



BRIEFS

Rebel 53 magazine is selected as award finalist

Staff Reports

Rebel 53 magazine has been named one of seven finalists for the Associated Press Pacemaker award. The magazine is a finalist in the four-year literary magazine category.

The Pacemaker award has been the highest honor for ACP members since 1927 and Rebel won the award once in 2009.

Other finalists include: Metropolitan State College of Denver, Elmhurst College, Bridgewater State University, Elon University, North Carolina State University and North Greenville University in South Carolina.

Winners will be announced at a convention on Oct. 29 in Orlando, Fla.

Progress Energy donates money for hurricane relief

Staff Reports

The Progress Energy Foundation is giving \$100,000 to the American Red Cross for hurricane relief in eastern N.C.

Many counties in the eastern portion of the state are eligible for disaster assistance.

The money will be split among affected counties in Progress Energy's service area.

First edition of "ECU Today" issued online

Staff Reports

The first edition of "ECU Today," a newsletter produced by the university's news service, was recently released.

The first edition included some of the top stories from last month, along with briefs, galleries and links to the university in the news.

The newsletter will run monthly from September to May and can be found online at blog.ecu.edu/sites/newblog.

Freshmen required to live on campus next fall

Staff Reports

According Aaron Lucier, the director of Campus Living, next fall incoming freshmen will be required to live on campus.

The entering freshmen class of 2012 will be the first to be required to live in on-campus dorms.

"The requirement is largely related to building a better freshmen experience and to the new retention rates," said Lucier.

In order to accommodate the entire incoming freshmen class, single rooms in some dorms will be re-doubled.

Lucier said that the new requirement will not affect student fees.

"There is no large increase planned for campus housing. We are trying to be very aware of student fees," said Lucier.



Students remember 9/11 ten years later

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This Sunday will mark the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorists attacks on America. The acts of terror that took place in New York City, Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania are referred to as the most violent attack on the country in its history.

On Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001, 19 men with ties to the terrorist group al-Qaeda hijacked four commercial passenger jets with the intention of carrying out a massive terrorist attack.

Two of these planes were crashed into each tower of the World Trade Center in New York City, one plane was crashed into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia and the fourth plane crash-landed in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

The first attack took place at 8:45 a.m. when Flight 11 slammed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center. News coverage of the incident began shortly after at 8:49 a.m. Moments later at 9:03 a.m., Flight 175 crashed into the South Tower. Only half an hour later, a third plane struck the west side of the Pentagon near Washington, D.C. Finally at 10:03 a.m., passengers of Flight 93 took over the plane and crashed it in a field southeast of Pittsburgh, P.A.

Victoria Jeffries, a sophomore math major, said she remembered watching the attacks on television.

"The principal of my elementary school came on the intercom to tell us what had happened and then we watched the second plane hit," said Jeffries.

Within two hours of the first attacks, the World Trade Center buildings toppled. Forty minutes after the attack on the Pentagon, a portion of the structure caved in.

As the buildings collapsed, workers inside, with the assistance of firemen and police officers, tried to escape. However, many remained trapped as the buildings came crashing down.

On that day, 2,793 civilians lost their lives as a direct result of the attacks. To this day, 24 people remain missing.

Although the tenth anniversary of the attacks is approach-

ing, Americans have not forgotten the tragic events that occurred.

"I was in my fifth grade math class when it happened," said Brittany Jacobs, a junior history education major. "My teacher came running in and told us what had happened. We just watched the news for the rest of the day."

The time and place where people heard about the attacks will be forever engraved in their memories.

"I'll never forget it. I remember exactly where I was. I worried about what was going to happen next," said junior Lee Harrison. "To this day, we haven't forgotten those who were lost."

On Sunday, a 9/11 memorial will be dedicated in New York City, at the site where the World Trade Center once stood. This will be to honor those who lost their lives and those who helped in the rescue efforts.

The memorial features two 30-foot waterfalls in the original footprints of the center's towers, bronze panels with the names of those who died in all three locations and a pear tree that survived the attack in New York.

A memorial museum will open within the site on the eleventh anniversary in 2012.

Other commemorations of the day will take place all around the country on college campuses, in town halls and at the actual sites of the attacks, including several services in Pitt County.

Pieces of the World Trade Center have even been shipped to various parts of the nation, including North Carolina, where they will become parts of memorials that have been set up across the state.

A beam from one of the towers has already been erected in Havelock, while another piece was sent to Siler City for the building of a future memorial.

Ten years later, many can find closure with what happened on that fateful day. Yet, the country continues to move forward.

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Cost of damages rises on campus

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The cost of repairing the damage on campus has risen from the million-dollar estimate announced last week. Debris and leaks were some of the least of the damages. The hardest buildings hit were Greene Residence Hall and the Spilman Building. In a news release, Marcy Schulken, the director of public affairs, said that the cost of damage had risen to 1.7 million after a detailed assessment of the damages was conducted. The new total includes paying for repairs around campus, clean up, overtime and movers. In the news release, Rick Niswander, vice

chancellor of finance and administration, also said that some of the funds for repairs will come from the campus renovations and repairs fund. However, most of the money will be from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

In Greene Hall, windows were broken and winds lifted a part of the roof. This event broke a drainpipe and sent water to multiple floors. Freshman Rosalie Mackiewicz, a marketing major, had to move into another room on the 10th floor after the ceiling of her room was damaged. "The ceiling of my room caved in due to the broken pipe and you could see the roof. All my

clothes were soaked and my bedding was ruined. Maintenance was already working on my room when I returned, but I was relocated," said Mackiewicz.

Mackenzie Shea Smith, a freshman cinematic arts and media production major that also lives on the 10th floor, said, "when the girls of our floor came back after our evacuation, our entire floor was all wet. The resident advisor checked everyone's room to access the damage. Our RA had to move out of her own room because it was so bad." Ten rooms in Greene were severely affected and five residents were moved while repairs are made.

Permanent repairs could take a couple of weeks.

The 90-year-old Spilman building lost a third of its roof and 20 rooms were damaged. The chancellor's conference room and the university attorney's office were among the rooms damaged. John Durham, the executive director of university communications, said, "repairs to Spilman could take up to two months. In the meantime, the offices affected were temporarily moved to other buildings on campus, such as the Old Cafeteria Building and the

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Hundreds of dead fish found in Tar River

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STAFF WRITER

Thousands of dead fish have been reported in eastern N.C. rivers, due to Hurricane Irene.

The fish kills have been reported in many major rivers including the Roanoke River, Chowan River, Tar River, Neuse River, Trent River, New River, White Oak River, Newport River and Scuppernon River, according to the N.C. Wildlife Commission. A large fish kill recently occurred in Tar River, resulting in a strong odor in parts of Greenville.

The fish kills are due to lack of oxygen in the rivers. According to the N.C. Wildlife Commission, biologists report that the water runoff from Hurricane Irene, in combination with water high in organic material, causes a significant decrease in oxygen levels. The organic material, such as leaves and limbs, absorb the oxygen as it decomposes in the water. Similar fish kills happened after Hurricane Floyd in 1999 and Hurricane Isabel in 2003. "Typically water can hold

eight parts per million of oxygen. When the oxygen gets below three parts per million, fish start to become stressed. Last week, some of the measures out on the Tar River were less than one part per thousand" said Anthony Overton, a professor in the Department of Biology.

Lyndell Bade, a graduate student in the biology program, explained that fish kills are possible anytime the oxygen levels are low, which can occur for a number of reasons.

Bade, who is an officer for the student subunit of the American Fisheries Society, said, "Whenever there's an event like a hurricane, there's a lot of water dumped into rivers all at once. It doesn't allow for natural mixing and for the oxygen to transfer from the atmosphere into the water."

Usually in late summer the oxygen levels can already be lower than normal. So, Hurricane Irene may have had a larger impact on the oxygen levels than it may have during a different time of the year.

According to Overton, "the levels are usually lower, but never this low."

These low oxygen measurements have been found in many of the river systems in eastern N.C., not just Tar River.

Some of the fish with the highest numbers that are being found dead are striped bass and common carp. There is nothing that can be done to save the fish.

"I definitely think it could effect our environment in a negative way ... It's really sad so many fish are dying and hopefully they know what's causing it," said Amy Shackelford, a junior elementary education major.

Fortunately, the fish kills should not have a large impact on our environment.

Overton, an expert in fish ecology, said, "As long as we don't have many of these fish kills throughout the year, I don't think the overall environmental impact will be that substantial. There are millions of fish in the river and we only see thousands of them that have died due to the low oxygen."



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Catfish and other types of marine life in the Tar River have been found floating along the banks.

According to the N.C. Wildlife Commission, the coastal river systems in N.C. have been able to handle this sort of stress in the past and are very resilient.

"It does not smell pleasant, but these fish will decompose and become part of the food chain and the energy in the Tar River, so they aren't

wasted in terms of their value to the environment. It does present a loss, however, to the fisheries, in the sense that these fish can no longer be caught by fishermen," said Overton.

The N.C. Wildlife Commission will assess the impact the fish kills had on the fish communities after the oxygen

levels begin to return to normal. After the assessment is complete, they will implement recovery strategies to populations that need it.

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Greenville Utility workers tested by Hurricane Irene

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STAFF WRITER

As Hurricane Irene took a major toll on Greenville and the rest of the east coast, it also affected the workers who battled the destruction during and after the storm.

The Greenville Utilities Company workers are no exception. The men and women worked many long days last week in attempts to help in the hurricane relief effort, mainly working to restore power.

According to Todd Rouse, a substation engineer with Greenville Utilities (GUC), the company has

four main circuits around the campus. One serves 4th Street from Reade Circle to Elm Street, a second one serves 1st Street from Town Commons to Warren Street, the third serves 5th & 4th on the east side of Elm and a fourth serves 14th and 10th east of campus.

"All four of these circuits experienced electrical faults during the height of the hurricane, interrupting the flow of electrical power," Rouse explained. "Most of these problems were a result of falling trees."

Rouse said that the utility crews worked diligently to restore power to the impacted

areas until either the workers felt unsafe operating their equipment or the winds reached 40 mph, when the conditions were deemed to be unsafe.

"We know the students in these areas had major issues with trees damaging homes, apartments and cars," Rouse said. "It had to be scary during the storm."

While some were certainly scared, others were simply shocked by the damage Irene caused.

"It really shocked me," said Chase Norman, a junior sports studies major. "I knew there were going to be branches and stuff down and

they would be a pretty intense clean up. But, seeing trees that are 3 feet in diameter uprooted just signified how bad that it was."

After the worst of the hurricane was over and winds began dropping below 40 mph, the crews were sent back out to trace the problems of the four main circuits surrounding the campus.

Rouse said that the crews worked about 16 hour days for five days in a row.

"We would give them a good breakfast. Then, they were sent lunch and later a snack at real dinner-time," Rouse explained of the workers' typical schedule during

those days. "They would then work till around 10 p.m. When they got back, they were given a real dinner."

Many of the apartments and homes in the area had power back within five days, often much sooner.

Despite the difficulties caused by the hurricane, Rouse said he feels that GUC was well prepared for the storm. The company called in crews and contractors from Fayetteville (N.C.), Alabama and Texas, which, along with the GUC workers, totaled about 250 to 300 men and women working with the company during the hurricane. GUC even blocked

hotel rooms for the workers to stay at.

"I think we got through all the restorations because we were prepared," he said. "I think we did a good job with the resources we had."

Many students agree. "I was pretty impressed that some places like Campus Pointe and Copper Beach were able to have power during the storm. Then, most places getting power back the next day really shows how hard the utility workers worked," said Norman.

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Howard House. Hopefully, it won't take two months for things to be fixed."

According to a university news release, around 100 rooms in the Brody Medical Sciences building suffered water damage. In Minges Coliseum, a part of the roof separated, which caused water damage to the ceiling and the court floor. In the Health Science Building, 57 rooms and several corridors, as well as damage to windows and light fixtures, were reported as

having had water damage. Fifteen rooms and the roof of the East Carolina Heart Institutes were affected. Leaks in the Leo Jenkins Cancer Center caused damage to 10 rooms.

"Facility Services have done an excellent job of cleaning up campus. They have been working hard since the day after the hurricane and it definitely shows," said Durham.


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Remembering



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PIRATE RANTS

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

I'll never forget sitting in my classroom in P.S. 125 in Harlem, NY and hearing the news of what was happening to the city of New York, but more so America. That tragic day will never be forgotten and the people lost will always be remembered.

Never forgotten, Mr. Tray. You are truly missed!

I can't believe it's been 10 years since September 11, 2001. Our country has a very good reason to be proud today!

A tragic event that changed the lives of everyone in the world, not only the U.S.

Please remember those who suffered and died. Thank you to firemen, EMS, police and keep praying at Ground Zero!

I am devastated at the thought of someone wanting to harm innocent people just to prove a political point. I pray that all family members are coping well.

I was very scared when 9/11 happened. My mom worked at the Pentagon in D.C., so I was very worried about her.

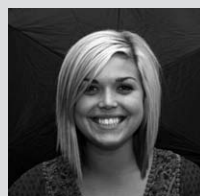
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It is a bittersweet day for all Americans. It is a day to remind us all of how important the unity of America and support for the military troops that fight every day to bring peace and justice for the lives lost on 9/11.

Though it felt like it was just yesterday, it's been 10 years. Seeing the event unfold as a child and seeing the effects of 9/11 over the past decade have impacted my life and my worldviews.

PUBLIC EDITOR



Kathryn Little
PUBLIC EDITOR

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Every generation has iconic moments of remembrance. Where were you when Kennedy was assassinated? What were you doing when Pearl Harbor was attacked? For our generation, nothing is more memorable than the moment we found out America had been attacked on 9/11. As we near the 10 year anniversary, the importance of recollection is vital.

According to NY Magazine, 2,819 people died that day. 19,858 body parts were found. 1,506,124 tons of debris was removed from the site. With such a significant loss from an attack on our nation, how can we not remember?

Some people argue that the

number of people lost does not compare to the losses of other countries in times of war, disease and natural disasters. Though this may be true, the attack on our country was unexpected and forever changed the nature of our citizens.

America was revolutionized, not just by our safety standards in airports, but as a community. Flags were flown, money was donated; people were kinder to one another. The sense of patriotism was at its highest. Though we may have been attacked, we were not defeated.

Since 9/11, we have changed as a country. We now all know about the "War on Terror," full-body

scanners and religious extremism. Although the actions after 9/11 can be debated, the importance of 9/11 cannot simply be forgotten. We cannot move on.

To this day, we still remember the "day that lived in infamy." Pearl Harbor will have been attacked 70 years ago this coming December 7. We still will dedicate remembrance to the 2,402 soldiers who were killed that day. We will also not stop remembering the innocent civilians, the tireless fireman and the police officers who worked to save lives. We will also not forget the military still fighting in a war started by 9/11.

We may have been labeled "East Carolina," but our borders

extend far past Greenville. We have students from different states and countries. The importance of honoring the victims may be important to some students and may be less important for others. Before stating how unimportant 9/11 is, consider those who lost friends or family members on that day. Or perhaps, think about the people who are still overseas fighting for us.

No matter your political affiliation, 9/11 was an event that will be forever ingrained into our culture. From the rubble, America has tried to rise back up and rebuild. Taking time to remember those lost on that day 10 years ago is the least you could do to pay tribute.

Waterproof just wasn't in the budget this year



Micah Lockhart
OPINION COLUMNIST

Freshman theatre education major

As a freshman, I find the college experience exciting, yet overwhelming. The idea of safety has been drilled into my head with the typical cliché of sayings that grandparents and parents so desperately cling to. However, it is an entirely different process when I am asked to use such skills.

Caught up in the typical life of an 18-year-old, generally the first thing to pop into my mind is not the safety regulations for the university in which I attend. The question I must then ask is, "Whose job is it to know such details?"

According to the hurricane safety and procedure information, which can be found at the Environmental Health and Safety website, it is the job of the university staff to protect the

students. According to these procedures, any storm is constantly regulated. A select group of the campus administration is piled into a room, because they are all proficiently trained meteorologists in their spare time, to monitor the direction of the storm. If these individuals are convinced that the storm will affect campus, then the final safety procedure will be put into effect.

The website directly states, "Those who cannot leave for a safer location are housed together in a storm-resistant residence hall for safety purposes. Even if the Administration decides not to cancel classes, residence halls have been renovated to be hurricane-resistant and provide a safer structure than most single-family homes in the region."

This is nothing more than the university's attempt to give parents an ever-reassuring sense of pseudo-safety. The students I watched were not moved into any type of alternative housing during this period. Also, how can the university refer to the dorms, which house tuition-paying students, as hurricane-resistant when they have

recently overflowed and ruined their sense of security?

The students I watched waited until the pipes in their rooms burst from lack of inspection and then were herded from their Titanic-like college dorm rooms into the lobby of an already poorly renovated building. Once crammed into a room full of their frantic peers, they then waited to find what damaged items they could salvage for classes which would soon be back in session.

Aprille Tate, a secondary education major living in Greene residence hall, recounts her experience that night. She recalled looking over to find the right half of her dorm flooding. Then, as others rushed to find an RA, Tate's window was broken by the brute force of Irene. Scattered with fear, she describes the moment as being "scary."

Tate ran into the hall to find help, but was forced to wait 30 minutes on her RA. Following that 30 minutes, she waited an additional two

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hours for maintenance to attend to her shattered window by placing a mattress over the opening and sealing the plug with a desk to maintain the

structure. While she was grateful for the help, she now describes college as "every man for himself." The way that hurricane Irene was handled was

a mockery of the safety regulations put in place by campus officials. If I were to ignore the rules, then I would face the consequence of punishment. This

repercussion should remain true for all. The university did not react in a way that would ensure safety for students, and following their complete lack of

responsibility, have yet to announce any sense of accountability. By failing to adhere to the rules that they themselves wrote, they have ruined a student's clothes,

sheets, bed spread, and most importantly, trust.

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Scribbles to the Captain

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Dear Editor,

I read the East Carolinian today and was shocked when I read the article about Fall Rush. The writer of the article (Angus McKellar) slams fraternities/sororities and those involved in them. While Mr. McKellar may have some reasonable claims in his article, I just wanted to say that not all people involved in Greek Life act the way that he portrays them. Statistically speaking, more people succeed in Greek Life than those not involved. "A U.S. Government study shows that over 70 percent of all those who join a fraternity/sorority graduate, while under 50 percent of all non-fraternity/sorority persons graduate." In addition, "Every U.S. President and Vice President, except two in each office, born since the first social fraternity was founded in 1825, have been members of a fraternity." (thefraternityadvisor.com) Also, "Of North America's 50 largest corporations, 43 are headed by Greek men and women, 30 percent of all Fortune 500's." (whygreek.com) It appears to me that many Greeks go on to have very successful careers.

Speaking for myself, I am a double major in exercise physiology and chemistry and am doing well in school. I also am working 35 hours a week, involved in my fraternity as well as holding an elected position in a pre-health honor society, volunteering in the community (60+ hours since January), and playing intramural sports. Contradictory to Mr. McKellar, I am not just one of the many faces of the same person, and I can say the same for many of my brothers. He says that fraternities tend to spend more time in the gym than studying. While this may be true, its not just Greek Life, many people tend to work

out more once they are in college. My closest friends at the gym who I work out with aren't involved in Greek Life in any way. The writer also says, "Getting drunk and getting laid have replaced the importance of getting an education." While I do drink on occasion, I'm proud to say that I'm a virgin and plan on being one until I'm married.

Fraternities and sororities only tend to stand out to people like Mr. McKellar because they stand for something bigger than themselves. If one person makes a mistake, the entire fraternity/sorority is held accountable. He makes presumptuous statements about a population of individuals he clearly doesn't fully understand. My magnanimous temperament urges me to turn the other cheek and not acknowledge a man that is unaware of the wonderful things Greek Life has to offer. However, I have come to love and respect those I feel privileged to call my brothers and thus felt the need to respond to this article.

In summary, I just wanted this man to know that not all of Greek Life is the same. Some groups have fallen into stereotypes and have deviated from the principles that Greek Life was originally founded on. I am part of a new Fraternity on campus and our goal, as a new group, is to change the way that people on our campus view social Greek Life. Having brothers there to help you when you need it and to keep you accountable in your work is a great thing. Instead of abolishing the office of Greek Life, how about helping to bring it back to the principles on which it was founded?

Jordan Black

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Where were you?

When you found out about the 9/11 attacks?

"It is one of those mornings that will forever be seared in my memory."

Joshua Martinkovic, student body president and senior, Charlotte, N.C.

"I think I was in the fourth grade and got released from school and had to stay at home by myself. I didn't know the severity of what was going on."

Thomas Irizarry, sophomore, Fayetteville, N.C.

"I was in one of my science classes and I was flirting with a boy when my teacher left the room. She came back and rushed and turned on the TV and saw the towers go down. I remember keeping the newspapers for the next month or so and reading and finally realizing what went on."

Ami Jackson, senior, Waxhaw, N.C.

"I was in class when it happened. They said something through the school announcement system."

Colby Hardinson, sophomore, Griffin, N.C.

"I was getting ready for work, putting my socks on and everything, and I was watching the news. CNN was on and I saw the first plane hit. I thought, 'What's up with air traffic control in New York City?' Then, the second hit."

Dr. Brian Massey, ECU communication professor, was at University of Utah

"I didn't find out until my parents came home. I didn't really understand it until my neighbor explained. I never really thought of anything happening here."

David Goodwin, freshman, Burlington, N.C.

"I found out on TV. They talked about it a few days after it happened. I was really upset because some friends of the family lived in the N.Y. area and died. I always thought it was safe here."

Crystal Holdefer, senior, Clayton, N.C.

"I was in 9th grade. I was in a civics class. I was in the back corner and there was a rumor going around in the morning. We saw the second plane crash into the tower."

Scott Jackson, senior, Cary, N.C.

"I had just been grounded from watching TV and then my mom yelled at me to come and watch it with her. I wasn't in school for some reason. I was probably sick. I remember giving my mom sass. My mom had some relative on the plane. It was surreal. It felt like a movie."

Colleen Esposito, freshman, Wilmington, N.C.

"I didn't hear about it until I got home. My dad works for the government and said, 'The country is under attack right now. They are crashing planes into everything. I understood it was something significant. I kept the newspaper at my

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How September 11 affected students and faculty

Student's uncle passed away in Operation Enduring Freedom

TJ Weaver
STAFF WRITER

Imagine if on the day of 9/11, you lived in Washington D.C., had a dad with an office in the Pentagon and an uncle enlisted in the army. For one Pirate, she didn't have to imagine. She and her family lived it.

Camrin Stonesifer, junior professional acting major, remembers all too well the events that occurred on 9/11. Even more so, she remembers when her uncle, Kristofor Stonesifer, passed away on October 19, 2001, while serving his country.

"I remember going to school and we were on lock down for quite a while. My mom came and picked me up. When we got home, she told me what had happened," said Camrin. "We were both worried about my dad. I remember my mom trying to keep it together, but I knew something was wrong. Several hours later, my dad called and told us he was OK."

A couple of days later, Camrin went back to school. She remembers seeing kids who had lost loved ones receiving teddy bears.

"They were passing out teddy bears the next day, and I remember thinking 'how was that going to solve anything?' That wasn't going to make me feel better," said Camrin.

"I remember my friend Ashley ... her mom lost her left arm. She worked in the Pentagon."

With her father out of harm's way, the family's concern turned to Camrin's uncle, Kristofor, who went over to Pakistan with the first wave of soldiers during Operation Enduring Freedom.

"We didn't think he was going



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Camrin Stonesifer's uncle went over to Pakistan with the first wave of American soliders.

over because he had broken his ankle, and so it wasn't even on our minds. Apparently, he had cut off his cast so he could be with his brothers," said Camrin.

On October 19, 2001, Kristofor's helicopter went down on the border of Pakistan and Afghanistan, killing Kristofor, age 28, and his friend, John Edmunds, age 20.

"We actually found out this summer he had his boots on the ground when he died. The helicopter was taking off ... that's when it went down and fell on top of him," said Camrin. "Now that I know exactly what happened, I feel so much better. And I know Kris wouldn't want me to be sad."

This past summer, Camrin discovered the teddy bear she received when Kris passed away. Ten years ago, the bear had little meaning.

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Student's father and uncle amazingly escaped death in NYC

TJ Weaver
STAFF WRITER

Rhiannon Bradywynne, a sophomore communication major, will always remember 9/11 as the time that God spared both her father and her uncle from the attacks on that frightening day.

Like many Americans, Rhiannon thought Sept. 11, 2001, would be another ordinary day. Then, only a fourth grader, she attended a private school in Long Island, N.Y. Her father was a stockbroker on Wall Street and had an office in the North Tower and a second office only blocks away. Her uncle was a fireman for New York City.

"I was in school and they didn't tell us anything and we weren't allowed to go outside because of all the smoke," said Rhiannon, as she recalled that morning. "My dad picked me up from school and I remember being shocked, because he never picked me up from school since he always worked very late."

It wasn't until Rhiannon arrived home and saw her mother in tears that she learned what had occurred. Rhiannon recalls not feeling the same emotions as her mother because she was so young.

Tony Mangino, Rhiannon's uncle, retired from firefighting only six days before 9/11. As a firefighter in New York City, he would have been one of the first to arrive on the scene. That day, Mangino lost many of his "brothers and sisters," as they were part of his unit who saved hundreds from the Twin Towers.

"Out of my uncle's fire unit,



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Rhiannon Bradywynne's firefighter uncle saved people from the Twin Towers on 9/11.

only a few survived," said Rhiannon. "(To) this day, he doesn't feel comfortable speaking of the events that occurred. It even pains him to go back to New York City."

Rhiannon recalls not being allowed to go outside for several days due to the smoke and the smell that seeped through New York City and the neighboring cities.

"It was horrible. The air smelt like burning flesh. The sky was completely dark for three days, and we weren't even in New York City," said Rhiannon. "I went to Manhattan to see my dad that weekend in his office and everyone was so devastated. Before 9/11, New York City was a very bright and happy city, but that day, it was like someone had turned off all the lights."

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Faculty members reminisce on college campus coming together

Sara Davis
STAFF WRITER

It was a beautiful day in Ann Arbor, Mich., when John Given, associate professor and director of the Program in Classical Studies, and his wife Patricia Dragon, associate professor and head of special collections cataloging at Joyner Library, heard about the planes hitting the Twin Towers and the events of Sept. 11, 2001. Given was in his office at the University of Michigan when he received an email from his department chair telling him the World Trade Center had been attacked.

"I thought it was a joke," said Given, "I thought it was a weird forwarding email and was waiting on a punch line that just never came."

Dragon was working as a librarian at the University of Michigan when her colleague peeked over the cubicle and told her planes had hit the Twin Towers.

"I originally thought 'How big were these planes? Were they one-seater planes with inexperienced pilots?'" said Dragon. "It was just that no one really knew much at that point"

When Given went to teach his first-year Latin course at 10 a.m. that day, word had spread quickly across campus.

"I just told my students to enjoy this hour escape from reality," said Given. "It took a bit for everyone to get over their nerves."

Like many universities across the country, classes were cancelled at the University of Michigan. Dragon recalls that she had an interview lined up with a graduate student who had applied a position in her department.



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Professors John Given and Patricia Dragon were at University of Michigan on 9/11.

"I don't know what I asked her or how she responded," said Dragon. "She honestly could have said anything at that point because my mind was elsewhere."

It was after this interview that she went upstairs and saw the Twin Towers collapse live on the television.

"I just thought 'This is big. It is going to change everything,'" said Dragon.

Given and Dragon joined some friends at a coffee shop later in the day.

"The campus was eerily silent. There were people everywhere, but nobody was saying anything. We all felt numb and lost," said Given.

There was also a bomb threat on campus that day, which did nothing but heighten tensions. Later that evening, Given and Dragon both

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Student was living in D.C. and had grandmother in the South Tower

Sara Davis
STAFF WRITER

Ten years ago, music major Aaron Kingsberry and his family experienced something more than just terror and confusion on Sept. 11, 2001. In 2000, Kingsberry moved to the Washington, D.C. area from New York. "I was in the seventh grade in 2001. I was already worried on that day because my mother had went into labor earlier in the morning with my little brother," said Kingsberry. He remembered many of his friends and classmates being called out of the classroom. Yet, he did not know why so many of them were leaving.

"I really didn't know what was going on during the day. I was in English class when it happened and many of my friends were pulled out of the room," said Kingsberry. "I was really worried about my friends and I stayed at school the entire day."

His English teacher later told the class that there was a "big issue with national security." Kingsberry remembered that he and his classmates did not really understand what was happening but were still very upset. When school was over that day, he went home where he met family members from New York and North Carolina. At that point, he still did not know what had happened.

He and his family travelled to the hospital to see the new baby. "The drive to the hospital took one and a half hours and was very hectic," said Kingsberry. "The hospital was pretty close to Arlington



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Aaron Kingsberry's grandmother was in the South Tower when the North Tower was struck.

and there was a ton of traffic." It was not until he got to the hospital that he found out about the hijacked planes that had crashed into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Kingsberry and his family followed the news coverage on the television for the rest of the day at the hospital.

"September 11th is a day I hold very close to my heart. I am a native New Yorker and it doesn't get any easier to see that the Twin Towers aren't there," said Kingsberry. "I grew up looking at them when I went into the city. It was and still is a very tragic day for a lot of people."

His family also tried to get in contact with his grandmother,

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Now, it means the world to her.

"Most people think that I'd be bitter about what happened, but I actually wrote a letter to George W. Bush saying that I still supported him," said Camrin. "In the letter I said, 'You're our president and I will support you no matter what because Kris died for you.'"

Today, Camrin and her mother, Dana Stonesifer, are volunteers with the Gold Star Mothers, a support group for mothers who have lost their children due to war.

"A lot of families were affected and we all came together as a community," said Dana.

"We are here so that these soldiers and their families are not forgotten."

"People forget why we're doing and what we're doing," said Camrin. "If we don't finish what we've started, we're not respecting the people who died on 9/11, the soldiers who died defending our country and the families who have been ruined because of this."

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attended a church service and then a vigil held on the campus by the SGA.

"(The vigil) was located on the diag, which is very similar to the mall area here at ECU," Given said. "People were everywhere and news reports later said there were 20,000 people at the vigil. The student body is 36,000 people, and it was the largest gathering in the university's history."

Candles were given out to as many people as possible. Both Given and Dragon saw people they knew, but everyone was keeping to themselves and were not talking. There were

some speakers lined up and Given recalls the most memorable one being a Muslim speaker, who told the student body not to overreact and not to blame the wrong people or to resort to violence. This speaker got a loud round of applause.

"There was a lot of patriotism and the scene was very peaceful," said Given. "There was the feeling that we all needed to band together and do something constructive."

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Mary Bradywynne, Rhiannon's mother, remembers the fear she felt for both her husband and her brother, Tony. One memory of 9/11 will always be with her.

"What was eerie were the parking garages," said Mary. "Before, you'd never see the same car in one spot for more than eight hours, but after 9/11, cars were there for days. You just knew that those people might have possibly been killed."

Ten years later, Rhiannon now has a voice of her own. While the love her family has only strengthened, her thoughts about 9/11 have changed.

"Looking back on it, it always helps me keep my faith in God," said Rhiannon. "My friends who have lost parents ... they've gone ten years without them, and I look at my parents and think what if that had been my dad?"

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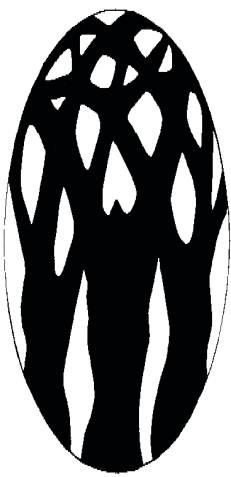
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who was working in the South Twin Tower, which was the second tower to be struck by a plane. "We were trying to get up with my grandmother for most of the day. We couldn't get up with her until around 11:30 p.m. that night," Kingsberry said.

His grandmother had been attending a meeting on the 50th floor of the South Tower when she heard about the plane crashing into the North Tower. She decided to leave her meeting, but some of her colleagues decided to stay in the building. She made it out of the

tower safely before the plane hit and the building collapsed.

A memorial is set to open at the site this month and Kingsberry thinks it is a great idea. There is a free iPhone application that lists about 3,000 names that are going to be on the memorial. According to a News and Observer article, "It will be available on electronic kiosks when the memorial opens next month, on the 10th anniversary of the September 11th attacks."



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house. I still have it. Maybe one day I'll frame it and put it up."

Ethan Douglas, sophomore, Gates, N.C.

"It was horrible, I felt really out of place being a foreigner from a Muslim country and all. No one discriminated against me. They were aware of the difference between a terrorist and myself."

Dr. Aysel Morin, ECU communication professor, was at University of Nebraska

"I was in English. They said something at school. I didn't know anyone immediately affected. I didn't understand. It was very surreal."

Cassandra McKnight, junior, Binghamton, N.Y.

"I was in social studies. The teacher stepped out. I didn't understand the severity of it at the time."

Josh Mangum, junior, Outer Banks, N.C.

"I was sitting in class and an announcement came over the loud speakers to take a moment of silence. I didn't understand the severity. I didn't even know what the Twin Towers were. All the adults were quiet and reserved."

Sam Moses, freshman, Mooresville, N.C.

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Soccer on winning streak

Stephen McNulty
STAFF WRITER

After opening the brand new ECU Soccer Stadium with a loss to South Carolina, the Pirates (4-1) have rolled off four straight victories. The latest two wins have come on the road against Davidson (1-2-1) and Charlotte (2-2-2).

Caty Butler continued to shine for the Pirates as she opened up the teams match against Charlotte by scoring from 30 yards out in the 34th minute. Butler now has four goals, matching her total for all of 2010. Assisting on the score was senior Leah Bagonis. The assist marked Bagonis' fourth on the season, a team high.

Christiane Cordero continued to play well for the Pirates securing a season-high eight saves against a Charlotte team that took 15 shots. Cordero held Charlotte scoreless until the 74th minute.

Kimmy Cummings also remained hot for ECU, scoring her team-high fifth goal in the 54th minute of action. Cummings, who also leads the team with 10 points, scored off of a pass from Amanda Malkiewicz who recorded her second assist of the season.

Malkiewicz also got in on the scoring action with her first goal of the season in the 68th minute. The senior captain now has 18 goals as a Pirate. Finding Malkiewicz on the score was freshman Mackenzie Semerad, who recorded her first assist as a Pirate.

Both Cummings and Malkiewicz led all Pirates with five shots apiece, with Malkiewicz putting four on goal. Along with Cordero, defenders Kendall Booth, Rachel Fuller and Maddie Maurer logged a full 90 minutes of play. Also keeping up the pace all game was Jessica Abshire, who continues to prove her stamina coming off of a recent knee injury.

Prior to the Pirates' handling of Charlotte, the team was in Davidson to take on the Wildcats. In a short season that has already seen one game cancelled due to weather, the Pirates nearly missed another one after heavy rains and lightning rolled through the area. Luckily though, after a nearly 90 minute delay action was resumed.

The Pirates got on the board early behind a Cummings goal scored off of a rebound in the box. Bagonis was awarded the assist. Holding on to the 1-0 lead in the 65th minute, Butler found Semerad for the newcomer's first goal as a Pirate.

Things got a little interesting, however, in the 83rd minute when Julia Singley snuck the ball past Cordero off a corner kick. But the Pirates held strong and escaped with the 2-1 victory.

ECU hits the pitch again Sunday at 2 p.m. when they host William & Mary. The Pirates then head for the road for their last out of conference game against Francis Marion. ECU then begins their Conference USA play at Colorado College and UTEP before returning home Sept. 30 to face UAB.

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Dominique Davis (4) scrambles through the South Carolina defense for a 9-yard run during the third quarter of the Pirates' loss to the Gamecocks on Saturday.

Pirates host Hokies for home opener

Adam Bunn
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

After failing to beat 12th ranked South Carolina in the opening week of the 2011 season, the Pirates will get another chance to beat a top-15 team when they welcome No. 11 Virginia Tech to Greenville.

Last Time Out:
The Pirates were unable to take advantage of four first half South Carolina turnovers and gave up three straight fumbles to start the second half. The lapse in play turned a 10-point halftime lead into an 11-point third quarter deficit. From that point on, South Carolina was never challenged and eased their way to a 56-37 victory.

Virginia Tech opened their season up against Appalachian State and the Mountaineers were not able to repeat their Michigan magic as the Hokies dominated their way to a 66-13 win in Blacksburg.

Series History:

The Hokies led the overall series against the Pirates 11-5. The first game in the series took place in 1956 and saw the Hokies walk away with a 37-2 victory. ECU last beat Virginia Tech on Aug. 30, 2008 in Charlotte 27-22 and lost in Blacksburg last season 49-27.

ECU Offense:

The Pirates' offense had a nice opening weekend putting up 37 points against what is supposed to be one of the best defenses in the country.

Starting quarterback Dominique Davis led the way, completing 37 of 56 passes for 260 yards with four touchdown passes and one interception.

With star receiver Dwayne Harris in the NFL and Lance Lewis entrenched as the number one receiver, the question going into the game was who would step up

and be that "number-two guy." That question was answered very quickly as freshman Justin Hardy surprised everybody by grabbing 11 catches for 91 yards and a score. For the majority of the game, it was Lewis or Hardy getting every look from Davis, showing the confidence that the Pirates have in the freshman receiver.

On the ground, junior college transfer Reggie Bullock led the way carrying the ball 18 times for 67 yards.

While the points and the yards racked up were a nice debut for the offense, turnovers cost the Pirates the chance to start 1-0.

"The one thing we know we have to correct is the turnover ratio," Head Coach Ruffin McNeill said during his weekly press conference. "We have to get that fixed and we will. We already started making corrections last night. We'll keep emphasizing what we've been doing

in terms of drills and exercises we're conducting in practice for both the offense and defense."

ECU Defense:

If you look at the numbers following the opening week of the season, you will see that the Pirates defense ranks once again as one of the worst defensive units in the country. However, the points allowed and the yards ran up do not tell the story of how this defense played against South Carolina.

Showing for the first time their new 3-4 defense, the Pirates showed tremendous improvement for having just changed defenses just a few months ago. The Gamecocks were unable to run the football downhill for the majority of the game as USC was unable to put together a long drive.

In the end the defense was put in a horrible position, after the

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Loss exposes room for growth

OPINION



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If a college football game only lasted 30 minutes, then the Pirates would have walked away from Bank of America Stadium with a season opening upset over then No. 12 South Carolina.

Unfortunately for the Pirates, there is such a thing as a second half, and on Saturday they failed to hold on to the lead and the football.

In a matter of four minutes, the Pirates, who were leading 24-14 at half time, found themselves down by 11 points. The offense coughed the ball up three times in the opening minutes of the third quarter and ended the game with a total of five turnovers.

Despite the inflated final score (56-37), this was a much better game for the Pirates than the scoreboard revealed. Viewers of the game witnessed an improved defense, a promising stock of young receivers and a potential chance that the run game is not lost forever.

In the opening half, the defensive unit brought strong pressure on the Gamecock offense. A relatively unknown core of linebackers proved their mark as Daniel Drake and Jeremy Grove accounted for 26 tackles. USC running back stand-out Marcus Lattimore was held to 40-yards in the first 30 minutes, with his longest rush at only 9 yards.

There were remnants of last year's defense on Saturday also, as they failed to stop the run on occasion in the first half and barely at all in the second.

The biggest thing this defense will have to work on is preventing



Defensive back Derek Blacknall (right) knocks away a possible touchdown pass from Connor Shaw to receiver Alchon Jeffery (left) during the first quarter of Saturday's contest between the Pirates and the Gamecocks in Charlotte, N.C.

such runs, especially against a quarterback on the move, well proven by Stephen Garcia's two rushing scores.

Of all the defensive improvements, Ruffin McNeill's staff, made in the offseason the defensive secondary, was the most notable against USC.

The Gamecocks never successfully passed the deep ball against the Pirates' secondary. Derek Blacknall came up with four breakups and knocked away sure-fire touchdown passes.

While improvement is still needed on the defensive of the ball, this does not appear to be the same group of defenders who allowed 65 points to Rice and 76 points to Navy.

On the offensive side of the ball, there were many questions going into the beginning of the season. One game does not answer all concerns, but it is clear now that there are some surprisingly talented receivers still on this team.

Many were concerned that without Dwayne Harris this offense

would fail to survive, but Dominique Davis spread the ball around well, hitting seven different receivers in the contest.

Lance Lewis was Davis' favorite target, but the signal caller also found redshirt-freshman Justin Hardy 11 times. Hardy scored the game's opening touchdown and snagged 91 yards receiving.

Davis stayed elusive throughout the game, never allowing the Gamecock defense to bring him down behind the line of scrimmage.

Running back Reggie Bullock helped balance the offense out and showed some promise for future games. On several plays, Bullock was one juke away from a big gain. He managed 70 yards against USC with his longest run at 18 yards.

Bullock was a solid back; but as the lone return man on the kickoffs, he failed to play the ball well. This resulted in bad field position and a few near turnovers.

While Bullock had a decent first performance, his backup Michael

Dobson was stricken with bad luck. On one of his three carries, Bullock coughed up the ball, accounting for one-of-three second half turnovers.

The most questionable portion of the Pirates' game plan was its return game. Knowing whether or not Bullock was going to catch the kick was the equivalent of flipping a coin.

Lewis, the team's best receiver, handled the punt return duties. While he certainly possesses the ability to field punts, I fear he will be one punt away from injury every time he doesn't signal for a fair catch.

It is often said that first games are for learning and second games are where real improvement should occur. The Pirates will definitely have to jump to the learning curve quickly, as their second game is to be played against No.11 Virginia Tech.

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Pirates offense fumbled the ball three times inside their own 30-yard line.

In all, the Pirates defense held the Gamecocks to just 351 yards of total offense, which is over 100 yards less than the average.

"I thought our defense did a good job," McNeill said. "The score was not indicative at all of how our defense played. Our 3-4 alignment could not have been tested anymore than by South Carolina's abilities."

Virginia Tech Offense: The VT offense took a major hit in the off-season with the departure of quarterback Tyrod Taylor and running backs Ryan Williams and Darren Evans. But, in the opening game of their season, they found a quarterback who might make Hokies fans forget about the loss of Taylor very quickly.

In stepped Logan Thomas,

who despite only playing one half against App State due to the score, completed 9-of-19 passes for 149 yards and two touchdowns.

"The quarterback position lost Tyrod Taylor, but replaces him with Thomas," McNeill said. "He's 6-foot-6, 254 pounds and can run and throw the football. He's in the mold of Cam Newton. He has been waiting for his turn and won the job."

On the ground David Wilson had an impressive debut as the starting running back for the Hokies, producing a 162-yard effort on 16 carries with three rushing touchdowns in about three quarters worth of action.

Virginia Tech Defense: The Virginia Tech defense is what everyone always expects a Hokie defense to be. They place very fast and athletic players on the defensive side of the ball that create

numerous match-up problems for any offensive unit.

"It's a Bud Foster defense that's athletic all across the board," McNeill said. "The defensive line will be led by end James Gayle and tackle Antoine Hopkins. It's a typical Virginia Tech line that's quick and athletic."

In the secondary, the Hokies produce another in their long line of shut down corners in Jayron Hosley who begins the season as a preseason All-American selection.

"They'll have some really outstanding players on special teams, offense and defense," McNeill said. "They'll have a chance to win the Atlantic Coast Conference, go to a BCS game and compete for the National Championship."

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Ranking the Carolinas

Clemson climbs the ranks to second place

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After Week One, North and South Carolina teams are looking strong and pose a difficult decision in order of rankings. But with Week Two approaching, how will the Carolinian teams perform? Where will the rankings stand? All these questions probe the thought in my mind regarding the teams' performance from Week One. Although some were harder to rank than others, I chose my top five teams based on the stats, rankings and performances of Week One.

No. 1 South Carolina



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The twelfth-ranked Gamecocks remain on top this week. South Carolina used several weapons, including Stephen Garcia, against the Pirates and capitalized on turnovers early in the second half. Alongside Garcia in the backfield was Marcus Lattimore, who totaled 23 carries, 112 yards and three touchdowns, making the final score 56-37 over the Pirates. It wasn't looking good for the Gamecocks going into the third quarter, but they came back to defeat ECU by a comfortable margin.

The Gamecocks face the Georgia Bulldogs on Saturday.

a crucial one for Clemson, for they have never lost to a Sun Belt team. Clemson pulled it out to beat the Trojans 43-19.

Week Two for Clemson will include a face off with the Wofford Terriers.

ran 14 times for 114 yards and a touchdown. Mike Glennon threw 18 completions for 156 yards and a score supplying the Wolfpack with their win against the Flames 43-21. The four-time Big South champions kept the Pack on their toes early, but N.C. State pulled away.

The Wolfpack tackles the Demons Deacons on Saturday.

No. 3 North Carolina



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Third would have to be UNC, due to the consistency and domination throughout the Week One game against James Madison University. Leading scorers include Giovanni Bernard with nine carries, 64 yards and two touchdowns, while Dwight Jones had nine receptions for 116 yards and two touchdowns contributing to the Tar Heels' 42-10 victory over the Dukes. The Dukes just didn't have what it looks to claim the victory over the UNC, but may next year. The Tar Heels battle the Scarlet Knights in Week Two this Saturday.

No. 5 ECU



Ranked fifth is ECU and not necessarily based on performance, but due to the recent loss against the Gamecocks. The transition from the defensive game plan of last year to the 3-4 defense of this year was successful. Leading scorers include Dominique Davis with 260 yards and four touchdowns, alongside Lance Lewis with 108 yards and two touchdowns.

The Pirates encounter the Hokies this Saturday at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

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No. 2 Clemson



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My number two pick after Week One would be Clemson, due to their win over Troy on Saturday. Tajh Boyd led the Tigers in his debut game with Clemson. Many displeasing boos were heard from the stands as the Tigers went to the locker room after the first half. During the second half, Boyd put pep to his step and gained the lead for the Tigers alongside freshmen Sammy Watkins and Mike Bellamy, who gained several of the 468 yards for Clemson. This match-up was



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No. 4 N.C. State

My fourth-ranked Carolinian team would have to be N.C. State, for their overall win over Liberty. Contributing on the ground, Curtis Underwood Jr.

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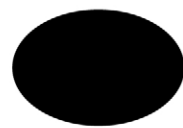
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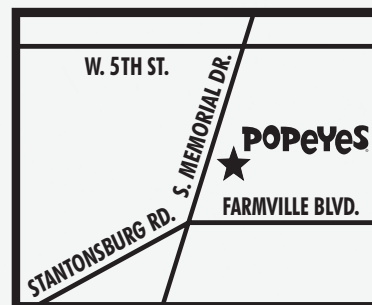
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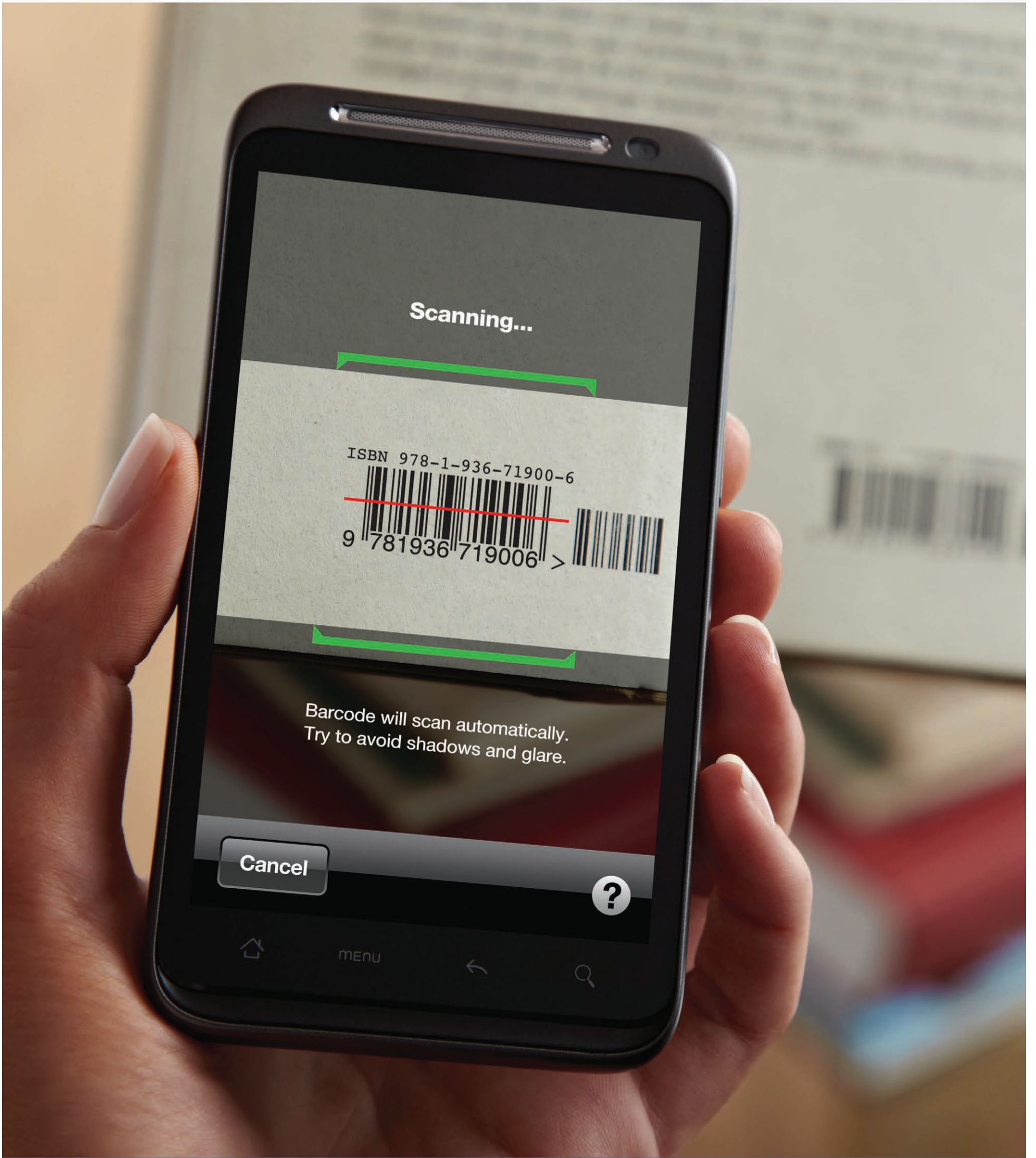
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