



Yesterday's on-campus fire 'suspicious in nature'

STAFF REPORT
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Students attending classes in the Bate Building were in for a surprise yesterday after a fire broke out in a wastebasket in the men's bathroom on the second floor. No injuries were reported.

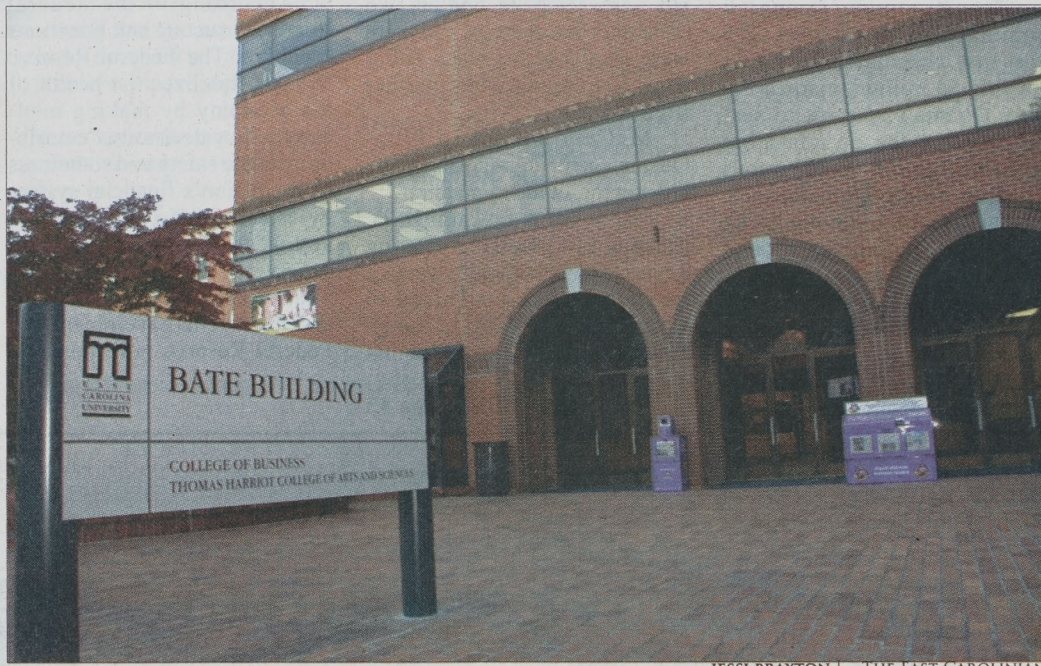
According to Chief Bill Branch of the Greenville Fire Department, the fire caused no structural damage and the building itself did not burn, however there was smoke in the building.

"We got the call at 1:25 p.m. and the ECU Police Department had extinguished the fire prior to our arrival," said Branch.

According to ECU's Chief Public Affairs Officer John Durham, classes were cancelled from the time of the fire until 5 p.m. and no one was allowed to enter the building.

"The Fire Marshal asked that we empty the building while an arson investigation was completed," said Durham.

The Greenville Fire Department removed smoke from the building using positive pressure



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The Bate Building re-opened yesterday at 5 p.m. for classes to resume.

ventilation.

Durham said that the fire appears intentional and currently no suspects have been identified.

"The fire is suspicious in nature," Branch said. The inves-

tigation is ongoing, according to Branch.

This is the second wastebasket fire since 2006. On July 28, 2006, two trashcans were set on fire in the men's bathrooms in Bate.

The office of the registrar will contact students to reschedule classes that were missed during that time.

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Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond presents foreclosure forum

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THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The current economic situation and increasing foreclosures in the U.S. are prompting Americans to become more interested in prevention education and The Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond is lending a helping hand to these Americans by hosting forums in North Carolina, South Carolina, Maryland, Washington DC and most of western Virginia.

"We are hosting this foreclosure forum [at] universities in our districts and ECU is one of them," said Angelyque Campbell, senior manager for community affairs of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.

The forum took place Oct. 27 in Hendrix Theater and included panelists from the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond that covered topics ranging from the credit market to mortgage foreclosures.

"Its [Foreclosure Forum] going to help me be more conscious about my credit and where to buy a house when its time—it kind of gives you awareness," said Darian Dixon, a junior enrolled in a finance course at ECU.

The theater was comprised of

students and community members hoping to gain knowledge on how to prevent losing a home and how to avoid credit problems.

The panel consisted of Senior Analyst Michael Riddle, Senior Retail Lending Specialist Steve Sanderford and Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Robert E. Carpenter. ECU Professor of Economics, Randall E. Parker, moderated the discussion.

Slideshows titled "The Widespread Impacts of Mortgage Foreclosures: From Credit Markets to Local Communities" and "Financial Spillovers from the Housing Market Shakeout," were shown at the forum. Attendees were able to pick up copies of the presentations at the door along with brochures about the Federal Reserve and the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. Pamphlets about career opportunities with the Federal Reserve Banks were offered in addition to bookmarks, business cards and shredded money, amongst other materials.

"The regulation area is with us ... and we are providing this foreclosure forum to help com-

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Students learn more about the current financial crisis.



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An audience member addresses the panel.

'Sizzle' comes to ECU

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"Sizzle," a documentary on global warming, drew a large crowd to Hendrix Theater last night.

Based on the same topic as the popular Al Gore film on global warming, "An Inconvenient Truth," this film differs on the way global warming and its affects are presented by using humor and everyday people, such as Hurricane Katrina survivors, to bring awareness to the global warming situation.

The film started at 7 p.m. with a full house and immediately the

theater was filled with laughter.

"It was a blend of education and humor which sparked some interest in people who weren't aware of it [global warming]," said ECU sophomore Biology major Dunya Safa.

The entire film was based on global warming experts and global warming skeptics - even the director and narrator of the film; Dr. Randy Olson's camera man starts off as a global warming skeptic that frequently interrupts Olson's interviews with the scientists which allows the viewer to explore both sides of

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SGA encourages student involvement

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This week SGA introduced two new orders of business: a proposal for a \$20 increase in student fees for athletics and a proposal for a \$10 increase in student fees for Student Health Services.

The departments with proposals presented each case and specific purpose statements. Afterwards, the floor was opened to SGA members to ask questions.

A debate was held where the affirmative and negative sides of the issue stated their reasons for agreeing and disagreeing with the purpose.

The process included 10 rounds. Once the 10th round was concluded, eligible members voted on the issue at hand.

SGA is involved with many aspects of student life.

"We draft legislature that affects the students," said senator Allison Millano, sophomore communication major. According to Millano, they deal with the money allotted to organizations for events and travel.

SGA hopes that more students become involved in student government processes.

"Students are not properly represented," said senate member Michael Harris, junior political science major. The senate is scouting for students to fill 13 open seats.

The senate will put the SGA constitution up for revision soon and it is vital that the student body is properly represented in this process.

"Students think it's a really big time commitment, but we really only meet once a week," Harris said.

He said that it is very important that everyone has their voice heard in student government, but that many students do not realize the impact SGA has on their academic career.

Harris also spoke of the benefits such as networking attached to senate membership.

Many students do not realize that behind the president and vice president, there are many diligent students working behind the scenes to make changes, which benefit them.

The senate encourages students to come sit in on one of their meetings to learn more about what they do, and how to get involved. SGA meets on Mondays at 5 p.m. in Mendenhall great rooms.

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Healthcare: which platform works for you?

'Whose health plan is best for America?'

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For the number of students and community members that are still unsure about which candidate they will be voting for next Tuesday, Alisa E. Debnam, M.P.H., executive director of the Council of Allied Health for North Carolina, held a forum titled "Whose Health Plan is Best For America?" which presented each candidate's platform on healthcare.

"I want people to be informed on the candidate that best represents them," said Debnam.

The event, which was spon-

sored by the student leaders council and held in the College of Nursing wing of the Health Sciences Building on Tuesday, kicked off with a brief background of the Council for Allied Health in North Carolina.

According to Debnam, the council was founded in 1991 with a mission "to ensure that North Carolinians will have access to a well-prepared and well-distributed workforce."

The council meets bi-monthly on the first Wednesday starting in January and the meetings are open to the public.

Debnam asked the audience questions regarding their personal health insurance standings and stated, "It is important if you are getting ready to graduate and

"You need to try to make a decision about what is going to work best for you. Don't think short-term. You need to think long-term and how it will affect you."

ALISA E. DEBNAM
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COUNCIL OF ALLIED HEALTH FOR NORTH CAROLINA

enter the job market to understand that you will be responsible for your own insurance."

To get an understanding of the audience's knowledge of the candidate's platforms on healthcare, Debnam then gave a mini

pop quiz in which the majority of the audience answered five out of 11 questions correctly. Students were asked to answer whether the questions were from Obama's platform, McCain's platform, neither candidate's platforms or

both platforms.

Obama's platform consists of a national healthcare initiative that would "preserve the existing job-based insurance system while extending coverage to those who lack it," Debnam said.

McCain, on the other hand, aims to create a de-regulated national health insurance market and offer a refundable tax credit of \$5,000 for families and \$2,500 for individuals.

Next Debnam pointed out where Obama and McCain differ on healthcare.

She stated that Obama's plan requires healthcare coverage for children while McCain's plan has no specific provision to cover children.

Also, Obama's plan requires

coverage for patients with pre-existing health conditions while under McCain's plan, insurance companies can pick and choose whether or not to cover patients with pre-existing conditions and the rules would vary from policy to policy.

Debnam also recognized where Obama and McCain agree concerning healthcare.

She stated that they both want to speed up electronic medical records, both want the public to have more information about medical treatment, both want to lower drug costs and both want better coordination of care.

"You need to try to make a decision about what is going

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NEWSLINE

Key interest rate cut by half-point to 1 percent

The Federal Reserve slashed a key interest rate by half a percentage point Wednesday, driving it to a level seen only once before in the last half-century, and the government finally began distributing funds from the billions in the financial rescue package.

Those efforts and others were part of a drive by officials, just days before a national election, to demonstrate they are moving as quickly as possible to deal with the most serious financial crisis to hit the country since the 1930s.

John McCain could still win

Analysts say it would take a "perfect storm" of events in the final days but John McCain could still pull off a victory.

He would need to gain more support from independents, score higher with his "Joe the Plumber" warning and hope that enough undecided votes swing his way and grab most of the states that are now tossups.

A new Ipsos/McClatchy Poll this week found McCain trailing nationally by 6 percentage points, 2 points closer than the week before. The poll also found 8 percent of likely voters still undecided, enough to deliver the election to the Arizona senator.

For McCain to win, he must hold all the states that went for President Bush four years ago, which would be enough to give him 286 Electoral College votes and victory. He could even lose one midsized Bush state, such as Virginia, which has 13 electoral votes, and still have more than the 270 Electoral College votes needed to win.

Obama leads in many of those states, including Florida and Ohio narrowly. And McCain doesn't have any good prospects right now for offsetting the loss of a "red" state; he doesn't lead in a single state that went Democratic in 2004.

Obama goes prime-time; McCain goes after Obama

(AP)

Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama plunked down \$4 million for a campaign-closing television ad Wednesday night, summoning voters to "choose hope over fear and unity over division" in Tuesday's election. Republican John McCain derided the event as a "gauzy, feel-good commercial," paid for with broken promises.

"America, the time for change has come," Obama said in the final moments of the unusual ad, a blend of videotaped moments and a live appearance before thousands in Sunrise, Fla.

"In six days we can choose an economy that rewards work and creates jobs and fuels prosperity starting with the middle class," Obama said.

The 30-minute ad, aired on CBS, NBC, Fox and several cable networks, came just days from the end of a race in which Obama holds the lead in polls nationally as well as in most key battleground states as he bids to become the first black president.

And while it is unusual for candidates to acknowledge the possibility of defeat, Republican running mate Sarah Palin said she intended to remain a national figure even if the ticket loses next week. "I'm not doing this for naught," she told ABC News in an interview.

Republicans and even some Democrats said the race was tightening as it neared the end. And while Obama made no mention of McCain in his paid television ad, both men sharpened their rhetoric during the day.

McCain, in Florida, argued that Obama lacks "what it takes to protect America from terrorists" as he sought to shift attention away from the economy.

"The question is whether this is a man who has what it takes to protect America from Osama bin Laden, al-Qaida and the other great threats in the world," he said of Obama. "He has given no reason to answer in the affirmative."

Obama, in North Carolina, said if, "Senator McCain is elected, 100 million Americans

will not get a tax cut ... your health care benefits will get taxed for the first time in history ... we'll have another president who wants to privatize part of your Social Security."

For weeks now, the race has tilted Obama's way as the two men traverse traditionally Republican states — Obama angling for a sizeable triumph and McCain hoping to win the White House in a close finish.

The 30-minute campaign commercial, purchased at a cost that campaign aides put at roughly \$4 million, marked not only Obama's attempt to seal his case with the electorate, but also underscored his enormous financial advantage in the race. He has outraised McCain by far after first committing — and then reneging — on a pledge to limit spending to the \$84 million available under federal matching funds.

Obama used his commercial to pledge a rescue plan for the

middle class in tough times. "I will not be a perfect president," he said. "But I can promise you this — I will always tell you what I think and where I stand."

Across 30 minutes, the ad blended views of Obama speaking in a setting that resembled the Oval Office, at the Democratic National Convention and elsewhere as well as scenes of Americans discussing their economic and health care troubles. His wife, Michelle, and his two daughters had cameos, and there were photos of his black father from Kenya and white mother from Kansas.

McCain sought to blunt Obama's campaign-closing pitch, lacking the funds to match it.

"He's got a few things he wants to sell you: He's offering government-run health care ... an energy plan guaranteed to work without drilling ... and an automatic wealth spreader that

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NICOLAS THIGPEN | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Panelist Steve Sanderford addresses the crowd.

communities understand the impact of foreclosures in their local community and on the national economy [level]," Campbell said.

According to the Federal Reserve Structure and Functions brochure, The Federal Reserve System stabilizes the health of the economy by making monetary policy decisions, "contributing to the safety and soundness of the nation's financial system by establishing regulations and acting as a commercial bank supervisor." Also, by serving as a bank for depository institutions and the federal government, the Federal Reserve is responsible

for keeping the economy "in check."

The Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond is one of the 12 reserve banks in the nation. The Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond is continuing with its educational forums to assist the public.

"We're headed to George Mason University next but we were very thankful for the support we received from ECU to put on this event," Campbell said.

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Alisa Debnam speaks to the audience about healthcare.

to work best for you," Debnam said. "Don't think short-term. You need to think long-term and how it will affect you."

Debnam stressed the importance of following personal convictions.

"We took this as an opportunity to have an unbiased pre-

sentation and [to] educate everyone," said Candice Canavan on the student leaders council. "It's something that the council tries to do to bring all of the Allied Health departments together."

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the spectrum. From several interviews with scientists and people of different views over the seriousness of global warming, the director was able to keep the audience members seated to watch more. The film also pokes fun at the fact that not having a celebrity featured in it would affect the amount of viewers it would attract to a worldwide environmental problem.

Near the end of the film the director finds himself in a dilemma over whether or not he should include graphs and slideshows in his documentary, one of his crew members suggests that the documentary would be better off hitting home.

"When the Katrina Victims were brought in it bridged the gap between scientists and ordinary people who have actual experience from the effects of global warming

first hand," Safa said.

Towards the end, the film shows the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina as an example of the warming of the oceans causing strong disasters.

The many events that take place, from the interviews with scientists and global warming skeptics all over the country to the cameramen taking Dr. Olson's 83 year old mother to the club, the film ends with the skeptical cameraman believing in global warming as a problem. This can be seen in the film when the cameraman buys a car with the license plate "ECO PIMP".

Around 8:40 p.m., the discussion began with six panelists: Dr. Scott Curtis, Dr. Lisa Clough, Dr. Jeffery Johnson, Dr. David Kimmel, Dr. Richard Ericson and the film director himself, Dr. Randy Olson.

One student asked why the is not more popular. Olson replied,

"Because the independent film industry has taken a nose dives in the past two years. Al Gore has burned people out with global warming and hasn't changed public opinion, though he did bring awareness-if anything he polarized global warming."

The discussion panel was also full of humor, just like the film, which brought some light on a much discussed and debated topic.

For more information on this global warming comedy visit www.sizzlethemovie.com.

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folds neatly and fits under any bed," McCain told an audience in Florida.

Associated Press-GfK polls taken within the past several days showed Obama ahead in four states that supported President Bush in 2004 and essentially even with McCain in two others.

A separate survey suggested even McCain's home state of Arizona was not safely in his column.

Earlier in the campaign, former Democratic rival Hillary Rodham Clinton as well as McCain sought to raise doubts about Obama's relatively thin resume on foreign policy and national security matters.

In response, Obama traveled last summer to Iraq, Afghanistan and Europe, where he met with world leaders. Later, he tapped Sen. Joseph Biden, who has long experience in foreign policy, as his vice presidential running mate.

More recently, he won an endorsement from former Secretary of State Colin Powell.

Conversely, McCain has slumped in the polls as the economic crisis has unfolded in the past several weeks.

Speaking to reporters Wednesday, he said the economic meltdown, while serious, was temporary, and the nation would emerge stronger.

Besides Obama, he criticized the Democratic leaders of Congress, who hope to command larger majorities in the new House and Senate than they do

now. "We're getting only a glimpse of what one-party rule will look like," he said, predicting deep cuts in defense spending and efforts to shrink America's role in the world if Democrats take over the government.

"Let there be no confusion about the threats we face," said McCain. "I've had to make some defining choices along the way," he added in what seemed to be a reference to his time in the Navy, more than five years of which were spent as a prisoner of war in Vietnam.

Obama blended his sharp rhetoric with a more humorous approach as he sought to fend off McCain's charge that his tax policies amount to socialism.

McCain, he said, will soon "be accusing me of being a secret communist because I shared my toys in kindergarten."

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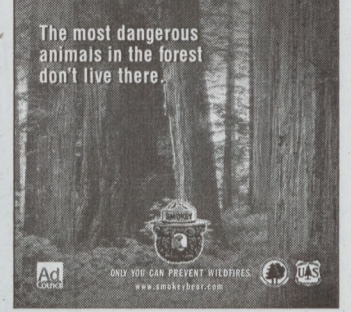
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12:00PM-2:00PM JUDGING

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7:30AM-12:00PM DROP OFF

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SKIT PRACTICE 6:00PM HENDRIX THEATER

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SKIT COMPETITION 10:00PM HENDRIX THEATER

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HOME COMING FOOTBALL GAME

3:30PM DOWDY-FICKLEN STADIUM

Opinion

{ Your Procrastination Destination }

What's more important?

Stop spending money on unnecessary projects!

ANDREA ROBERTSON
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

As we all know, the United States has found itself in the midst of economic turmoil. Many economists say that our country is spiraling toward a recession, which could ultimately lead to another depression. Unemployment rates are up. Banks are failing. Homes are foreclosing. Our economy is in a bad place, which brings me to my point - why is the United States spending money that they don't have on things that they don't need?

The United States is planning to construct and launch a satellite that will be able to track hurricanes and tornadoes much better than the technology that we currently have. Sounds like a good idea, right? Wrong! This satellite will cost the United States \$7.6 billion! They don't have that kind of money!

Every day the National Debt increases approximately \$3.84 billion; the debt is presently about \$10.5 trillion. To think that our country has the money to build a super storm tracker is absurd!

On Oct. 3, Bush signed the bill to enact the bailout. This law allows the Treasury Security to take as much as \$700 billion in order to help banks continue to give loans. The bailout is one of the most extreme moves our government has taken for our economy since the Great Depression. If we have to bail the banks out of debt by using our hard-earned tax dollars, so people can keep their houses, how could our government consider it plausible to begin funding a weather satellite?

For the fiscal year of 2009, our government will be granting the National Aeronautics and Space Administration \$1.6 billion in order to continue their research on our planet and our solar system. I don't know about you, but with our economy doing so poorly, I'm not concerned with whether or not we continue to study space; I'm more concerned with whether or not I will have the money to pay my mortgage! My tax dollars don't need to fund space exploration or weather satellites; my tax dollars need to fund necessities.

America's leaders cannot continue to think that they can fund superfluous projects, when our economy is in such an awful state. The government needs to stop trying to work on new projects and address the issues at hand, like what will happen to the pocketbooks of the middle class and the lower class citizens in the next year.

Our government is finding itself in this terrible economic situation, because it is spending more money than it is bringing in. The government's wallet is just like yours and mine; if you spend more than you have, you go into debt. I don't understand how that concept is so difficult to understand. Don't spend money on projects that can be put on hold, when banks are being forced to foreclose on people's homes and employers are being forced to significantly cut back on their employees. Concentrate on the important issue of rebuilding our economy, then develop super satellites and explore space.

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Too soon for 'the talk'

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Remember taking the sex ed. lesson that accompanied the high school gym and P.E. classes? Now, imagine taking the same classes in middle school or in elementary school. I feel that sex education should begin in middle school at the earliest. Anytime earlier is robbing a child of his or her blissful freedom from the woes of maturity.

The British have been discussing the start of sex education with children as young as five years of age. Sex education is very important, but I feel that the innocence of childhood is even more vital to development.

Early childhood is meant for learning how to make friends and for playing. If a child learns how dangerous sexually transmitted diseases can be by being "too close" to their friend, then that child could be too scared to sleep next to anyone during naptime. Childhood is a time for purity and carelessness, not a time to be afraid of pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections!

Toys constantly influence children and television shows are trying to steal their innocence. From a young age, girls are swayed by the sexuality of Hanna Montana and Bratz dolls, and the allure of young motherhood from stars like Jamie Lynn Spears. Boys follow the images they see in music videos or the mature rated videogames that they can get a hold of. They will realize that the people and images that they admire are full of sex. If children are made to learn about sex as early as five, these children will be completely robbed of their innocence.

There is also the risk of younger students wanting to experience sex at a younger age if the idea is introduced too early. Would a child try to get cookies out of the cookie jar if he isn't told where the cookie jar is in the first place? If a teacher introduces sex and what it 'looks like,' per se, then a child's interest will at least be peeked enough to explore what is forbidden.

Sex education helps the youth become more aware of their bodies. But as many of us know, ignorance is bliss and children should be the most blissful people. Parents should guide their children toward more childhood experiences, like the playground or board games instead of letting the sex-drenched media raise their children. Let children stay innocent as long as they can. They grow up too quickly as it is.

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PIRATE RANTS

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To the person who stole my jeans out of the dryer in Belk: If I ever see you wearing them, I WILL get them back.

If I were Hillary, I would cheat on Bill with Biden! What a fine looking old man!

Congrats to women and men's Rugby teams: 1st in the state!!!

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Stop staring at me out of your window when I leave the apartment, you weirdo! Don't you have better things to do ... oh yeah that's right, you NEVER leave your room!

I seriously HATE Greenville drivers. Are residents of this town not required to pass a drivers test??

I'm not gonna lie, I honestly think the southern accent DOES make you look stupid. ...

I hate how people respond when I tell them I go to ECU. No, I didn't come here to party. I am actually doing something with my life.

Nice guy, seeking bad girl for bad influence on Halloween.

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Party on Garth ... Party on Wayne.

There should be a real man made out of chocolate, not just in an axe commercial!

When I should have been studying, I covered my stapler, a mirror, a picture frame and a pumpkin in pink paint and glitter. And I wonder why I'm failing math.

Guess what. We're not going to ask you to hang out with us anymore! Have fun sitting in your room alone for the next four years!

Why do you make those weird faces when you're drunk?! Seriously, you look like a duck-zombie.

I stole a pumpkin!

Ok, so I live at University Suites. To the guy who crashed in to the patio wall and flipped his car half way over: As soon as I found out no one was hurt, I laughed my butt off - how in the world did that happen???. Thanks, that was the most exciting thing that's ever happened here!

Kal Penn was here? WTF? He's way better than any presidential candidate? Why did I not know this?

Why didn't the skeleton cross the road? ... He didn't have any guts

Seriously, can you please stop blowing your nose at the table? Others are trying to eat! That's freaking disgusting!

If you consistently don't tip, I will probably ignore you the next time you want to order a drink.

I still LOVE Hanson.

PLEASE: recycle this paper when you're finished reading it.

Just to clear up any confusion: I don't have a wall up. I close off because I don't like you. Hope that helps! :)

When walking from class to class, I tend to throw random things like leaves and acorns at people.

I had a random hook up that was so bad I told him it hurt just so he would stop humping me.

To the boys who invited us over to their apartment: Smoking weed does not qualify as hanging out. Try talking next time.

Why do you take your clothes off at every party? You don't really have that much to show off.

Dear neighbor: Please stop texting me that you walked behind me earlier that day. Stalking isn't cool.

It's easy to throw away animal pamphlets, but how am I supposed to throw away a Bible and not feel guilty?

I met the Pirate Rant chooser today and she's hot!

I think they should have a club football team. Playing flag football makes you want to hit someone anyways.

To my roommate: Who hoards as much food as you do in your closet? It ought to be illegal. And, try not to smack as much as you do when you eat. It makes you sound like a pig.

In honor of those who work at Wright Place: Meal or Pirate?

You do not live here. Please stop eating all of my food. Last time I checked it was not my job to support your "freshman 15."

To the kid who set off his sprinklers trying to make french fries: My apartment is flooded now! Next time you want fries go to McDonald's, I will give you a dollar to buy them!

My neighbor knocked my dog's tooth out! What kind of person does that?

Dear Maintenance: Can you please fix my friend's personality? I'd really appreciate it. Thanks!

I like hate how like so many girls like always say like, like after every word ... see how annoying that is??

Why is ECU known for Halloween but not Christmas? Because there's not a virgin or 3 wise men in Greenville.

A few days ago I nearly got vaporized in West End by a girl radiating death from her eyes.

Only in G-Vegas would I need to dodge beer trucks at 8 a.m.

To the librarian that totally creeps on me: Please don't. That's awkward when all my friends know you're trying to look down my shirt.

We weren't trying to have a pee party with you! But I did post your dumb pictures on Facebook!

Your Mom: So easy, a Caveman could do it.

Fellow classmate: Your hair is greasy, your glasses are thick, your eyes are squinty. You are a creep. Please stop staring at me.

To the girls on the seventh floor of Greene: I left my five-foot inflatable penis up there. Can I get it back?

To the girl who sits behind me in class: STOP TEXTING! I'm tired of hearing clicking from you texting away behind me. Maybe you should PAY ATTENTION and learn something!

Me: "I think I have strep throat." Student Health: "We can't fit you in today. Call back tomorrow or go online." Really, Student Health? Is that the best you can do?

Conveniently becoming fat

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THE EAST CAROLINIAN

With a busy schedule and a pinched pocket, fast food has never been so appealing. It seems that fast food restaurants are popping up everywhere. It is affordable, convenient and quick, and unfortunately, I am guilty of eating a greasy burger from time to time. The critical value placed on time in our society, is creating this fast food frenzy; further developing a fat, lazy America. This fact is very depressing.

When eating fast food, there is no hassle in buying the necessary ingredients, preparing and cleaning up a meal. You do not even have to get out of the car to finish a meal, and once the meal is complete, you simply toss the bag; yet, what happened to caring about the health of your body?

Now served in restaurants, airports, schools and sports venues, fast food is now a booming industry in America. Fast food restaurants not only have larger portion sizes and value menus, but they stay open late. McDonald's is located worldwide and is conveniently open 24 hours. Although it is hard to pass up that greasy burger, we really should start making more of an effort to stop giving in to our cravings.

Some fast food restaurants now list the calories, fat grams and sodium on the wrappers and provide Web sites to access nutritional information. After visiting one of the Web sites, the overwhelming amount of junk in each item repulsed me and discouraged my fast food eating for months. Inevitably, even having access to nutritional information, people still line up in drive-thru's for their quick and easy meal, but I suppose that knowing a double quarter-pounder with cheese has 42 grams of fat is not that intimidating to everyone.

According to an article in *Rolling Stone*, "Americans now spend more money on fast food than they do on higher education, personal computers, software or new cars. They spend more on fast food than on movies, books, magazines, newspapers, videos and recorded music, combined." It is a shame that people would rather invest money in stomachaches and greasy fingers than enjoy a good book or newly released CD.

It is estimated by the American School Fund Service that 30 percent of U.S. public high schools serve branded fast food. Pizza Hut, Domino's, McDonald's and Chick-fil-A sell food to the nation's schools. Taco Bell sends its food to approximately 4,500 cafeterias.

Wendy's, McDonald's, Krispy Kreme, Sheetz and Arby's are located directly across from ECU's campus. Students cannot help but acknowledge the presence of fast food restaurants. I am certainly guilty of sliding through the drive-thru between classes to pick up a crispy chicken sandwich or even picking up the occasional double cheeseburger - conveniently the smallest thing available on the late night menu at McDonald's.

I am one of many Americans who have been trapped by the fast food insanity, but I feel that we need to make a better effort to break this fattening cycle. Until healthier options are available at affordable prices, fast food restaurants will continue to have loyal consumers. But, we should at least try to stick with the chicken sandwiches and water, no fries. And at all costs, avoid super-sizing, value-sizing or sonic-sizing anything.

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Aries

It's a strange day, but one that has definite merits. There's a strong theme of old versus new in the planets. For you this could be a matter that you thought was done and dusted cropping up unexpectedly. It is certainly possible that you get a second chance, but you may need to investigate further!

Taurus

The planets zone in on matters of the heart again; romantic intentions may be tested. There's a strong chance that someone causes you to pause and think about your current status, whether you're single or attached. Tread carefully if this person is an old flame, because you may be viewing the past through rose-colored specs!

Gemini

Conflicting information or mixed messages could turn this day into a confusing one. Perhaps someone or something is holding you back, while at the same time someone else is pushing you forwards. The end result could be inactivity on your part, but guidance comes in the form of an adventurous soul!

Cancer

The current influences should turn this into a day that has plenty of potential, but only by flagging up the problems. Perhaps you've slipped into a rut or maybe you're now ready for the next challenge. Use this day to change your routine or your habits, because you'll be more likely to succeed!

Leo

This is possibly a day where you get thinking about what motivates you and what's missing from life. There's a slight sense of boredom with the things that usually make you happy, such as shopping. If so, then take up a new interest or leisure pursuit that has absolutely nothing to do with money!

Virgo

Virgos are sometimes regarded (unfairly) as quite cautious, fussy types, but you can be as vibrant, adventurous and fun-loving as any fire sign. Today is the day to prove it, because this is a day to branch out, to try something new, and to do something completely different. Remember: a change is as good as a rest!

Libra

The planets zone in on a tricky or complicated choice. Maybe a desire to keep everything peaceful and quiet is preventing you from making some positive changes, but the planets suggest that you won't have to charge in like a bull in a china shop. Slowly but surely is perhaps your best approach!

Scorpio

Your Scorpio's ability to think deeply will be an asset today. Something may be bugging you: chances are it's related to romance. If you're attached and things have gone a little tepid then this is a great day to ignite those passions again, while singles could experience an encounter that ripples on for days!

Sagittarius

While the planets are urging most signs to take a minor chance, those same planets are advising you to be a little more restrained. The planetary positions that you'll perhaps tend to focus too much on the here-and-now. Maybe it's a day where you need to get out of fun-mode and get into ambition-mode.

Capricorn

There's a suggestion in today's planets that you may be inclined towards burying your head in the sand over an important matter. Don't worry, Capricorn, because those planets should gently help you to recognize and accept where you may be going wrong. It's a day to grasp the proverbial nettle.

Aquarius

Romance could become quite confusing today, especially if you're single. Something or even someone may cross the line from being a friend to being a potential love-interest. Alternatively, someone who you previously thought was hot is not. However, it's not a day to make snap or rash decisions.

Pisces

There's a curious mixture of dreamy idealism and level-headedness in your chart. Perhaps the two different approaches can work together in harmony when it comes to both work-related issues and romantic matters. You don't need to settle for second best, but don't demand perfection either.

Lupe Fiasco scheduled to perform at ECU



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Ticket sales will be \$10 for students, \$25 for nonstudents

Grammy-award winner to be featured for Homecoming

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The student body voted and the results are in.

As part of the 2008 ECU Homecoming festivities, Grammy-award winner Lupe Fiasco will perform live Thursday, Nov. 6 at Minges Coliseum.

Part of a voting process initiated by the Student Activities Board earlier this semester, Lupe Fiasco was chosen to perform after about 3,800 students voted on OneStop.

Referred to as GQ's 2006 "Breakout Man of the Year," Lupe Fiasco broke out onto the music scene with a featured verse in Kanye West's "Touch the Sky" and later came out with his first single "Kick-Push."

Fiasco also won a Grammy award for Best Urban/Alternative Performance for his duet with singer Jill Scott.

"Out of the list of performers that we selected, based on price

"I like Lupe Fiasco because he speaks intelligence in his lyrics, he possesses versatility and lyrical originality."

MARCUS ELEY
ECU JUNIOR

and availability, students thought Lupe is a great performer and an up and coming artist," said Matthew McCarthy, the special events chair of the Student Activities Board. "The entire university is trying to make this homecoming the biggest and best that we've ever had, and by involving this performance, we hope it will definitely be a blowout."

Marcus Eley, a junior who participated in the voting process, will be attending the concert.

"I like Lupe Fiasco because he speaks intelligence in his lyrics, he possesses versatility and lyrical originality," said Eley.

Senior Aaron Chapman is also excited about the concert.

"I think a concert like this is what ECU needs to help diversify their homecoming events

and reach out to all students," said Chapman.

Tickets are on sale now in the central ticket office in Mendenhall Student Center, from Mon. - Fri., 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. During the week of the concert, Nov. 4 - Nov. 6, tickets will also be for sale at the Minges Athletic Ticket Office.

Student tickets are \$10 for ECU students with a valid ECU OneCard and \$25 for all non-students.

Only students will have access to bottom floor seating.

For more information about the concert, contact the student activities board at studentunion@ecu.edu.

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Their new EP, *Inception*, will be released on Halloween.

Assembly Required and the new nostalgia

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Lovers of 1990s hits: Look no further.

Assembly Required, a Greenville circuit band, with members from Kinston and G-Vegas alike, bring out the melodic, pop and grunge-induced sounds that generation-Y kids buzzed to in the mid-to-late 1990s.

With a host of influences from Nirvana, Bush, Collective Soul, Green Day, Oasis, Fuel, and even Boyz II Men, *Assembly Required* draws upon the growing nostalgia from this newly abated era. In doing so, they've found plenty of crowds that have not forgotten any words to songs from the alternative rock genre.

More than just another cover band, *Assembly Required* has strived to step beyond simple crowd-pleasing songs and have relentlessly worked on original material for their newest EP, *Inception*, which is to be released on Halloween. Also, a complete LP of original songs is set to release within a month or so.

Band member Robbie Johnson, the only remaining founding member, recalls the steady rise of the band from high school parties

to college shows. Their first college show, at Ham's in Greenville, seemed to set the tone as they competed in the Battle of the Bands. Taking second place against the already established band *Katharsis*, *Assembly Required* was quite pleased for being first timers.

From then on, the band moved from show to show, having seen both small and large crowds, and even getting to play shows alongside reputable acts such as 40oz., Freedom, Chevelle, Flyleaf, Fuel and Whild Peach (Outcast's backing band).

Although, their highest moment Johnson and member Greg Pollard agree, was getting to play X-Fest 8 in front of thousands.

"There's nothing like feeling the crowd moving to your music," said Pollard, about the show.

Assembly Required is scheduled to play this Halloween at Pirate's Den with Irvine, and again Nov. 1 in Kinston at Grainger Stadium for the Timmy and Hannah benefit concert.

For ticket information on the benefit show, visit timmyandhannah.com, or contact Lynn Hill at 252-560-1181 or Trauma at 252-775-1670.

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High School Musical 3 proves its worth

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OMG! High School Musical! This phrase has probably been screamed by millions of tween girls ready for more action by Zac Efron and his musically talented high school gang.

High School Musical 3 opened in theaters last Friday and has since been causing a pandemonium across the nation.

But is this entire ruckus truly worth the price of a ticket?

We catch back up with Troy Bolton during his final year at East High School, in which he plays his final basketball game, prepares for prom and decides where to attend college. While decisions are pondered, hearts are won over and love begins to blossom, all in tune with the soundtrack of their final senior theatre show. It all comes to a close during the final segment of their actual graduation.

It might be important to note that I had no intention of seeing this film at first. I saw the original simply by accident- I was sick for an extended period of time a year ago, and my roommate thought I might feel better if I watched teenagers singing about high school. In a bout of procrastination, I took the night off and ventured to Greenville Grande to catch a showing, just to see what the hype was all about.

I must say, the excitement proved to be worthwhile.

While many of the songs can be deemed cheesy, it is perfect for the Disney audience that this film intends to capture. From Efron and Corbin Bleu running around in a used car lot singing about how "the boys are back," to Ashley Tisdale and Lucas Gabeel taking over the school with dreams of storming Hollywood, the music



The third film focuses on senior year.

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proves to be more edgier than previous films, but perfect for the mature character turns that many have taken.

Of course, the shining star of the film is Efron. With boyish good looks and a crooked smile, it's definitely safe to say that Disney will soon be saying "adios" to Efron and his enormous status. He is definitely the John Travolta of our generation, with appropriate comparisons to Grease (especially in the aforementioned used car lot scene).

Tisdale also makes a name for herself. Although not as noticeable on the radar as her co-star, Tisdale is certainly a star to watch. As Sharpay, Tisdale possesses the attitude and demeanor to brilliantly portray such an egotistical character, and doesn't lack the grace and talent to effectively perform the musical numbers.

No review can be made without the mentioning of Vanessa Hudgens, especially with her scandal of nude pictures on the

internet. Aside from her personal struggles, Hudgens just doesn't quite fit into the film. Aside from a voice that screams "choir girl!" one can only assume that her career will not tread far from the wonderful world of Disney.

Yet, while some stars shined and others dimmed, the film got its point across. It's a film where high school issues are examined, conflicts are created then resolved, and everyone is happy in the end. It's perfect for what this genre aims for.

Overall, it proved to be worth that pesky \$7 ticket. I simply cannot hate on musicals, when I know all of the words to Rent and Grease and used to possess a strong desire to star in a Broadway hit. To be quite honest, I sometimes wish we could all break out in song and dance whenever we felt down.

Maybe even the ECU squirrels could join in on the fun.

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Self defense, an artful way of protection

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When students at ECU receive an e-mail alerting them of a robbery or attack on campus, many just delete the e-mail and hope something of that nature never happens to them.

No one wants to be a target of crime, but sadly, many people may find themselves in a dangerous situation.

However, there is a way students and others can better protect themselves and it's not with pepper spray (even though that is a good safety measure), but with self-defense.

The student recreation center at ECU offers several classes that teach not only self-defense, but also confidence and self-discipline throughout clubs and organizations.

"I feel like self defense is a life skill. If practiced enough it will never go away. It is especially important in today's world," said Heather Stewart, president of the Isshinryu Club at ECU.

Stewart has been practicing Isshinryu, a type of martial art, for three years and helps lead the club at ECU.

Isshinryu started in the 1950s with a focus on teaching natural movements.

Basic skills that are taught at ECU include striking skills and body conditioning while focusing on perseverance, integrity and leadership.

The club meets each night at the recreation center in room 240 from 8 p.m. - 9:45 p.m.

Attendance averages 8-10 people per night and anyone interested in learning the art is

welcome to stop by and see what it is all about.

Master TD Gribble, who is a sixth degree black belt, instructs the classes. He has practiced Isshinryu for 31 years.

"Self defense will teach you why it's not a good idea to walk alone, especially late at night or listening to your iPod," said Gribble. "When you are presented with a tough situation in a controlled environment [self defense class], it will open your eyes a little more."

Another martial arts club at ECU that focuses on self defense is Tae Kwon Do.

Standing for "Foot, Fist, Way," Tae Kwon Do is a complete mental, physical, and spiritual workout.

Geoffrey Walker has been practicing the art now for almost two years. He is the instructor for Tae Kwon Do at ECU as well as an instructor at Byung Lees Tae Kwon Do School on Firetower Road in Greenville.

"Growing up, my three brothers would pick on me, but even now after we all figured out how to get along I still feel a need to learn a way to defend myself especially with the way the world is today," said Walker.

The Tae Kwon Do club focuses on kicking skills, forms and specific self-defense moves as well as meditations and spiritual and mental focusing.

The club meets Tue. - Thu., 8:45 p.m. - 9:45 p.m. in room 238 at the student recreation center.

"There is typically good attendance in all of the classes of about 25-50 people with mainly

Ask G

Dear G,

I'm having an issue- there is this guy in my life that I was briefly involved with, but have remained good friends with over the past few years. Recently him and his girlfriend broke up and he is terribly depressed. I am trying to help him get through this tough time.

But there is one problem I am head over heels, in love with him.

What should I do? I am trying to help, but the fact that he is in love with her is killing me, because I know I would never treat him that way.

Sincerely-
Unlucky in Love

Dear Unlucky in Love,

This is a tough one! However, I am sure you know NOT to get involved. Love is selfish, and there is nothing you can do about that. It is important for you to look out for your best interest, and resist the urge to become his

knight in shining armor. You are obviously in love with him, and in order to give this relationship a fair shot, you cannot afford to be his rebound girl. Starting any sort of relation with your love interest at this point would be quite similar to throwing yourself over a cliff; It's very exciting at first, but soon enough you will realize that you're not flying... in fact you're heading for a real awakening. Don't mistake this thrill of novelty with the needed foundations of a serious relationship. If you choose to pursue him before he is truly over his ex girlfriend, you are signing up to be a constant comparison to his previous quest, a position no significant other should be put up for.

So, Dear Unlucky in Love, just give him some space and when the time is right he will come along. Don't kick yourself if he starts dating someone soon, but remain patient and keep in mind that everything happens for a reason.

A la prochaine,
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men, but still a good amount of females," Walker said. "Self defense skills are not something you get from [one] visit to [a] seminar, but works a ton better with repeated classes," Walker said. "It's important for protection, good health and friends and fun."

classes and clubs that offer self defense techniques, visit ECU's Campus Recreation and Wellness Web site.

Be smart and stay safe with self defense. Who knows? It could one day save your life.

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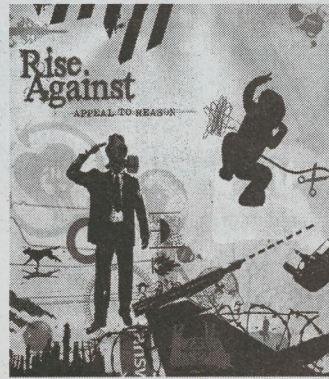
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Electric Six – Flashy (XL) 3 out of 5

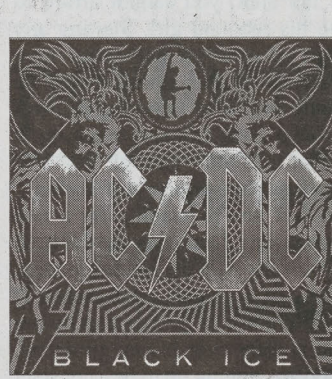


STEPHEN MASON
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Rise Against – Appeal to Reason (Interscope) 2 out of 5



AC/DC – Black Ice (Columbia) 3 out of 5



Of Montreal – Skeletal Lamping (Polyvinyl) 3 out of 5



Boogie rock has never been all-that popular. Tell bands like Mountain, Foghat and Cactus. The reason is relatively unknown, but Electric Six's problem is different. They've always been a decent band and Flashy doesn't see them trying anything new. Even beyond that, the material is less stellar than previous entries, though still filled with all the loudness one would expect. Their approach on Flashy is even more rooted in hard rock acts from the 1970s than usual, and as a result is almost drab. If they focused more on soul or funk and incorporate that with their Boston-esque intensity, they might come up with a very groovy record.

The style that Rise Against follows is reminiscent to bands you forgot about back in middle school; bands like the Offspring. They're edgier, sure, but their sound hasn't evolved much beyond that. What makes Rise Against better and more appealing than their garbage colleagues Good Charlotte is that their political messages are not an outward statement, but an inward one. "Hero of War" is one notable song, as its lyrics are inspired by a story the band heard an Iraq War veteran tell. Maybe because they're not spouting political rhetoric without thought, their voice is that much clearer.

The gods of minimalist hard rock have returned with a set of fresh pulsing riffs and a big load of bass. If there's anything AC/DC knows how to do, it's how to stay simple. They've never succumbed to trends or changes in music (for better or worse), and even though their material isn't always wholly original, it's still entertaining. Black Ice is no different. "Rock 'n' Roll Train" and "Skies On Fire" are certainly welcome entries, simplistic in their sparse guitar roars and signed with Brian Johnson's incomprehensible lyrics (and would you believe his voice is a tad weathered?). While it's all fun, there's nothing that measures up to signature tunes like "Highway to Hell." But that's okay. AC/DC has never been the most ambitious band. They're out to have fun, even if they're old.

Of Montreal didn't miss the boat on the neo-psychedelic train necessarily. What's different is that after 11 years, they're a bit tired. There are too many new bands popping up (like MGMT) that are doing it better. Take Oracular Spectacular, a non-self-indulgent album that's straight to the point and enjoyable. Skeletal Lamping is a train of energy, seamless from start to finish. It'd be fine if it was filled with songs like their opener, "Nonpareil of Favor," but they're not, as their psychedelic sounds grow increasingly weary over this 15-song album. Not to mention that Kevin Barnes has grown increasingly crazy over the band's tenure, and now he's got an alter ego of a black transsexual. Fine by me, though I was thrown off when he yelled "I'm just a black she-male!"

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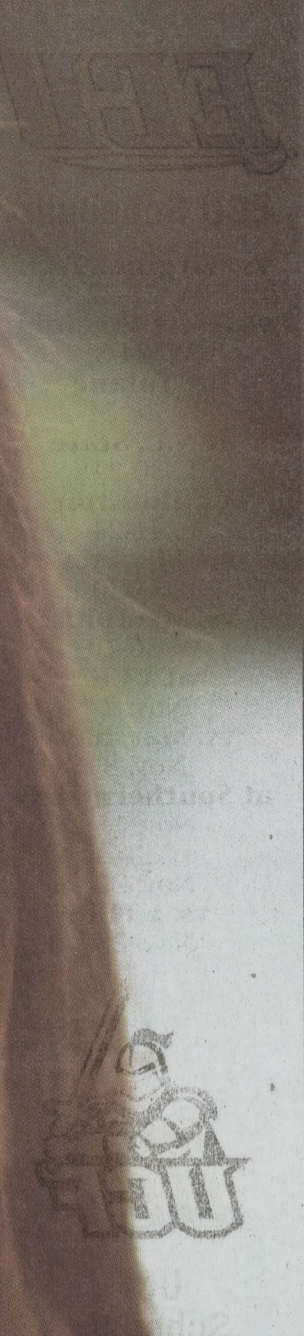
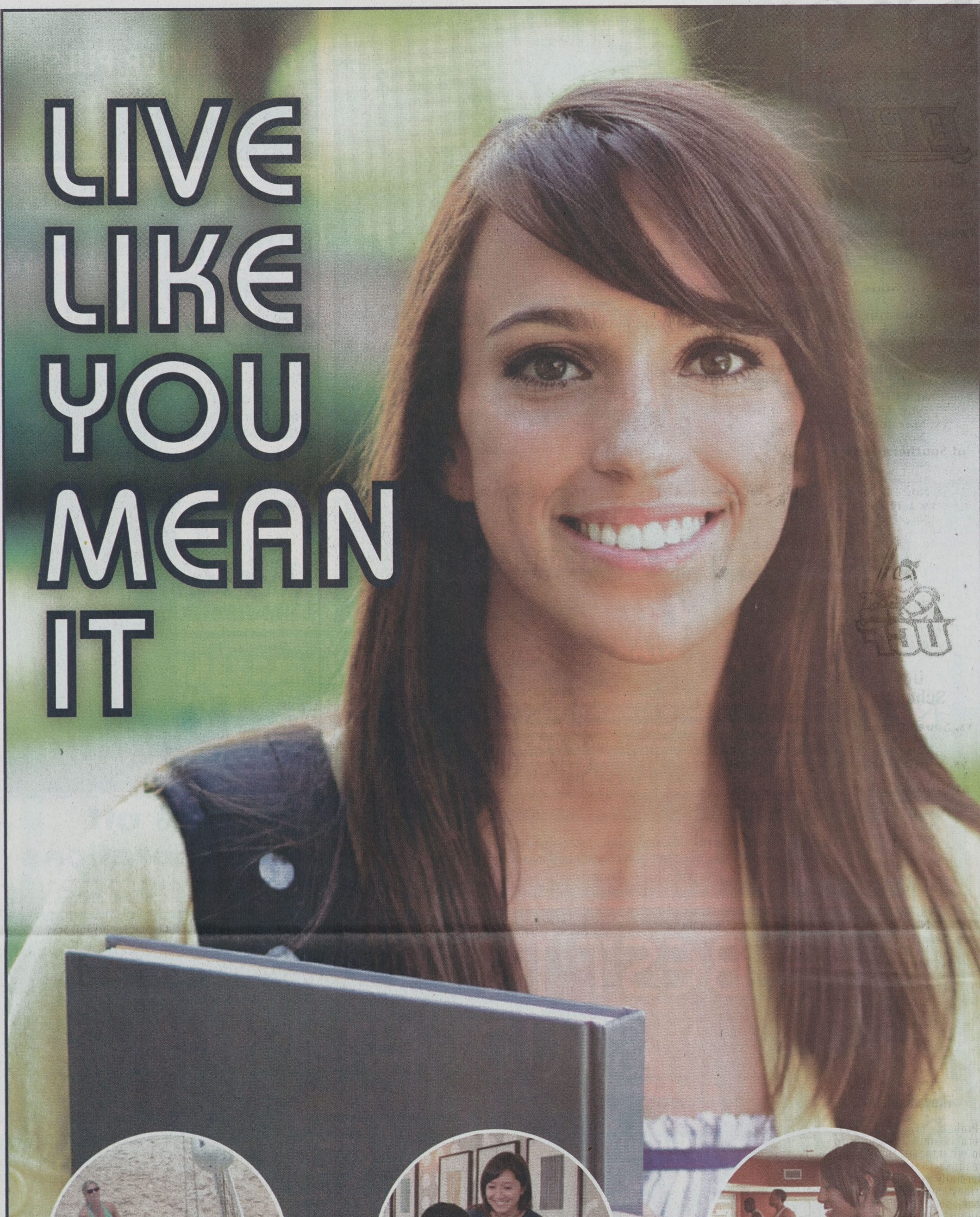
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vs. West Virginia
W, 24-3
at Tulane
W, 28-24
at N.C. State
L, 30-24
vs. Houston
L, 41-24
at Virginia
L, 35-20
vs. Memphis
W, 30-10
at UCF
Nov. 2
vs. Marshall
Nov. 8
at Southern Miss
Nov. 15
at UAB
Nov. 22
vs. UTEP
Nov. 28



UCF Schedule

vs. South Carolina State
W, 17-0
vs. South Florida
L, 31-24
at Boston College
L, 34-7
at UTEP
L, 58-14
vs. SMU
W, 41-17
at Miami
L, 20-14
at Tulsa
L, 49-19
vs. ECU
Nov. 2
vs. Southern Miss
Nov. 8
at Marshall
Nov. 15
at Memphis
Nov. 22
vs. UAV
Nov. 29

They said it...

"Probably my biggest concern is what I'm going to do with them Friday night because that's Halloween. Normally we're traveling on Friday and they're in a hotel room, so that's probably my biggest concern."
- ECU coach Skip Holtz

"If you have to win five to win the division so that you don't have to worry about not controlling where you end up, then I would say this is a red-letter game. If you want to control your own destiny, then you cannot afford a setback."
- UCF coach George O'Leary

"A lot of our goals are still in tact, which is to compete for a East Division title, to compete for a conference championship, and then to make it to a bowl game. Obviously, playing nationally ranked is always great but all our goals are still at hand and I think we can handle that."
- ECU quarterback Rob Kass

"We have kind of slacked off in the last couple of games. We're either sixth or eighth in the conference in sacks. Last year we started off good with sacks and then kind of faded off. This year we are going to try to reverse that if we can and go up with the sacks."
- ECU defensive lineman Zack Slate

"I thought it was a very productive week for us as we get into these final five conference games. Right now we're a little bit of a different team than we were earlier with so many of the changes that have been made."
- Skip Holtz

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UCF Starting Lineup

Offense

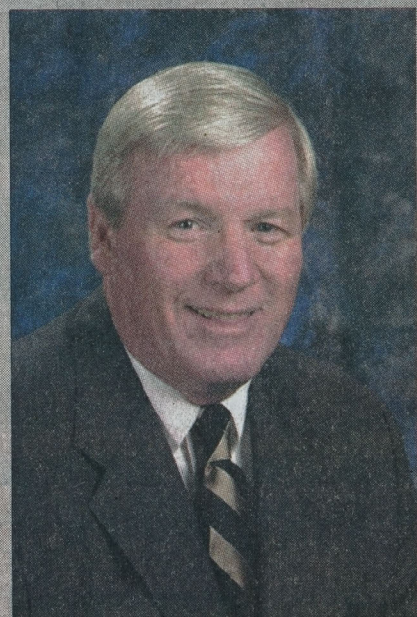
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or Rob Calabrese, Fr.
RB-Ronnie Weaver, Fr.
FB- Ricky Kay, Soph.
WR-Kamar Aiken, Soph.
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TE- Adam Nissley, Fr.
LT- Patrick Brown, Sr.
LG- John Hafferty, Sr.
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Defense

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DE- Bruce Miller, Soph.
DT- Travis Timmons, Jr.
DT- Torrell Troup, Jr.
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CB- Johnell Neal, Sr.
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Special Teams

K-Daren Daly, Sr.
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P- Blake Clingan, Soph.
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O'LEARY

I think they came out early and got some good wins for themselves and the conference. ... They know what each and every conference game means to them. It should be a heck of a donnybrook on Sunday night."



VS.



East Carolina Starting Lineup

Offense

QB- Patrick Pinkney, Sr.
or Rob Kass, Jr.
RB- Norman Whitley, Soph.
or Brandon Simmons, Sr.
FB- Jason Simmons, Sr.
or Kevin Gidrey, Soph.
WR- Dwayne Harris, Soph.
WR- Alex Taylor, Jr.
TE- Davon Drew, Sr.
LT- Stanley Bryant, Sr.
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- Linval Joseph, Soph.
DE- C.J. Wilson, Jr.
LB- Cliff Perryman, Fr.
LB- Nick Johnson, Jr.
LB- Pierre Bell, Sr.
CB- Darryl Reynolds, Soph.
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FS- Van Eskridge, Jr.
SS- J.J. Millbrook, Sr.

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KR- Dwayne Harris, Soph.
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PR- Darryl Freaney, Fr.

ECU plays Sunday night showcase

JARED JACKSON
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

In the next three weeks, the Pirates will find out whether they are pretenders or contenders in Conference USA's East division. ECU welcomes Marshall to Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium next week and then will travel to Southern Miss the following week.

This week after playing only two games in 35 days, ECU (4-3, 2-1) travels to Orlando to face UCF (2-5, 1-2) Sunday night on ESPN at 8 p.m.

The Pirates will be looking to win their second straight game after rebounding two weeks ago with a 30-10 win over Memphis following a disastrous three-game losing streak.

"Stepping in this week is a Central Florida team, which I think is a very talented football team," said ECU coach Skip Holtz. "I think they've played a very difficult schedule."

The Pirates have won the last two against the Knights, but doing it three straight times is always tough, no matter who the competition. ECU has defeated UCF the last two meetings with a combined score of 76-48, including last season's 52-38 shootout at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

Even though ECU is 6-1 in the all-time series against UCF, junior Pirate quarterback Rob Kass knows the Knights will be a true test for his team.

"It definitely is [hard]," Kass said of trying to beat a team three times in a row. "We look at it one game at a time. ... Two years ago doesn't matter, last year doesn't matter—all that matters is this week and this year."

The strong suit of UCF has so far been its defense. The Knights currently rank third in Conference USA in total defense, allowing 352 yards per game.

"When you look at them, it's a team that, defensively, you kind of say, 'Wow,'" Holtz said. "I think defensively, this is a very good football team and it's going to be a heck of a challenge for our offense."

The strength of the UCF defense can be found in the secondary, where the Knights start four seniors. Johnell Neal and Joe Burnett have proven to be quite the combination at the cornerback position. Both have recorded three interceptions apiece this season.

The Knights are among the best in the nation on interceptions, with 14 so far this season. UCF sits fifth in C-USA in pass defense, allowing almost 235 yards per game.

"Both of their safeties and corners are seniors who are very talented players," Holtz said. "I think that's probably the strength of this defensive football team and how they're playing on the back side."

ECU will once again—and most likely for the remainder of the season—employ a two-quarterback system. Against Memphis two weeks ago, it was senior Patrick Pinkney who started the game before Kass came in on the third series and remained in for the rest of the game.

"They'll both play," Holtz said, referring to Pinkney and Kass. "We are in a very fortunate situation, to have two quarterbacks who have a lot of experience under their belts. ... Their strengths are different. Right now I don't think there is a lot of difference between the two as far as productivity. I think they're both doing some good things."

While ECU has great depth at the quarterback position, the opposite could be said for the Pirates' running back core. Senior running back Dominique Lindsay suffered a season ending knee injury prior to the start of the season and just last week stellar sophomore Jonathan Williams was suspended indefinitely after being arrested twice in the month of October.

Now all signs point to sophomore Norman Whitley, being the go-to-guy at the running back position. So far this season, Whitley has rushed for 195 yards and two touchdowns on 33 carries. The Hamlet, NC native has at times been a sparkplug for the ECU offense and is ready for his time in the spotlight.

"It feels pretty good to be out here and be the [top running back] guy," Whitley said. "I look at it just like any other day. I'm going to go in there and just do what I can do to lead our team to a victory. They are depending on me just as much as I'm depending on them and I'm prepared for it."

Senior Brandon Simmons and junior J.R. Rogers for the rest of the season will back up Whitley. Even though the running back core does not look as explosive on paper as it once did, Whitley believes they are ready to fill the void left by Lindsay and Williams.



HOLTZ

"This is a team whose record might not be impressive, but I think they're a little bit different team at home. They're 2-1 at home and their only loss is to South Florida in an overtime game."

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Week nine: Ranking the Carolinas

1. N. Carolina

Record: 6-2



Last week: Won vs. Boston College, 45-24
Even though South Carolina had a bye week last week and couldn't help its situation, it just can't hold on to the top spot again. I hate to penalize a team for not playing, but UNC looked that good last week in a 45-24 dismantling of Boston College. Wide receiver Hakeem Nicks had 170 yards and four touchdowns—I repeat, four touchdowns—in the Heels' impressive win. Add in the fact that each of UNC's losses were by field goals, and the Heels reclaim their status as the best college football team in the Carolinas.

2. South Carolina

Record: 5-3



Last week: Bye week
As I stated in North Carolina's recap, I hate to move South Carolina from the top spot to the second spot, but I just have to. Luckily for the Gamecocks, they will have some chances to impress in the next month and could easily regain that top spot. All of that starts this week, when Tennessee rolls into town. The Vols are obviously having a down year, but Tennessee has owned this series, and don't forget about Steve Spurrier's connection to Tennessee. USC is coming off a bye week and Spurrier should rekindle his hatred for Tennessee. ... This week USC wins. ... big.

3. Duke

Record: 4-3



Last week: Won at Vanderbilt, 10-7
It was low scoring and it was ugly, but it was Duke football beating a legitimate team on the road. That describes Duke's win over Vanderbilt last Saturday. The Blue Devils committed seven penalties, missed two field goals and only rushed for 28 yards, but they came away with a win and are now only two wins from bowl eligibility. Duke now has five regular season games left and the magic number is two. A 2-3 finish to the regular season would give Duke the unthinkable: a bowl game in David Cutcliffe's first year.

4. Wake Forest

Record: 4-3



Last week: Lost at Miami, 16-10
Wake Forest has lost two-straight games and is reeling quickly, but they stay ahead of ECU because you can't take away Wake's win at Florida State earlier this season. ECU's best wins—Virginia Tech and West Virginia—can't equal Wake's win in Tallahassee, Fla. That loss is FSU's only loss of the season, and the Seminoles are in all-out surge mode right now, while Virginia Tech and West Virginia have failed to live up to preseason hype. With that said, the Deacons seriously need a win and can't afford to lose to Duke at home this Saturday, or else panic mode could set in.

5. ECU

Record: 4-3



Last week: Bye week
From arrests to suspensions, to injuries, ECU's bye week was anything but calm. I'm guessing this team just wants to get back to playing football, and it will do just that at UCF on Sunday night. The team that will take the field that night will be full of new faces, which can have its positives and negatives. The Pirates have also been anything but predictable this season with three wins to open the season then three disappointing losses to follow. ECU's next two games have serious conference title implications and you really just never know how ECU will respond to that at this point. ... We'll see.

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The ECU ice hockey team is red hot and riding high after two victories this past weekend. The Pirates (5-2, 3-0) look to be serious contenders in the ACHA South once again after the hot start, including their most recent wins over Christopher Newport and Duke (Division II).

ECU knocked off division rival CNU, 8-4, in Yorktown, Va. on Friday before holding off the Blue Devils in Hillsborough on Saturday, 4-2.

"When you come out strong, it really sets the tone for the season," said center Zach John-

ston. "We really like to come out hard and let everyone else in the league know, and the whole ACHA know what we're all about this year."

Senior Ian Falcon set up right-winger Sam Duehring with the game-winner against Duke to put the Pirates up 2-1 in the second period.

"I beat the defender down the right side," Duehring said of his game-clinching goal. "The goalie left me a five hole and I put it between his legs."

Duehring put the game away with 3:19 left to play in the second period when he and Sean Burns teamed up for a power play shot score. Duehring fired a shot past the right side of the goaltender to give the Pirates a 3-1 advantage.

The Blue Devils fought back with a power play goal of their own but Steven Allbright nailed

the coffin shut with a score that made the final, 4-2.

Sophomore Nick Dinardo started the scoring with a goal, five minutes into the first period off Falcon's first assist.

ECU never trailed against CNU, but did not pull away until late in the game. Scott Graham, Mitchell Sears and Johnston all netted third period goals to seal the game for the Pirates.

"It was a night where all of the lines were producing," said Johnston. "Everybody was just clicking and playing well. ... In the second period, we really started to drop off. They [CNU] decided to fight back and push. Eventually we just decided that we weren't going to lose the game."

ECU jumped out to a 3-0 lead against CNU, but the Captains fought back with two second period goals to stay alive.

Falcon and center Chris Cesario answered with goals to give ECU a 5-2 lead at the end of the second period.

Matt Contipodero, David Orlando and Allbright each scored in the first period, igniting a balanced scoring attack that featured goals by eight different Pirates.

Consistent production from rookies like Contipodero, Orlando and Matt Steffens has provided a lift to the young Pirate squad.

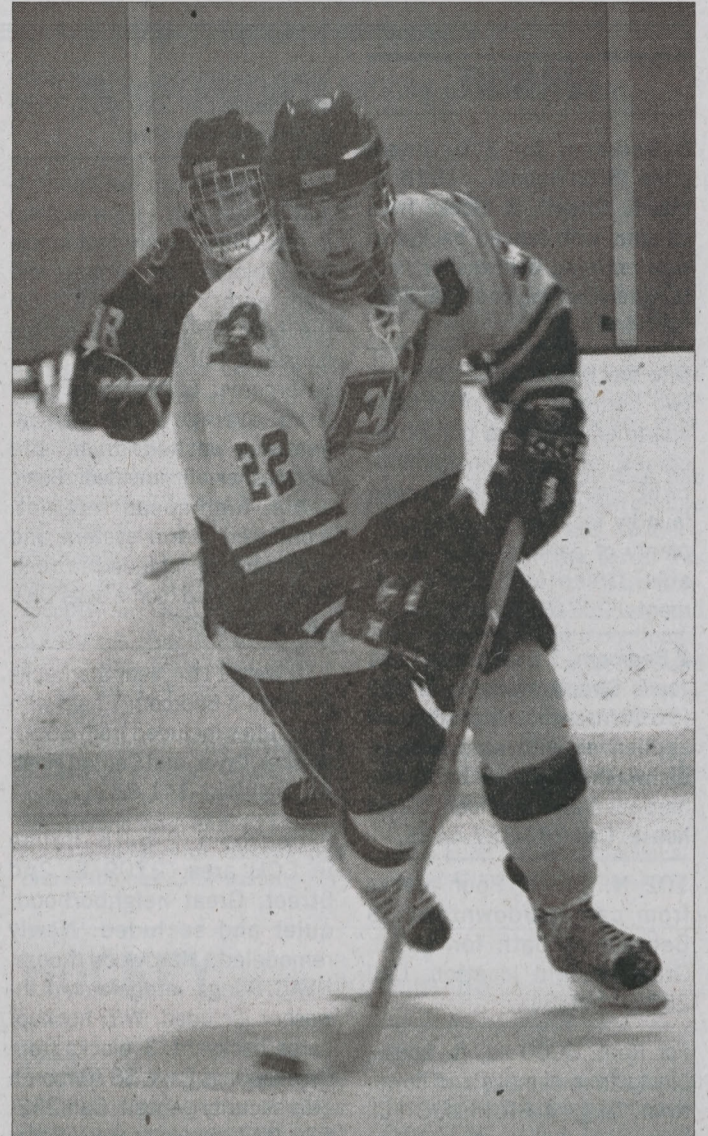
"We're playing good," said Steffens. "The team's coming together well. We're dropping penalties a lot more. There's a lot more communication on the bench and on the ice and there's a lot more chemistry."

Markham has been especially impressed with the play of forward Chris Brennan, who has tallied two goals and two assists so far this season.

"Chris Brennan is probably one of the best-skilled players on the team," said Markham. "He's going to be something to watch in the next couple of years. He's a good player."

ECU opened the season with two hard-fought losses at Florida Gulf Coast, the No. 1 ranked team in the South.

Since then, the Pirates have reeled off victories against Virginia (DII), Old Dominion and Richmond, in addition to the recent wins over CNU and



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Sam Duehring (22) scored the game-winner against Duke.

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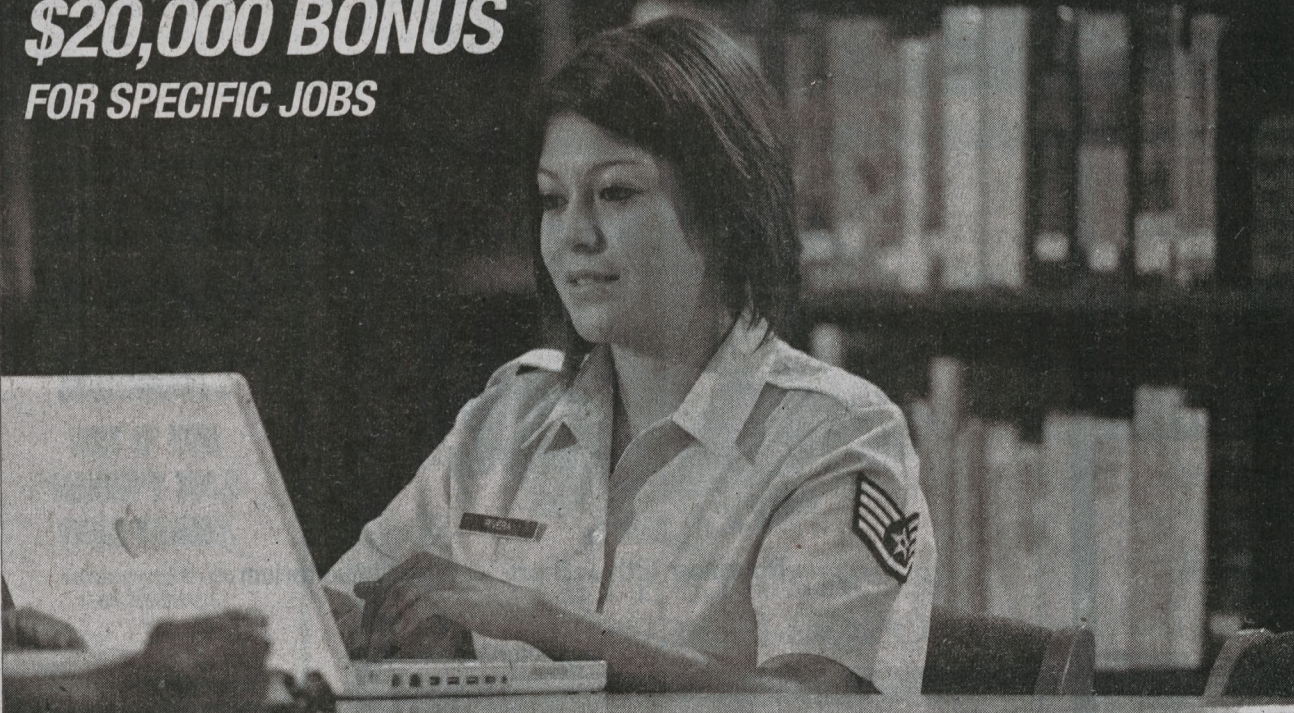
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Even though the ECU running backs are confident going into Orlando, the UCF rushing defense sits atop Conference USA in that statistical category. The Knights only allow about 117 yards on the ground per game, which could produce some problems for the Pirates.

The Pirate defense is arguably the most banged up injury wise that it has been all year. Those who are doubtful or out for the UCF game include linebacker Melvin Patterson, defensive end Scotty Robinson and cornerback Jerek Hewitt. Those listed as questionable include defensive tackle Khalif Mitchell, strong safety J.J. Millbrook and defensive end Marcus Hands.

If there has to be a game in which key players would miss, it would seemingly be this one. The Knights' offense ranks dead last in total offense in C-USA, averaging only around 240 yards per game.

"When you look at them from an offensive standpoint, I know they've been through some question marks right now, as they're trying to find a little bit of their identity and who they are," Holtz said.

"We kind of draw that line and put the non-conference games behind us and we know what we're battling for at this point,"

SKIP HOLTZ

ECU FOOTBALL HEAD COACH

Even so, the UCF offense could provide a tough outing for the banged up ECU defense. The Knights are coming off one of their best efforts of the season in a 49-19 loss to No. 18 Tulsa. While the score might not reflect maximum effort, UCF was leading 19-14 at halftime.

The Knights have been switching between two quarterbacks, much like ECU, but most recently has used freshman Rob Calabrese. Against the Golden Hurricane, Calabrese was 8-of-15 for 124 yards and two touchdowns.

Calabrese was primarily locked on to Brian Watters who came away with two touchdown receptions and had 121 yards receiving. Brynn Harvey had one of the best UCF rushing per-

formances of the season against the Golden Hurricane with 91 yards on 24 carries.

Holtz knows that beginning this week, the C-USA race heats up and he could not be any more excited.

"We kind of draw that line and put the non-conference games behind us and we know what we're battling for at this point," said Holtz. "The non-conference games are done and we're lining up in a challenge; in a race for the conference and we're excited about the opportunities that we have."

The C-USA race starts Sunday and a winner will be determined.

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HOCKEY continued from B3

Duke.

"We really discovered how our team is going to gel and how we're going to come together this year," Johnston said of the FGCU game. "The competition was very good. To be able to play a close game with that good of a team really shows us where we need to be at the end of the season."

The Pirates appeared in the No. 6 spot in the first DIII South rankings of the season. FGCU, Tennessee, Georgia Tech, UCF and Loyola rounded out the top-five.

"It's not that important at all," Markham said of the polls. "There's only one ranking that we look at [that's] to be able to get to the nationals at the end of the year."

ECU now sits atop the Colonial Division of the Blue Ridge Hockey Conference with wins over ODU, Richmond and

CNU.

The Pirates return to action this weekend against Kennesaw State (DII), which has quickly become a powerhouse in the southeast. The Owls brought the DIII National Championship back to Georgia in 2007 before moving up to DII.

KSU knocked off ECU, 8-0 in the South Regional Tournament during their championship season. Earlier in that season, the Owls held on for a 10-6 victory over the Pirates.

"They usually have a solid team," said Markham. "It will be a good game with us being in their barn. It will be a good test for us."

ECU returns home next week for a 9:30 rematch with Duke on Nov. 7.

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