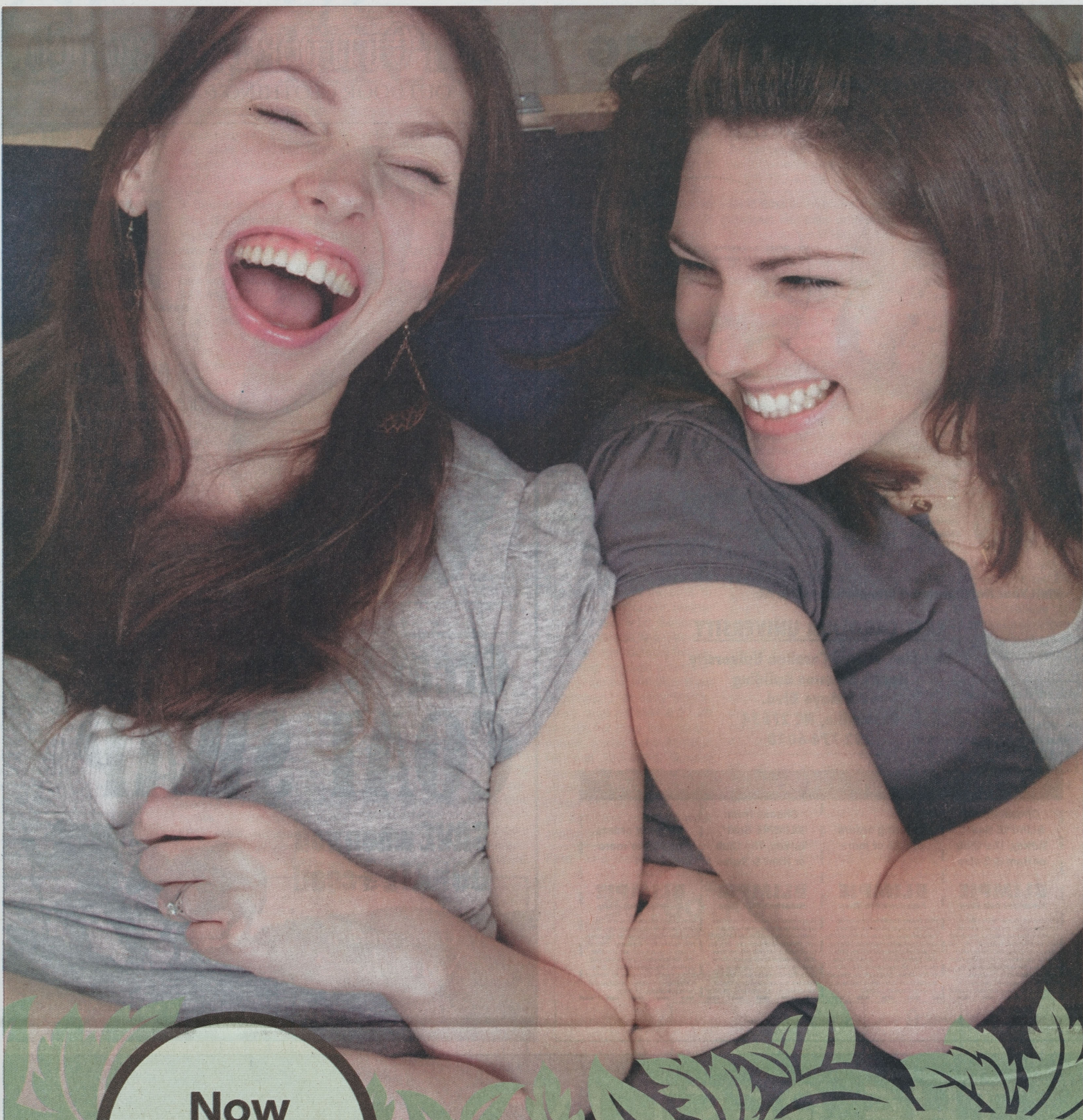
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