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Seahawk Viewpoints



Letter to the editor

Bush could be anyone's drinking buddy

Polls indicate that many regard G.W. Bush as a "strong leader." Comparison with other "strong" Presidents (Washington, Lincoln, TR, FDR, Truman, JFK, and Reagan) shows that many were in combat and JFK used family connections to get a combat assignment; war was a last resort won with foresight, policy flexibility (flip flops) and sensitive intelligence; while none were scientists, each aggressively promoted scientific research; none prostituted a tragedy like 9/11 for personal political gain; all were uplifting and none governed with terror alerts and negativity; wars were associated with job growth and abundant American made goods; none tolerated public mocking of the Purple Heart; and none permitted an aide to compare Americans to a 10-year-old child.

Bush is certainly an affable fellow who could be anyone's drinking buddy. But the local watering hole graduate is questionable presidential material. His myopic military policies are giving us another bloody Vietnam, he has failed to provide well-paying jobs and affordable health care, and he continues to spend our money like a drunken liberal. Despite many intelligence warnings, Bush-Cheney did not protect America on 9/11, and many current security programs are dangerously under-funded. Since we have no proof of foiled attacks, we cannot assume that they are protecting us well now, and there are reasons to suspect that more than the treasury is running on empty.

Dr. Kathleen Dietrich
Stockbridge, Mass.

So you wanna be a rock star?

BRAD HOLLAND
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Okay, so your Grandma gave you a guitar last Christmas and you've been learning how to play. You've got a few chords down and you want to make the next logical step: a band. Never fear, for I am here to guide you down the road to fame and fortune.

First off, disregard all those silly rumors you've heard about talent being important. Instead of learning how to play more stuff, take the stuff that you already know and play it in a bunch of different ways. Congratulations; those are songs. It's okay if they sound exactly alike. After you have some music laid down, practice bitching. Grab a pen and write down your bitchings, things like "there's nothing to do," "my girlfriend left me," etc.

After you have a few songs, to find a few guys or gals to play them with. Again, don't search for talent; strive to find "the look." Blank eyes that stare into nothingness are sure signs of a winner. After you have two or three more band members, you all need to go shopping *together*. This ensures that you don't buy any clothes that are too unique. Above all, think TIGHT. Black should be the number one color option, but navy blue will suffice if the store isn't properly stocked. Remember, you're not in Poison, so less is more.

Hairstyling is key. Your hair needs to be messy, but it takes a lot of work; you can't just wet it and sleep on it. Once it's disheveled enough, dye it black. Don't worry if every band member's is black. This is "mystique."

Figure out a name. It must be no more than

3 words and the first word must be "The." I don't care if you were going to call your band Merciless Slaughter, change it to The Merciless Slaughterers.

Type up a bio to send to local venues, magazines, and college newspapers. Place heavy emphasis on your *amazing* live show. Also, reiterate that you guys are stripped down, no gimmicks. Never mind the fact that you haven't played a single show yet, no one can tell from a press release, dummy.

After you score a few gigs, you may want to record a demo. If you're really lucky, a record label A&R guy may have seen you play and thought that you were the next big thing. The label will probably want you to record an LP right away. That's great, but immediately following the release of said LP, break up. Pay no attention to the fact that you were only a band for less than a year; later on, people are guaranteed to look back and call you geniuses. If you still want to play music, start another band immediately following the breakup. Everyone loves bands that form from other bands. You get bonus points if you can get all but one of the old band's members in the new band. This will be easy because there is almost always at least one guy that gets on everybody's nerves. (It's usually the drummer).

After this point you don't need my help anymore; just repeat as desired. Take it easy on the sex and drugs, but never let up on the rock n' roll. Lastly, if anyone ever accuses you of being unoriginal or watered-down, just shrug and say, "Hey bro, I don't care. I just want to play music." Critics are jerks, anyway.

SEAHAWK STAFF OPINION

We've got spirit? Let's hear it

UNC-Chapel Hill, NC State, Appalachian, ECU... No, this isn't a rundown of North Carolina educational institutions or schools with great (not to mention popular) football teams. They are any one of thousands of school sweatshirts seen wandering around UNCW on a given day. It's an understatement to say that the aforementioned schools wouldn't be caught dead wearing a rival college's spirit gear.

According to one student, a visitor found wearing a UNCW shirt at ECU's first football game of the year was mercilessly pummeled. A little over the top (and criminal) -- but it's school spirit to say the least. So why is it so acceptable for a Wilmington student to attend class in a Duke baseball hat?

Because we have no school spirit, that's why! Granted, compared to other NC campuses, UNCW is a fairly young school. We don't have hundreds of years of prestige and alumni to back our name. Yet, most agree one thing is missing from the good ol' Dub that these other colleges thrive on...football!

Yes, football, the sport that has brought many a college campus together for decades over cheap beer and even cheaper seats. Without a football team, many UNCW students start filtering away on the weekends to attend other school's games. Sadly, there are various unproven reasons that lead many to believe UNCW will never have a team of its own.

This leaves one to wonder, what can we do? Funny you should ask! Support the teams we do have! UNCW's basketball team always offers an awesome game. And the intramural football teams alone are worth the walk to the field. (Hell, Seahawk Sports dedicates an entire page to intramural sports.)

So, save \$70, buy a UNC-Wilmington sweatshirt and head out to an intramural game. Raise those spirit fingers high and be true to your school. If you don't do it, what will?

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