

# Opinion

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## A look at young stars

Role models or harlots?

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I recently received the latest edition of *Rolling Stone*, and upon opening it, I was immediately brought to laughter by an advertisement for *Nashville Star*, a television show hosted by Billy Ray Cyrus.

This man, whose one hit debuted before I entered kindergarten, has found his way back into the spotlight through his 15-year-old daughter, Miley Cyrus. Sadly, by using his daughter's coattails to gain fame, he will probably ruin this young girl-- or at least her reputation. Celebrities like Lindsay Lohan, Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera all have a few things in common: sex, drugs and Disney. I predict a similar path for Miley Cyrus.

First known for her mullet-wearing father and Disney series *Hannah Montana*, Miley Cyrus recently had two new calls to fame: her underwear picture that was released on the internet, and her seemingly topless photo in *Vanity*

*Fair*. Both of these photos were serious embarrassments for which Cyrus deeply apologized. Unfortunately, it seems that inappropriate pictures are the first step into the vortex of lost innocence for young Hollywood starlets.

Like Vanessa Hudgens from *High School Musical*, who had a mishap with nude photos being released, Disney is still keeping Cyrus on board. However, I don't understand how these girls should continue to be viewed as role models. These young women should have enough insight to know that if they take inappropriate photos, these pictures will somehow find a way to get leaked to the public and ultimately influence young girls to take their clothes off.

Cyrus says that she wants to follow in the path of Hillary Duff, rather than Lohan and Spears, because Duff has supposedly made it cool to be good. If that is the case, then why are there so many pictures of Duff in revealing clothes? Not only that, but Duff is a few years older than Cyrus, thus she can get away with wearing less clothing and

it is more acceptable. Duff is a grown woman.

Cyrus is a 15-year-old girl who is posing as a role model for girls as young as five. She shouldn't be comparing herself to an adult.

Cyrus needs to take a lesson from other girls who have grown up in Hollywood and realize that by having such a public life, even if she tries to be the quintessential angel, she will more than likely be made to look like nothing more than a sex symbol.

These female stars seem to learn nothing from past examples; however, it is very possible for a person to be a celebrity and have a private life.

Mandy Moore, who also grew up in Hollywood, has little to no bad PR. Moore seems to keep her private information where it should be: private.

Perhaps in order to be a positive role model in Hollywood one must do everything she can to stay out of the spotlight, otherwise, as a young woman, you will become nothing more than the next good girl gone skank.

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## RANT OF THE DAY

I love the 'Did you know?' section of The East Carolinian. It's definitely my fave.

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I'm all set for November: got my McCain bumper sticker, shirt, coffee mug and yard sign. Woo hoo! I'm a McCainiac!

The only thing that sucks about joining the Army is that I leave two days before the first home football game. Other than that ... HOOAH!

I love it when celebrities like Susan Sarandon threaten to leave the U.S. if (when) McCain wins. I say good riddance!

Pros and cons of summer: Pro - Less traffic! Con - More road work! Which means it will still take me 25 minutes to drive five miles ... sigh.

The security guards at the library are arguing over who is the cutest? No wonder so many of the books I need are "missing."

This heat is unbearable.

Instead of fixing the elevators in Howell, fix the air conditioner!

We're finally getting another fountain in front of Wright Auditorium! About time! It shouldn't be this hot in early June! It's not even officially summer yet!

I went to see Sex and the City. It made me realize how lucky I am to have a good man.

Will Forte is a DB and SNL is not funny.

Why can't I find an attractive guy at ECU?

Attention: Cute guys, if you want a girlfriend, then just come to the Speight building! It's a building full of us!

Are you deaf, dumb or stupid? Asking me for answers five times when our lab teacher just TOLD us leads me to believe you are. And I'm

actually not as nice as you think I am, so stop asking me before I totally lose it.

The next time I'm shelving a cart of books in the library and someone comes up and asks if I work there, I'm going to say no, I just do it for fun.

So, you're going to talk about your VD on the Minges bus? Fine. I'm going to laugh.

I miss Greenville!

2012 can't come soon enough.

Out of all the dorms on campus, why did they make us stay in cockroach-infested Aycock?

Summer dining sucks!

Why do the food centers around campus keep such insane hours? It's a weekend ... I know there aren't many of us around ... but, seriously, the dining hall should be open from 6-8. Because of you, I now get to eat pretzel goldfish for dinner because that is the only thing I have to eat. Thanks a lot.

My work partner is a meth addict. We call him Crystal.

Why don't the cashier's office employees know how to do their job without putting it off on other departments?

It's so hot; I think I saw a squirrel shaving its tail!

Don't knock on the bus door demanding to get on as the stoplight is turning green. I want to get home and not sit for another cycle of lights. I don't think the drivers like it too much either.

Why Obama? WHY?!?!?!?

Dirty girls have all the fun!

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