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On-campus meeting address safety, parking issues

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The Police Community Relations Committee held a community meeting last night at Mendenhall to discuss personal safety issues and parking enforcement at ECU and surrounding areas.

The Student Government Association requested that the committee hold their monthly meeting on campus to give students easy access to this forum. Representatives from both the Greenville and ECU Police Departments, including Greenville Police Chief William Anderson, were on hand to give information on parking and safety issues.

Chief Anderson called the meeting "a joint effort between the city, ECU, and especially the student government."

Greenville mayor Pat Dunn, members of the Greenville City Council and ECU Student Government, as well as students and other community members attended the event.

Corey Barrett, Parking Enforcement officer for the Greenville Police Department, addressed the recent changes in parking around campus.

According to Barrett, neighborhood associations around campus felt a need for the changes, and brought the issue to the city's attention. ECU's administration assured the Public Works Depart-

ment that there were ample spaces on campus for student parking. After receiving assurance from the university regarding student parking, the city decided to make the changes.

The affected areas include Reade Circle to Elm St. and East Fifth Street to the Tar River. No parking is allowed between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. without an A pass issued by the city. This is not the same pass issued by ECU Parking and Transportation. In order to obtain an A pass from the city, citizens must provide proof of residency in these areas. Cars parked without a permit are at risk of being towed.

The main issue of the night was personal safety. Sgt. Michael Staffelbach of the Greenville Police Department gave safety tips for community members—those who live on and off campus. He named three key components of crime—desire, ability and opportunity—and stressed the importance of the public's interest and involvement in their own safety.

"From a victim's standpoint, you can control a criminal's opportunity," he said.

He addressed specific issues related to students, such as the upcoming holiday season. He advised that students take home valuables, such as laptops, iPods, and credit cards. Students were also advised to stop incoming mail, and to refrain from leaving mes-

sages on their doors or voicemails saying that they would be away.

Safety tips given to students, but often ignored, were also stressed, such as walking in groups, staying in well-lit areas and being aware of one's surroundings.

SGA treasurer Guillaume Bagal said that the idea to bring the meeting to campus was about getting students involved with the community.

"It made it extremely convenient for students...it's very easy for students to get distracted and decide that it's too much and not come," he said.

Bagal and SGA secretary Beth Anne Koury stressed the importance of students getting involved to help promote safety. They said many students wait until something horrible affects them or someone they know before showing concern.

"That's what usually happens," said Koury. "After something happens people wake up and say, 'Oh, we care.'"

She said students should be "proactive instead of reactive... instead of waiting for something to happen."

ECU graduate Christopher Tyson believes the views expressed by Bagal and Koury are accurate. Tyson, who graduated in December 2007, was the victim of an April shooting when a robber intruded on a gathering at

a friend's apartment. The shooting left him paralyzed from the waist down. Tyson said he never thought about something like that happening to him.

"I just felt like if you weren't doing anything negative to put yourself in that situation that you would be OK," he said.

He said that now he is much more aware that "anything can happen, anywhere, to anyone, anytime."

Although he was not in what he felt was a vulnerable position at the time of the robbery, Tyson said it is important for students to follow safety advice and to avoid confrontation.

"If someone tries to rob you, go ahead and give it up and live to see another day," he said.

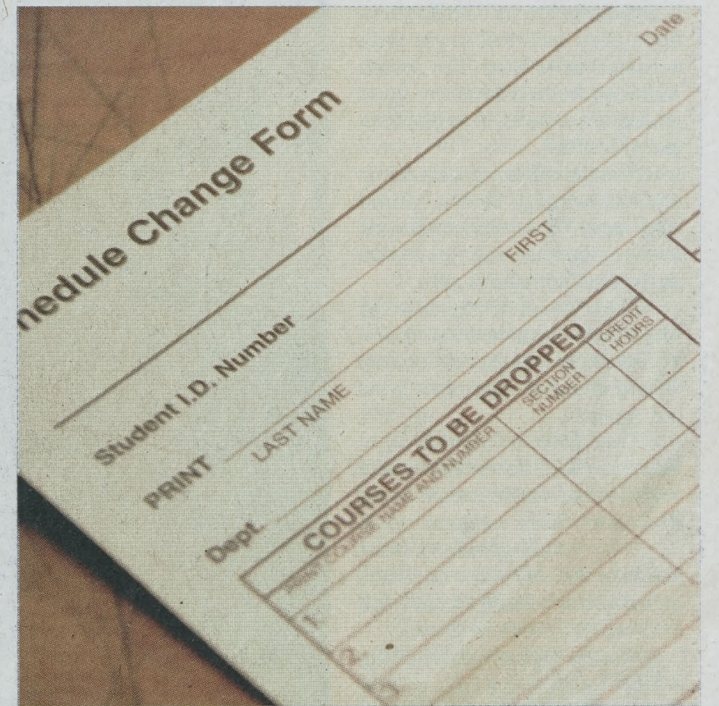
In an effort to get students involved in campus issues, SGA is trying to have a greater presence on campus so that students get to know members and feel comfortable talking to them. They've started initiatives such as monthly Student Appreciation Days, on which they hand out free school supplies in an effort to reach out to students.

Bagal said that it was a message that SGA would be reinforcing consistently.

"We're going to have to get repetitive with this," he said. "We

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ECU informs students of grading policies



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Students can fill out this form to drop a class.

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Students at ECU may often find themselves in a predicament over grades and university policies. All students have access to the Academic Advising and Support Center and the 2008-2009 advising manual, but the information is easy to overlook when students are unaware of what they are looking for.

ECU students are forced to make big decisions about dropping courses or grade replacement, within the limits of the university's policies.

According to two students, the policies at ECU are quite different from other neighboring colleges.

When asked about ECU drop policies, junior Camie Hileman said she likes them, but wishes there were more drops available in higher course levels.

"I think it would be nice if we had the pass/fail option like N.C. State, where you can take a class and it doesn't matter what you

get in the class, just if you pass it, you get the credit. If you fail, then you don't get anything," Hileman said.

A nursing student at Pitt Community College, Ashley Jones, reported that she still has time to drop classes at Pitt without being penalized.

Mary Beth Corbin, ECU director for Campus Advising Policies, confirmed that students are "permitted to use the Grade Replacement Policy a maximum of three times for 0000, 1000 and 2000 level courses, only in which he or she earned a grade of D or F."

The policy states that students cannot grade replace a course if an advanced course, covering the same material, is successfully completed.

After requesting a grade replacement at the Office of the Registrar, the form must be submitted "no later than the last day of classes of the semester in which the student retakes this

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Students to build eco-friendly kiln

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The Ceramics Department of the ECU School of Art will be hosting a kiln-building workshop on this Thursday through Saturday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. outside of the Jenkins Fine Art Center.

Dan Murphy, a master kiln builder and visiting artist from Utah State University, will be assisting with the workshop and offering his expertise in the art of kiln-building.

The kiln will be powered by

wood and waste vegetable oil and will burn in an atmospheric fired environment, which leaves a different finishing.

"It's mimicked off the bio-diesel efforts going on with car manufacturing," said graduate student Jeremy Fineman, who is building the kiln as part of his thesis project. "We're trying to burn cleaner fuel [and] that is something we can obtain from the university."

The kiln will initially be fired with wood to get the temperature

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Students, faculty asked to participate in GLBT survey

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A little over a year after the university implemented the campus climate survey for members of the ECU community, another more specific survey is now being administered for gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgendered students, faculty and staff at ECU.

The survey, conducted and directed by Linda A. Mooney of the department of sociology in conjunction with the Center for Survey Research, the Center for Diversity and Inequality Research and the GLBT Student Union, began on Oct. 28 after nearly nine months of planning and research.

"[With] the campus climate survey, there were a variety of

groups represented--questions about race, ethnicity, gender and sexual orientation [were asked]," said Mooney. "So what I decided to do was to look at one of those groups, one that I think is often overlooked."

Aaron Lucier, adviser for the GLBT Student Union, reiterates that point.

"The GLBT population is somewhat invisible. A lot of people may not know if someone who is gay, lesbian or bisexual person is in their presence," he said.

The purpose of the survey is to gauge the overall climate toward GLBT persons in the ECU community, and also to effect change in areas that may be lacking, Mooney said.

"We want to have a healthy and supportive environment for working and living and learn-



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Linda A. Mooney

ing at ECU," she said. "The results of this survey may help us do that by identifying areas where we need improvement. Alternatively, the survey results may indicate that there are no, or at least very few problems on campus when it comes to GLBT issues, and that is valuable to know as well."

Mooney and her team have advertised the survey through posters and flyers, a spot on the student radio station, WZMB, an article in *The Daily Reflector* and e-mails sent to the entire student body through the Student Announce organization—but Mooney says that the number of students, faculty and staff (approximately 350) who have filled out the survey has been less than she expected.

"I know that 350 people are not representative of the GLBT

community here," Mooney said. "My guess would be that it severely underestimates GLBT faculty, staff and students."

The GLBT survey is completely anonymous and confidential, something that Mooney says she can't stress enough.

"There might be some fear of repercussions, but I want to say that this survey is truly anonymous and confidential," she said. "You can fill it out at any computer, on campus or off campus. We don't know who you are, and we don't care who you are. We [just] want to get an accurate description of GLBT people on campus."

Mooney, who has been an ECU faculty member for 22 years, thinks that the reason few people have completed the survey is out of fear or hopelessness. "I think that there is a sense

in this community of 'what's the point,'" she said. "But if they don't complete it, then there's a sense that there's very few GLBT people on campus, and I can guarantee that nothing is going to get done. If I could talk to every GLBT staff, faculty and student, I would say that this is probably one of the most important things that you'll ever do."

Lucier applauds Mooney's work and says that filling out the GLBT survey is an important opportunity for the students, faculty and staff who are a part of this population.

"If someone takes the effort and time to ask you some serious hard questions, I think it's worthwhile to take the time to answer those serious hard questions and

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Pirate Rant of the Day

To the girl who poured her Sea of Sangria into her Uggs and drank it: Hands down, one of the nastiest things I've seen a while. Pull it together girl.

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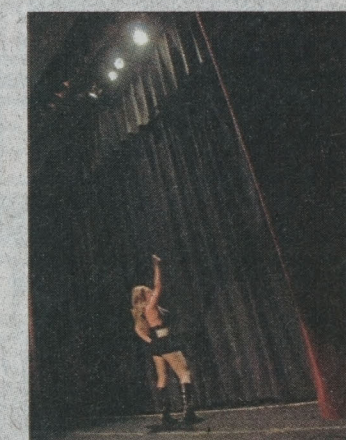
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high enough to produce red heat, up to 1,800-1,900 degrees Fahrenheit, and then will be powered by waste vegetable oil. When the temperature is high enough, the sodium separates and adheres to the clay to make the glaze.

"We really wanted to have a kiln that had a little less impact on the environment," said ECU ceramics professor, Jim Tisnado.

The brickwork for the kiln is anticipated to be completed in three days and will begin with a cinderblock base. The bricks will then be laid layer by layer in masonry-like style without the use of mortar.

"We're pursuing this to be environmentally aware," Fineman said. "It lowers emissions and is a replenishable fuel source as opposed to natural gas."

The kiln will be unique in the sense that it mimics the style of a beehive kiln, which is cylindrical with a dome on top; most kilns are square.

This kiln is also unique because it will be the first waste vegetable oil and wood powered kiln on a college campus.

"The workshop is open to art students and anyone who wants to learn how to build a kiln," said art student Lauren DeSerres.

Murphy will also be holding a Slide Lecture at 6 p.m. tonight in the auditorium (room 1220) of the Jenkins Fine Art Center for any interested students. The lecture is sponsored by the School of Art and Design, Ceramics Guild, Larkin Refractory, Mary Jane Gaddis, S.G.A., Home Depot, Lowe's Home Improvement and Retool.



ECU students involved in the wood and vegetable oil burning kiln workshop that starts today.

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course," Corbin said.

The original grade does not determine GPA, but will be on the student's permanent academic record. Corbin said that if paperwork is not submitted on time, a retroactive grade replacement form can be submitted at a later date.

Students should also be informed that courses above the 2000 level must be retaken if the course is required for the student's major, in order to

receive credit.

Incompletes are options for students who have not been able to complete the assignments necessary to receive a grade in a course. However, students are only given one additional semester to remove an incomplete with the instructor's approval.

"The date for removing incompletes is always listed on the academic calendar," Corbin said.

Nov. 21 is the last day

for undergraduate students to remove incompletes given during the 2008 spring and summer sessions, according to the 2008 fall academic calendar. Graduate students have until Dec. 3.

Dropping classes is a way to lighten class loads, but students only have a limited amount of time to drop. Corbin states that students are given allotted drops to use while at ECU, which are based on class level—entering freshman receive four drops,

sophomores receive three, juniors receive two and seniors receive one. The university drop policy allows drop/add during the first five days of a regular term, with no penalties to students, however after the first five days, students must use one of their allotted drops during the drop period.

The drop period is generally long enough for professors to return at least one graded assignment, though some professors fail to do so.

The ECU faculty manual states that students may use allotted drops if the student has not received any type of grade—be it homework, quizzes, papers or tests.

"If a student wants to drop a course beyond the last date to drop a course without grades, he or she may appeal to the Student Academic Appellate Committee," Corbin said.

The Student Academic Appellate Committees informa-

tion is located on the ECU Web site at <http://www.ecu.edu/cs-studentlife/sga/Committee-Listing.cfm>.

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An Open Letter to all ECU Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Members:

On October 28th an online survey for all gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender ECU community members was launched. The results of the survey will provide important information about the climate at ECU, and will identify areas to improve the environment for working, living, and learning on campus. It can only do that, however, if GLBT faculty, staff, and students come together and complete the survey.

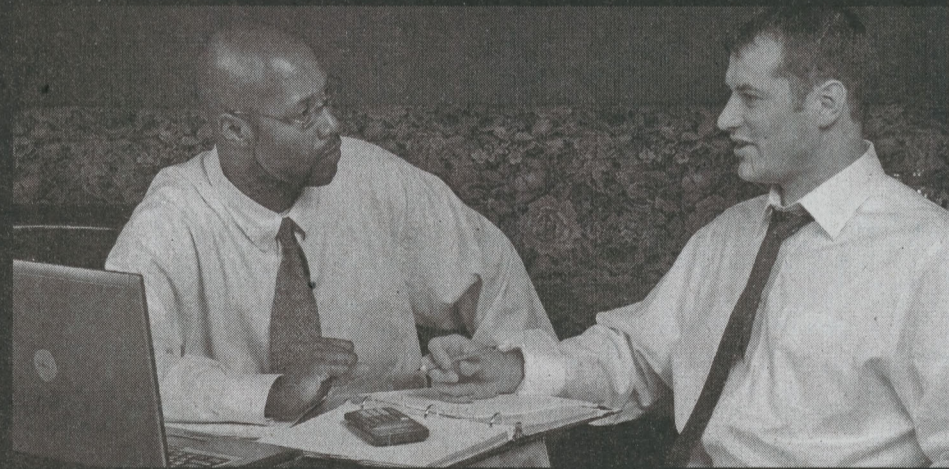
The survey is ONLY for ECU GLBT faculty, staff, and students, and is completely confidential and anonymous. It takes about 15 minutes to complete, and although it may be hard to find 15 minutes, it is vital that as many GLBT faculty, staff, and students as possible take part in this survey.

You can access the survey from several places. You can go to the Department of Sociology or GLBT Student Union homepages, or you can go directly to the survey link at <http://www.ecu.edu/glb>. But don't wait. The survey will be ending on November 18th, this coming Tuesday, and we need as many GLBT people as possible to complete the survey. If you have any questions, contact Dr. Linda Mooney, the project director at mooneyl@ecu.edu or call at 328-6137.

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Palin considers possible Senate run

Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin said yesterday she would consider serving in the Senate if God gave her the opportunity and Alaskans wanted her to take the job.

The state's senior senator who has been in the Senate for 40 years, Republican Ted Stevens, held a declining lead as the count resumed in his re-election bid.

Stevens led by just over 3,000 votes when the Election Day count ended last week and his lead narrowed to less than 1,000 votes Wednesday as Alaska election officials counted the first 28,000 of an estimated 90,000 absentee and provisional ballots.

Even if he is re-elected, Stevens could be removed by the Senate for his conviction on seven felony counts of failing to report more than \$250,000 in gifts.

If Stevens loses his seat, Palin could run for it in a special election and she also could challenge current GOP Sen. Lisa Murkowski in 2010.

Palin has two years left on her term as governor.

U.S. General urges Obama to keep missile defense

The Air Force general who runs the Pentagon's missile defense projects said Wednesday that American interests would be "severely hurt" if President-elect Obama decided to stop plans developed by the Bush administration to install missile interceptors in Eastern Europe.

During the campaign, Obama was not clear about his intentions with regard to missile defense. Obama has said it would be prudent to "explore the possibility of deploying missile defense systems in Europe," in light of what he called active efforts by Iran to develop ballistic missiles as well as nuclear weapons.

However, Obama expressed some skepticism about the technical capability of U.S. missile defenses. He said that if elected his administration would work with NATO allies to develop anti-missile technologies.

Lt. Gen. Henry A. Obering III, director of the Missile Defense Agency, who is leaving his post next week after more than four years in charge, said that his office has pulled together information for a presentation to the Obama team, if asked.

"What we have discovered is that a lot of the folks that have not been in this administration seem to be dated, in terms of the program," he said. "They are kind of calibrated back in the 2000 time frame and we have come a hell of a long way since 2000. Our primary objective is going to be just, frankly, educating them on what we have accomplished, what we have been able to do and why we have confidence in what we are doing."

A key question for the new president will be whether to proceed with the Bush administration's plans to install 10 missile interceptors in Poland and a missile-tracking radar in the Czech Republic. That system is on track to be ready for use by 2014.

It is strongly opposed by Russia, which sees it as an unwelcome military threat close to its borders; the Bush administration says it is needed to defend European allies against an emerging missile threat from Iran.

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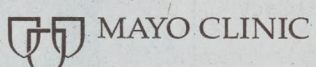
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'Porn Nation' to Pirate Nation

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Students filled Wright Auditorium Wednesday evening for a frank discussion about the effects of pornography on family and society.

Through his personal story, Michael Leahy engaged the audience through music, videos and an interview.

Leahy's story starts off when he saw porn for the first time on the back of a playing card at the age of 11. The obsession began to grow, escalating to his wedding night, when he chose pornography over consummation.

The affair with porn became such an obsession, that it ended their marriage.

Broken up into two separate parts, Leahy's lecture explored the

effects that pornography has on the body and mind, along with detailing the recovery he experienced through spirituality.

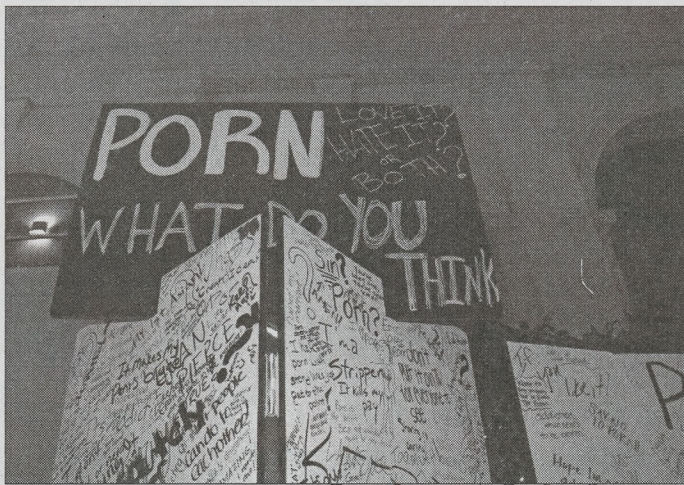
Leahy clarified the definition of porn and questioned the audience's ability to recognize porn.

"Pornography is any material that has the purpose of sexual arousal," said Leahy, who used mainstream video images to display the many forms that porn is present in today's society.

But while the effects of his addiction were strong, Leahy eventually began his what he called his "recovery." Through a conversation about death with noted porn star Ron Jeremy, Leahy turned to God to kick his habits.

It was there that Leahy also discovered his greatest need.

"My greatest need was not to be loved but to love others,"



Attendees could write what they thought of porn on these boards.

he said. Since his "recovery," Leahy has begun to travel to universities across the country to tell his story. He also debates with Jeremy on the fascination and the dangers of the porn industry. Campus Crusade for Christ,

along with neighboring churches and student organizations organized this event in an effort to educate students on pornography.

"We wanted to open people's eyes to the effects of pornography in our culture and do it on a spiritual and emotional level," said Megan Lloyd, a member and event organizer for Campus Crusade. "We believed that Mike's story was powerful."

Leahy has remarried and has been "sober" for some time.

He encourages students with potential addictions to seek help, along with encouraging them to find a form of a spiritual relationship.

"The best prevention is education and awareness," Leahy said

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have to be reminding students about those important things. It's going to get old, but eventually it'll stick and they'll get more involved."

The Police Community Relations Committee serves as a liaison between the community and the police. Their mission includes advocating methods to improve relations between the community and the police, as well as informing the citizens about the state of relations between the community and the police department. They meet on the second Wednesday of each month, and meetings are open to the public. For more information about their mission or meetings, contact the Greenville Police Department at 329-4317 or the City Clerks Office at 329-4421.

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make sure that this information gets in the hands of the administration," he said.

The survey includes questions about the importance of certain policies (like health care for domestic partnerships), in which participants are asked to rank policies from most important to least important. Questions like, "Within the past year have you concealed your sexual orientation, gender identity, and/or gender expression to avoid intimidation?" are posed, but questions about intimacy and sex

are never asked. Mooney implores GLBT staff, faculty and students to participate in the survey—something she says she feels passionately about.

"If I had to beg people to fill it out, I would get on my knees and beg," she said.

The GLBT survey will end on Nov. 18. To access the survey, visit ecu.edu/glb.


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Opinion

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Out with Bush

Are we ready to put comedy aside and take a serious look at politics?

JASON M. WALLACE
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

President-elect Barack Obama has been chosen to lead America into a new land of fulfilled hopes and promises. As citizens, we must help this country and each other to bring the changes that are needed to fix the problems we face today. With all the proposed changes, are we ready to leave what we've grown used to? I think we are ready to fix the problems that will carry over from the Bush administration. However, are we ready for the changes in our popular culture? I feel that the comedic side of the media has displaced pride in our country and our views of American politics. Since Bush's inauguration, there has been some kind of comedic shadow to his every footstep in politics. Comedy Central aired "That's My Bush!" on April 4, 2001. This show, along with Will Ferrell's impersonation of Bush, set the president up as a running joke as long as the news was updated. The attacks on Sept. 11, 2001 halted the media from producing any sort of anti-Bush shows. Since 2003, when the country was gearing up for the election, and all the events that have taken place since his second term, Bush has become a comic novelty item. From little things like gift cards, posters of "Bushism" quotes, coffee mugs and Internet humor to the big network television programs including "The Daily Show" and "The Late Show with David Letterman," Bush has been a comic's gold mine. Now with only about two months left before Obama and Biden take the White House, we the people must change our views on politics and the media. I think that it is going to be hard for the media to put Obama in a bad light unless something goes terribly wrong in his administration. I think that during Bush's administration, it was so easy for anyone to dislike the current president due to what the media portrayed him to be. It felt like America had revisited those rebellious high school days and returned with feelings of scorn and judgment for our nation's leaders. Now the leaders are going to change, for better or for worse; but will our attitudes toward America change as well? I think that Bush's spotlight in the media made more Americans point and laugh at their TV sets instead of read the newspapers. We became so obsessed in picking out his little mistakes, that having pride or interest in America became a joke. When Barack Obama and John McCain were nominated as their party leaders to run for president, the media heavily focused on their plans. Now that the debates are all over, I hope that we won't return to the state of an unpatriotic and apathetic nation. "Saturday Night Live" and "The Colbert Report" will run skits about Obama I'm sure, but I won't let any slanted media program sway my opinions. As long as humans are fallible, there will always be presidents who will receive negative criticism from the press. I hope that whatever happens with the new president, we can make our country a little better with the support of our leader and with the support of one another regardless of how popular culture leads us.

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Who's to blame for this generation?

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As a child, I could never understand my parents' contempt for how I behaved. I acted just like my friends, but as I grow older, I think I'm starting to understand the age old saying of, "kids these days." The upcoming generation is certainly one full of problems. It seems that every group of kids slightly changes social norms throughout time, but it seems that kids these days have less regard for rules and moral responsibility, and more for instant gratification. But who is to blame? Should we point fingers at the media, the school systems or should we point the finger at ourselves? Let's start at school. Fourth grade teacher at Y.E. Smith Elementary School in Durham and ECU graduate Dana Hyland has only been teaching for a few months, but has already witnessed the drastic change in children's behavior these days. "My kids are all good children. But, they have learned a lot of things from home that surprise me every day," she said. "Recently, I took my kids on a field trip and one child came up to me and said 'puff, puff, pass Ms. Hyland, don't knock the rotation!' and I was blown away. I had to tell the child that it was not OK to say that at school, but the child kept insisting that it was OK [because] he had seen it from a movie." If kids are allowed to watch movies and TV shows that are clearly intended for an older audience, then of course they are going to think it is all right to repeat what they see. Parents have to monitor what their children are exposed to if they expect them to know what is appropriate to talk about and what is not. In a generation where most children are babysat by the television, it isn't surprising that things are taking a turn for the worse. So many factors contribute to the degeneration of our youth. A growing problem is the rate of teen pregnancy among this generation. A study in the November issue of *Pediatrics* linked watching sexually charged television, and pregnancy in girls ages 12 to 17; and the results are not favorable. In a controlled study, when interviewed twice in two years about watching sexually stimulating television and having sex, 58 girls of the 2,003 adolescents had become pregnant by the time of the follow-up interview and 33 of the boys reported that they had gotten someone pregnant. If we don't start connecting with our children again, then who knows how bad the next generation could possibly turn out? It's our duty as adults to guide those who are new to the world. Our parents helped us grow and develop into a fairly functional group, so who are we to deny the opportunity to our youth?

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PIRATE RANTS

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If you look back and see two guys laughing at you, it's because the way you walk cracks me up.

When you ask me if I am mad, I just say no so that you will leave me alone. That way, I don't get pissed off.

Welcome to what we call "crunch time" here at ECU. You can have a social life or make good grades. Pick one!

I am so tired of hearing about the good girls and the good guys looking for each other! How about you all meet Thursday at Wright Plaza and stop complaining about how you can't find each other!

If you do not stop using my shampoo, then I will tell everyone the real reason why you take such long showers.

Since when do Pirates go to the dentist?

To the boy who broke my heart: You better hope I don't tell the police where to find Greenville's biggest drug dealer!

To the girl in my Econ. class with the purple bandana and trucker hat: You look like Bret Michaels.

Trying to find a spot at the library is like trying to fart silently after eating Taco Bell. It just doesn't happen.

Today's forecast? Dark and cloudy.

Black nail polish plus "peace sign" jewelry makes me happy.

To the girl who had sex in the shower on the first floor of Campus Towers: I could hear you.

Dear roommate, you are psycho! Please get some help! If you come in drunk and have a psychotic breakdown again, I'm going to put your head through a wall. Thanks.

You will miss me now that I am moving on. I gave you every chance. Enjoy your life!

According to Facebook, so many of you were leaving the country if Obama won--what happened?

I hate it when I get behind slow-walking people when I'm trying to get somewhere. ...I just want to punch them in the back of the head.

I asked my roommate if she would ever pee on my toothbrush. She took too long to answer so I bought a new toothbrush.

The new Pee Dee looks more like a butt Pirate than an ECU Pirate!

Did you see South Park the other night when it showed McCain and Obama as jewel thieves trying to get the Hope Diamond, and that is the only reason they ran for office? What if it was true?!

I now know why Pee Dee has that smile. He took Enzyte.

Whenever I pour M&Ms into my hand, I get Ms, Ws, Es and Ss.

To the guy who crashed his bike at the bottom of the Hill: I saw you get hit by a car the other morning--maybe you should think about walking to class now.

To the girl who poured her Sea of Sangria into her Ugg boot and drank it: Hands down, one of the nastiest things I've seen a while. Pull it together girl.

Q: What do Christian Bale and Kimbo Slice have in common? A: They both love to hit people.

I seem to be attracted to guys who have "problems." Usually drugs addicts, but my latest attraction is a compulsive liar who is also an alcoholic. I think I'm the one with the problem though.

I hate you and your large upper gum.

Dear girlfriend: Thanks for making everything public, but let's clarify some things. The reason I'm not taking your phone calls is because I am sterile and have always been! So, obviously this tells us three things. 1) You are a cheating slut. 2) You need to contact whomever you banged while we were together. 3) Now I've got to get an STD test because of you! Its over!

I actually get a little sad on Fridays because I know there won't be any new Pirate Rants until Tuesday!

Why isn't there a statue of a Pirate ship on campus?

To the suitemate that always trims their pubes over the toilet: Can you at least clean it up so we don't get crabs?

Stop teasing me with those sexy outfits!

To my neighbors in 302: You probably didn't know it until now, but it is my goal to impregnate all four of you before I graduate from ECU. You can tell when the fall semester is drawing near--all the roommates start hating on each other through Pirate Rants.

To the girl who watched me black out in Brewster: Thanks for the help. I hope you enjoyed your McDonald's tea.

I'm pretty sure Bojangles is the cure for cancer.

To the boy I had spontaneous sex with in the Bate bathroom on Tuesday: That was the most AMAZING sex I have ever had! Same time next Tuesday?

Pirates don't smile ... they plunder! AARRGGGHHH--change Pee Dee back!

To the person that wants to go around and take pictures around all the statue Pirates around

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Improving the rich, maintaining the poor

LAUREN COLLINS
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

As a Greenville native, I have witnessed a number of changes in Greenville in the last decade--even in the last five years. Neighborhoods have expanded off of Highway 11, N.C. 43 and U.S. 264. Apartment complexes have flourished; there is now a second Lowes and a new City Hall building has been constructed as well. New restaurants, shopping centers and construction efforts for ECU and Pitt Memorial Hospital benefit students, residents and visitors.

Though there are a number of changes that have helped enhance the appearance and performance of Greenville, it seems there are a number of projects that are being neglected. Though there are currently sidewalk projects in progress on Greenville Boulevard and Fire Tower Road, which were certainly needed, additional sidewalks need to be constructed in high-pedestrian areas as funds are available.

Among the limited number of sidewalks currently located in residential areas between Evans and Memorial Boulevard, around West Fifth Street, a number of them are deteriorating or damaged. There is also limited lighting due to street lights and businesses that are lacking in this part of town. This particular area of Greenville is surrounded by flourishing developments including, but not limited to, the additions to the hospital, downtown Greenville and the university.

How is it possible that so many city enhancements are drastically expanding, but this particular section of town remains the same dark, disheveled bit of Greenville that it has been for over 10 years now? It seems plausible that the amount of money contributed to city improvements should be distributed among all parts of the city, not just the more frequented areas.

By April 2009, there are supposed to be cameras at the Eppes and South Greenville Recreation Centers to monitor the safety of citizens, though cameras have already been installed at Jaycee Park and the Aquatics and Fitness Center. Air conditioning systems are supposed to be set up in the gymnasiums at the Eppes Recreation Center and the Aquatics and Fitness Center as well. It's surprising that it will be another six months before the remaining facilities will be accommodated with the improvements that the others have already received.

The West Fifth Street Gateway Project is supposed to enhance the appearance of the ball park currently situated on the block of Memorial Boulevard and West Fifth Street. The design plan includes a gated park with brick walks and benches, as well as a community space. This was the final project design that was intended to enhance the street appearance of Martin Luther King Boulevard (the MLK Gateway Project). Efforts with the project appear to be progressing slowly. Greenville's 2007 Project proposal even stated "public involvement...will be minimal."

I suppose when city taxes are involved in Greenville development plans, those paying the taxes don't particularly want to support the areas they don't frequent; however, improvements should be city-wide and not limited to the areas where the money comes from. You would think that the efforts to maintain and improve Greenville's appearance would be city-wide, but judging from the development locations, this just isn't so.

Instead of touching up porches and yards, not viewable from the street, in efforts to maintain Historic Greenville, broken fences and deteriorating parking lots and roads could be addressed first. By improving the city as a whole, we are not only promoting unity, but encouraging the growth of Greenville and shifting to a more welcoming environment for visitors.

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Features

{ Campus Scene }

What do you think of the new PeeDee?



Jason Hogg

Aside from looking sun burnt, the new PeeDee doesn't have a Pirate look. I want him to look serious, instead of smiling.



Eric Fitzgerald

I want our PeeDee to look mean and intimidating, but instead he looks like he just walked out of a girl's locker room.



Atalaya Neal

I think the new PeeDee is hideous. He looked orange and overall, pretty scary. He also ruined my entire game day. I definitely think we should go back to the original.



Erin Flannery

PeeDee looks too orange for me. I prefer the old one, who was our true mascot.



Britney Mumford

I don't think the new PeeDee is scary enough to represent the Pirates, especially since he is smiling this huge grin. I say we definitely go back to the old PeeDee.

Did you know?

In North Carolina...

Persons in possession of illegal substances must pay taxes on them. However, paying taxes on these items does not make them legal.

Organizations may not hold their meetings while the members present are in costume.

No one may be a professional fortune-teller, and if one wishes to pursue the practice as an amateur, it must be practiced in a school or church.

It is against the law to sing off key.

Elephants may not be used to plow cotton fields.

While having sex, you must stay in the missionary position and have the shades pulled.

If a man and a woman who aren't married go to a hotel/motel and register themselves as married then, according to state law, they are legally married.

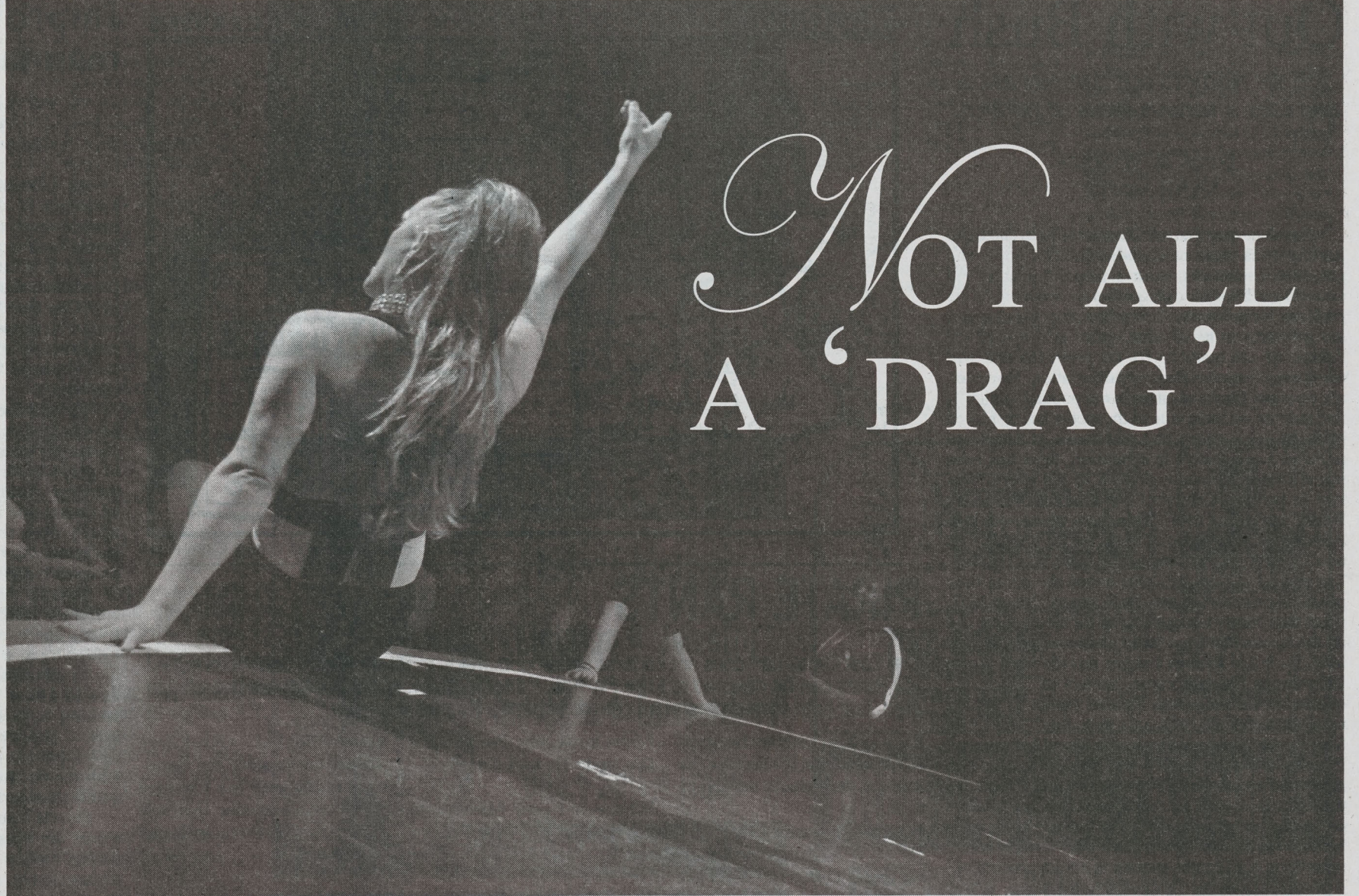
All couples staying overnight in a hotel must have a room with double beds that are at least two feet apart. Making love in the space between the beds is strictly forbidden.

It is illegal to have sex in a churchyard.

Oral sex is considered a crime against nature.

A marriage can be declared void if either of the two persons is physically impotent.

Public use of white canes by anyone other than blind persons is prohibited.



TRAVIS BARTLETT | THE EAST CAROLINIAN
Performer Michelle Michaels entertains the crowd.

NOT ALL A 'DRAG'

GLBT Student Union hosts mid-semester show

ERIN EDWARDS
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Mendenhall Student Center got a little more fabulous last night.

Students packed into Hendrix Theatre to catch a drag show hosted by the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Student Union.

GLBT Student Union President Christen Harden, along with a staff of GLBT students, kicked off the event with a panel discussion from the audience.

When asked if they believed women and men were born gay, student Jason Simone offered a glimpse into his own life.

"I truly think that you are born gay," Simone said, who comically told the audience that

when he was younger, he "pranced around in a tutu" and "thought the youngest Hanson brother was my boyfriend."

"While I think people are influenced to a point, I don't think it had anything to do with my surroundings."

The entire panel shared stories about coming out to their friends and family and how they handled it. While some came out in their early teenage years, a few shared their sexuality with others just a few months before. One even admitted to being outed by an AIM spyware that her parents had installed on her computer.

"[Being gay] is part of who I am," Harden said.

But the night was not just serious talk.

The audience was treated to performances by drag queens Nicole Morgan, Jessica Blackwell, Ebony Adams and the self-

proclaimed "Bitch of Greenville," Michelle Michaels, who deemed drag queens as "eyes, thighs and a big surprise."

With dance numbers ranging from Whitney Houston to Pink, Miley Cyrus and the Pussycat Dolls, the drag queens entertained the crowd with the sleekest of evening gowns to the most chaotic, colorful costumes, completed with ruffles. The crowd went wild as they danced, flipped, cartwheeled and split around the theatre.

"This show featured some of the prettiest 'mistersisters' I've ever seen," said freshman Trent Mollison, who described the show as "high energy."

"I think events like this show the spectrum of the GLBT community, especially with different lifestyles, such as transgender, who are typically overlooked," Mollison said.

For the GLBT Student Union,

events such as the drag show are a way for students to unwind from everyday stress.

"We scheduled this drag show toward the middle-end of the semester because students are going to need a break from the stress of finals and papers," Harden said. "It is mostly just for fun but it's also a good way to educate students on what drag is and what it is about, because it's not simply men and women in opposite attire; it is a performance art."

Along with drag shows during the year, the organization is currently conducting a survey for gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgender students to take.

"I cannot estimate how important this survey is," Harden said. "This campus is blossoming at a phenomenal rate, and it's important to have these questioned answered about the GLBT com-

munity."

The survey aims to assess how the GLBT population on campus is treated, especially in the case of discrimination or harassment. Along with learning more about the GLBT community, the survey also intends to develop ways to improve the climate around the campus.

"As with all events the GLBTSU holds, we hope students gain a broader understanding of diversity and equality in the community," Harden added. "Equality is not a political matter, it is a basic human right that all people deserve."

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The many eras of Bond

(MCT)

Mystery writer P.D. James once admitted that she had watched actor Roy Marsden play her most famous creation, Adam Dalgliesh, so many times--five different TV miniseries had featured the actor as the poetic New Scotland Yard detective--that Marsden had replaced any other image she had of her phlegmatic Brit.

"When I write Dalgliesh now," James said, "Roy Marsden is who I see."

Who would author Ian Fleming see, were he around today and still banging out Bonds? Sean Connery? Roger Moore? Woody Allen? (Yes, Allen was one of several James Bonds in the original screen version of *Casino Royale*.) Fleming wrote 12 original Bond novels, which have inspired nearly twice that number of movies (as well as two short-story collections), but their author lived long enough to see only two --*Dr. No* (1962) and *From Russia With Love* (1963). Fleming apparently was impressed enough with Sean Connery that he stressed Bond's Scottish heritage when he wrote *On Her Majesty's Secret Service*, which ironically starred George Lazenby when it was filmed in 1969. But were he around today, the onetime naval commander, who died in 1964, would likely be confused--not just by the times, but by his hero. Or, rather, heroes.

It may be that every era gets the Bond it deserves, in which case the ubiquitous advertisements for *Quantum of Solace* (a title even more bewildering than *Synecdoche, New York*) gives off a bit of bad news: The two sourpusses in the ads, Daniel Craig and co-star Olga Kurylenko, look like a pair of sullen celebrities walking the red carpet at their own movie premiere. Welcoming they are not, but, as a symptom of star-obsessed culture, they work OK, either as a branding device or an EEG.

In early reviews, Web critics have stressed that the movie, which opens tomorrow, has little besides nonstop action, which may please the video-gaming fanboy base for cinematic excess. But it hardly suggests the suavity and sophistication with which James Bond has long been synonymous.

Craig's breakout U.S. role on the big screen was as painter Francis Bacon's boyfriend in John Maybury's *Love Is the Devil* (1998), and he still looks like rough trade. Which is, of course, part of his appeal, and extends to both gay men and straight women. It also seems part of a cultural drift (or stampede) toward the brutish and extreme and away from the morally gray sophistication that Bond was meant to embody. Craig is built like the proverbial brick warehouse and, in this, he's far more a reflection of our times than was Fleming's original creation, who was envisioned as a glamorized version of the author--a smoker and drinker with the sexual discretion of a cage full of gerbils.

Men without personal trainers don't generally

QUANTUM OF SOLACE

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Following his acclaimed debut in "Casino Royale," Britain's Daniel Craig returns as James Bond for the 22nd film in the series.

Plot Seeking revenge for the death of his love, Bond and the feisty Camille take on ruthless businessman Dominic Greene

BOND

Daniel Craig
(James Bond)

Born 1968,
Liverpool, U.K.

Career
2001 "Tomb Raider"
2002 "Road to Perdition"
2003 "Sylvia,"
"The Mother"
2004 "Layer Cake"
2005 "The Jacket,"
"Munich"
2006 "Casino Royale"
2007 "The Invasion,"
"The Golden Compass"

THE VILLAIN

Mathieu Amalric
(Dominic Greene)

Born 1965,
Hauts-de-Seine,
France

Career
1984 "Favourites
of the Moon"
2005 "Muhich"
2006 "Marie
Antoinette"
2007 "Heartbeat
Detector," "The Diving
Bell and the Butterfly"
2008 "A Christmas Tale"

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The new Bond film has already shattered U.K. records.

look like Craig, and personal trainers were not part of the training regimen of secret agents as envisioned by Fleming. The postwar, '40s-style elegance of the original Bond (the first book was published in 1953) was not the product of Pilates or free weights, but military training slightly diluted by devoted dissipation, self-indulgence and operable knowledge of his own--and others'--mortality.

He was also naughty. When Connery began playing Bond, sex in the mainstream media still carried with it a frisson of the forbidden, and the actor was all about sex. He wasn't bulked-up, like today's action heroes. But he did have the blessing of good timing: There was a president in the White House who looked like he actually slept with his wife (and everyone else, as it turned out) and the Bond films were part of a sexual awakening that helped turn the public chasteness of the Roosevelt, Truman and Eisenhower on its head.

Connery was Bond throughout the so-called Sexual Revolution, and, while we may be projecting, is it any wonder that Roger Moore always seemed a little exhausted? Moore, a perfectly capable actor, launched a reign that extended throughout the '70s and into the early '80s. He was the disco-era Bond--a little decadent, a little seedy around the edges; one imagines oversized sunglasses, oversized shirt collars and an air of calculated hipness that now seems less suave than surreal.

The classically trained Timothy Dalton assumed the role in 1987 with *The Living Daylights* (another great title), and, while Dalton is held in generally low regard by Bond-o-philes, he's sorely misjudged. He can be funny; he can be charming. He was a bridge between the Reagan-era Moore and the Clinton-era Pierce Brosnan, one reflecting indulgence, the other irony. Who was a more ironical Bond than Brosnan?

He was the best--OK, fanboys, the best besides Connery, but a far better actor and even comedian. And in what seems a gesture toward the corporatization of our culture, he was cut loose like a Ford worker. Enter Daniel Craig.

Arthur Conan Doyle never got to see Basil Rathbone play Sherlock Holmes. Dashiell Hammett had written the *Thin Man* novel before William Powell made Nick Charles his own. It's probably merciful that Fleming isn't around to see what's become of Bond, not because the films are bad or that Craig isn't necessarily good, but just because James Bond has become something else, something more obvious, played by a guy who may be hot, but isn't sufficiently cool.

At 106 minutes, *Quantum of Solace* is easily the shortest James Bond movie, although Daniel Craig shouldn't feel dissed--his first as 007, *Casino Royale* (2006), was the longest (144 minutes) in the nearly five-decade-long Bond series. That film reintroduced us to James Bond, not as the university-schooled secret agent and seducer, but as a more tuggish mercenary, pursuing high-stakes terrorists via a high-stakes card game.

In *Quantum of Solace*--which last week was busy breaking U.K. box-office records--Bond battles Dominic Greene (Mathieu Amalric), an environmental bandit in the guise of a noted conservationist, who is planning a Bolivian coup d'etat. Bond is also seeking revenge for the death of Bond Girl Vesper Lynd. And he does it in record time.

Overall, the Bond film as a genre has been remarkably consistent in length--most are just about two hours, many of the early Sean Connery's films are less, and each in the Roger Moore oeuvre clocks in, suspiciously consistently, at about two hours, 10 minutes. *On Her Majesty's Secret Service*--notable for the one-time appearance of actor George Lazenby as Bond--was, until Craig, the longest in the series.

Kaiser Chiefs, Taylor Swift haven't lost their edge

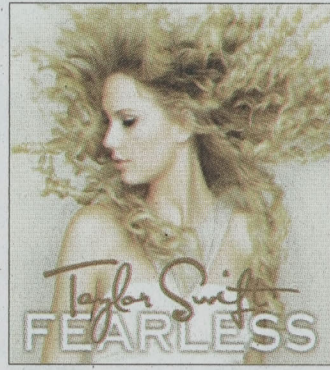
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Snow Patrol – *A Hundred Million Suns*, 3.5 out of 5

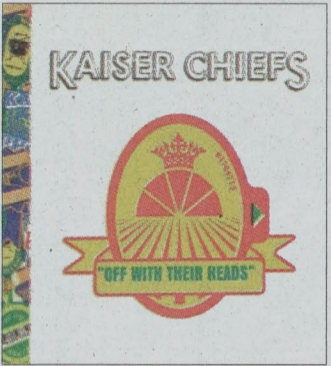
After their colossal single, "Chasing Cars," Snow Patrol established themselves as the new Coldplay. Take that as you will, but it meant big things for the band. Now they were on the map and people expected great things. *A Hundred Million Suns* seems like the unfortunate expected reaction: Do the same thing again. The album is very safe, never venturing beyond any of the pre-established melodies that Snow Patrol is known for. It's full of somewhat-memorable moments, but none are equally or more impressive than "Chasing Cars." It's certainly a pleasing entry, but as far as growth, they haven't gained an inch.

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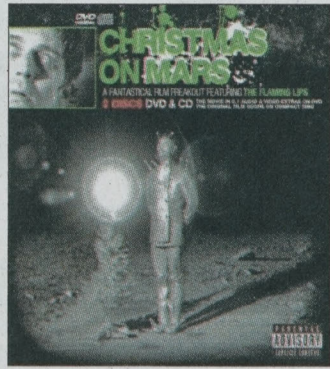
Taylor Swift – *Fearless*, 4 out of 5

Taylor Swift seemingly came out of nowhere and blew everyone away. She was country without being annoyingly so, yet wasn't too poppy. In return, everyone waited anxiously for her sophomore album, *Fearless*. It delivers. From the title track to the end, it seems as if Swift has a bottomless bag of catchy tunes. Even more impressive is her ability to make cliché material like young teenage love sound interesting (witness "Fifteen"). *Fearless* sees her moving forward, stepping even a little bit further away from country, especially considering the twang in her voice is barely audible and the fiddles are replaced by orchestral strings. And if you're wondering, yes--the song "Hey Stephen" is definitely about me.



Kaiser Chiefs – *Off With Their Heads*, 4 out of 5

Kaiser Chiefs' *Off With Their Heads* is a rare alternative rock album. Any lesser band wouldn't be able to pack a punch in the first few tracks before devolving into a series of same-sounding songs. Kaiser Chiefs vary things throughout the album without ever being too cheeky or nonsensically different. The crescendos of "Never Miss a Beat" topped with a riveting keyboard siren make it nearly epically operatic. They've taken lessons from their elders and consequentially have the rollicking qualities of R.E.M. but with the control and discipline of Talking Heads. A fantastic album, and hats off to Mark Ronson (the genius behind the sounds for *Back to Black* and *Alright, Still*, among others), who once again is one of music's most brilliant producers.



The Flaming Lips – *Christmas on Mars*, 3.5 out of 5

A seven-year project in the making, the Flaming Lips have finally released their film, *Christmas on Mars*. With it comes the soundtrack, a landscape of distorted sounds worthy of a Stanley Kubrick movie. It's hard to talk about music without the film, as it's certainly integral to the experience. Together they're perfect; apart not as much. The moody brooding sounds that *Christmas on Mars* makes as an album would certainly be more appreciated by the chemically-enhanced listener, but it's still interesting in its own right. But they were intended to be taken in together, and that's the way anyone who is curious about either should approach it.

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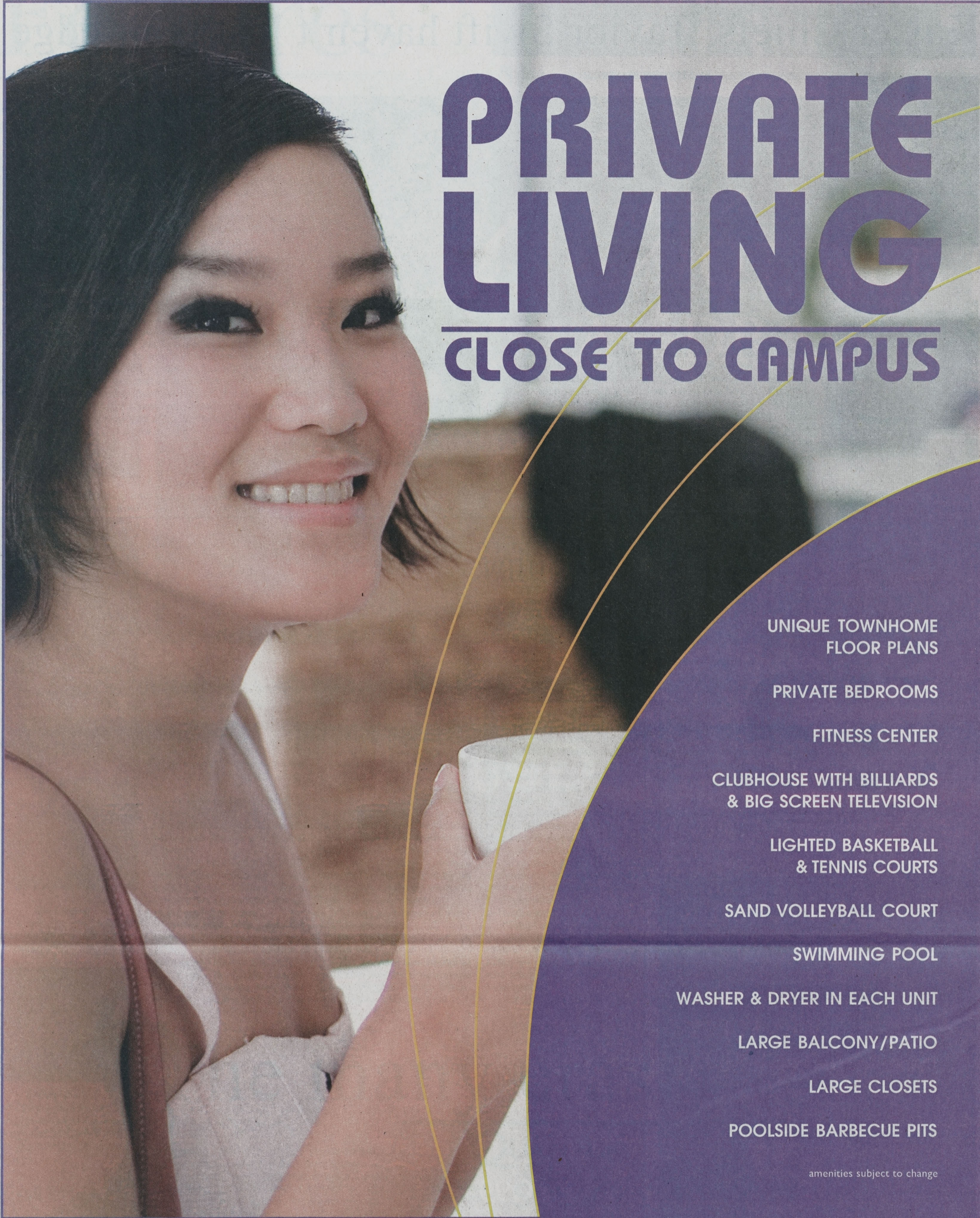
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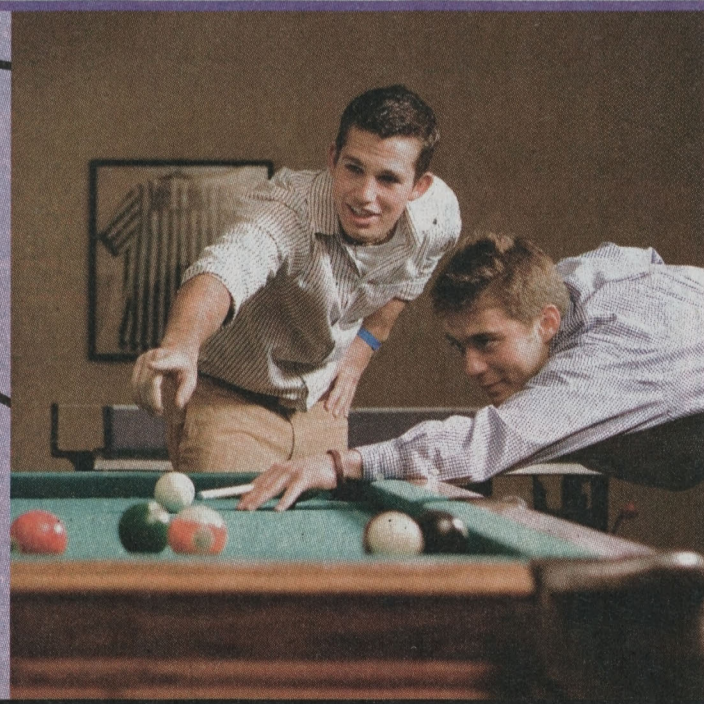
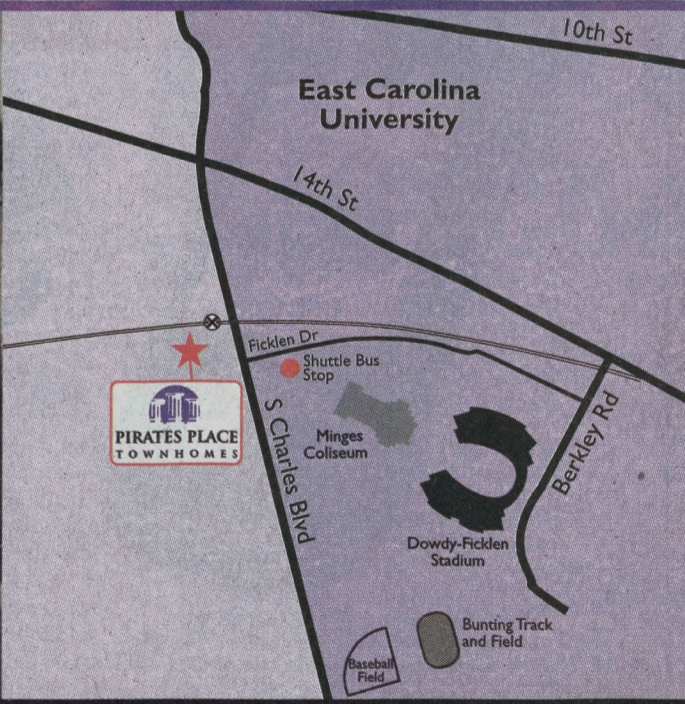
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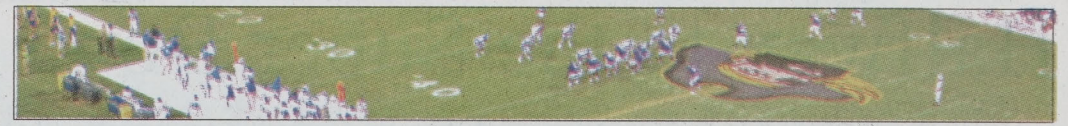
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W, 24-3
at Tulane
W, 28-24
at N.C. State
L, 30-24
vs. Houston
JL, 41-24
at Virginia
L, 35-20
vs. Memphis
W, 30-10
at UCF
W, 13-10
vs. Marshall
W, 19-16
at Southern Miss
Nov. 15
at UAB
Nov. 22
vs. UTEP
Nov. 28



Southern Miss Schedule

vs. Louisiana-Lafayette
W, 51-21
at Auburn
L, 27-13
at Arkansas State
W, 27-24
vs. Marshall
L, 34-27
vs. UTEP
L, 40-37
vs. Boise State
L, 24-7
at Rice
L, 45-40
at Memphis
L, 36-30
vs. UAB
W, 70-14
at UCF
W, 17-6
vs. ECU
Nov. 15
at SMU
Nov. 29

THEY SAID IT

"I think, right now, if anybody should have learned a lesson about staying focused and taking one game at a time, that should have been us with where we were and what happened to us. But at the same point in time, I think this football team is really focused, has understood and learned a lesson that we have to keep our nose to the grindstone."

-ECU coach Skip Holtz

"As far as why they [ECU's last two games] are low scores, [it's] probably the same reason we didn't score--we didn't make enough big plays. They probably haven't made enough big plays in the last couple games, but they found a way to win football games, and that's by playing good defense, being sound in special teams and not turning the football over."

-Southern Miss coach Larry Fedora

"Right now I think this football team is really playing well together and I think they get it about staying focused and not worrying about the last games. I don't think they're as worried about whether we've won one or won three, but it's about getting ready for Southern Miss."

-Skip Holtz

"I came into this season as the starter and then I hurt my ankle. My confidence went down because I wasn't 100 percent. My teammates believe in me, the defense is playing well and I'm just doing my job and building my confidence back up."

-ECU quarterback Patrick Pinkney

"Probably the best thing about the last couple weeks has been the emergence of a young man named Emanuel Davis. To see what Davis has done in creating two turnovers at the end of the UCF game, the last play in regulation and the first play in the overtime, and then to see him intercept two of the first four passes on Saturday, is great."

-Skip Holtz

ECU AT SOUTHERN MISS
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Pirates return to 'The Rock'



TEC ARCHIVES

ECU shocked Southern Miss in its last trip to Hattiesburg, Miss. Travis Williams (8) secured the victory with an interception in overtime.

Southern Miss Starting Lineup



Offense

QB- Austin Davis, Fr.
RB- Damion Fletcher, Jr.
FB- Josh Barton, Jr.
WR- Ed Morgan, Sr.
WR- DeAndre Brown, Fr.
TE- Shawn Nelson, Sr.
LT- Kyle Burkhart, Jr.
LG- Micah Brown, Jr.
C- Cameron Zipp, Soph.
RG- Ryan Hebert, Jr.
RT- Ryan McKee, Sr.

Defense

DE- Deddrick Jones, Fr.
DT- Anthony Gray, Soph.
DT- Eric Phillips, Sr.
DE- Roshad Byrd, Soph.
LB- Tokumbo Abanikanda, Sr.
LB- Gerald McRath, Jr.
LB- Martez Smith, Soph.
CB- Andre Watson, Jr.
CB- C.J. Bailey, Soph.
FS- Eddie Hicks, Jr.
SS- Justin Wilson, Soph.

Special Teams

K- Britt Barefoot, Sr.
P- Britt Barefoot, Sr.
KR- Freddie Parham, Jr.;
Tory Harrison, Jr.
PR- Andre Watson, Jr.



FEDORA

"They may have hit a lull there in the middle of the season for whatever reason, but they are playing hard, they play very sound, they are doing a very good job. They will come in here ready to get after us, I guarantee you."

Teams continue rivalry

JARED JACKSON
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

ECU is so close, yet so far away. ECU (6-3, 4-1 Conference USA) travels to "The Rock" in Hattiesburg, Miss. this weekend to take on long-time rival Southern Miss (4-6, 2-4 C-USA). The game pits the Pirates—who are trying to seal up the program's first ever C-USA title game appearance—against the Golden Eagles, who must win their final two contests to become bowl-eligible.

Talk about drama. "Anytime we line up and play against those guys from Southern Miss, you know it's always going to be a dogfight," said ECU junior defensive back Van Eskridge. "It's a rivalry game... and they have pretty much owned us in the last 12 meetings. Even though they are kind of down this season, we know they are going to play physical. They have two more games left and they still have a chance to get bowl-eligible, so we defiantly have to make sure we come out with our 'A' game if we want to leave Mississippi with a 5-1 conference record."

It seems as if ECU coach Skip Holtz has made his team quite aware of the history surrounding this always-bitter match-up. Southern Miss, like Eskridge said, has taken 10 of the last 12 meetings against ECU, while the Pirates have a 6-10 all-time record in Hattiesburg. Two years ago, ECU cornerback Travis Williams secured a Pirates 20-17 overtime win with an interception on the Golden Eagles' first overtime possession. The win was the first for ECU in Hattiesburg since 2000.

Last season, Southern Miss defeated ECU 28-21 in a back-and-forth game. The Pirates trailed 14-0 at the half before taking a 21-14 lead late in the third quarter. The Golden Eagles scored two fourth quarter touchdowns, however, culminating with a Jeremy Young 1-yard run with 32 seconds left, giving Southern Miss a 28-21 victory.

Southern Miss coach Larry Fedora is in his first season, but while the Golden Eagles have struggled so far under his tenure, Holtz knows just how big this game is for his team.

"It's going to be a big one," he said. "It's Southern Miss-ECU. Talk to the people who have followed this rivalry for a while and [they] know what that means. It's going to be a battle for us."

The Golden Eagles have won two-straight games coming into this week's match-up. The main reason for the Southern Miss turnaround the last two weeks has been its offensive output. Against UAB, Southern Miss put up 70 points in a blowout victory, and last week beat UCF, 17-6.

"They are throwing the ball an awful lot—around 240 yards a game," Holtz said. "They also rush for just over 200 yards a game and average around 450 yards of total offense each game."

Southern Miss currently ranks No. 4 in C-USA in total offense, at 447 yard per game. The Golden Eagles also rank fifth in scoring offense, averaging almost 32 points per game.

One of the biggest weapons for the Golden Eagles is the quick-strike option of freshman wide receiver DeAndre Brown. On the season, Brown has 11 touchdowns and 933 yards receiving.

"DeAndre Brown, who is one of the biggest weapons they have, is a 6-foot-6 freshman. He has receptions of 68, 60, 59, 54, 48, 47, 42 and 40 yards this season," Holtz said.

"He is a great player; a young guy," Eskridge added. "He is definitely going to be one of the best wideouts we have gone up against this year... We're going to have our work cut out covering him."

The Golden Eagles' offensive attack is commanded by freshman quarterback Austin Davis. Davis has shined in his first year under center—throwing for 17 touchdowns and only seven interceptions. He has also proved to be quite mobile, rushing for over 500 yards and nine touchdowns so far this season.

Lining up behind Davis is junior Damion Fletcher, who has rushed for 1,086 yards this season and seven touchdowns. Fletcher is averaging 117 rushing yards per game.

"We just have to come out and play our 'A' game and just put together a total team effort like we have done the past two weeks," said Eskridge. "We just have to put together a total complete team game and we should be able to come out on top."

The Southern Miss defense is not that bad on paper either. In C-USA, it ranks No. 7 in total defense and No. 5 in scoring defense, allowing 27 points per game.

"They play physical; they get to the ball," said ECU senior quarterback Patrick Pinkney. "It's a typical Southern Miss defense."

Gerald McRath has also been outstanding this season for Southern Miss at the linebacker position. The preseason C-USA Defensive Player-of-the-Year already has 110 tackles. The Pirates' leading tacklers are Eskridge and senior linebacker Pierre Bell, who both have 66—a stark comparison to McRath's total.

The secondary of the Golden Eagles is also very experienced. Lead by cornerbacks Andre Watson and C.J. Bailey, Southern Miss has 13 interceptions on the season.

"When you look at their secondary, that's probably where they have the most experience and players returning," Holtz said. "They're playing a lot of zone, breaking on the ball and have created 24 turnovers as a defense. They are an opportunistic defense in that they're creating a lot of turnovers."

While the Southern Miss defense presents a challenge, ECU has no problem scoring few points and winning. The past two weeks, the Pirates have scored victories in the offense-heavy C-USA by only scoring 13 and 19 points—both overtime wins.

"We get in the red zone," Pinkney said. "We have had a couple missed fields goals and turnovers in the red zone so we have had chances to score points, but we just have to finish drives."

ECU became bowl-eligible with a win last week, but while that is considered an accomplishment for some teams, the Pirates are staying focused on the next game on the schedule.

"It's not even really about conference," Eskridge said about getting close to winning the East Division and being bowl-eligible. "It's about going 1-0 in the next game and playing one quarter at a time, one play at a time. If we do that, everything will fall into place. Week in and week out, we bring the same mindset and that is to try and go 1-0."

East Carolina Starting Lineup



Offense

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

Defense

DE- Zack Slate, Sr.
DT- Jay Ross, Jr.
DT- Linval Joseph, Soph.
DE- C.J. Wilson, Jr.
LB- Cliff Perryman, Fr.
LB- Nick Johnson, Jr.
LB- Pierre Bell, Sr.
CB- Emanuel Davis, Fr.
CB- Dekota Marshall, Soph.
FS- Van Eskridge, Jr.
SS- J.J. Millbrook, Sr.
or Leon Best, Sr.

Special Teams

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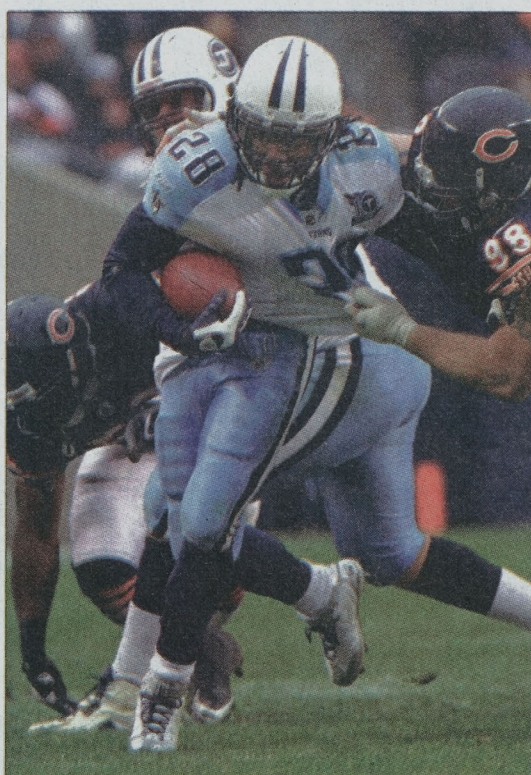
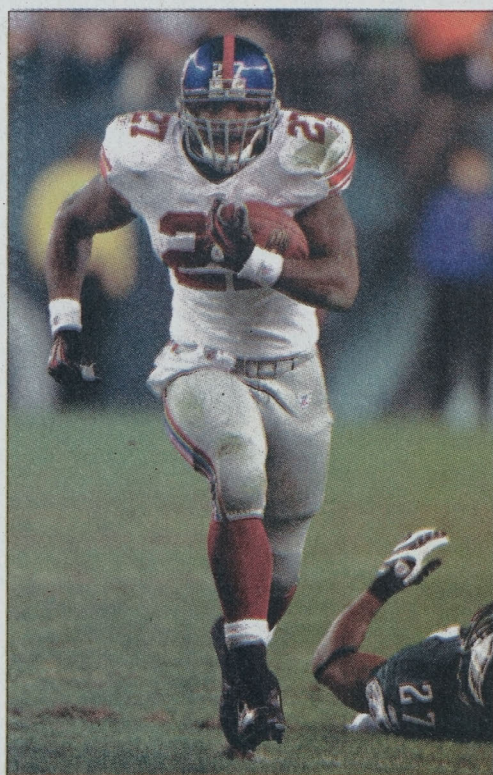


HOLTZ

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Halfway to the Super Bowl

As the days grow frigid and the sun sets just a little bit sooner, the pressure on NFL teams to win becomes significantly higher. Its crunch time baby, and frankly I don't think anyone from here to South Africa could have ever predicted the outcome of the season thus far. With only six regular season games remaining I feel it is an adequate time to throw out some playoff predictions.



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The Giants appear to be the NFC's best team.

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Chris Johnson (28) and the Titans are undefeated.

SEAN LABAR
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The New York Giants: Congratulations Tom Coughlin, you have done it. You have somehow managed to let both Tiki Barber and Michael Strahan retire; get rid of Jeremy Shockey and lose pro-bowl defensive end Osi Umenyiora for the season. It's all good in New York though, the G-men have come back with a more mature and talented team this year with a second consecutive Super Bowl ring gleaming in the back of their minds. Hats off to the Giants. If they keep up this good play, they will surely secure the No. 1 NFC seed in the playoffs.

The Carolina Panthers: The Panthers finally have a healthy Jake Delhomme/Steve Smith connection. At 7-2, Carolina is playing the best football since its Super Bowl season of 2003. With one of the best quarterback/receiver tandems in the game and a solid running game backed up by DeAngelo Williams, I have the Panthers as my second NFC playoff seed.

Arizona Cardinals: The Cardinals are a huge surprise this season, and nobody in Arizona seems to mind. After 21 years in Phoenix, the Cards seem to have the confidence and composure to land them in their second playoff appearance in team history. Kurt Warner may be old, but he is showing the veteran leadership necessary to move a young team like this forward. After a scary hit just three weeks ago, the Cardinals have receiver Anquan Boldin back on the roster. The Fitzgerald-Boldin combination is tough to stop. I'll take the Cardinals to win the NFC West.

Minnesota Vikings: Still a toss up in the NFC north. As of now, I am going with my gut and picking the Minnesota Vikings over the Chicago Bears. Adrian Peterson is leading the league in rushing yards and simply can't be stopped. This division is still up in the air, and it will be fun to watch it play out.

Washington Redskins: The theme in Washington nowadays seems to be centered on "change," and that is just what the Redskins got. Owner Daniel Snyder finally made a good decision in bringing in first-year coach Jim Zorn, who has used his experience with quarterbacks to hand-mold Jason Campbell. Campbell, who has thrown for nearly 2,000 yards, has been precise and careful with the football. He has proven that he can manage Zorn's high-powered West coast offense. Campbell's ability to run the offense has opened up tremendous opportunities for running back Clinton Portis, who is second in the league in rushing yards. I like the Skins for the top wildcard seed heading into the playoffs.

Dallas Cowboys: Yes, it's bold, but I feel that the Cowboys will get it back together. At the beginning of the season, almost everyone had America's team as the NFC favorite. Losing Tony Romo for just a couple weeks took a huge toll on this team, however, and his health will be vital for the Cowboys the rest of the way. If Wade Phillips can get some production out of T.O. and newly acquired receiver Roy Williams, then I think Dallas stands a legitimate shot for slipping into the playoffs.

The Tennessee Titans: In a city known for country music, the people of Nashville have a lot

to be thankful for. The Titans, at a perfect 9-0, are fighting to remain unbeaten this season. There's an old gridiron that says, "defense wins championships." Tennessee is a team powered by fierce defensive play and it will be interesting to see whether it can hold true to the saying. With Chris Johnson and LenDale White creating a thunder/lightning effect in the backfield and veteran quarterback Kerry Collins managing the offense, the Titans have the total package. They are a lock for the No. 1 AFC seed in the 2009 playoffs.

The Pittsburgh Steelers: Mike Tomlin has these boys in check. With a healthy Willie Parker and accurate Ben Roethlisberger, the Steelers are a tough team to contend with. At 6-3, they are still competing with the Ravens for the AFC North, but I feel they will run away with it in the final stretch of the season. The Steelers are my pick for the No. 2 seed.

The New England Patriots: After losing Tom Brady before the season started, no one had faith in the New England Patriots. But how could you sleep on this team? Head coach Bill Belichick has a regular season record of 133-84 and simply knows the recipe for success. The Patriots know what it takes to win and they are doing just that. If Matt Cassel can keep making good decisions, then the New England Patriots will make yet another playoff appearance. I have the Pats as the third seed in the AFC playoffs.

The Denver Broncos: Both the Denver Broncos and San Diego Chargers are fighting for the AFC West's playoff spot. No matter the outcome, neither team has the talent to compete once playoff time rolls around. Ill go with the Broncos to win the division, but it will be a long, tough road for whatever team wins the AFC West come January.

Baltimore Ravens: Though they are competing with the Steelers in the AFC North, the Ravens will still most likely claim a wildcard spot and compete in the playoffs. Rookie quarterback Joe Flacco is making a name for himself in Baltimore and has led the team to a healthy 6-3 record. The Ravens' defense is living up to their reputation—ranking first in the league in rush yards allowed and second in pass yards allowed. If this success continues, I have the Ravens as my No. 5 AFC seed.

The Indianapolis Colts: Though the Colts only have a record of 5-4 and are sitting behind the undefeated Titans in the AFC South, they are playing their best football right now. After beating both New England and Pittsburgh in the last two weeks, the Colts have tons of momentum for the remainder of the season. Peyton Manning is familiar when it comes to the playoffs, and I am confident that he will make another appearance in 2009.

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Week 11: Ranking the Carolinas

RONNIE WOODWARD
THE EAST CAROLINIAN

1. N. Carolina

Record: 7-2 Last week: Won vs. Georgia Tech, 28-7



UNC defeated its second ranked opponent of the season last weekend—No. 19 Georgia Tech—and now finds itself ranked No. 17 and has secured its first winning season in seven years. It was supposed to take Butch Davis some time to turn this thing around, but look at what he has done in only his second year with the program. Against Georgia Tech, UNC forced three turnovers and scored three touchdowns in the final quarter—but the most important stat was T.J. Yates completing his first pass since going down with an injury almost two months ago. Watch out Cam Sexton, there was a reason why you were Yates' backup before the injury.

2. S. Carolina

Record: 7-3 Last week: Won vs. Arkansas, 34-21

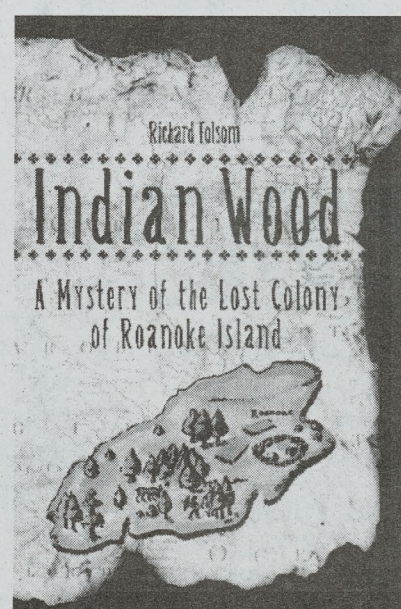


The only reason why the Gamecocks aren't ranked ahead of UNC is because they lack a win against a ranked opponent. USC has played a much tougher schedule and has certainly lost to better teams—Georgia, LSU, Vanderbilt—but USC's best win is at Ole Miss. All of that can change this weekend when USC heads to Gainesville to play third-ranked Florida. The Gamecocks, winners of six of their last seven, are starving for a win over a ranked team. They have the defense to do it, but UF is clearly playing like the best team in the nation right now and will be tough to beat at home.

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3. Wake Forest



Record: 6-3 Last week: Won vs. Virginia, 28-17

Wake Forest has suddenly salvaged its season with two-straight quality wins. Coming off an overtime win against Duke, Wake beat Virginia last week—vaulting itself back to the top of the ACC standings. The Deacons are tied with Florida State atop the Atlantic Division, but Wake's win in Tallahassee earlier this season gives it the tiebreaker advantage over FSU. Donning gold jerseys, Wake seized conference supremacy last week by forcing four turnovers and holding UVA to 28 rushing yards. With three very winnable games left to play, Wake has an inside track to the ACC title game.

4. N.C. State



Record: 3-6 Last week: Won vs. Duke, 27-17

You might be wondering how a team with three wins can be ranked this high. The answer is simple: One of N.C. State's wins was against ECU, which was ranked No. 14 at the time, and the other was against Duke last week. The Wolfpack have beaten both of the teams that could make a claim for the fourth spot in these rankings. One thing is for sure however, the Wolfpack will not be ranked No. 4 next week, or the week after that. N.C. State plays Wake Forest this week and UNC next week, so we will definitely find out if last week was simply N.C. State's Super Bowl of it really is a good team with Russell Wilson fully healthy.

5. ECU



Record: 6-3 Last week: Won vs. Marshall, 19-16

The Pirates won a very important game last week, beating C-USA rival Marshall at home. ECU now appears to be a shoe in for representing the East in the C-USA championship game and going to a bowl game for the third year in a row. The next two games—at Southern Miss and at UAB—will be hard to win however, as these road trips have haunted ECU in the past. With the win over Marshall, ECU now controls its destiny for the C-USA championship game for the third year in a row. The Pirates couldn't handle that situation in each of the past two years, but it will be hard for that to happen again—even with the road trips upcoming.

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MLB player returns for Homecoming

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Chad Tracy returned to ECU's Clark-LeClair Stadium this past weekend to partake in Homecoming festivities. The Arizona Diamondbacks' third baseman started at ECU from 1999-2001 before becoming the seventh round pick of the Diamondbacks in the 2001 MLB Amateur Draft.

Tracy went to West Mecklenburg High School in Charlotte, NC. After graduating from high school, he took his skills to ECU on a baseball scholarship. Tracy had a stellar career for the Pirates, compiling a .339 batting average over his three-year career. After Tracy's junior season, he was draft-eligible and could not resist a shot at making it in the Majors.

When the former Pirate returned to ECU on Friday, it was the first time he had stepped onto the infield at Clark-LeClair Stadium. When Tracy played for the university, Bagwell Field was the home of the Pirates.

"This place is amazing and it just shows you the hard work that a lot of people have put in this program has paid off," said Tracy, when discussing Clark

LeClair stadium.

Hard work and determination are essential for any professional athletic career, and this was no different for Tracy.

"I worked harder here than I have ever worked in my life. I learned work ethic and how to play the game the way it is supposed to be played," he said.

Tracy has had some trouble staying healthy this past season, appearing in only 88 out of 162 games, but he persevered and kept focused on his goal of maintaining a MLB career.

ECU sophomore shortstop Dustin Harrington says he looks up to Tracy and his work ethic.

"He came out and worked hard everyday and he is a great guy to look up to," said Harrington.

Corey Thompson, a freshman third baseman for ECU, took a lot from Tracy's visit to ECU.

"He showed that the weight room and conditioning got him where he is today," said Thompson.

Tracy was proud of the Pirates' early success this football season.

"They have done a great job this year when they beat West Virginia and Virginia Tech. You don't think I wasn't running

around the locker room and letting everyone know it?" the major leaguer said.

Head coach Billy Godwin was pleased with the opportunity to have Tracy visit ECU's campus and get a chance to see how the baseball program is doing.

"What we have here is a direct result of all the hard work that guys like Chad put into this program, and we're certainly honored to have him back on campus this weekend," said Godwin.

"There were a lot of valuable things that he shared with them [the baseball team] about his time here. He talked about some of the hard work that he paid when coach LeClair was here. It's the same thing we're doing now. It does reinforce the important things that we want our guys to do and what this program stands for."

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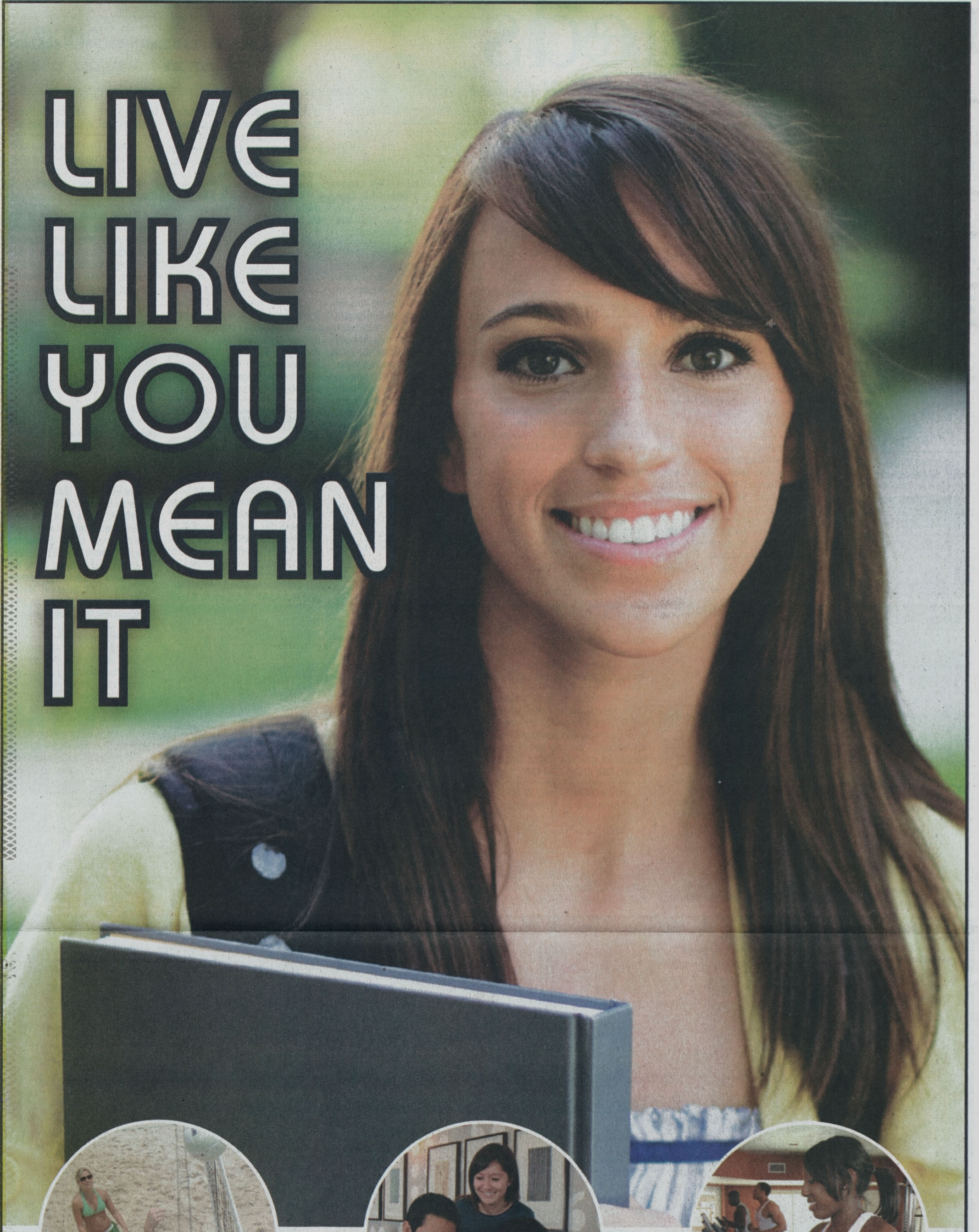
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