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ECU police to begin new initiatives

Student and faculty safety is focus

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The ECU Police Department is beginning some new initiatives as well as programs involving partnerships with other organizations. The goal behind it is to enforce student safety as well as care for those victims of crimes in the ECU community.

Ralph Whitehurst, administrative sergeant of the operations division of the ECU police, has commenced initiatives aimed at enforcing yielding to the pedestrian crosswalks on campus.

According to surveys conducted by the department, violations are most prevalent on College Hill and Fountain Drive on the interior ECU campus.

Forty-one percent of motorists did not yield to pedestrians on Fountain Drive compared with 61 percent that did not yield on College Hill.

The department has purchased more pedestrian crosswalk signs that are placed in the middle of the road to remind motorists to yield.

"This week we're starting some type of enforcement actions on the pedestrian crosswalks so motorists do not injure pedestrians," said Whitehurst.

Penalties are still being determined, whether it be a warning ticket or a citation.

The initiative was created by Whitehurst and ECU Police Chief Robert Stroud.

The department is currently receiving funding through the North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program. The grants received have allowed the department to purchase traffic enforcement vehicles, and with funding this year they hope to purchase another.

The ECU Police Department, according to a press release, has also joined forces with the Office of the Victim Advocate in an attempt to provide better victim assistance to the ECU community.

In the partnership, the police department notifies Victim Advocate of cases where crime victims may be in need of crisis intervention or different types of victim assistance.

The goal is for the ECU Police Department to be aware of services available to victims of serious



Cars that don't yield to pedestrians and pedestrians who cross the road without looking create a dangerous situation.

crimes such as domestic assaults, sexual assaults, rapes, robberies and other crimes.

The Office of the Victim Advocate is a 24-hour service.

According to the press release the police department is also working to increase community involvement through various programs.

These programs include the Residence Hall Liaison Program, Staff and Faculty Eyes, Crime Prevention Tuesdays and Rape

Aggression Defense.

The RHLOP is a way for residence hall occupants to have a direct line of communication with the police department in an attempt to stop crime in their hall.

SAFE works like RHLOP except its focus is on other campus buildings.

Crime Prevention Tuesdays will happen every month and will give ECU an opportunity to learn about crime prevention strategies in hopes to reduce the

possibility of becoming a victim and raise awareness of specific types of crimes," according to the press release.

RAD will be a self-defense training session available to males and females. For more information on RAD, log on to ecu.edu/police.

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Board of Trustees meets

Board of Governors chair is special guest

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The ECU Board of Trustees gathered in the Mendenhall Multi-Purpose room on Friday, Oct. 6 to discuss issues pertaining to the university and to welcome Jim Phillips, chairman of the North Carolina Board of Governors.

After convening for roll call, the trustees voted to go into closed session to discuss several legal matters. The trustees remained in the closed session for just over two hours.

Upon reconvening, Chancellor Ballard welcomed the board members and extended a special welcome to Phillips.

Ballard mentioned the great strides the university has been making in the area of research, saying, "We will generate over \$40 million in funded research this year."

Strategic planning was at the heart of Stephen Showfety's, chairman of the ECU Board of Trustees, remarks.

"Our commitment to the board and the entire community is the only purpose of strategic planning. It is to have a useful plan to identify priorities and put our resources where are priorities are," said Showfety.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the discussion of the ECU Strategic Framework. There are five keys to the framework which is designed to provide goals that the university has set for over the next several years.

The "21st Century Education" aspect deals with ECU's transition into its second century as an education institute.

"Every undergraduate is graduating with the skills to be successful," Showfety said. "We've always been good at that, we are good at that, and we're improving."

The second aspect is titled, "A Region's Health," it looks at the school's growing medical components.

"We have a first class academic and health center with three colleges, and we hope a fourth coming soon. Most importantly, those health sciences are devoted to the needs of North Carolina and the under served areas of the state," Showfety said.

"Arts in Lives" makes up the third component of the plan and "has to do with our world class visual and performing arts," said Showfety.

"This is not only about culture and the quality of lives, but also about the economic development Pitt County and Greenville needs to be a center or cultural affairs not just for the state but the entire eastern seaboard."

Showfety and the board also hope that ECU can become the "Leadership University," another section of the framework. "We expect every one of our students to be tomorrow's leaders," Showfety said.

The final branch of the framework is "Prosperity in North Carolina," which reaches students through distance education and other methods of regional contact. The Board of Trustees stated a goal in a document titled, "Framework Connection to UNC-GA Priorities" to "grow external funding for research to \$100 million per year."

The other highlight of the meeting was the speech by Jim Phillips, chair of the North Carolina Board of Governors.

Phillips praised the leadership not only at ECU, but on the state level as well.

"There are issues on the table now that haven't been before," said Phillips. "There's a willingness to look at new ways of doing things that need to be discussed. It has reinvigorated the staff and the board, and has made a difference with the chancellors working as a team. There's a real sense that our leaders on the campuses are working together for the future of North Carolina."

Phillips explained his motives for seeking the chair position on the Board of Governors, saying, "The reason I ran for chair of this board is that I wasn't confident that

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About 15 percent of students meet the criteria for depression, study says.

Helping students cope with depression

Free screenings for students

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STAFF WRITER

Depression is not uncommon on any college campus in the nation.

"The top five reasons students come in to see us are depression, anxiety, relationship issues, adjustment issues and substance abuse," said Dr. Atticia McAtee, counselor for The Center of Counseling and Student Development.

McAtee and others from the center reached out to those students by participating in National Depression Screening Day. Students looking for a little help had the option of taking a quick screening test upstairs in Mendenhall Student Center from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., or at another session in Bate 2015 from 6 - 8 p.m.

After completing the test, a counselor would tally the answers and then talk to the student about

their options if the results indicated they might be depressed. The screening also checked for signs of anxiety disorders, bipolar disorders and post-traumatic stress.

A 2004 study by the American College Health Association showed that about 15 percent of college students "meet the criteria for clinical depression." The report also said that suicide is the second leading cause of death among college students.

This is McAtee's second year coordinating the event, though she said it had been going on for several years prior to her arrival.

"It provides an opportunity for students to talk to a counselor not in the center," McAtee said. "It's less intimidating. They get to see us as real people. I think we get some people we wouldn't have seen."

For more information, call the Center of Counseling and Student Development at 328-6661.

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Law firms teach young associates 'soft skills'

(MCT) — Joan Newman, a former partner at St. Louis law firm Thompson Coburn LLP, remembers interviewing job candidates on the campus of a prestigious law school. She was expecting to see the usual flow of dark-suited young men and women, but her jaw dropped when one male candidate showed up in shorts, a T-shirt and flip-flops.

The meeting, said Newman, highlighted the casualness that pervades some young lawyers' lives and their idea of the norm, a view that won't cut it in the law profession.

While new graduates may be savvy about law, they may not have a clue about how to dress or act in a profession that serves high-powered, conservative clients.

They might be sporting visible tattoos, for example. Some women don't wear hosiery or bras, and some men don't iron their shirts. Many have no idea which is their bread plate or how to make small talk.

"I watched for years as associates came and went, and as bright and competent as they were, they lacked social and strategic skills," Newman said. "If an associate doesn't look and act the part, the likelihood of his or her success is slim."

Newman said a light bulb went off in her head late last year and she decided to leave her law career to start an "associate training and development" business teaching young lawyers everything from where their water glass goes to how to work a room and build relationships.

And while some of Newman's friends questioned her sanity for leaving a lucrative career for such an odd and risky business, she is on to something quite big in the legal industry.

"It's part of a growing trend called lawyer professional devel-



opment," said James Leipold, executive director of the Washington-based National Association for Law Placement. "Law firms are throwing a lot of resources into it. Rainmaking (the term for bringing in new clients) is an extension of social skills so firms want to develop economic engines with each of these lawyers."

Law firms' interest in teaching associates "soft skills" such as etiquette, proper attire and how to make casual conversation began about 10 years ago, Leipold said.

But there has been much more emphasis on these skills in the last few years, with law firms across the country either hiring management-level people to be directors of in-house lawyer professional development or using consultants.

"Most of these associates are 25 years old and have never worked in a job like this," said Susan Bonnell, director, training and development at Armstrong Teasdale LLP. "Often, you have associates who worked really hard in law school, but they've never worked in the professional world."

News

{ Campus & Community }

Announcements

ECTC/ECC Alumni Society Reunion
Friday, Oct. 20, through Saturday, Oct. 21
ECU alumni who attended ECTC or ECC are invited to attend the ECTC/ECC Alumni Society Reunion. Activities include a campus bus tour, breakfast at the Alumni Center on Saturday prior to the parade, the Alumni Tailgate, and a reduced-price football ticket. Following the game, enjoy a reception and dinner at Mendenhall Student Center, then dance to the tunes of the Collegians as you reminisce and reconnect with friends from your college days at ECU. Our special honorees this year are members of the Class of 1956. These alumni will be inducted as Golden Alumni at the evening event. For details, contact the East Carolina Alumni Association. Call (800) ECU-GRAD or visit PirateAlumni.com. Ticket required.

Homecoming Open House
Saturday, Oct. 21
9 a.m. in Taylor-Slaughter Alumni Center
Attend the Homecoming Open House on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 9 - 11 a.m. Enjoy a continental breakfast and a front row seat for the Homecoming Parade at 10 a.m.!

Technology Jobs Available
Oct. 2 - 23
Location: Allied Health and Nursing Building
The SMART Classroom support team within the Information Technology and Computing Services department (ecu.edu/its) is looking for student employees who can work mornings, beginning at 8 a.m., in the new Allied Health and Nursing building on ECU's West Campus. If you can work morning hours and are interested, please contact Tom Irons, Jr. at ironsth@mail.ecu.edu. Classroom technology experience is not required; we will train enthusiastic hard working students.

Campus Dining Survey - Opportunity to Win an Apple iPod nano or iTunes Gift Card
Oct. 5 - 20
Location: ecu.edu/dining
We are conducting a survey to better understand your campus lifestyle and preferences. By sharing your thoughts, we will gain valuable insight to help improve your overall campus dining experience. This online survey will take 10 to 12 minutes and your responses are confidential. Each participant in the survey will have the opportunity to enter to win an Apple iPod nano or iTunes Gift Card. To begin the survey: collegediningurvey.com/ecu or ecu.edu/dining.

Grab a bit of Homecoming!
Thursday, Oct. 12
From 6 - 8 p.m. at both Campus Dining Halls
Want a piece of Homecoming 2006 before any one else? Stop by a campus dining hall during "Steak and Shrimp Night" to grab a goodie!

Hedda Gabler
Nov. 16 - 21
Employing methods that virtually defined the modern psychological drama, this masterpiece reveals the conflicts and emotions that lie below the surface of daily life.

Have a Heart
Support the American Heart Association. Heart Teams are needed to participate in their annual Heart Walk on Oct. 28 at ECU's Blount Recreational Sports Complex. For more information, contact Crystal Herring at Crystal.Herring@heart.org or 355-1112.

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"Effective Communication"
A guest speaker will present on effective communication pertaining to leaders and members of student organizations. Mendenhall, room 15 3:30 p.m.

Russian Film Series: "Passions"
Movies have English subtitles or dubbing
Bate 2011
6:30 p.m.

"Focus Group Session"
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 3 p.m.

N.C. State Fair Opens
Ice Hockey
Bladez on Ice
104 Red Banks Rd. across the street from Overtons
3:45 - 8 p.m.
ECU vs. VCU

Freeboot Friday
Performing this week: Parrotbeach (Jimmy Buffett Cover Band)
Uptown Greenville
5 - 8 p.m.

Discover D.C.! Bus Trip 2006
Cultural Enrichment Trip to Washington, D.C. Sponsored by the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center. Please come by the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center, Bloxton House or call 328-6495 to sign up, total cost of the trip \$60 (not including food and souvenirs). Deadline date Wednesday, Oct. 11 at 5 p.m. Bus Departing from Ledonia Wright Cultural Center 6 a.m.

Women's and Men's Swimming
Minges Aquatic Center
12 p.m.
ECU VS. DAVIDSON

Football
HS Band Day, Scout Day, Academic Success Day
Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium
3 p.m.
ECU VS. TULSA

Women's Soccer
Bunting Field
1 p.m.
ECU VS. SOUTHERN MISS

Fall Break
No Classes
SGA Meeting
SGA will meet at 5 p.m. in the Mendenhall social rooms.

Fall Break
No Classes
Gilbert & Sullivan Players: Pirates of Penzance
For more information visit ecu.edu/SRAPAS/Wright Auditorium

NEWS BRIEFS

National:

Police kill man wanted in multi-state crime spree

(AP) — Florida authorities shot and killed a man believed to be the suspect in a string of deadly crimes along the East Coast. A man believed to be William T. Ashby, 37, of Savannah, Ga., led police on a high-speed chase in Florida.

He crashed his vehicle Monday night, said Chuck Mulligan, a St. Johns County sheriff's spokesman.

When he began driving toward officers holding a gun, sheriff's deputies from St. Johns and Flagler counties opened fire, killing him, Mulligan said.

Authorities are awaiting an autopsy before positively identifying him as Ashby.

Authorities were investigating his possible involvement in the death of University of Virginia graduate student Elizabeth "Lizzy" Halter, 22.

She was found dead in Waynesboro, Va., near a car Ashby is believed to have stolen in Effingham County, Ga.

"We are working to nail down a timeline with other law enforcement agencies," Johnson said. "We're looking for anything to put the puzzle together."

Ashby has been named a person of interest in the double homicide until he can be conclusively linked to the murders, Johnson said.

"We need to know if the killer is still out there," Johnson said.

Owners of nursing home where 35 died to be arraigned

(AP) — The owners of St. Rita's Nursing Home, where 35 people died in the flooding that followed Hurricane Katrina, were scheduled to be arraigned Wednesday on charges of negligent homicide and cruelty to the infirm.

Although state Attorney General Charles Fott had Salvador Mangano and his wife, Mabel Mangano, booked with negligent homicide about two weeks after the Aug. 29, 2005 storm, the couple was only charged late last month because a grand jury could not convene before that in the flooded parish. Their attorney, James Cobb, has said that the nursing home never flooded before Katrina and the Manganos worried that an evacuation would kill some of their elderly patients.

The judge has imposed a gag order on the couple and attorneys in the case.

Nicholson Eyes Sex Toy Business

(KMTR) — Ageing lothario Jack Nicholson is considering a career in the sex toy industry, marketing "day-glo" dildos.

The actor donned a fake penis for a three-in-a-bed romp in new movie *The Departed* and enjoyed the experience so much he's encouraging viewers to follow suit by buying their own strap-on.

Speaking at the New York premiere of the Martin Scorsese film on Tuesday, Nicholson said, "I'm planning to market them on the internet in day-glo colors."

Although the raunchy screen was eventually cut from the movie, Nicholson's dildo features in a separate scene with co-star Matt Damon.

U.S. Man Named World's Strongest

(KMTR) — A West Virginia firefighter has returned the title of the World's Strongest Man to the United States for the first time in 24 years.

Phil Pfister of Charleston, W.Va., at 6-foot-6 and 280 pounds, outfitted, out-pulled and out-pushed 25 other contenders in Sanya, China, ABC News reported.

"I haven't even gotten a good night's sleep yet," said Pfister, who arrived in West Virginia with the title Monday and was back at work Tuesday.

"None of this has sunken in yet," he said. "I haven't even gotten back on my feet. I've got a lot of 'thank you's' to say."

Pfister said he trained for the competition at area gyms, private homes and a closed junior high school, where he built equipment to simulate what he had to do in competition.

Wisconsin's Bill Kazmaier was the last American to win the title, holding it from 1980 through 1982.

Featured Event

Focus Group Session

As the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center moves to strive for additional ways to service our campus and community, we ask for your participation and comments regarding our current Gallery. Times and dates for various focus group sessions are listed below. Please join us at a time that best fits your schedule. For additional information regarding the LWCC Gallery Focus Groups, please contact Khadine McNeill, at 252.328.6495 or by e-mail at mcneilik@ecu.edu.



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the Board of Governors was truly fulfilling its mission in looking down the road at what people need from the universities. We're beginning a study to determine over 20 years what the people of North Carolina need from the universities and, secondly, how do we go about providing them. Those things ought to drive everything we do."

Phillips also addressed the nature of tuition's rise in North Carolina, a thorn in the side of many ECU students.

"Tuition has gone up six and a half percent," Phillips said. "If you put it up on a graph, it's an ugly picture. It's the unpredictable nature of it."

"We can't ask campuses to be more lean until the administrator can be more lean," Phillips added. "The question isn't always what's good for the universities, but what's good for the people of North Carolina, because that's why the universities exist."

Following Phillips' remarks, ECU historian Henry Ferrell presented a brief history of the pirate logo and the university's logo.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Dec. 15.

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Silowalk Sale

BOOKS DAY!

11:30 AM - 4 PM
Plaza

Older ECU Diploma frames

50% OFF

25¢

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Opinion

{ Home of the Pirate Rants }

Favoritism of "The Law"

Personal preferences affect police judgment

RYAN COBEY
OPINION WRITER

"Sir, do you know how fast you were going?" Those words were spoken twice to me since I was granted my first taste of true freedom at the age of sixteen. There are few things that truly startle me, but the sight of blue lights illuminating my rear-view mirror is almost terrifying, especially when I know I'm doing something wrong.

I was pulled over for going 15 and 12 over the speed limits respectively. In fact, in one of those cases I was rushing to see a very sick family member at the hospital. Even after explaining myself to the officer, I received tickets on both occasions.

On the other hand, a friend of mine was pulled over for going 85 in a 65 mile per hour zone this summer. That same friend, in less than a month's time, was pulled over for going 66 in a 35 mile per hour zone. After crying and pointing for a few minutes, she was amazingly given just warnings on both occasions, and drove home with no violations or tickets under her record.

In a nation where we are all supposed to be "innocent until proven guilty," why is it that good looks and charisma make some of us "innocent even when guilty?"

Perhaps you are one of those people who find it very easy to "talk" themselves out of a ticket — and by talking I mean pointing and throwing a tantrum until the cop decides to give up and walk away. But even if you are blessed with the beauty and the charm to slither out of these situations, I'm sure your conscience has gotten the better of you and you've asked yourself "I wonder why he let me go?"

A police officer's job is to uphold the law. It is their duty to make sure nobody is violating any legal issues, and punish them if they are. In my opinion, law enforcement is one of the most important jobs in our society because it is a requirement to be as fair and objective as possible. Unfortunately, we see warnings given to some people for going 20 miles per hour over the speed limit, and tickets given to others for going ten over. Where is the objectivity in that?

The sad truth is that since the majority of police officers are males, they're going to think like males. I know of women who were actually bribed to give cops their phone numbers in exchange for a simple warning instead of a ticket. What these officers don't realize, however, is that because this woman did not receive the proper punishment for going 30 miles over the speed limit, she's going to assume it is all right to speed in the future. After all, if crying and flashing a little skin worked one time, it can work again, right?

Perhaps next time, instead of being pulled over and given another warning, she will have wrapped her car around a tree. Or, even worse, spun out of control and took a few others with her.

Let's face it, our state troopers and even city police can be discriminatory and sexist. It is important, as a cop, to be able to stand your ground when the tears begin to flow, but more and more we are seeing grown men of justice give in to the pitiful pouting of a young woman. Frankly, it worries me greatly to know that the next person a cop lets go with a warning for driving at an obnoxious speed could theoretically be the same person that totals my car.

Perhaps they should focus more on the justness of our legal system at police academies instead of attempting to perfect that arrogant strut every officer seems to have as they walk to your window.

JUST ASK JANE

Need advice? Want answers? Just ask Jane.

Dear Jane,

My roommate's girlfriend practically lives in our apartment. She's a nice girl, but it's as though she forgot she has her own home. Her dog is even living with us now! My roommate doesn't see what the problem is, but something has to change soon or I'm gonna go crazy!

Signed,
Frustrated Bill Payer

Dear Frustrated Bill Payer,

Your frustration is certainly understandable! It sounds as if, slowly, perhaps her clothes, hairbrush and a few other things may have found their way into the boyfriend's room, then her physical self, and now her pet, without there having been a talk about whether or not this would be acceptable to you and/or any other roommates that this may concern.

First of all, you may want to speak to the roommate again. It sounds as if you may have brought this up and gotten the brush-off. If you haven't broached the subject at all, now is the time. Don't wait another day to tell him how you feel about his lady friend being there so much. The longer you wait, the more comfortable they are going to be with the new living situation and the worse it's going to be on you when you finally do get absolutely fed up and call for a change.

It is equally your apartment and you have the right to be satisfied being there, as does he. Tell him how you feel, but be specific. For instance: You don't feel as though you can sit around in your boxers and watch the game because she's always in and out of the apartment. Tell him: "Dude, I need to be able to come home and chill out and wear/do whatever I want and lately I haven't been able to because (insert name here) is here more than she's at her own home. It's been bothering me and I'd like you to tell her to restrict her time here to (insert time frames you're comfortable with)." Also, the dog being present is an important point, especially if you didn't already have one there.

The bottom line is, this is the place you call home, and if you can't lay your head there comfortably, you've got a problem. I suggest a direct approach to the roommate, away from the girlfriend (I'm willing to bet it would really hurt her feelings.) Reiterate that she is a "nice girl," but that this is your home and her name is not on the lease. Tell him you'd like to see her around, just not nearly as much, and give him a time frame to suggest to her... sans Spot.



PIRATE RANTS

Seriously, the guy my ex is talking to drives me insane. Is he emo or is he stupid? Hello? If you like her, do something about it. If not, let me have her back. I feel like I'm waiting for nothing to happen so I can say "I told you so!" I love you baby girl.

I wanted the cooler weather to set in until today when I saw a brunette wearing booty shorts that had the most delicious butt I've ever seen. Bring on the heat wave!

Dear ITCS, there's an interesting technology called single sign-on that should not have to authenticate four times with a personal P.C. to get on taHo, go to Blackboard, Dnestop and Piratemail. LDAP servers work wonders.

ECU Biomechanics Rules!

I don't see the purpose of having a Black Student Union and an NAACP. One defeats the purpose of the other, and by the way, I am a black student!

To the individual that continues to set fires... Haven't you ever heard "If you play with fire you're bound to get burnt?"

I am in the University Manor computer lab to try to write a paper and you come in with your freaking big mouth talking as loud as you possibly can on your cell phone so that people might think you're cool. News flash: You're not. So shut up, get off MySpace, and get away so I can finish writing my paper! Have some stinking consideration for other people, geez!

Please fix the air conditioning in my room! Maintenance has come out four times already and it still hasn't worked since I moved in!

If it weren't for the teaching career, ECU wouldn't even be here! How dare you say it is a dead-end job? Get a clue, and don't be jealous. That shade of green doesn't look good on anyone.

Thanks to the guys in Croatian watching the Price is Right on Tuesday and Thursday! You make my day!

To the person who wrote the rant about Oscar Meyer that ended up in the middle of everyone's complaining: Thank you! That seriously made my day!

I compared a picture of my dog to a picture of rapper Mike Jones last night. Ah, the similarities are amazing. It's kind of funny. I am more appalled at Greek life than I am of Mr. Cobey's article last Tuesday, but because of the stupid comments fratemen gave in response to it!

I wonder about the process for hiring ECU professors/instructors. There are some professors/instructors currently providing instruction here at ECU who have a difficult time articulating themselves so that students are able to accurately understand them. My concern is what kind of education students will receive from this lack of quality instruction, and what is ECU doing about it, or does ECU even care? From a concerned student enrolled in a course with one of these non-articulating professors.

I know how to eliminate the downtown discrimination problem, don't go... Solved it fast huh?

To the two girls who were calling me lazy and such because I drive to the computer lot, and then bike to campus (instead of biking from home I guess?) Maybe I don't live close enough to bike from home, but at least I'm getting some exercise biking to class, unlike you... who waddles your fat butt to the bus everyday.

Departments are in need of work-study students, but ECU didn't give out work-study to a lot of people, particularly people who had it last year. Now I have no money, idiots.

Just when I thought I was understanding girls I go to the REC center and see over half of them wearing make-up. Why?

If someone catches something on fire in the building I'm having class in I would appreciate it if you would evacuate us. You know, pull an alarm or something. You would be surprised how quickly a fire can spread.

The person who said that Pirate Rants is not a dating service makes a good point. There should be one though: Pirate Love. So you can post "To the guy that sits behind me in blah-blah who always blah-blah: You're hot! What's up? Can I get some of that?" But I guess that's the coward's way.

I eat off campus more than I eat on campus now. So, I am eating better food at a cheaper rate. Gotta love WalMart!

To the ranter that down talked teachers: I love the fact that my job will not only reward me with money, but with a satisfaction in life. I will be satisfied when I go to sleep every night, because I would have affected someone's life for the better. Maybe you consider that to be a dead-end job, but I consider it to be an extremely satisfying career! Get off it!

Instead of blaming your failing grades on your foreign professors, why don't you just get a tutor or try learning it from the textbook?

It is bad that I drink beer out of my ECU Crime Prevention cup?

I can't believe TEC would bash fraternities in the way they did just because you don't agree with our way of life! Yeah we drink, and we like girls! Is that not American? What's next? Are you gonna bash Christians because they read the bible and go to church?

Does your chain hang low?

Why did I wait until the last weekend to read over 200 pages for a history test?

Chivalry is not dead. Me and a friend of mine still uphold it and get along great with the girls.

If you're gonna park over by Fourth and Fifth Streets for class, at least be courteous and park in the lines.

Would you like some lemon for that Haterade?

Not all sorority girls date frat guys. I am in a sorority and I haven't found a frat guy worth dating. In fact, I totally go against the stereotype. I would rather meet a guy at the library instead of at a social.

I just saw a girl run into a tree! All I have to say about that is... Hahaha!

So how can I be the "perfect girl" if you still just want to be friends? I don't get it.

I agree, the pink seep in the bathroom sucks... plus I'm not really sure if it even cleans your hands.

To the idiot who thinks that every organization on campus is either black or white. You really must be blind. Perhaps you should take some time to reexamine the student body or consult your student activities bulletin. Why don't you attend a SALSA meeting or an ASA meeting and tell me what you see. Ah, ding! Hispanics and Asians, now aren't you smart?

Ever wonder why the rants are so popular? I'd say they fit the short attention span of most students.

My boyfriend and I have been together for almost two years, and we don't sleep together. This doesn't mean we don't love each other, it just means we have more self-control than 90 percent of the population.

Why do people hate on ghetto girls? I don't look ghetto but I'm totally ghetto inside. And why have people been laughing at my friend this week for wearing her herringbone? Don't act like you don't have one or didn't wear one in middle school.

Guys who run/ran cross-country have great abs.

I would just like to thank all the fabulous workers in West Dining Hall. They make the dining experience a little better.

Why are all the doors shut in the hallways of Bate?

How do you tell your roommate that you lived with last year and are living with this year that you don't want to get an apartment with them next year?

To the loudmouth UNC fan, you proved why so many people hate UNC because they are ignorant snobs. At least Duke fans pull for ECU too and don't die this school.

Whoever set the fires in Brewster and Joyner East, what an idiot! You could have at least had a plan to strategically get everyone out of a class! You must need a hug.

Attendance policies: What is the point if I choose to stay in my bed for an hour longer and miss a class, should anyone other than myself care? I say no.

Girls that like metal are hot!

Students: Stay for the football game Saturday! This one is bigger than any game we have played so far. If we can beat Tuisa who blew us out last year, our bowl game picture goes from distant to likely! Show up and be loud when the reigning conference champions and Liberty Bowl Champions come to Greenville!

Damnit! I hate tape!

I just turned 20, but I feel like I am 14.

Why couldn't the Stanley Cup have come to campus on a Tuesday so we could take it to mug night?

My roommate sits in the room all day. Get a life. Don't you have anything to do all day besides study?

I think that my accounting professor is an android. The really reminds me of Data from Star Trek.

If only there was a rulebook on girl/guy interaction. Maybe Jane could write it.

Has anyone heard about the hyphy movement that's making its way through Greenville?

I figured it out... I never liked you for you. I liked you because you liked me.

Ode to Skip Holtz: Skip, you are, our leader for sure. With you, football is no longer a bore. Please don't ever go away. But one more thing I must ask of you, crush the wolfpuppies of N.C State and make them boo-hoo!

Does anyone else ever read the pirate rants and get paranoid because you think some of them are about you?

Could someone please explain what is so enticing about consuming alcohol until your only memory of that night are the pictures posted on Facebook?

I love "Grey's Anatomy" so much I delay my going out on Thursday nights to watch it and I am a guy.

Why do people tell me I'm tall? Don't you think I've noticed?!

If you have a problem with me, don't put my best friend in the middle of our situation.

New fall shows finally worth sitting through

JESSE PENCE
OPINIONS WRITER

I watch TV. I watch a lot of TV. I wouldn't say it's more than any other college student with a DVR may watch, but it's a substantial amount. Previously it used to be that I would just record each episode of "Law and Order: SVU" because all shows were more or less the same.

You had your crime shows: "Law and Order," "Law and Order: SVU," "Law and Order: Criminal Intent." Then you got into "America's most watched drama," or whatever CBS liked to call "CSI," which brought spin-offs from just about every city you can think of — "CSI: Miami," "CSI: New York." I could have sworn I saw CSI: Omaha once or twice.

Then you got into the medical shows — "House," "Grey's Anatomy," plus the occasional "ER," sprinkled with a little "Chicago Hope." It's as if one guy wrote a show and submitted it to every studio in Hollywood. Unfortunately, they all thought it.

I was wonderfully surprised when I saw some of the new shows for this fall. I personally was glad to see Matthew Perry, Chandler from "Friends," back on TV in the new NBC drama "Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip." It's about the goings on in the studio of a sketch comedy show not unlike NBC's "Saturday Night Live." I enjoyed the premiere, but it wasn't quite what I was looking for. Luckily for me, along came "30 Rock," the comedy equivalent to "Studio 60." It's written and produced by Tina Fey, who wrote for, and resurrected, "SNL." The premiere is Oct. 11 and it's one show my DVR is already set to record.

Now to my personal new favorite of the fall season...

"Smith" is a show about a gang of high-end robbers who will steal anything they are paid to get. The elaborate means of theft and high drama between lead character Bobby Stevens, Ray Liotta and everyone else in the show leads to one solid hour I can actually watch without fast forwarding through any parts.

Now I am not saying that I don't still enjoy "Law and Order." I watch that, too, but only on occasion. The returning shows this fall have come up a little short for me thus far. "Grey's Anatomy" seems to be the same old thing. McDreamy is still having "beautiful man" problems, too many women, and too little time. Meanwhile, poor O'Malley can't say, "I love you," to his wonderful doting girlfriend because he still loves Meredith Grey.

I've missed "House" this season but I shouldn't even count FOX as being a real player in the network television world. However, if a FOX network has to be mentioned it may as well be FX. However, my favorite show from the past three years, "Nip/Tuck" has become too weird and out there even for me. Everything that could be messed up, slept with, or organ harvested, has been. Did I mention it is also a "doctor" show?

There are many other shows still on from past seasons, and of course new shows I failed to mention, and if none of the new shows do it for you, and you're just bored with the same old drama on network TV, well then, I guess you could always watch "Dancing with the Stars."

Letters To The Editor

I choose not to participate in the debates between the Greeks and non-Greeks on campus. I can choose no side in this "conflict" that plays itself out within the pages of the *East Carolinian*. I cannot choose a side for a variety of reasons. I know people that are in the Greek community that I get along with, some I'm even friends with, and I am friends with some of those that stand opposite of the fraternities and sororities. However, the main reason I choose not to get involved with this issue is that it's not really an issue at all.

Through the Pirate Rants the student body has created a conflict that appears to have international implications. However, we have become so self-involved with our pathetic social differences that we have come to ignore real world issues such as the events unfolding in Africa.

In Darfur, Sudan, there have been over 400,000 people murdered and over two million forcibly removed from their homes within the last three years. This does not even take into account that the average "Janjaweed" soldier commits rape 10 times per day. Yet, most of the people in our country have no idea of the situation occurring in Sudan. But, I guess the choice of fraternity or not is much more important and can have a much more global impact than the deaths and rape of thousands of people.

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{ Pirate Buzz }

Horoscopes:

Aries
You can listen to everybody, but you shouldn't believe them all. Just because you're honest and trustworthy doesn't mean everyone is.

Taurus
Figure out what you want to accomplish. Pick an exciting goal, one that's slightly beyond your present ability to reach. But don't get wild; take it one step at a time.

Gemini
You like to go along with what other people want. Every once in a while, however, you have to do what works for you. Like now.

Cancer
Don't make the mistake of thinking your input isn't needed. Without your contribution, the whole scheme will fall through. If you don't let your ideas be known, the whole thing could fall apart and hurt people you care about.

Leo
You're more of a leader than a follower. Remember that now. Listen to all the advice but make your decision on your own.

Virgo
New complications arise, causing delays and confusion. You can fix the problem fast. This is why you get the big bucks.

Libra
You want to jump the fence, to see what's on the other side. Restrain yourself, it could be a pen for something large and mean. You know what they say: The grass isn't always greener on the other side.

Scorpio
Figure out which of the other people's goals match yours. Instead of an argument, you can have a working team.

Sagittarius
Stay calm, if at all possible. Let somebody else represent your position to those who need to be convinced. Be confident, and you'll ride out this storm.

Capricorn
Speculation is running rampant, because nobody knows exactly what will happen. You're trying something different, so it's perfectly natural. But be careful, you don't want to get in over your head and let everyone tell you "I told you so."

Aquarius
It's OK if you haven't discovered all of the answers by now. It's more likely that new questions have been raised. Keep up the investigation.

Pisces
Controversy breaks out, as the group tries to decide what's important and what's not. Tell them if they all pitch in, they can have it all. It is time for you to be appreciated.

Drink Recipes:

Singapore Sling
2 cups ice cubes
1 1/2 oz. Gin
2 oz. Lemon mix
2 oz. club soda
2 oz. 7-Up
1/2 oz. cherry brandy
2 maraschino cherries
1 slice fresh orange
1 cocktail umbrella
Fill a mixing glass with ice. Add the gin and lemon mix. Place a metal shaker over the glass, invert, and shake 3 to 4 seconds. Pour the mixture into a Singapore Sling glass (ice included). Fill the glass with the club soda and 7-Up. Float the brandy on top. Garnish with the cherries, orange slice and umbrella.

Black and White
Ice cubes
2 fluid oz. heavy cream
1 fluid oz. vanilla flavored vodka
1 1/2 fluid oz. chocolate liqueur
Chocolate swizzle sticks, for garnish
Fill a cocktail shaker or small pitcher with ice. Add the cream and vodka. Cover and shake vigorously, or stir, until combined and chilled, about 30 seconds. (In general, by the time the shaker mists up the drink is ready.) Strain into a chilled cocktail glass. Slowly pour the chocolate liqueur into the center of the drink to make a layered black and white cocktail. Lay a chocolate swizzle stick across the top rim of the glass. Serve. (Stir the layers together with the swizzle stick before drinking.) (Please drink responsibly)

Breast Cancer awareness month

Informing women all over the nation about how to detect breast cancer

STACY DAIL
STAFF WRITER

If you've gone anywhere this month, it is very likely that you've seen everyday items, such as clothes, jewelry and even kitchen mixers, embellished with little pink ribbons.

This new array of pink is because October is National Breast Cancer Awareness month, and proceeds from these products help to fund campaigns hoping to inform women about early detection of breast cancer.

This month has been nationally recognized by many organizations, and has encouraged them to organize fund-raisers and other activities to help raise money to fight, detect, treat and cure this cancer that is the second leading cause of cancer death among women.

In 1960, one out of every 20 women was diagnosed with breast cancer during their lifetime. That ratio has shockingly taken a turn for the worse compared to today, where one out of seven develop this deadly disease.

Although breast cancer awareness is encouraged throughout the year, October is used to step it up a notch and really educate women about breast cancer, its symptoms and how to help prevent it.

Many clinics offer free screenings during the month, and women of all ages are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity.

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month was first started in 1985, and took place only during the first week of October.

Throughout the week, members from the American Academy of Family Physicians and Cancer Care, Inc. gave out brochures,



Pink ribbon items to raise money for breast cancer can be purchased year-round but October is a great time to buy.

talked to news reporters and even went to the U.S. Congressional committee to discuss the serious need for easy access to mammograms.

This got the attention of then first lady Betty Ford, who was a breast cancer survivor. She teamed up with her daughter Susan to talk on national television about the importance of breast cancer screening. Their appearance affected many people, and soon public officials, community leaders and the media, as well as everyday people, started to show

interest in the cause. That interest has continued to grow, and this program has continued to make more and more of an impact in the lives of women. This year NCBAM wants to focus on getting women to really take control of their breast health and to make sure that they are educated about how to give themselves regular self-breast exams, in addition to annual mammograms.

Our community is doing many things to support NCBAM, but students are always encouraged to get involved and do more. Stu-

dents who are interested in helping women become more aware of ways to detect breast cancer and those who want to help friends and family who are battling the disease can visit ncbam.com.

During this month, remember not only the survivors and fighters of breast cancer, but also their friends and family who continue to give them love and support and maybe even a sense of hope for the future.

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Fantasy leagues not just for football

New Web site provides play for stargazers

LIZ FULTON
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Just when you thought it was safe to get back on your computer, a new addition is spreading that will make you wonder why you thought People.com text messages or PerezHilton.com were the bee's knees when it came to celebrity obsession.

Four friends in Kansas City, Mo., have constructed a Web site where users create their own celebrity fantasy league at TABFL.com.

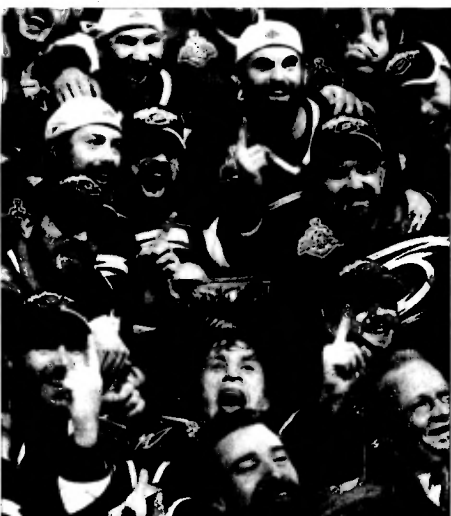
Like sports fantasy games, TABFL has compiled an extensive database of stats on over 2,600 of America's favorite celebrities. The stats are gathered each week, and the celebrities are ranked and scored based on the number of times they appear in one of the "big four" tabloid magazines: *In Touch*, *People*, *Star* and *Us Weekly*. Based on these weekly stats, TABFL members rank, draft and manage their celebrity dream teams and game selections.

The Web site has two different games to play with one more coming soon. Simply create a username and password and you can begin testing your skills at how well you know celebrity gossip.

For the novice, the game to play is called FaceFecta, which has the same idea of the "trifecta" associated with horse racing. In this game, players pick the celeb-

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Project Roadtrip: Raleigh



Visiting the home of the Carolina Hurricanes is a great way to spend time.

Something for all walks of life

SARAH CAMPBELL
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

If you are planning to venture west this weekend to Raleigh for the North Carolina State Fair, you may want to extend your stay a few days in order to enjoy all that our state's capital has to offer.

Raleigh provides visitors and residents alike with a rich variety of opportunities for entertainment.

Shopping may be your favorite form of therapy; if so, Raleigh is the perfect place to end a stressful week. Whether you enjoy the variety of mainstream shops offered in the Crabtree Valley Mall or the quaint one-of-a-kind buys you can only find in Cameron Village, Raleigh makes shopping easy and enjoyable.

If you prefer to unwind by taking in your favorite tunes, Raleigh offers a vast selection of venues to enjoy live performances from both famous and local artists. Venues such as the Alltel Pavilion at Walnut Creek and the RBC Center offer concerts from bands like Aerosmith and Toby Keith.

Local favorites, like The Brewery, often host the likes of Greenville-based band Your Name in Vain, and the Lincoln Theatre has been privy to performances by 2005's Barefoot on the Mall headliner Citizen Cope.

There's a sports fanatic hidden in everyone, whether you enjoy a night on the ice while the this

year's Stanley Cup champions, the Carolina Hurricanes, fight for the win, or a round on the court with the North Carolina State University's men basketball team, the RBC Center should be your landing pad.

For those looking for some cultural entertainment while in Raleigh, visit some of the many historic sites and museums.

The North Carolina Museum of History offers visitors an array of historical artifacts as well as an exhibit honoring the state's athletics in the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame.

For a look at some of today's up-and-coming artists, you can visit Raleigh's Artspace, which is home to the public studios of 44 working artists in the area.

The N.C. Museum of Art also offers visitors a variety of exhibits, which span 5,000 years of art history.

Whether you enjoy shopping until you drop, singing along to your favorite bands, cheering for the team or soaking in the cultural atmosphere that Raleigh has to offer, you are sure to be begging to extend your stay rather than packing up and heading back home.

Log on to Raleigh's visitor Web site at visitraleighnc.com for a calendar of upcoming events, a list of 23 things to do for free, area restaurant news, entertainment information and a shopping guide.

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Day in the life of a marching Pirate

What its like to be the life of the game

SHANNON DAVIS
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When walking into the Dowdy-Ficklen stadium for a home football game, the stands rumble with the energy of the crowd, the canon blasts off and of course, the marching band is there to supply music and entertainment. As the dominant spirit organization on campus, the marching band performs for over 300,000 fans each year. Kraig Winston, a junior hospitality management major, is a member of the ECU marching band's Color Guard.

EC: What made you decide to be part of the marching band?

Winston: It's a blast. Performing gives you such a rush sometimes. I have also met so many friends through it.

EC: What do you like most about the Color Guard?

Winston: Everyone sees if you don't do the work. So I guess Color Guard pushes me to try harder, and because of it, performing is so much more fun. I can be proud of the work I have done.

EC: How do you feel being a male among a majority of female peers in the Color Guard?

Winston: There are three other guys, and the girls love us. There's not really any difference in the way we're treated, it is just easier to spot us out on the field than the girls. So basically we



Marching Pirate Kraig Winston is a member of the ECU Color Guard.

have to strive to be better, so we don't stand out as much.

EC: Is it a lot of effort to remember the shows each week?

Winston: It really depends on the show and how much time we have. It's very difficult to cram in work in a short period of time. You have to keep pushing to get it memorized, so it leaves hardly any time to clean it up.

EC: How often does the marching band practice?

Winston: Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from

4 - 6 p.m. and before games on Saturday, we rehearse for about an hour before marching up to the stadium for the game.

EC: Do you think there is a band following just as much as there is for the football team and cheerleaders?

Winston: Actually, I do. Everyone on that field has friends, and those friends love to see their friends perform. To my surprise, after the first home

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Scores Pool Hall & Bar

A quality place to hang out in Greenville

AARON BORRERO
STAFF WRITER

I recently went downtown in the pursuit of a good time. I was met with long lines and an endless number of shady people in the few places I went. This was when I decided to go to Scores Pool Hall and Bar.

Not many people were there, which made the place seem kind of empty given the size of the bar. An extremely friendly female bartender greeted me and proceeded to tell me about their drink specials and pool table rates.

I understand this is her job, but she did it with a genuine smile. I began to notice that the place had changed quite a bit since the last time I was there.

I was also greeted by the bar owner, Mark Sokolovic, to whom I began talking about how much the place had changed.

"This isn't the same place... the pool tables, tables and seats, drink rails and even the bathrooms are new and improved," said Sokolovic.

He was right, everything is new. This is mainly due to the management change because he recently bought the pool hall and decided to go in a new direction with the place. That direction is to have a safe, clean and friendly atmosphere.

That personable and intimate feel to the bar must be a result of Sokolovic and his wife's personalities. Sokolovic, a native of Pittsburgh, tells me that dealing with people respectfully can resolve many of the problems encountered by businesses.

Some of the more impressive things about this bar are NFL ticket playings every single game, some of the cleanest bathrooms I have seen downtown, eight-foot projection screens, live music, free food and beverages every third Wednesday for two hours open to members only and the friendliest environment downtown by far.

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I can only imagine that this is a result of running three other establishments in Myrtle Beach and Charlotte. I am truly impressed by the lengths they are going to ensure a quality place for students to frequent.

Sokolovic tells me that they have live music on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Wednesday features "Jamming with Jack," and Thursday is amateur band night. Friday and Saturday showcase more local talent from the area.

Basically, this helps local bands get exposure since they now have a new venue to play from and still provide quality local entertainment. If any bands are interested in playing, contact Mark at Scores at (252)355-8700.

I am told there are a few things to look out for soon, like pool tournaments every Thursday, tailgate parties on Saturdays or Sundays, bus trips to Charlotte for Panthers games and catered food. With so many places to go downtown, this place stands above most for its friendly and clean atmosphere. There is something to be said if you can go to a place where you know the people and you are able to carry on nice conversations.

Whether it be for the first time or again, see what Scores is all about. I have found my new bar of choice where I will now need to practice my pool skills.

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The Marching Pirates are a very important part of the football experience.

Winston: How long is your season? Winston: As long as the football season basically. We start rehearsing about mid-August. We don't stop rehearsing until after the last game. We only continue then if we are going to a bowl game. Our last game this year is with N.C. State on Nov. 25. So the season will last about four months.

EC: Do you think the marching band contributes to the football game experience every weekend? Winston: Oh yeah! We get the fans wild and excited during pre-game and we play music to get them going while in the stands. We all get excited and play/cheer loud just to get everyone else into the game. I know I'm biased, but I don't think a football game would be nearly as much fun without the band there.

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EC: How much earlier do you have to come to ECU before the fall semester actually begins? Winston: Usually about a week. Band camp started on the Aug. 17 this year.

The ECU marching band is the backbone of spirit at the football games. Their stand music and halftime shows keep the fans on their feet.

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TABFL

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rities they think will grace the covers of the big four tabloids each week. Winners are eligible to win prizes like iPod nanos and Coach bags.

Once you have FaceFecta cornered, move on to TabFecta that lets you draft your own fantasy cast of celebrities.

You decide who is on or off the red carpet each week. Your selected cast will earn points for you when photos of them appear in the big four magazines. A note of caution: Celebrities lose points when they are critiqued for poor fashion sense or abnormal behavior leaving other players on the TABFL network to dethrone you

as the reigning queen or king of celebrity sightings.

While the new season did begin on Oct. 3, it is not too late to join in on the fun and see if your team makes the grade. Each team is comprised of eight celebrities, two actors, one model, two wild cards, two males and one musician. You can also have four off-stage celebrities to be substituted in at your discretion.

TabFecta's season is one month long with a player's picks submitted every week by Tuesday at midnight. Then TABFL employees, known as "fameologists," calculate the number of appearances each celebrity has in

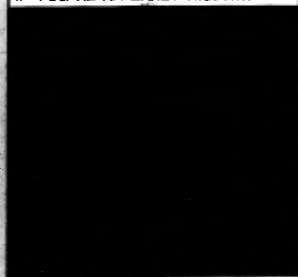
the big four tabloids. All of this sounds obscure and hard to grasp, but think of it as explaining beer pong to that foreign guy that lives in your basement. They might not get it at first, but soon they'll be playing with best of them and teaching the seasoned a few new tricks.

Best of all, TABFL can be played in teams, which will get all of your friends into the groove, making you feel less guilty for ignoring your research paper. Log on to tabloid fantasy league, and may the best celebrity stalker win!

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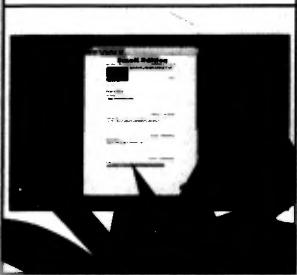
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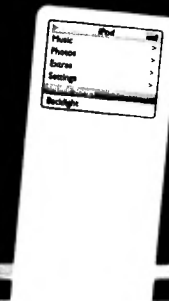
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Unanswered points scored by Tulsa in the second half of 2005's 45-13 win over ECU even though the Pirates went to halftime with a 13-10 lead

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Rushing touchdowns recorded by punter Ryan Dougherty in his career, the second of which was on a fake field goal attempt in the fourth quarter to put ECU up 31-17 against Virginia; he was named Conference USA Special Teams Player-of-the-Week on Monday

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Consecutive games that senior wide receiver Bobby Good has tallied at least one catch dating back to Oct. 22, 2005

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Men's basketball games that will be nationally televised according to a Conference USA announcement Tuesday. ESPN2 will broadcast ECU at N.C. State on Dec. 28, while CSTV will air a Jan. 10 game at Tulsa and a Jan. 20 game when the Pirates host Memphis, along with the conference tournament's quarterfinal and semifinal games

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Women's basketball games that will be nationally broadcast. CSTV will air a trip to Marshall on Jan. 28 while ESPN2 will televise a contest at Tulsa on Feb. 11

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Kills away that junior outside hitter Kelly Wernert is from moving into 10th place on the all-time kills list in school history

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School rank in career blocks (346) by senior middle blocker Jamie Bevan, who is also eighth in school history for career kills (855)

They said it

"[Tulsa] is where we aspire to be. They're 4-1, leading the conference, in the top three [statistically]. They have a great offense. They have a great defense. They have a great kicking game. That's where we want to be. We're hungry to try to get there. I hope we're hungry to try to get there, but they're there. They're on the top of the mountain...but it's our job to knock them off the top of the mountain."
-Skip Holtz, ECU Head Coach

"[The ECU] defense was very impressive. Virginia scored after a blocked punt and got the ball inside the twenty-yard line and then they scored on a little double reverse pass. Other than that, they didn't do much against them at all and ECU pounded the ball right down Virginia's throat. Virginia was a top-20 team in the country on defense going into the game and [ECU] pounded it down their throats. [ECU] physically dominated them in every phase of the game. It was very impressive."
-Steve Kragthorpe, Tulsa Head Coach

Small town gets some big air



Terrell Gordy, left, grinds his front peg on a street ramp. The Wilmington, N.C. native has been riding his whole life and rides with X Games celebrities Dave Mirra and Ryan Nyquist. Marcus Tooker, top, attempts an ariel stunt. The Cape Cod, Mass. native, above left, attempts a back flip and above right, a tail whip. Tooker chose ECU because of its reputation for being a hangout for the world's best riders.

Greenville has quickly become haven for pro skaters, bikers

BENJAMIN LLOYD
STAFF WRITER

New York is famous for its pizza, Chicago has its improv and Greenville is known for its BMX riding. X Games superstars Dave Mirra and Ryan Nyquist live and ride in Greenville alongside Ryan Guettler, Allan Cooke, Josh Harrington, Scott Wirth, Mike Laird and Alistair Whitton.

With the superstars practicing street and vert tricks, many ECU students flock to learn and watch.

"It seems to be some sort of domino effect, where one person came here, then another, then another," said Terrell Gordy,

an ECU student and BMXer. "At some point Greenville just became the spot to go riding." ESPN commentators refer to Greenville as Pro Town USA for the BMX bikers.

The City of Greenville created their own skate park with Jaycee Park, which recently underwent renovations to improve the ramps, jumps and pipes.

Ryan Nyquist, an eight-time X Games medalist has his own riding warehouse, named The Unit. Dave Mirra, who was unable to compete in this year's X Games due to a lacerated liver suffered in practice, also has his own warehouse, but the location is in Winterville. The warehouses provide an opportunity to hone new tricks in a private environment without fanfare or much publicity.

Mirra, who has an X Games record 20 medals, was recently featured on a milk advertisement on Evans St. He likes riding on ECU's campus so much that he featured a replica of Sonic Plaza on a recent BMX video game. In the game's sequel bearing his name, the player can ride around Greenville streets, ride through a University, and even ride in people's back yards.

When Greenville started to be the place to come ride, the best spots were in people's backyards, but the city of Greenville made a law so that no one could have ramps in their yards anymore.

As nice as it is to have professional riders like Mirra and Nyquist, the sport's future relies on its youth. Marcus Tooker is a 20-year-old ECU student from Massachusetts who when

decided to attend ECU because of Greenville's reputation for BMX riding. Tooker, who has been riding for nearly a decade, has recently been going to competitions like the Mountain Dew Sports Tour where he rides in the street competition.

"I feel like traveling is huge," said Tooker. "Biking has opened up my life. It's so easy to make friends. My friend and I drove cross country staying on people's couches that we had just met that day because of riding."

Tooker's favorite trick is the 360-degree tail whip to bar spin, but he can also pull off a back flip and tail whip. He learned the tricks at Nyquist's The Unit, which has a foam pit to try big tricks into before attempting them on concrete.

Another ECU student that

rides is Terrell Gordy, who's been riding for his whole life. Gordy refers to riding as his stress release. His influences for riding are his friends, who are always pushing him to do a trick and do it better than last time, and the professionals that live around Greenville.

"Dave and Ryan, they're really cool guys, they're just normal guys trying to have fun," said Gordy of the laid-back Mirra and Nyquist.

Riding with X Games stars has turned out to be an once-in-a-lifetime experience for impressionable Greenville kids. Teenagers and kids swap tricks with the pros everyday. Not only do they see their idols on TV, but

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New faces bring new energy



Jeremy Ingram is one of four players returning for Ricky Stokes in 2006.

Stokes optimistic about upcoming basketball season

RON CLEMENTS
SENIOR WRITER

Following an 8-20 season in his first year at the helm of the ECU basketball program, Ricky Stokes parted ways with eight of the 12 players on the 2005 roster. With only four returning players, Stokes said his second season as the head coach of the Pirates will come with a lot of "accelerated teaching."

"We do have four guys back that played a lot of basketball for us," said Stokes, "and a lot of new faces, a new energy, so to speak."

Jeremy Ingram, Courtney Captain, J.H. Rose alumnus Taylor Gagnon and all-freshmen Conference USA selection Sam Hinnant all return to lead a young Pirates squad with seven freshmen.

"It's been a lot of teaching," Stokes said of the summer workouts. "We have not done a lot of 5-on-5. That will be when we start here this Friday. They will have an opportunity, but I've been impressed with all the new faces. Our core freshmen are playing extremely well and are excited to be here, and I think they'll add a lot to our team."

The Pirates begin practice Friday, with walk-on tryouts to be held a week from Thursday. Stokes is hoping the new faces will help the basketball program "take a step forward."

The seven freshmen include 6-foot-10 Justin Ramsey and former Apex track star James Dillard. Stokes said Dillard's athleticism has impressed him the most.

"He's also a basketball player that happened to play track," said Stokes. "One thing that he provides is that size, which we didn't have a lot of guys in that range. We think he can use his athletic ability as a defender against the bigger guards."

Corey Rouse graduated and Mike Castro has used up his eligibility. Those were the only two seniors on last year's squad. The other six decided to transfer to other schools, a decision Stokes said was not made by him.

"It was an individual decision by each player at the end of the year," Stokes said, who was hired by Terry Holland from South Carolina in 2005. "We were trying to have the best fit for each individual person and in a lot of different instances, a lot of kids wanted to play in different places. Whether it's more minutes or not on board with the commitment that we're looking for, it was not my decision. It was a decision that we have at the end of the year with each individual to sit down and see what's best for them."

The Pirates have just one senior and Stokes will look to the aptly named Captain, and the other returnees, to provide leadership to the young team.

"I expect all the four returning guys to share the load as far as responsibility," said Stokes. "Courtney Captain has played at some point guard position, but hopefully we'll let him play the

off-guard, which I think he's the most comfortable playing."

Darrell Jenkins, one of two junior transfers, is the front-runner to play the point, but the Pirates still don't have a true point guard.

"Darrell Jenkins has played point guard," said Stokes. "He's a junior college transfer from Southern Idaho that has played the position. Naturally, he's the guy who can push the basketball. I think he makes the game easy, makes the easy play and really distributes the basketball."

Stokes added that the job is not Jenkins' yet with Captain and a couple of others likely to get looks.

"Brandon Evans will have an opportunity to play there," said Stokes. "He's a freshman, and also Cory Farmer, a junior college guy at Tallahassee who could slide over to that."

Ingram, a junior from Kinston, is recovering from his fourth knee surgery, and Stokes said he is counting on a full recovery and a big season from the Wake Forest transfer.

"I think this rehab is old hat for him, but we're gonna look forward to his leadership," said Stokes. "He joined us midyear [in 2005], so he has a full year of practice and more importantly, preseason conditioning."

Stokes said the summer workouts went well and he feels the 2006 Pirates will be a better conditioned team than they have in the past.

"I'm really pleased with how the summer workouts went," said

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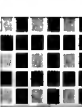
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Stokes. "We have a new strength coach, Michelle Boswell, who I think has done a tremendous job for us. We've done a lot of track work, a lot of strength work, and basketball. I think we're far ahead with the teaching and putting stuff in this year, our second year."

Stokes is starting to put his stamp on the program, and has done so by changing the attitude of the program, and building camaraderie with the players.

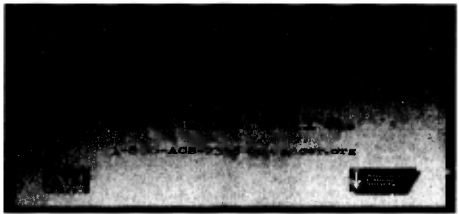
"I think this is a closer team," said Stokes. "We made some changes. We've moved everybody on campus, we have mandatory breakfast checks. We've done a lot in the preseason that has chal-

lenged the kids. Hopefully their chemistry, by spending a lot of time together, will show on the court."

With Ramsey joined by 6-foot-10, 255-pound fellow freshman Chad Wynn and 6-foot-9 frosh John Fields, Stokes feels his team has the size it's been lacking. That size will be needed to replace the rebounding productivity lost with the graduation of Rouse.

"I don't think any one guy can replace a guy like Corey Rouse," said Stokes, "especially the year that he had last year, but I think collectively, hopefully we can get the job done."

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N.C. State's Brackman will sit out basketball season to concentrate on baseball

(AP) — N.C. State's depleted frontcourt just got a little thinner.

Andrew Brackman, a 6-foot-10 junior who is a pitcher for the baseball team, said Tuesday he plans to sit out the basketball season to focus on baseball in hopes of improving his chances of being a high draft pick next summer.

The announcement made official what many had expected for weeks and leaves the Wolfpack without one of its top returning players on a front line that lost Cedric Simmons to the NBA draft.

"Playing professional baseball has been a big dream of mine ever since I was a little kid and that dream has a chance of coming true in June," Brackman said in a written statement. "Because of that I feel that the most important thing for me is to be as prepared mentally and physically as possible for the draft."

The news came during the Wolfpack's annual preseason media day, which was the first for coach Sidney Lowe since he was hired to lead his alma mater in May. Brackman, who did not attend the event, issued his statement through the university.

Brackman said he would reconsider whether to play basketball after the professional baseball draft in June, though Lowe wouldn't rule out Brackman playing basketball this season.

"The door is always open," Lowe said. "I wouldn't close it on him. He's one of our kids. He's part of our family. He's been on the team before. I'm just not one to close the door on family. He's always welcome. The players feel the same way."

Last baseball season, Brackman was 1-3 with a 6.35 ERA before a stress fracture in his left hip ended his year. The injury healed in time for him to pitch in international competition for

Team USA. He was 4-0 in seven starts with a 2.09 ERA in his freshman year.

"I look at this basketball season as a redshirt year for me," Brackman said. "My primary focus will be on playing baseball but I still consider myself part of the basketball program."

It's easy to understand why Lowe would hold out hope for Brackman to change his mind. He averaged 7.6 points per game while ranking second on the team with 28 blocked shots for the Wolfpack last year.

Brackman figured to see significant minutes this season after last year's 22-10 team lost Simmons, who left school after his sophomore season, and fifth-year senior forward Ilian Evtimov.

That leaves the Wolfpack with one experienced frontcourt player: 6-8 sophomore Ben McCauley, who averaged 2.1 points and 6.9 minutes in 27 games.

"I think the window might still be cracked," McCauley said. "I think we all want to stay positive toward that idea. I talked to Andrew many times during the week. He still says he's confused about it."

"He's got a really difficult decision to make. I've told him many times that whatever decision he makes, I'm behind him 100 percent."

The other front line players include 6-8 redshirt freshman Brandon Costner, who played just five games because of a stress fracture in his leg, and 7-3, 245-pound freshman Bartosz Lewandowski. The losses could even force 6-7 swingman Gavin Grant to spend time inside, which could leave the Wolfpack short-handed against bigger teams.

Still, his teammates sound OK with Brackman's decision — even if they'd love to have him on the court.

"We could definitely use him for a couple of Duke and Carolina games," Grant said.

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