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Phyllis Tribble, pictured above, lectured to a more-than-full house last night.

## Biblical scholar lectures

Dr. Phyllis Tribble spoke as part of the annual Jarvis Lecture Series

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Renowned biblical scholar, Dr. Phyllis Tribble, spoke yesterday at the 15th annual Jarvis lecture on Christianity and culture. The lecture, which was sponsored by the ECU religious studies program and supported with a contribution from the Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church, was held downtown at the Willis building.

Although the annual lecture has hosted many famed scholars in the past, the majority of people were very excited about this year's lecture because Dr. Tribble is considered to be one of the major feminist interpreters of the bible.

Dr. Tribble is known internationally and has lectured across the U.S. and abroad. She has written or edited six books and appeared on the television series, "Genesis: A Living Conversation." She has also taught in many schools throughout the U.S., including Wake Forest Divinity School.

"Dr. Tribble is a pioneer of provocative, scholarly interpreta-

tion of the bible," said Dr. Calvin Mercer, co-director of the Religious Studies Program. "I heard her lecture when I was a young seminarian and have followed her career through the years. An excellent linguist, she brings fresh insights to old texts and does it very capably."

This year's lecture, which was titled "Taking back the bible," focused on the role of the bible in contemporary American culture. Dr. Tribble lectured on her belief that Americans use the bible to explain their actions and opinions in many areas of their lives. Dr. Tribble believes that the bible is being used to explain people's views on everything from abortion to technology.

"Take any issue tearing apart our nation and our churches and you will find the bible being used to support or even defy what a given group deems right or wrong," said Tribble.

The lecture was followed by a question and answer session which allowed people to ask Dr. Tribble any questions they had about her lecture. Almost the entire audience stayed and most had questions to ask her. With more than 250

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## Financial Aid office under investigation

Ineligible students may have received aid

ZACK HILL  
STAFF WRITER

An article published in the Greenville Daily Reflector on Sunday said that the Pitt County District Attorney is currently looking at results from an investigation into "possible misuse of financial aid" at ECU.

The article stated that a university graduate, a former employee of the Office of Student Financial Aid and others may have granted money to students who were not eligible for assistance in exchange for a cut in the funds.

After reviewing the content of the two-year SBI investigation, the District Attorney will decide

whether or not to file criminal charges, the article said.

University spokesman John Durham said he could not comment on the case.

"We turned the case over to the SBI over two years ago," Durham said. "Like you, I know what I read in the newspaper."

School officials are not revealing details of the investigation at the time, though they say no students lost money, the article said.

Attempts to contact District Attorney Clark Everett, the Office of Student Financial Aid and Corey Johnson, the author of the article, were unsuccessful at press time.

The East Carolinian will continue to follow the story.

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## Healthcare in eastern North Carolina discussed at seminar

Speakers talk about benefit of experience abroad

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Thursday, Sept. 18, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., the World Affairs Council of Eastern North Carolina sponsored a seminar entitled, "Bringing International Health Care to Eastern North Carolina: Why Should Our Trainees Study Abroad?" which was held at the Monroe Conference Center of Eastern AHEC.

The two-hour long discussion, which included speeches from several medical professionals and a student of the Brody School of Medicine, was the issue of medical students studying abroad, and how the experience exposes them to advantages that they cannot get in eastern North Carolina.

Dr. Joseph Zanga, assistant dean and professor of Pediatrics at Brody, headed the speakers and presented his own views on why he believes students can get all the training they need in the surrounding eastern counties. In an attempt to prevent a one-sided discussion, he compared a past trip to Kerala, India to much of what he sees in eastern North Carolina.

Zanga talked about how medical professionals have to face the poverty rates not only in India, but in this area as well. He also spoke about isolation and distances from medical facilities; another issue that is present in both areas. He then brought the literacy rates of both places to the audience's attention, and made the point that while the literacy rate in Kerala is almost

100 percent, it is certainly less in our region. He concluded his speech posing the question, "Why go [there] when the problem is greater here?"

The second speaker to present was Dr. Benjamin Gersh, a resident physician at Brody. He spoke of a trip to Kenya which he took while in medical school, acknowledging the fact that while there are serious issues in eastern North Carolina, there are many opportunities for learning while abroad that are not present here. He outlined his speech, examining how the general competencies that are staples to education in the medical field are difficult to completely fulfill through a single perspective. He discussed our nation's heavy reliance on technology and machines to make diagnoses, and posed questions regarding possible responses to emergency situations.

Gersh made the point that while he was in Kenya, himself and others had to make physical diagnoses because of a lack of technology. He also discussed how in other countries, students may get the chance to see a number of diseases that are not prevalent in this region, or even advanced stages of diseases they learn about but are never exposed to. He brought up the point that studying abroad enables students to put the basic principles that textbooks teach to use.

In addition, Gersh said that although this region, as well as the rest of the country, is not faced with foreign diseases presently, there may come a time when that does occur and then medical professionals will be prepared, having already seen it in other countries.

The third speaker to present is a second-year medical student at Brody, Laurie Green. She spoke of the education she got from the four-week trip she took to Guatemala and the experience, which she would not have been able to receive here. She spoke about social justice and patient advocacy and how the trip instilled a sense of passion in her for the profession.

Green stressed how important the experiences were while in Guatemala, and spoke about the emphasis on autonomy of not having a professor or doctor always present to assure every step is correct. She presented a statistic that showed that students who go abroad are more likely to serve underdeveloped places and are also more likely to return to where they studied, stressing the significance of an education abroad.

The last speaker to present before the discussion was opened to the audience was Dr. Bruce Johnson, professor and vice chair for education at the department of internal medicine at Brody. His support for training abroad came from an educator's perspective, and he emphasized that it is also important for medical educators to study in an area outside of eastern North Carolina. He discussed how the experience gives educators an opportunity to observe and fulfill the responsibility of bringing home better ways to organize medical care. He also talked about how the experience would benefit the school and give them ideas about how to further develop the curriculum.

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## "From houses to homes"



Volunteer Fridays are a part of the freshman Plunge into Purple events. These projects have students constructing and/or painting birdhouses to be sold to raise money (around \$30) for the ECU chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Construction management and art students guide students through the workstations.

The next volunteer Friday is Oct. 20, from 3 to 5 p.m.

It is sponsored by Volunteer and Service-Learning Center, Division of Student Life, Weeks of Welcome Committee, Habitat for Humanity of Pitt County and Lowe's. Contact the Volunteer & Service-Learning Center for more information at 328-2735.

## Children's literature to be the focus of literary review

Stories for children considered most important

BY LEE SCHWARZ  
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The 2006 North Carolina Literary Review is a literary journal housed in ECU's English department and has just published its 15th edition.

Editor Margaret Bauer said, "What wonderful writers for children and young adults we have living in North Carolina. We hope this year's issue will be enjoyed by the whole family."

Among the featured stories is Tani, the first fairy tale writ-

ten by Northampton County children's author Mebane Holoman Burgwyn, the author of *The Crackerjack Pony* in 1969, and *River Treasure* in 1947.

Bauer said of Tani, "This story along with original illustrations had never been published."

Sarah W. Davis, a librarian at the Sallie Harrell Jenkins Memorial Library in Aulander, N.C., found it in the archives of the UNC Greensboro library.

"It may actually be the first story Burgwyn ever wrote down," Burgwyn, who died in 1993, was internationally known for writing stories about farm life.

Her six novels became staple reading for schoolchildren in the 1950s and 1960s.

Her novels were also pioneer in respect to writing about African American children in literature.

The NCLR was available at the North Carolina Literary Homecoming on Sept. 30.

Homecoming was made possible by a generous grant from the North Carolina Humanities Council. The event was sponsored by J.Y. Joyner Library, Sheppard Memorial Library, and many departments on the ECU campus.

Other featured authors included Carole Boston Weatherford, Randall Kenan, and David Cecilski. The NCLR is available at Dowdy Student Stores.

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Sponsors included by J.Y. Joyner Library and Sheppard Memorial Library.

# News

{ Campus & Community }

**Pitt County Assembly**  
 "Women Having Their Say," a program presented by ECU Women's Studies, will be on Oct. 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. in Bate 1031. Women's Studies is working in conjunction with North Carolina Women United and Democracy N.C. to co-host the Pitt County Women's Agenda Assembly. NCWU is a coalition of progressive organizations and individuals working to achieve full equality of all women across North Carolina. Groups are invited to attend. For more information on the Pitt County Assembly, contact Ms. Dudasik-Wiggs at 252-328-1539 or visit the NC Women United Web site at ncwu.org.

**SGA Class Council**  
 SGA wants you... To serve on your class council, ECU Student Government Association has established class councils to provide leadership and direction for the classes, promote unity, enhance the student experience by focusing on traditional class events and serves as vehicles of communication to the student body. Councils consist of representatives assisting with planning, coordinating and implementation of projects. Applications can be picked up in the SGA Office in Suite 101, Mendenhall Student Center. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, Oct. 4 by 5 p.m. Contact 328-45GA for more information.

**Focus Group Sessions**  
 11:30 a.m. in the LWCC Gallery  
 As the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center strives for additional ways to service our campus and community, we ask for your participation and comments regarding our current Gallery. Please come and share your thoughts. For information, please contact Khadine McNeill at 328-6495 or by e-mail at mcneillk@ecu.edu

**Volunteer**

**Register for the 2006 Fall service trip in Wilmington, N.C.**

Oct. 13-16 (Departing after classes end)  
 Cost: \$65 (transportation, lodging and food included)  
 Potential service sites: Habitat for Humanity, Salvation Army Soup Line, Cape Fear River Watch and the Good Shepherd.  
 Contact Jessica Gagne at 328-1554 or gagnej@ecu.edu.

**Mon., Oct. 2**  
 Special Olympics Tennis, 5:30 - 6:15 p.m., River Burch back courts  
 Tennis runs from Oct. 2 - Nov. 13. Help participants learn or improve their skills. Contact Deitra Crandol at 329-4541.

**Pitt County Fair Concessions Shifts TBA, Pitt County Fair Grounds**  
 Oct. 2 - 7, volunteers needed to assist at Lions Club Booth at Pitt County Fair. Volunteers will work taking food orders and cleaning tables. Booth sponsored by American Business Women's Association and Lion's Club. Contact Jean Sutton to sign-up for shift at 353-5173.

**Wed., Oct. 4**  
 BBQ Luncheon for Habitat for Humanity, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., Firetower Road and Arlington Boulevard. Volunteers needed work in shifts to prepare plates, box lunches for delivery, deliver lunches and serve and greet walk-up customers. Contact Debbie James at 756-4300.

**Sat., Oct. 7**  
**North Carolina Big Sweep**  
 7 - 11 a.m., Greenville  
 Big Sweep, the N.C. component of the International Coastal Cleanup - a global effort to rid our environment of debris. Help clean-up Greenville! Registration at the Town Commons.  
 Contact Paula Clark at pclarck@pittcountync.gov or 902-3353.

**Fluff and Puff - Human Society** 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., West Marine, Washington N.C.  
 Volunteers, 15, needed to assist with registration, dog washing, trimming nails, brushing dogs and doggy art booth. Students with digital cameras needed as photographers for the Human Society Web site. Contact Vicki Luttrell at 353-8833 or vicki.luttrell@earthlink.net.

**3 Tue**

**Jazz vocalist Tierney Sutton**  
 Wright Auditorium  
 For more information visit [ecu.edu/SRAPAS/](http://ecu.edu/SRAPAS/)

**Intramural Climbing Competition**  
 The team competition (teams of 3) will be held on Wed., Oct. 4. Bath competitions will start at 7 p.m.  
 SRC Climbing Wall

**\*ACHIEVE: Travel the World on a Student's Budget**  
 Have you ever wanted to travel to another country? Come find out how you can live and study in another country for the same price as studying here at ECU.  
 Clement Hall Lobby  
 6 p.m.

**Tom Wehrle Acoustic Show**  
 Mendenhall Student Center  
 7 p.m.

**ECU Freshman Drama**  
 Bate 1028  
 7 p.m.

**4 Wed**

**Breakdance Competition**  
 Mendenhall Student Center

**ACHIEVE: Registration 101: What you need to know to register for spring semester**  
 Belk Hall Basement  
 Focus Group Sessions  
 Please come and share your thoughts as they relate to the current collection of art housed in the LWCC, recommendations for change, and suggestions for the future.  
 Ledonia Wright Cultural Center Gallery  
 11:30 AM

**Russian Film Series: "Burnt by the Sun"**  
 Movies have English subtitles or dubbing.  
 Bate 2011  
 6:30 p.m.

**5 Thu**

**Cultural Poetry Jam**  
 Mendenhall Student Center

**Sarin featuring David Condos**  
 Mendenhall Student Center

**Women's Swimming**  
 Minges Aquatic Center  
 3 p.m.

**National Depression Screening Day**  
 Mendenhall Student Center  
 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
 Bate 2015  
 6 - 8 p.m.

**Crystal Imaging**  
 Mendenhall Student Center Brickyard  
 10 a.m.

**Men's Swimming**  
 Minges Aquatic Center  
 3 p.m.

**6 Fri**

**Women's Swimming**  
 Minges Aquatic Center  
 12 p.m.

**Women's Soccer**  
 Bunting Field  
 4 p.m.  
 ECU VS. MARSHALL

**Freeboot Friday**  
 Located at the corner of Sixth and Evans Streets in Uptown Greenville. Performing this week: Spare Change (Rock, Soul, Blues & Beach) Uptown Greenville  
 5 - 8 p.m.

**Woman's Volleyball**  
 Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum  
 7 p.m.  
 ECU vs. UAB

**Men's Swimming**  
 Minges Aquatic Center  
 12 p.m.

**7 Sat**

**Football**  
 Hall of Fame Weekend, Letterwinners Weekend  
 Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium  
 6 p.m.  
 ECU VS. VIRGINIA

**Woman in Japan**  
 Science and Technology Building, Room OC 309  
 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Community Health & Wellness Fair**  
 Booths featured include Organ & Bone Marrow Donation Registration, HIV Information, Diabetes Screening, BP Screening, Dental & Newborn Health Information, Nutrition & Exercise Information & various Cancer Information.  
 Colonial Mall  
 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**8 Sun**

**Women's Volleyball**  
 Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum  
 1 p.m.  
 ECU VS. MEMPHIS

**Hazing Prevention Seminar**  
 Alpha Omicron Pi presents "Hazed & Confused" a Hazing Prevention Seminar. This event is free to all attendees and is open to all student organizations. Alpha Omicron Pi is happy to have Erle Moring from Campus Speak as the guest speaker.  
 Wright Auditorium  
 2 - 3 p.m.

**9 Mon**

**Jazz vocalist Tierney Sutton**  
 Wright Auditorium  
 Visit [ecu.edu/SRAPAS/](http://ecu.edu/SRAPAS/) for more information

## Briefs

**Local:**

**Car stolen by N.C. man wanted for slaying of wife found in Tennessee**  
 (AP) — A car believed stolen by a man accused of gunning down his estranged wife at a western North Carolina women's shelter was found in a bus station parking lot in Tennessee, authorities said Tuesday.

Investigators confirmed that the abandoned 2006 Honda Civic was the car John "Woody" Woodring, 35, allegedly stole last week from a neighbor in Sylva, N.C., about 116 miles east of Knoxville on the other side of the Great Smoky Mountains.

"They are just trying to find any leads or anything else here in town. He could still be around this area," DeBusk said.  
 Woodring was already wanted on domestic violence charges after being accused of violating a protective order and trying to strangle his wife at her home four days before the murder.

Police had traced all of Woodring's connections in western North Carolina, including two former wives, and in his native Pennsylvania and Tennessee.

Investigators believed he might have headed to either Tennessee or Pennsylvania.  
 Woodring, a teaching assistant studying for his master's degree in counseling at Western Carolina University, reportedly begged for forgiveness in one of his last messages to his wife on his Web site. He promised he would change and the violence would end.

**Major biodiesel plant opens in NC to convert chicken fat to fuel**  
 (AP) — A company that began by making alternative fuel from french fry grease is now ready to start major production of biodiesel.

Piedmont Biofuels plans to convert chicken fat into 1 million gallons of biodiesel per year at the factory, making a fuel that creates less pollution and provides an alternative to oil.  
 It's the first of three biodiesel production plants being built in North Carolina, which is among the nation's top consumers of biodiesel fuel.

"This whole thing has been driven by a quest for more fuel," said Lyle Estill, a Piedmont Biofuels executive. "I was making it

for my tractor at home. In some ways, this represents a continuation of our quest. A million-gallon plant is our attempt to meet more fuel needs."  
 The factory was launched Monday in Pittsboro west of Raleigh, though actual production is still a few days away.

Once the biodiesel is cleaned, it is ready for sale.  
 "To have it made right here is going to make it more reliable and reduces transportation costs," said Tobin Freid, coordinator for Triangle Clean Cities at the Triangle J Council of Governments. "By making it here and using local feedstocks, you are eliminating all that impact on transporting fuel."

**Weird:**

**Injured seal pup takes a ride with intoxicated driver and a pitbull**  
 (KMTR) — An injured seal pup took an unexpected ride with an allegedly intoxicated driver on the Oregon coast. The other passenger in the vehicle; a pit bull.  
 Police discovered the harbor seal pup inside a van during a traffic stop on Highway 101 in

Florence on September 17. Officers arrested the driver, Matthew Charles Lane, 24, for DUI and Unlawful Possession of Wildlife.  
 Officers took the seal pup to the Oregon Coast Aquarium for rehabilitation. The seal is being treated for minor puncture wounds. Police say those wounds may have been caused by a pit bull dog found in the van.

Lane, who recently moved to Oregon from Nevada, told police he and his brother rescued the seal pup from an attack by other seals on an area beach. Lane said he was taking the seal to a veterinarian but couldn't find a vet's office that was open on a Sunday.

Fish & Wildlife experts urge people not to touch or pick up seal pups or other wildlife on the beach. If the animal is injured, you should leave it alone and contact the OSP Northern Command Center at 1-800-452-7888 or notify the Oregon State Police.  
 Police say Unlawful Possession of Wildlife is a Class A misdemeanor punishable by a heavy fine and possible jail time.

**Rogue Squirrels Attacking People in California**

(KMTR) — Parks officials in Mountain View, Calif., are on the offensive against squirrels they say have become dangerously aggressive, attacking at least three people.  
 The latest victim was four-year-old Andrew Packard, attacked by a brown tree squirrel as his mother unwrapped a muffin. The San Jose Mercury News reported.

"It was such a horror," his mother, Jennifer, said of the attack, which left her boy with a trail of red claw marks, a bite on his upper arm, and a regimen of painful rabies shots.

"To hear your child screaming the way you've never heard before... It was just bone chilling," she told the newspaper.  
 Parks officials are now seeking permission to set traps and are cracking down on visitors feeding the wildlife.

As for Andrew, he declared he would never go into a park with trees again, and he keeps telling everyone the squirrel was trying to eat him.  
 City officials have offered to give him a tour of the police and fire station.

## Student fee increase possible

**Congressmen encouraged to act as a student voice**

**KIMBERLY BELLAMY**  
 SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The major topic of discussion at the second congress meeting was getting student representation about the possibility of student fees increasing.  
 Chris Welech, student body treasurer, spoke about the increase and stated that under the N.C. Board of Governors, the highest possible increase would be \$346.  
 The reason for the increase is to provide new or improved services to the student body. Proposals submitted for the increase ranged from \$1.50-\$50.  
 The congressmen were encouraged to serve on a committee to provide student representation on the issue of the increase in student fees.  
 M. Cole Jones, student body president, also encouraged congressmen to participate in numerous things that will help bring a student voice to issues and policies.  
 Some of the committees, orga-

nizations, or events that Jones encouraged congressmen to be involved in were to provide student representation at the Board of Trustees meetings, March of Dimes, and Elite Leadership Team.  
 These different things that Jones proposed would allow the congressmen to be involved more within SGA and outside SGA.

"The Elite Leadership Team will expose you to different entities in student government," said Jones.  
 Jones was pleased that six students from SGA will have the opportunity to attend the association of student government or ASG, conference this weekend.  
 Open positions in SGA were addressed by Jon Massachi, speaker of the congress, which included parliamentarian and sergeant at arms.

The positions of sophomore and freshman class officers were also addressed by Matt Wagoner, elections committee chair, while giving his elections report.  
 Wagoner explained the outcome of the elections concerning these two positions to the congressmen and executive officers.

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people in attendance at this year's lecture, there was not an empty seat in the room.  
 Although most students were attending the lecture for credit in a class, they found the lecture very informative and most felt that Dr. Tribble was a very knowledgeable speaker.  
 "The lecture was very interest-

ing," said James Jordan, Senior Art major. "She talked about aspects of the bible that were new to me, and hadn't quite been explained in some of my religious studies. I would definitely like to listen to another one of her lectures."

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## HEALTHCARE

In ending his speech, Johnson also spoke of advocacy and how the experience abroad enables medical students and professionals alike to step outside of the academic realm.  
 The last hour of the seminar was conducted in a question and answer manner opening the discussion to audience members that included other professors and students from Brody, as well as community members.

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# Opinion

{ Not just for Pirate Rants }

## Greek system has trouble explaining positives

Few fuel stereotype, ruin perception of all

ERIC GILMORE  
SPORTS EDITOR

I've heard the stereotypes. Arrogant stuck-up wannabe's who pay for their friends. A faction of drunks who continually haze pledges to feel mentally superior. Daddy's boys and girls equipped with croakies, boat shoes and polos with their noses stuck straight in the air. Trust me. I've heard 'em. I used to say 'em.

While there are kernels of truth in every stereotype, it's not what defines Greek Life. But what does? Greeks tout that their social system is based on brotherhood or sisterhood while those outside the 'social circle' perceive it as a desperate attempt to win over friends.

Judging opinion writer Ryan Cobe's account of Interfraternity Council rush published on Sept. 28, his portrayal of the aforementioned stereotypes seem to suddenly outweigh the consistent positives that envelopes nearly nine percent of ECU's campus.

Cobe interjected his opinion based on what he saw from Rush. Brothers drinking bourbon at rush or trying to entice a rushee by openly requesting him to smoke marijuana negates the countless hours of community service tallied by individual organizations.

It trivializes the three state funded full-time positions within the Office of Greek Life. The actions cancel out the countless hours that student leaders devote to contribute to their respective groups. It calls into question the power of the numerous councils that regulate its 34 fraternities and sororities separated among three parent organizations.

Frankly, the fraternities involved should be held accountable. The *East Carolinian* made an editorial decision not to name the fraternities involved. What was surprising though was the enormity of the situation because Cobe reported that five fraternities were embracing 'dirty rush.' It embarrasses the actual few who consistently follow guidelines.

Despite it not being publicized, multiple fraternities asked rushees two semesters ago if they wanted to drink alcohol. Nothing that Cobe saw or reported should surprise anyone.

Just like the student's behavior at football games, a select few ruin the perception of the whole. It doesn't matter that over 2,000 people followed the rules. What does matter, however, is that a few sprinkled among the fraternities didn't.

But how can Greeks justify themselves properly when their social organizations were founded as secretive societies? In order to keep their founders' ideals, the Greek system has to stay just that, secretive.

Unless you are Greek and have been through the pledging process, it's hard for an outsider to judge the entire system while showing a fair bias of what goes on literally behind closed doors.

According to the Greek Life Web site, brotherhood is "a unique, private bond based on intangible, invisible principles." The definitive draw to 'going Greek' is unfortunately to the public, only known by those who are Greek.

So in response to various opinion columns and multiple Pirate Rants, the Greek system has to absorb it. It doesn't matter how fighting mad it makes them or way off base it is. Its pillars are based on secrecy and in order to protect its ideals, Greeks should ignore them.

Yet not everyone is so smart. A commenter, who posted his affiliation with the Greek system with feedback about Cobe's article on the *East Carolinian* Web site, called Cobe "unwanted" and also used the term "bad apple and unbidden bitch."

But truthfully, it's the people like him who consistently ruin the Greek reputation who are really the bad apples.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I want to first off say that I am not writing this to attack the newspaper in any way, just to show my concern. I am a member of the Greek community and I'm sure you have received quite a few comments recently, but I would still like to say a few.

I did not read Tuesday's article written by Ryan Cobe, but after reading today's article and all of the Pirate Rants, I am very disappointed in this newspaper. Whereas I know there are issues concerning Greek life, and certainly Rush violations are a huge problem, I feel like Ryan should have taken his concerns to Ion or Kay in the Greek Office so that they could have been dealt with more efficiently.

The bottom line is that the Greek Community does a lot for East Carolina besides the big parties, our GPA's are quite high, and we participate in community service. Many Greeks hold offices in SGA and things of that nature as well. I feel that by publishing articles and Pirate Rants you are doing nothing for the Greek community but hindering us. Ion and Kay are working very hard to change the Greek community, but articles such as you printed today, are deleting every step forward we make.

The Pirate Rants are also doing nothing but encouraging the fights between non-Greeks and Greeks. Of course they are only opinions, they are just feeding the fire and I feel that since you choose which rants to publish and which rants not to publish, you should realize that this is not helping the University at all. I hope that you can see where I am coming from in this, the Greek community means a lot to me, and I would hate to see the student body's opinions on us change from articles that you are publishing.

Tara Harwood  
Undergraduate  
Elementary Education



## PIRATE RANTS

A professor is one who talks in someone else's sleep.

Gasohol is great but I have an easier way for ECU to save gas. Turn off the buses that sit in front of Christenbury for 10-12 minutes idling. Twelve minutes twice an hour for 11 hours. Uhh, that's over four hours of wasted gas per bus, per day. Technology is nice but common sense works too.

My parents really don't get it! They found out that I post on Myspace. They don't appreciate art because they think my pictures and poems are weird. Now they are worried and they won't let me go to see Simple Plan! My life sucks! It really is tough being emo.

The poll on the side of TEC Web site annoys me. There's actually more to downtown than clubs and bars, guys. Crazy, yes, but it's the truth.

Nothing else matters in the whole wide world, when you're in love with a Jersey girl.

Please don't be rude to me if I ask you to not touch me. I have verminophobia, and I can't help it!

The ECU Ambassadors need more recognition on campus for all the great things they do for ECU and the Greenville community.

To the lonely people on Facebook: Please stop changing your relationship status every three hours. It's evident that you are alone.

Why are there no 'black' sorority or frat houses here at ECU?

Why is it that every single officer is downtown Thursday-Saturday? What if a bank were to get robbed across town.

Why does the Wright Place serve half-baked strombolis?

I hate widescreen! We used to have a choice but now everything from movies to music videos are wide! What's so great about a smaller picture?

I don't smoke and I hate sororities, and I'm dating a guy who smokes and is in a frat. So yes, we can all get along.

If you're so upset with the football staff having to lecture us on our behavior, then maybe you should encourage your friends to show a little sportsmanship and class instead of acting like drunken profane hillbillies.

Greek life holds this school together - have you ever thought about how many Greeks are on SGA? Stop wishing you were in a sorority or fraternity and do what you came here to do - get an education.

You have to have grab-a-dates because no frats want to have socials with you!

The next time you come to class musty I will hand you a bar of deodorant! The next time you sneeze in your hand and wipe the mucus on your desk I will scream!

Why is parking and traffic driving around and giving tickets at 7 p.m.?

Is it bad that I haven't been to class yet?

Wow. There is a person that has the same drama as me and I have to find him. Thanks Jane.

How difficult is it to understand that the Third floor of Joyner Library is a quiet study area?

Safe Ride is a name that should be applied to a ride that is dependable and "safe," not one that takes an hour (if it decides to come at all).

Thank you ECU for putting all the pretty girls on College Hill this year... and all the athletes too. Maybe that's why I can't get a woman to look at me.

I appreciate that my two new roommates this year know what dryer lint is and know how to remove it as well.

I love the one boy in my class. He dresses better than most of the girls.

My professor looks like Einstein, talks like Ben Stein and always wears pink. I love him!

To the girl who wants to know if it's OK to date someone 11 years her senior: Yes. Do it.

If you're looking for a non-drinking, non-partying, non-smoking (though not all smoke) girl then you better be ready for something busted or very large. Sorry, that's just the way it goes in this world.

Sop wearing white after Labor Day!

Do any girls actually enjoy watching Sports Center? It's the first thing a guy flips to, so I just keep my mouth shut and watch, but deep down I wish it didn't exist.

I have a belly button fetish... is that weird?

To the two girls who always come into English late because they are "sick." Sick people don't always have makeup on and their hair fixed and nice clothes and then walk into class 20 minutes late! Get there on time or spare us and stay in your dorm room!

Sorority girls rock! If this campus didn't have them then I would never go to class!

To the people that rant about people who talk on their cell phones. If you had someone to talk to then you would be talking on your cell phone too.

Cheerios are like duct tape... they

fix everything!

The other day I was walking down College Hill and a chicken patty from the dining hall came flying out of a vehicle and hit me in the face. What is that about? I think I got patty smacked.

To everyone that rants about Greek Life: For someone to be as against it as you seem to be you sure do spend a lot of time talking, ranting and writing articles about us. Note to yourself: The amount of rants and articles we spend time on in response to the rude things directed towards us - none. We do not spend time on you, so why spend so much time on us?

To the person who said guys look silly on an elliptical. Thanks, as if I wasn't insecure enough. Why do you think I'm at the gym in the first place? Because of you, I'll never do the elliptical again.

Why is it that my roommate's freshman girlfriend has her own room and her roommate is never there, but always insists on spending nights in our room? This is driving me insane!

Maybe if you smelled better, more girls would be interested in you.

People, stop getting on eBay, Myspace and Facebook while you're in the computer lab and 10 people are in line waiting on a computer to print things off for their class that they are about to be late for!

I understand that I'm living in a dorm so space is small but why must people feel the need to get in the shower right beside me when I'm the only one in there in an entire row of them!

I've been dating my boyfriend for a week... and he has already stopped calling me. I must be doing something wrong... just a guess.

You remind me of my seven-year-old brother the minute you start fussing over how much you hate the seat we left for you in the movie theatre. Maybe you should not have been the last person to show up if it matters that much to you. Whining over seats is childish, get over it.

To the gentleman on the bus who gave up his seat to a girl... way to go! You brightened my day and reminded me that chivalry is not dead yet!

To the guy who sat beside me on the stairs Thursday night, I definitely wanted to talk to you. My ride just ended up coming a little early. Sorry.

I'm so hung up on you but I'll probably never be able to tell you that. Our relationship is already complicated enough. Even if my passion stays one-way, I won't be able to get over you anytime soon.

## No ifs, ands or butts, smoking is a danger

Ban campus smoking, save lives

RYAN COBEY  
OPINION WRITER

We hear about anti-smoking campaigns on a daily basis. Commercials of dead bodies being stacked in front of cigarette company buildings have become so common in our society that we now tend to overlook them. The ever so outspoken T.R.U.T.H tours around the country help to show people just how dangerous the effects of smoking are to the smoker and even the non-smoker beside him. But are we really listening to this information anymore?

I'm sure by now almost all of you have seen countless numbers of commercials on television or even from your own friends. It is a great deal and non-smokers like to talk about a great deal and smokers avoid at all costs.

However, when it seems that so many people on campus have no respect for non-smokers, I think we have every right to tell the world how we feel about it. I can't count how many times within the past two weeks I've had smoke blown straight into my face as I'm walking to class. I also remember from my time living on campus, the obvious and disgusting smell of smoke as it mixed in a hazy haze in front of the doors to White Hall. I would fumble with my key to open up the door as quickly as possible so I wouldn't have to hold my breath for too long.

As we learn more and more about the health risks caused by smoking, it makes us think about what we can do to prevent ourselves from losing years of our life due to these preventable, toxic substances floating around in our air. And I've done exactly that. I personally think our campus would be much better off if it were completely smoke-free. I'm not talking about just making a 10-20 foot rule for not smoking around buildings, but rather banning smoking throughout the entirety of campus.

Think about it, two out of the three most populous states in the United States, California and New York, are also two of the strictest states on smoking. California, a state with over 30 million people, has completely banned smoking in all public buildings as well as banned smoking within twenty feet of a government building. New York City, a city so crowded and cramped has banned smoking in all restaurants and bars in 2003, and since then has seen a dramatic decrease in air pollution levels as well as a heavy and steady increase in profit and even jobs within their local establishments.

My point in presenting you these statistics is to show you that in a way, our campus can compare to an extremely crowded city center, like New York. Over 5,100 students are housed on campus this year. If you then factor in the other 15-16 thousand students who commute from off-campus every weekday, you'll quickly realize that our campus can get quite crowded. Obviously, smoking is banned in our dorms and buildings for good reason, but because of that, everyone who does smoke has to go outside. And they all seem to congregate in one small place outside of their dorms or whatever building they have class in next. I've noticed that the air in those particular spots never loses that distinct odor either.

Our air around campus may not look as polluted as places like New York and Los Angeles, but mark my words, there are fumes present that do even more danger to our bodies than automobile smog, and those are the fumes from secondhand smoke. Perhaps, if we banned smoking from campus entirely, we would not only help save lives of current smokers who would be too lazy to travel off campus, but we would also make so many more places accessible and open to everyone. Never again would the steps of Tyler Hall, or any residence hall for that matter, be filled with just smokers. People could actually linger there and perhaps spend more time outdoors, even if it is just to socialize. And maybe, just maybe, productivity in the classroom would even be better.

I understand this would put current smokers in a predicament, but, sometimes, radical steps like this make people finally consider other alternatives. As of right now, our campus still makes it extremely easy for students to smoke. We don't even have a rule preventing students from smoking right beside residence halls! We, as human beings, tend to learn from consequences, and it's usually too late by the time we learn them. I think banning smoking from campus entirely could help students and staff alike consider the consequences before it is too late for them.

I know some of you will read this and subconsciously add it to the ever-growing tally of dead horses on the subject of smoking, but there comes a point in time where, after reading and hearing so much about a particular topic, you start to wonder why it is such a big issue. Why am I hearing so many negative things about smoking? Why are people I don't even know trying to tell me I shouldn't smoke? I realize many people would strongly oppose the idea of a smoke-free campus, but even the idea can make people think about what they are doing to their bodies and to others as well. Moreover, if you continue to ask yourself why the subject of smoking is such an important issue to many people, I have an answer for you - because the most important issue to a lot of us is our life.

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# Pulse

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## Horoscopes:

**Aries**  
You've done the preparation, now proceed with your plans. Intend to go farther than you think you can, and you might surprise yourself.

**Taurus**  
You're a good worker, but there's no point in finishing meaningless tasks. Cross the unimportant stuff off your list without the slightest guilt.

**Gemini**  
Stop arguing, even with yourself. Choose, so you can get going. If something changes as you go along, you can make the correction.

**Cancer**  
You're able to buy yourself special things occasionally, because you pinch your pennies habitually. Hold out for the best deal and make this gift to yourself really worth it.

**Leo**  
Extensive discussions are required to discover all the secrets. Make sure you know what you're signing.

**Virgo**  
Continue to be cautious with your money, even if you're feeling flush. Later, when you have a lot more, this won't seem like very much.

**Libra**  
You're especially cute, decisive and persuasive now. Figure out whom and what you want, and get him/her it.

**Scorpio**  
The others just want the job done, they don't care about costs. This is why they need you, and why you make the big bucks.

**Sagittarius**  
You're hot on the trail of a new theory that will explain everything. Ask somebody who owes you a favor to help out with the chores.

**Capricorn**  
The top of the mountain appears to be almost within your reach. Pay closer attention now, so you don't fall off.

**Aquarius**  
You provide the data, and your friends will come up with the plan. This is a joint effort, and the odds are in your favor.

**Pisces**  
Start by paying back a debt. That takes a load off your mind and allows the creativity in there to expand. You're entering a new phase, getting rid of the old in your life will let you enjoy the new.

## ECU/Loessin Playhouse presentation of 'Chicago'



Katie Wilson as Velma Kelly, Kyle Langworthy as Billy Flynn and Christina Kelly as Roxie Hart in *Chicago*.

### Students will get a taste of the roaring twenties

JENNY AYERS  
STAFF WRITER

Set in Chicago during the twenties, this is a story of vaudeville actresses turned murderers, all imprisoned, vying for the attention of the press. The acclaimed musical turned movie, *Chicago*, will be coming to the McGinnis Auditorium this Thursday, Oct. 5 through Tuesday, Oct. 10. While Usher and Ashlee Simpson won't be gracing the stage, our own theatre department has been hard at work to make sure this show is a memorable one.

Velma Kelly and Roxie Hart are the first of the ladies we meet. Both are vaudeville starlets with dreams of making it big one day, both have been abused by men, and both are in prison for murder charges. Velma is a nightclub sensation who becomes the focus of the tabloids when she is arrested for shooting her husband and sister after discovering their affair. The Chicago newspapers love the story and their zealotry is fed by her lawyer, Billy Flynn. However, Billy, more media focused than anything, soon falls for the newest headline star, Roxie Hart.

Roxie was merely a chorus girl looking for her big break. She is seduced by a man who promises to help her career excel. When it finally becomes clear to Roxie that he has no such intention, she shoots him in a fit of rage. This lands Roxie in the same prison as Velma, and they find something else in common, Billy Flynn. Billy now sees Roxie as the bigger headline and turns his focus and advances on her.

Roxie, becomes the next media hot topic, much to Velma's annoyance. However, Roxie lands in the

same boat as Velma when Go-to-Hell Kitty arrives at the jail on a multiple murder charge. Soon, the press forgets Roxie as they did Velma. With her clever ways, Roxie manages to bring the media focus back to herself, and its time for her court date. Billy is ready to soak up the spotlight.

The musical is actually based on real events that occurred in Chicago in 1924. Maurine Dallas Watkins, a reporter for the *Chicago Tribune*, covered the public trials of Beulah Annan and Belva Gaertner. Watkins turned her findings into the play *Chicago*. Bob Fosse obtained the rights from her estate following her death in 1969 and developed *Chicago: A Musical Vaudeville*.

The play was produced in 1975 and as a part of the City Center "Encores!" Series, the show was revived in 1996. This version, which became Broadway, opened on Nov. 14, 1996 and is still running.

The musical was adapted for the movie *Chicago* in 2002, starring Renée Zellweger as Roxie and Catherine Zeta-Jones as Velma. The film won the Oscar for Best Picture, and Zeta-Jones won Best Supporting Actress.

The musical numbers in the original production are well-known vaudeville and night-club acts of the 1920s. In ECU's production, they have added their own touch to the musical, including a tribute to the great stage and film musical choreographer, Busby Berkeley.

Tickets are \$12-\$17.50 in advance, \$17.50 at the door, and may be purchased by calling (252) 328-6829 or 1-800-ECU-ARTS, and online at ECUARTS.com. *Chicago* is produced by the ECU/Loessin Playhouse, School of Theatre and Dance, College of Fine Arts and Communication.

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ECU ROTC students working together on a ropes course at Camp Butner.

## Day in the life: ROTC

### Students focus on tradition, training and discipline

SHANNON DAVIS  
STAFF WRITER

ECU is a university of tradition. For decades the Pirates have been known for their extreme pride and spirit. Since 1984, the Reserve Officer Training Corps, also known as the ROTC has contributed to supplying ECU with leadership opportunities and professional training, instilling bravery and dedication in each and every student.

This semester, the ROTC has 72 participants who have endured a rigorous selection process. These students are well-rounded with achievements in scholarships, athletics and leadership.

Friday, Sept. 29, the ROTC left for a field training exercise (FTX) at Camp Butner, N.C. where they spent two days demonstrating their competency in various areas.

According to C/CPT Leslie McCann, a senior health education and promotion major, "The purpose of FTXs is to build morale, train the cadets for annual leadership courses, and strengthen unit cohesion to become junior officers in the United States Army."

The cadets carry an enormous amount of equipment with them for their training and missions.

C/CPT Aaron Lewis, a senior art major said that they have basic necessities "two canteens, a flashlight with a red lens to read a map, two ammo pouches, one first aid kit, a compass, a map, protractor and a pencil."

Senior health fitness specialist major C/CPT Michelle Layton was the officer in charge of this weekend's field training exercise. She created the itinerary, coordinated each event and assured that the weekend operated smoothly.

C/CPT Haley Willis, a senior anthropology major expressed her desire to be in ROTC by stating, "Before I came to ECU, I had made the decision to be in ROTC. No matter where you are, you will always have someone there for you. We all freeze at night; we all work hard during the day. We're all soldiers."

The field training exercise included a regimented schedule beginning with afternoon classes teaching individual movement technique, basic field craft such as how to set up sleeping shelters using a rain poncho, field hygiene, noise and light discipline, and hand grenade throwing. Closely following the educational briefings the cadets set up their sleeping shelters, which they refer to as "hooches." As nighttime approached, the cadets were sent out into a large woodland where they had three hours to conduct a

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## Campus Events:

### Tuesday: Oct. 3

-Tom Wehrle Acoustic Show  
Mendenhall  
-Intermural Climbing  
Competition  
SRC 7 p.m.

### Wednesday: Oct. 4

-Breakdance Competition  
Mendenhall

### Thursday: Oct. 5

-Cultural Poetry Jam  
Mendenhall  
-National Depression Screening  
Day  
Mendenhall 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Bate 2015 6 - 8 p.m.

### Friday: Oct. 6

-Freeboot Friday  
Uptown Greenville 5 - 8 p.m.

## Mendenhall Movies:

### Drawing Restraint 9

Wednesday 10/4 at 7 p.m.  
Thursday 10/5 at 9:30 p.m.  
Friday 10/6 at 7 p.m.  
midnight  
Saturday 10/7 at 9:30 p.m.  
Sunday 10/8 at 7 p.m.

### The Devil Wears Prada

Wednesday 10/4 at 9:30 p.m.  
Thursday 10/5 at 7 p.m.  
Friday 10/6 at 9:30 p.m.  
Saturday 10/7 at 7 p.m.  
midnight  
Sunday 10/8 at 9:30 p.m.

## Getting ready for a night of sultry jazz

### Acclaimed vocalist to perform tonight at Wright Auditorium

LIZ FULTON  
SENIOR WRITER

It is rare to find a jazz vocalist that has earned so much praise in such a short time frame. Reminiscent of the days where women wore evening gowns to dinner and martinis were always served at 5 o'clock, Tierney Sutton transfers her listeners to an era where classy and understated were the characteristics to aspire to.

Hailed by *The Boston Globe* as having "a honey voice... with a touch of Ella Fitzgerald" it would seem that Sutton is destined to grow more and more popular - perhaps crossing over in a fashion that echoes Michael Bubl .

Her success has come from the road less traveled. Sutton began as a choir girl in Wisconsin and was unexposed to jazz until college. She eventually found the best collaborators with their own impressive jazz pedigrees - notably Natalie Cole, Diana Krall, Ray Charles and Randy Brecker.

Ten years and six critically acclaimed CDs later, Tierney and her band demonstrate what collective consultation and dedicated teamwork can achieve. Reviewers repeatedly say that audiences experience rare and powerful harmonies achieved by humble performers at the top of their game.

A versatile studio singer as well as premiere entertainer, Tierney's voice was recently featured on Lions Gate's hit film *The*

*Cooler*, starring William H. Macy and Alec Baldwin. She can also be heard in Paramount's *Twisted*, starring Samuel L. Jackson, Andy Garcia and Ashley Judd.

In 2004, Tierney and her band scored the independent feature film *Blue in Green*, released by the Unica Project. Tierney's unique voice is also regularly featured in commercials representing such organizations as BMW, Coca Cola, Dodge and J.C. Penney.

In March 2005, Tierney and her band performed in front of a select audience of friends and fans at Birdland in New York City. Produced by Elaine Martone, *I'm with the Band* is Tierney's first live recording and her fifth release on the Telarc label. With old standards such as "The Lady is a Tramp," "S Wonderful" and "I Get a Kick Out of You," the album received a Grammy nomination in 2005 for Best Jazz Vocalist.

In June 2005, Tierney won Jazz Week's Vocalist of the Year Award. An active educator, she has served in the Jazz Studies Department at the University of Southern California and given workshops and clinics throughout the world.

Come experience for yourself why the *Chicago Sun-Times* has called Sutton's style "as soft and smooth as fine bourbon." On Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2006, Tierney Sutton will perform at Wright Auditorium as part of the SRAPAS series. Reserve your tickets now at Central Ticket Office, Mendenhall Student Center or call 252-328-4788 for ticket information.

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The bacterial meningitis vaccination, seen above, is recommended for all ECU students, even those not living in a dorm.

## This week in health: Meningitis

### The disease might be more dangerous than expected

KORRI-LEE SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

For many college students meningitis is a word often heard, yet its significance is rarely understood. From my own experience, the summer before freshman year marked the first time I'd ever heard the word. While taking a more in depth look at the life threatening effects of meningococcal bacteria, the importance of alerting the student body to the nature of this disease has become evident.

Meningitis is a bacterial illness that causes an inflammation of the lining around the brain and spinal cord. Its lesser-known counterpart, septicemia, may also result from meningococcal bacteria. Typically more serious, septicemia is the blood poisoning form of the disease.

Generally, Meningitis is bacterial or viral, and can occasionally be the result of fungal infections. Although viral meningitis can be quite unpleasant, it is rarely life threatening and most people make a quick, full recovery.

Meningococcal bacterium has the power to cause meningitis and septicemia concurrently. When the two forms of the disease are contracted together,

the result is meningococcal disease. Although this disease has the potential to produce potent consequences, septicemia alone can be just as dangerous. Unless accompanied by meningitis, septicemia often holds no signs of the disease, allowing it to progress undetected.

The symptoms of meningitis often resemble those of the flu. These symptoms include: Fever, severe headache, vomiting, stiff neck, rash, sensitivity to bright lights, delusions and feelings of tiredness.

Although septicemia may have symptoms similar to meningitis, it

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# wellness wednesday



## FIT stops

### breast exam clinic 10/4

11:00am - 5:00pm

### carbon monoxide screening 11/15

10:00am - 1:00pm



## Women's Agenda Assembly

Women's Studies is working with North Carolina Women United and Democracy N.C. to co-host the Pitt County Women's Agenda Assembly Saturday, Oct. 7, on the ECU campus.

Beginning at 1 p.m., participants will meet in Bate 1031 and split into small groups to discuss and prioritize women-centered issues they see as vital for action by the N.C. General Assembly. Everyone will re-gather in the large group, which will then note the most-frequently discussed issues. There will be tables available for program and cause brochures, etc., as well as a voter registration table. Refreshments are being provided by the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences and by Phi Kappa Phi. Early in the spring



semester, Women's Studies will host a workshop on successful lobbying and will lead a group to Raleigh while the legislature is in session. All events are free and open to the public. A draft agenda can be downloaded from the events section of the Women's Studies Web page, [ecu.edu/WOST](http://ecu.edu/WOST). For more information, contact Cheryl Dudasik-Wiggles, Director of the Women's Studies Program, at [dudasikwiggsc@ecu.edu](mailto:dudasikwiggsc@ecu.edu).

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night land navigation. The less experienced cadets where not sent out alone. Cadet Christopher Isaac was paired up with C/CPT Aaron Lewis. Prior to this experience the two cadets did not know each other. Throughout the night they worked side by side running through difficult terrain in efforts to find their assigned targets. C/CPT Lewis supported Cadet Isaac and encouraged him with positive feedback; this demonstrated the leadership and camaraderie learned from being in the ROTC.

Saturday, Sept. 30, the cadets had to wake at 5:30 a.m. to eat breakfast and prepare for an obstacle course. There were 11 obstacles to navigate though including a moving log to climb over, wooden walls to jump over and crawling mid-air, upside down across a rope. As soon as the obstacles were complete the cadets were sent out into the woods for a day land navigation. Upon completion of the day land navigation, which took up to five hours, the cadets went through a grenade assault course. The grenade assault course had cardboard silhouettes replicating an enemy, which the cadets had to throw grenades at. After an exhausting day the cadets had a ceremony recognizing certain cadets of their accomplishments from the summer and to honor ECU Military Instructor Master Sgt. Raymond Cabacar because he is scheduled to retire within the next few weeks from a 20 year career in the military. Master Sgt. Cabacar will become a police officer for Winterville, N.C. after his retirement from the military. ECU is fortunate to have this program available for students who have an interest in excelling.

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### Fun Facts:

Ten ECU students have been commissioned into the military this year. This means they have been officially awarded a position in the army and upon graduation they are Second Lieutenants in the military.

72 Students in the ROTC:  
15 Seniors  
19 Juniors  
19 Sophomores  
19 Freshmen

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presents several symptoms that can be considered exclusively its own. The symptoms of septicemia can include: Fever, vomiting, muscle pain, cold hands and feet, pale skin, breathlessness, rash, tiredness and delusions.

Since meningitis and septicemia often go unrecognized, it is important that you know what to look for. If a person displays several of these symptoms in combination, it is vital that they seek medical attention immediately.

Both meningitis and septicemia have the potential to progress undeniably fast, possibly carrying life-threatening consequences.

Despite popular belief, babies and young children are not the only groups who can contract the disease. Although these two age groups tend to be more susceptible, persons at any age can be considered vulnerable.

Unfortunately, persons who live in close proximity to many individuals through close quarters carry a higher risk of contracting the disease. This

includes, but is not restricted to: College students living in dormitories or residence halls, U.S. military and persons traveling to a part of the world where meningococcal disease is common. Fortunately, an immunization has been developed that can prevent four types of the meningococcal disease. Though the vaccination cannot prevent all types of the disease, it does protect about 90 percent of those who receive it. Once received, the immunization typically lasts five years or longer.

So if I've caused anyone to be a little on edge, there is good news to be heard. Here at ECU, students can receive vaccinations for meningococcal disease from the Student Health Center. Now that we've all become more educated on the disease, perhaps we will find it to our benefit to become immunized and decrease the probability of contracting it.

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## Women's cross country finishes first at McAlister's Deli Invite

Football players on the 70-man travel roster that missed practice on Sunday due to injuries or illness

Offensive lineman that have taken 266 snaps on offense, tackles Eric Graham and Terence Campbell and guard Josh Coffman have played every offensive play

4

Virginia players that have attempted passes this season, three of which have thrown touchdowns (Jameel Sewell, Kevin McCabe and Emmanuel Byers)

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Margin of shots in favor of Memphis during Friday's women's soccer match-up which ended up in a 1-1 tie, Memphis had 29 shots while ECU had only six

65

Volleyball assists in four games recorded by senior Heidi Krug against SMU on Friday, which missed her career-high of 66 by a single assist

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Conference ranking in assists by Krug who is averaging 12.94 assists per game; Krug has 802 assists in 62 games and is the school's leader by 386 assists

2

Amount of basketball verbal commitments by high school seniors Brock Young (Raleigh, N.C.) and Jontae Sherrod (Tarboro, N.C.) reported in the media to play for ECU in the 2007-2008 season

### They said it

"It was nice to have an open date this week. I kind of enjoyed sitting on the couch second guessing and questioning everybody else's calls on a Saturday afternoon for once. We gave the players a hard week last week. We went back to spring practice, back to the basics and did a lot against each other."  
-Skip Holtz, ECU Head Coach

"The other thing that concerns me is a flu bug going through this football team now. We had 19 players (11 with the flu) miss practice last night. Hopefully it's a 24-hour bug and it will get in and out of their system. It will be hard to get through practice Tuesday and Wednesday with the number of guys we have over their at the student health center, trying to get IV and get their fluids back into them. They lose their weight and lose their strength. I think they will be fine by game-time, but I worry about the interrupted preparation for the game."  
-Skip Holtz, ECU Head Coach

### Men finish third, lose to Mars Hill and Gardner-Webb

JARED JACKSON  
STAFF WRITER

The women's cross country team finished first at the McAlister's Deli Invite this past Saturday. The event was the first home meet for the team and was held at Lake Kristi. The first place finish was the highest since Oct. 4, 2004, a span of 20 events.

Freshman Nicole Briggs was the top ECU women's finisher for the fourth straight week and earned a second place overall finish with a 5k time of 18:54. Hayley Flynn placed fourth overall 19:11. Freshman Jennifer White immediately followed Flynn by 18 seconds to place fifth. Samantha Lichtner placed sixth with a time of 19:30. Freshman Danielle Fetty rounded out the top 10 with a time of 19:51.

"There is no doubt in my mind that each girl ran to their potential, individually as well as collectively as a team," said Flynn, a junior from Kings Mountain, N.C. "Many of the girls had season-best times. We also ran as a strong pack, which is a characteristic of a good team."

With five Pirate runners in the

top ten, Nicole Briggs was excited about her team's success.

"We have really come a long way since the beginning of August," said Briggs. "As a team we are all really close which makes it easier to go out there and race hard. We aren't just individually running for ourselves, but we are running for each other as well. We deserved this win because we have been collectively working together really hard."

The women scored a season-low 27 points beating out Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill, Barton College and Chowan. Michele Milner from Gardner-Webb was the women's top finisher beating out Briggs by eight seconds.

The men's team finished third with 52 points, their best showing of the season to date. Mars Hill won the event with 34 points. Gardner-Webb finished second. Jon Stoehr was the top men's finisher with an 8k time of 25:02.

With last season's top runner Chris Belifore ruled ineligible, Stephen Tausend led the way for the men, finishing in sixth with a time of 26:46. Sophomore Will Collins was the Pirates' second runner tallying a 10th overall finish. John Loehr (27:30), Richard Spain (28:40), Andrew Nastasiak (28:45), Rich Saunders (28:52) and Bryan Snow (29:13) were among the five runners in the top 20. Michael

Barnett (30:05), Michael Wall (30:21) and Ryan Stalcup (31:36) rounded out the men.

The men's team was without star sophomore runner Chris Belifore, who is nursing an injury to a tendon in his foot, and who is also ineligible at the time over a class that he received an incomplete in. He is one test away from earning back his eligibility and hopes that he is healthy enough to compete in the conference championships.

"The girls have been working really hard and I think after this win their confidence and enthusiasm is soaring," said ECU Head Coach Curt Kraft. "The men ran the best they have all season and did very well running together as a group."

Briggs agreed with her coach's assessment.

"It was our home course so we went out there thinking we weren't going to let anyone beat us on our own territory," Briggs said. "The win was especially a boast for conference which is in a couple of weeks also held at Lake Kristi."

The men's cross country teams will travel to Furman, S.C. to compete in the Furman Invite on Oct. 14. The teams will have an open weekend before hosting the Conference USA championships at Lake Kristi on Oct. 28.

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The men's cross country team placed five runners in the top-20 at the McAlister's Deli Invitation, which ECU hosted at Lake Kristi.

## Women's soccer ends up winless on road trip



ECU's Tara Shaw is tied for the team lead with freshman Jessica Swanson for points scored with eight.

### Pirates tie Memphis, lose to UAB

TOMMY GRAHAM  
STAFF WRITER

Sometimes trends are not a good thing. They can be good, such as a winning streak, or they can be negative, as in a losing streak. In the case of ECU's women's soccer team there is a third case scenario that continued into the weekend, tying and overtime.

The Pirates tied against Memphis 1-1 on Friday before losing another heartbreaker to 1-0 to UAB in overtime. UAB scored with under two minutes to go in the first overtime to push the Pirates into ninth in the 12-team conference standings.

Behind a strong defensive effort punctuated by Amber Campbell's goalkeeping, the Pirates (5-4-2) fought to a 1-1 tie through two overtimes with a talented Memphis squad. In front of a road crowd

of 421, the Pirates defense shined to earn their first conference tie of the season.

Goalkeeper Amber Campbell played all 110 minutes in goal giving up only one goal while making 11 saves. The Pirate defense was taken aback by the speed of the Memphis team, as the Tigers managed 29 shots over the course of regulation and overtime compared to only six by the Pirates.

Memphis scored when Memphis' junior forward Geneil Newbern put one past Campbell in the 31st minute. ECU responded 26 seconds later when freshman forward Jessica Swanson scored on a pass from Kami York-Fein.

Swanson's third goal of the season tied her with senior Tara Shaw for the team lead in goals and freshman Sarah Kirkley for the team lead in points. Despite Swanson's success, ECU Head Coach Rob Donnennirth was unhappy with his team's lack of scoring chances.

"We've played a lot of combinations up top, but we really need to start producing," Donnennirth said. "Our defense really hung in there, but we are really not clicking when it comes to our attack."

Against UAB the Pirates' offense continued to struggle. Through regulation, the Pirates managed only two shots against Blazers goalkeeper Julie McFarlane. UAB junior Sally Palmer headed in the lone goal off Katie Henricks' corner kick to put ECU to a 1-2-2 record in overtime play this season.

For the game, UAB nabbed nine shots while holding ECU to just two shots. UAB juniors Jill Porto and Jenny Meyer led the Blazers with two shots each. Patty Pierre and Amy Szilard took the only two shots of the day for the Pirates.

"Both teams looked extremely tired. It was a tough Sunday

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Freshman setter Hannah Fenker recorded four service aces in two games.

## Volleyball splits conference games on road

### Pirates down SMU, swept by Tulsa

ROBERT MATTHEW PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

ECU volleyball coach Chris Rushing is feeling a little better about his team after this past weekend's road trip to Southern Methodist and Tulsa.

"We knew we needed to get a win," said Rushing. "It was nice to see us play strong."

Rushing and his Pirates were able to split the two games on the trip, defeating SMU three games to one on Friday night before taking the trip to Tulsa in which the Golden Hurricanes got the sweep, winning three games to none.

Heading into Friday night's game with SMU, the Pirates had dropped two consecutive games at the hands of Tulane and UTEP. They found themselves looking up at their Conference USA opponents, having gone 0-3 in conference play.

Led by junior outside hitter Kelly Werner's career-high 24 kills and 13 digs, the Pirates came out of Dallas, Texas with their first conference victory. SMU fell to 10-7 for the season

and 1-3 in conference competition. The Pirates posted a similar record at 10-8 on the year and 1-3 in conference.

Rushing was impressed with his team's focus in the victory over SMU. "We stayed focused the entire match," Rushing said. "There have been times in the past where we played well, but lost focus."

The victory Friday night also marked ECU's first ever win over SMU in volleyball. The all-time record now stands tied 1-1.

The team next turned their eyes to the north, as they would travel up to Oklahoma to take on the Golden Hurricanes, standing with a record of 17-3 for the season and undefeated in C-USA at 4-0. Taking on the Golden Hurricanes at home proved too much for the young Pirates as they were swept aside, earning Tulsa its ninth consecutive win of the season.

The Pirates were able to hang around with Tulsa for most of the first two games of the match, with Tulsa pulling out 30-26 and 30-23 victories. The third game proved no problem for the Hurricanes, as they blew the Lady Pirates away 30-12. The win marked the 14th sweep for Tulsa this season.

Tulsa's Kassiana Urnau see VOLLEYBALL page A7

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inflicted 17 kills on the Lady Pirates, her teammates Fabiola Nepomuceno and Germana Hilario added 12 each in the victory.

Leading the way for ECU was Stephanie Turner with 10 kills.

"I thought we played pretty well in the first two games," Rushing said, "They have a level of maturity and comfort that our team just does not have yet."

Rushing was obviously pointing to his team's relative youth. Seven of the 14 players on the team are freshman.

"The more we go through the season, we see how young we are," Rushing said, "Tulsa flat out beat us. They are a better team than us right now."

Taking stock of his team right now, Rushing points out that what the Lady Pirates need to improve on most is their defense.

"We need to get better at defense," Rushing said, "We are one of the top teams in the conference in offense, but one of the last in defense. We definitely have the offense. If we could bring our defense up to the level of the offense, we'd win a lot more matches."

Next, the Pirates come home to face the UAB Blazers and the Memphis Tigers. The two home games will be the first of a pair of games

against each team this season.

"UAB is another team with experienced, consistent foreign players," Rushing said, noting that Tulsa also has a number of disciplined foreign players. "A team that will not beat themselves. We will have to beat them."

UAB is currently 13-5 overall and 2-2 in conference games. The Pirates will have the job of stopping UAB's sophomore outside hitter Ivana Bozic who recorded a double-double in the team's recent close loss to Memphis.

Memphis also sports a winning record at 16-2 overall and 3-1 in the conference. They outlasted UAB in a five game victory on Sept. 29. The Tigers are led by senior libero Christen Clayton who recently became the school's all-time digs leader.

Rushing knows that his team has their work cut out for them. "They [Memphis] got a lot of wins early and seem to be steamrolling through conference opponents right now."

The Pirates face UAB at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 6 and the Memphis Tigers at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 8.

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game," said Donnenwirth of his team being called for 20 fouls compared to UAB's 10. "It was probably our worst game of the year as far as battling for 50-50 balls."

UAB Head Coach Paul Harbin agreed. "We weren't as successful as we were Friday, but part of that is due to the fact that ECU is a very well-organized team," said Harbin. "[Donnenwirth] does a great job with them, especially defensively."

ECU's defense thwarted 29 Memphis shots and eight of nine UAB shots. Campbell recorded 15 saves in 208 minutes of play. Her .836 save percentage in almost 1,100 minutes of play ranks her third in Conference USA.

However, the offense continues to be an Achilles' heel. The Pirates managed only eight shots in two games. In comparison, Memphis' Newbern had eight

individually on Friday.

With senior leader Rachel Hills out due to injury, the team has relied on youth instead of experience to generate their attack. With two freshmen leading the team in points, Donnenwirth is concerned with the lack of scoring chances.

"Right now we just are not getting enough from our forwards," Donnenwirth said, "I think our forwards need to start taking some responsibility for that... Everyone just needs to step up."

The Pirates will get the chance to record their first conference win of the season as they return home to play Marshall at Bunting Field at 4 p.m. on Oct. 6. Marshall is also winless in the conference and lost 8-0 to Memphis on Sunday.

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# Women's golf finishes 11th at Wildcat Fall Invitational

(SID) — The ECU women's concluded its first tournament of the 2006-07 season with an 11th place finish at the Wildcat Fall Invitational at the University Club's Big Blue Course in Lexington, Ky.

The Pirates (4-10-0) moved up two spots on Sunday after carding a final round score of 318 to finish with a 54-hole score of 977.

Playing conditions were perfect for the final round, a welcomed change from yesterday's miserable winds and rain. Memphis used a final day come-

back to edge Augusta State for the tournament team crown.

For the Pirates, freshman Ana Maria Puche shot a final round seven-over par to finish tied for 33rd. Puche was 15 shots behind Mississippi State's Amanda Mathis, who was the top individual. After carding an 85 in the opening round,

Puche rebounded with a two-day 155 score. The top golfer from last season's Conference USA championship team, Lene Krog claimed a share of 50th place. Freshman Abby Bools tied for

55th place, senior Jessica Hauser tied for 58th and freshman Kristin Billings was 75th.

Heading into the final day of action, Louisville held a one-stroke advantage over Memphis and N.C. State, but the Tigers put together an impressive 298 third round to take home the win.

Augusta State began the day five shots off the lead and enjoyed a great final round to edge the Wolfpack for second place. N.C. State finished in third, while Louisville and

Birmingham Southern rounded out the top-five.

Mississippi State's Amanda Mathis claimed the individual crown by a single stroke a nine-over-par 226. Mathis earned a second place finish in last season's tournament. She edged Louisville's Adrienne White and N.C. State's Lauren Doughtie who tied for second place.

ECU will be back in action Oct. 20 when they play host to the Lady Pirate Invitational at Bradford Creek.

# Men's Golf Tied For Sixth At Joe Agee Invitational



Senior Robin Smith carded a seven-over par 147 and is currently in 29th place. Andre Thorsen is four shots behind the overall leader.

(SID) — ECU junior Andre Thorsen shot a two-under par 138 to finish tied for fourth place, just two shots behind the leader, after two rounds at the 2006 Joe Agee Invitational at Stonehouse Golf Club. Loyola College's Blake Ferguson leads the field after 36 holes with a four-under par 136.

The Pirates are tied for sixth place in the 18-team field with a two round team score of 583. Loyola leads the team competition with a score of 564. Old Dominion trails Loyola by a single stroke.

Princeton's John Swain and Richmond's Jordan Utley each finished at three-under par, while Thorsen, Michael Mulieri of

Loyola and John Murphy of Old Dominion are all tied for fourth at three-under.

Murphy provided the low round of the day by shooting a six-under par 64 during the second round of competition.

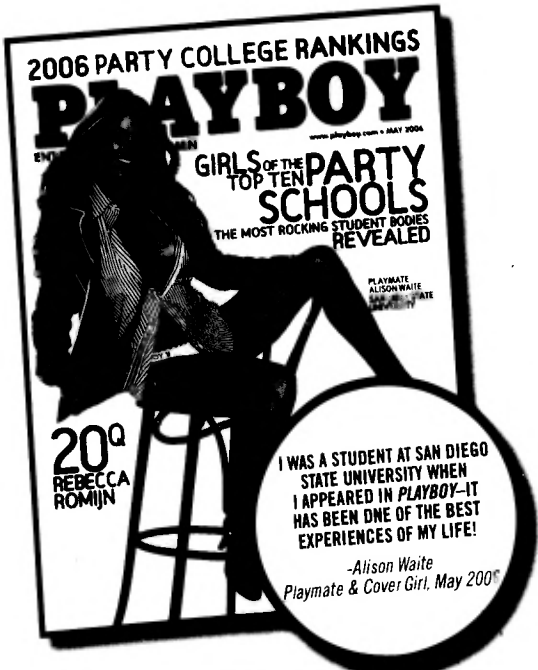
ECU senior Robin Smith was the only other Pirate to be in the top 30 at the end of the first two rounds, shooting a seven-over par 147, tied for 29th. Smith was just one-over through the first 18 holes, but struggled in round two carding a +6.

The Joe Agee Invitational concludes Tuesday with one round, teeing off the first and tenth holes beginning at 8 a.m.

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