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ECU celebrates Homecoming



Midnight Madness at ECU is one of the most popular ways to spend your Halloween night. Find out about all of the events that will be offered this year.....**Page A4**



No one ever thinks about who is underneath that PeeDee costume. Meet the men under the mask**Page A4**



James Pinkney and the Pirates celebrated Homecoming in style by routing SMU 38-21. Pinkney threw for a career-high 391 yards and Brandon Simmons ran for two 1-yard scores. Read our game recap to find out what you missed.....**Page A6**



Freshman Abby Bools finished sixth as the women's golf team hosted the Lady Pirate Invitational. Read the tournament recap to see how the defending conference champions finished as a team.....**Page A7**

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Students participated in the homecoming parade on Fifth Street Saturday morning with decorated floats.



Keri Brockett and Chris Welch were crowned Homecoming King and Queen during Saturday's halftime show. Below, a majorette makes a show of school spirit, also during half time.



Photo by Jessi Mock

Pirates win the West

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The outcome of homecoming competitions and events included major victories by various student organizations and also another big win for Pirate football. Homecoming activities started on Wednesday, Oct. 18 and concluded on Saturday, Oct. 21. A banner competition and a skit contest were held in Hendrix Theater on Wednesday. PRSSA won the banner competition and SGA took the win for the skit contest. The bottom of College Hill was the site for Thursday's homecoming activities which included

a can food drive and a pep rally. Amy Dozier, homecoming committee co-chair said, "Over 8,000 cans were collected all together and donated to the Salvation Army but ECU Ambassadors collected the largest amount of cans." The pep rally had a riding bull and barbeque available to the students and entertainment from the cheerleaders and dance team according to Dozier. The top three skits from the skit contest were performed by SGA, N.C. Teaching Fellows and ECU Ambassadors. Friday included four different events that took place in four different locations. Students had the option of participating in Volunteer Friday at Mendenhall Student

Center brickyard or Freeboot Friday in Evans Street parking lot, viewing the lawn competition or attending the annual NPHC step show in Wright Auditorium. Homecoming events started early on Saturday morning with the homecoming parade on Fifth Street at 9:45 a.m. All organizations that wanted to participate in the parade decorated a float that incorporated the central homecoming theme of "How the Pirates Won the West," according to Dozier. The mayor and all the students that were in the homecoming court also were a part of the parade that extended down Fifth Street. The Pirate football play- see **HOME COMING** page A2



SGA President M. Cole Jones addresses the SGA Congress on Monday.

Possibility of student fee increase exists

Forum and meeting set to be held in November

KIMBERLY BELLAMY
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The main focus of the SGA congress meeting on Monday was to discuss the proposal of an increase in student fees. Congressmen were encouraged to attend the preliminary forum to get familiar with the terms of the proposed increase. A meeting has been set following the forum so that congressmen and the student body will have the opportunity to voice their opinions on the increase in student fees. The forum will be on Nov. 2 at 5:30 p.m. in Hendrix Theater and the meeting will be held on November 15. The attendance of both the congressmen and the student body were stressed at the meeting on Monday by members of SGA. Keri Brockett, SGA secretary said, "It is important that student know that they are allowed to sit in on the forum and the meeting to give their opinions even though they will not be allowed to vote."

The meeting was kept brief on Monday and just addressed the student fees and any announcements from congressmen that represent various student organizations. One of the events that is currently going on this week that was mentioned at the meeting by congressmen, Regina Twine, was "Hate Out Week." Twine explained that "Hate Out Week" is an event that is sponsored by the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center and involves various activities throughout the week. The main focus of this event is representation of diminishing prejudice and discrimination by building a wall created by the students with racial slurs and discriminatory statements and breaking it down according to Twine. Twine said, "Students can participate by coming by Mendenhall brickyard where the wall will be built and writing one of these hate comments." For more information about SGA students can visit ecu.edu/sga or call 328-4742. This writer may be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

Bowles, Lancaster promote educational partnerships

Community colleges, universities work together

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The leaders of the North Carolina's public higher education institutions met Oct. 23 to discuss partnerships between community colleges and state universities here at ECU. Erskine Bowles, president of the University of North Carolina System, and H. Martin Lancaster, president of the North Carolina Community College System were among those who participated in the leadership forum, "Connecting Community Colleges and the Four-Year Institutions of North Carolina." A discussion between Bowles and Lancaster about partnerships between university and community college systems occurred at 10 a.m. and was located in the

Hendrix Theater at Mendenhall Student Center. According to Richard Eakin, former ECU chancellor and professor of educational leadership, the forum was sponsored by the ECU chapter of Phi Kappa Phi as a part of their commitment to the improvement of higher education in North Carolina. "The leadership forum brings together leaders from all sectors of higher education in North Carolina to address the important need to build collaborative bridges between two and four year institutions," said Eakin. The day long forum began at 9 a.m. at Mendenhall Student Center and included remarks and participation from ECU Chancellor Steve Ballard and chancellors from UNC Wilmington, Elizabeth City State University, Appalachian State, and N.C. State University; and college presidents from Pitt Community College, Caldwell Community College and Techni-

cal Institute, Craven Community College, Edgecombe Community College and Central Piedmont Community College. Chancellor of Elizabeth City State University, Willie Gilchrist, was the moderator for the discussion between Bowles and Lancaster between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. He said, "I'm going to make more contact with community college presidents to better the success of this collaboration. There are more high school students needing to go to college but need to start at the community college level. We need to provide a service to motivate those individuals to continue their education. A quality education is important to those in North Carolina; this is seen through the rise in enrollment of both community college and four year universities throughout the state." Gilchrist expressed his opinion of Erskine Bowles' goals by stat-

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Speaker illustrates effective means of communication

Relates forms of communication among leaders and student organizations

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Guest speaker Alex Davis, assistant director for organizational development of the Student Activities Center, spoke about effective forms of communication at the Mendenhall Student Center last Tuesday. Davis filled in for an intended speaker from the School of Communication and presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining means of effective communication

and how they are utilized between leaders and members of student organizations. Davis spoke about how effective communication is essential in his own position as he deals frequently with student organizations, such as SGA, and their presidents. He outlined his presentation emphasizing the five components of effective communication: Attitude, body language, eye contact, effective questioning and silence. Davis began by defining the term attitude and how its meaning differs among cultures. He elaborated upon this by giving the example that at ECU, where there is such a diverse university population, it is important to remember that attitudes, which

are based upon beliefs and assumptions, may be perceived differently by different cultures. Thus, it is important for students and especially leaders of student organizations to maintain a positive attitude and an understanding of how to manage cross-cultural communication. He also referred to a study, which proved that positive people are generally healthier than those who are not, adding to the benefits of a positive attitude. Davis then went into how managing one's body language and maintaining eye contact is significant in producing effective communication. see **SPEAKER** page A2

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United Nations Day Today
Department of Political Science and the Model UN Club presents a panel discussion titled "Challenges to Nonproliferation: Iran, North Korea and the United Nations" by Dr. Jaill Roshandel, director of security studies, Dr. Nancy Spalding, associate professor of political science and Dr. J. Tucker, director of Asian studies. From 12:15 - 1:30 p.m. in Brewster C-302, free pizza and drinks will be offered.

Crime Stoppers Reward
The Pitt-Greenville Crime Stoppers are offering a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of individual(s) who have set a series of trash can fires at ECU. Two trash can fires were set in the Bate Building in July 2006. Trash can fires were set at the Joyner Library Annex and Brewster B, C and D Wings in October. Anyone having information about these crimes should contact the Pitt-Greenville CrimeStoppers at 758-7777, or Lt. Mike Jordan, ECU Police, 737-1519, or go to the ECU Web site, Administration, Index, Police, Crime Reporting.

Student Dietetic Association Meeting
Mrs. Escott-Stump will speak about the dietetic internship today at 5:30 p.m. in the Rivers Building, room 160. This is a great opportunity to ask the director questions and hear about upcoming volunteer events.

ECU/Loessin Theatre Heeds Gabler
November 16 to 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. Was it murder or suicide? Originally by Henrik Ibsen, the adaptation is being presented by Christopher Hampton.

We are Hiring!
The *East Carolinian* is currently looking for news staff writers, sports staff writers and copy editors. If you have a passion for writing or are in basic/advanced or other reporting classes, this opportunity may be for you. This is a great opportunity for you to strengthen your writing skills, network with professionals and create strong articles for your portfolio. The *East Carolinian* requires that all employees are currently-enrolled students with a minimum 2.25 GPA. Apply at our office in the Self Help Building on the corner of Third Street and Evans Street. We are located on the first floor.

Other Hate Week Events Embracing Change
Multi-ethnic panel discussion about cultural adjustments required of international students; especially freshmen. This will be at Ledonia Wright Cultural Center at 7 p.m. today.

Jeff Johnson Speaks
BET entertainer and social activist Jeff Johnson will be at Hendrix Theatre at 7 p.m. on Wednesday. The topic is on how hate affects everyone involved.

24 Tue

ACHIEVE: What to write down when
Fletcher Hall Lobby
7 p.m.

Effective Communication
A guest speaker from the school of communication will present on effective forms of communication pertaining to leaders and members of student organizations
Mendenhall, Room 15
3:30 p.m.

Wall of Oppression: The Building and Writing on the Wall
The Writing on the Wall project serves as a shared experience of taking personal action to confront oppressive behavior and elements in our society.
Ledonia Wright Cultural Center
12 p.m.

Cultural Awareness: Oktoberfest
Mendenhall Brickyard
6 p.m.

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ECU Ceramic Guild Annual Mug Sale
The ECU Ceramics Guild Mug sale is an annual fundraiser. All mugs are handmade by Ceramic Guild members. With each mug purchase you will receive your choice of coffee, tea or hot chocolate. All proceeds benefit the ECU Ceramics Guild.
Jenkins Fine Art Building Foyer
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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

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The Realities of Hate
Tearing Down the Wall of Hate
Wright Plaza and MSC Brickyard

Hispanic Film Series: "Iluminados por el fuego" (Enlightened by Fire)
Argentina, 2005, 100 min. Directed by Tristán Bauer
Bate 2011
5:30 p.m.

One Fair in Two Locations
Minges Coliseum & New Health Sciences Building
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

ASO Free Movie Night
Admission is free. Snacks are available to purchase. Hosted by the Anthropology Student Organization.
Flanagan Building, room 265
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Graduate and Professional School Fair
Mendenhall Multi-Purpose Room

27 Fri

Ice Hockey
Bladez on Ice
ECU vs. Richmond
9:30 p.m.

Hate Out Week
The wall will be pulled down by human hands in a symbolic representation of humanity toppling the walls of hate and injustice, thus allowing passage to a proud and bright future.
Mendenhall Room 244 and Ledonia Wright Cultural Center Yard
1 p.m.

Multicultural Potluck
Please bring a dish to share. Beverages and table service will be provided.
Ledonia Wright Culture Center
2 p.m.

Women's Soccer
ECU VS. UTEP
Bunting Field
3 p.m.

Women's Volleyball
ECU VS. SOUTHERN MISS
Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum
7 p.m.

28 Sat

Men's Cross Country
C-USA Championships
Overton's Lake Kristi

Woman's Cross Country
C-USA Championships
Overton's Lake Kristi

Ice Hockey
Bladez on Ice
3:45 - 8 p.m.

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Women's Soccer
ECU VS. COLORADO COLLEGE
Bunting Field
12 p.m.

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

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Registration For Spring Semester 2007 Begins

BRIEFS

Family builds 4,600 square-foot "thank you" for hospital

(AP) — They arrived three months earlier than John and Laura Lee Potter expected.

Four tiny babies; together, weighing less than a mid-sized bowling ball, were born to the Potters in November 2000. The quadruplets spent their first three months fighting off infection in the neonatal intensive care unit at Pitt County Memorial Hospital, according to their mother, Laura Lee.

Machines helped them breathe, and tubes delivered food until they were well enough to go home.

"The feeling of appreciation

(for the hospital staff) never left me, and I don't ever want it to leave me," Laura Lee said. "These guys played a big part in the success of the lives of these babies that otherwise had a really rocky start."

Eventually, vendors and subcontractors began approaching the Potters offering their wares and work. To accommodate the rush, they expanded the building plan by 100 square feet.

The Potters hope their project becomes a model for future efforts to aid the hospital, but they're still missing one piece.

"We need a buyer," John said.

Off-base crashes a safety issue for sailors, Marines

(AP) — Frustrated Navy and Marine Corps officials are taking a hard line to try to reduce fatal traffic crashes off bases.

The Navy has tallied the most traffic fatalities in more than a decade and the Marine Corps had the heaviest losses in four years during the fiscal period ending Sept. 30, according to the Navy Safety Center.

The Navy and Marine Corps have established several programs to help reduce wrecks.

Before holiday weekends, Strike Fighter Squadron 106 at

Oceana Naval Air Station in Virginia Beach considers everyone who received a recent traffic citation to be a potential fatality and orders them to pre-pack belongings to be sent to next of kin.

Sailors on the Norfolk-based cruiser USS Normandy receive cards from a local cab company for free rides to the base. Sailors also get phone-tree cards so sailors can contact someone, from the ship's captain on down, if they are too drunk or sleepy to drive or if they have car trouble.

Lavish Urinals on the Way Out
(KMTR) — Urinals shaped

like women's mouths are reported on their way out at the lavish restroom near the Vienna national opera.

The urinals feature thick, lip-sticked lips, a set of teeth and a bright red tongue.

Neuhold Gerhard, owner of the company that operates the toilets, said he would remove the urinals within two weeks after being urged to do so, the Sun said.

Marianne Lackner, media spokeswoman for the Vienna Department of Women's Affairs called them "tasteless, misogynistic and offensive."

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ing. "He is a visionary, a thinker and is sincere about making a difference for North Carolinians. He talks about being affordable and using tax dollars wisely. This is going to cause more individuals to have hopes of attending a four year institution. This partnership between four year schools and community colleges is crucial for higher education because we want to make equal opportunities available for any eager student no matter what their income level or hold backs are."

Bowles noted that the global economy demands a more knowledgeable and educated workforce, and that educational systems must work together to address that need for North Carolinians. Both Lancaster and Bowles cited examples of existing community college and UNC partnerships, particularly in the fields of nursing, teacher training and biotechnology.

"In today's world, the taxpayers of North Carolina should have a seamless educational system; someone should be able to move easily from high school to community college to the university," Bowles said.

This forum was a playing field for representatives of the two and four year North Carolina colleges to cooperate with one another rather than work in opposition of each other. Their main goals are to encourage more students to continue their higher education and not settle for anything less.

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He presented a chart that outlined the way in which messages are conveyed among people.

This chart showed that body language accounts for 50 percent of the perceived message while tone accounts for 40 percent and words a mere 10 percent, therefore illustrating that it is crucial for one to be aware of how their entire body is conveying a message.

Davis said that it is important to ask questions that generate responses that make the one being questioned further explain what they are saying.

He explained that when communicating, it is important to choose open-ended questions and questions that coach another into their answers.

Davis also advised audience members to "pretend ignorance," or to act as if they have no knowledge of the topic at hand to allow another to engage in a topic deeply.

In concluding his speech, Davis spoke about silence and how it is a great conversation skill.

He talked about engaging one's senses and empathizing with the

needs of others through silence.

He noted the importance of avoiding barriers and stereotypes. Nursing students in the audience then commented that it is sometimes challenging to avoid stereotyping and how the need for effective communication is so great in the medical field.

Davis agreed and emphasized that while the components of effective communication may seem like common sense they can often be forgotten and thus it is essential to practice them in order to sustain a level of effective communication.

Presentations similar to this occur two to four times a month in the Mendenhall Student Center.

According to Davis, they are expecting guest speakers from the school of communication to present towards the end of this month.

Students interested in attending can visit the *East Carolinian's* online calendar and access times and locations for presentations, or consult the calendar above.

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HOMEcoming

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ers added another victory to their record by defeating SMU in the 3 p.m. game that was held at Dowdy-Ficklen stadium.

The homecoming king and queen were announced during half time of the football game. Chris Welch won king and Keri Brockett won queen.

Both hold executive positions but actually were representing one of the other organizations they are involved in. Welch represented SGA as treasurer and Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Brockett represented Campus Girl Scouts. She is also the secretary of SGA.

Brockett, ecstatic about the win, looks forward to representing the university as she holds the title for 2006.

"There were so many great candidates on the court who deserved the title. It's such a great feeling to know that you're thought of so highly by your peers and administration and seen as a great role model. I look forward to representing ECU as

an advocate on campus and in the community," said Brockett.

Other candidates for the title of queen were Dana White, Virginia Thompson, Erica Reid and Kinsey Batts. Candidates for king were Kevin Berryman, De'La' Woodruff, Larry Cummings Jr. and Kyle Durrell Johnson.

Welch seemed pleased that he won but seemed more thrilled by the turnout of student and community support of ECU for homecoming.

"Homecoming was a great experience and a great win for the Pirates. I thank all of the students and faculty for their involvement and hard work and making 2006 homecoming a great success," said Welch.

Other winners include the ECU Ambassadors getting first place for the ECU Spirit Cup. The cheerleaders and N.C. Teaching Fellows followed behind the Ambassadors.

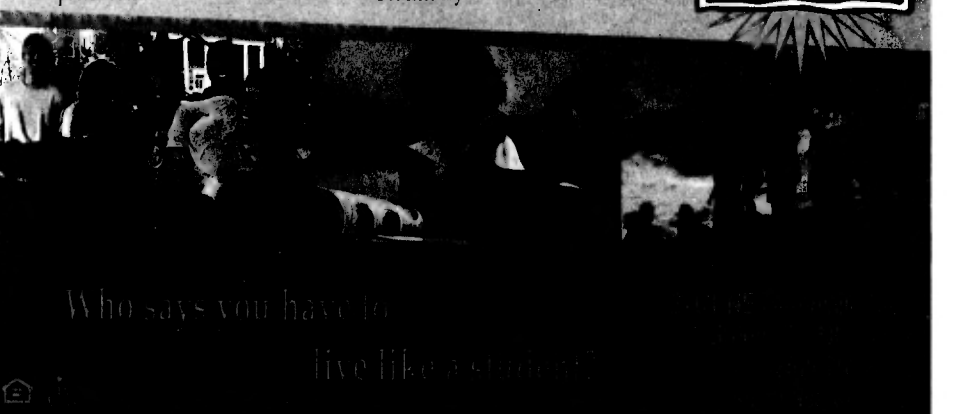
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- Game and recreational room
- Fully-equipped fitness center
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The ins and outs of our Web site

RACHAEL LOTTER
MULTIMEDIA WEB EDITOR

I am thrilled at the interest everyone has taken in the *East Carolinian's* new and improved Web site! With your help we are trying to make it into the Top 5 most viewed college Web sites, so keep the hits coming!

I know that you have been expressing your likes, dislikes and problems with the site through the Pirate Rants. I appreciate all the feedback you have and welcome it! Please send your e-mails to me at webmaster@theeastcarolinian.com. I will take the time to address your problems and take your suggestions into consideration as we mold the site to best fit your needs.

Now, I would like to address some of the issues that you have been ranting about.

I'll start with the drop down menus. If you are a Mac, Firefox or Linux user the likelihood is that you haven't noticed any problems. Great! However, I know that Internet Explorer users have had major issues. There is a bug between Internet Explorer and our flash-ads and unfortunately, it cannot be fixed at this time. Now that the latest version of Internet Explorer has been released, we have begun to work with our web host in hopes to solve the problem as quickly as possible. Until we can solve the problem, the easiest way to access the menu is to click and hold your mouse on the tab, which keeps the menu open for you to click your desired location.

Secondly, there have been some people who have noticed that their article comments have been removed. The *East Carolinian* reserves the right to edit or remove anything that is submitted to our site. This being said, we try to leave all comments, good or bad, on the Web site. However, on occasion someone will post something vulgar, profane or unnecessarily offensive. These comments will be removed immediately. Repeated comments from the same user will also be deleted.

I urge you all to make frequent visits to TheEastCarolinian.com for the multimedia features that are not available in our print version. We are regularly posting podcast interviews with bands that are performing in the area. These interviews are a great way for you to get to know the musicians as well as an opportunity to learn about their music. We also hope to begin podcasting in the near future.

The site is also a great source for photos of events happening around campus. In addition to the pictures that are printed, the Web site offers photo slideshows. Soon these slideshows will be larger and include audio. Our site also includes a sports and opinion blog as well as polls. If you are interested in what is happening on campus and around Greenville we have a very extensive calendar of events. If you are a part of a campus or community organization and find your event missing, please take a minute and add it to the calendar.

Finally, remember that TheEastCarolinian.com is a tool for you. Not only is it an online version of our print paper, it is an expansion of our print paper offering more articles, pictures and multimedia features. It is also an outlet for you to express yourself through web submissions of Pirate Rants, Letters to the Editor and Just Ask Jane.

I urge you to make visiting TheEastCarolinian.com part of your daily routine. Thanks for all your patience in getting our Web site up and running.

JUST ASK JANE

Need advice? Want answers? Just ask Jane.
Dear Jane,

Over the break, I heard my parents talking about getting a divorce, but wanting to wait until I finish the spring semester so that it doesn't affect my grades or me. What they don't know is that I've thought that they were going to get one for a long time now, and I'm OK with it. How do I let them know that it's OK to not worry about me and do what's right for them without interfering? Help!

Signed,
The Family Glue

Dear Family Glue,

This is a rough situation to be in, but it's very admirable of your parents to put you first. It's not often that couples put the kids' needs before their own. Usually, divorces blow up in your face and cause emotional distress for years to come.

If you believe the family change will not affect your grades, try openly telling them something like, "I overheard your conversation about a potential divorce and I would like to talk about it." Make sure you let them know that it was certainly not your intention to overhear their conversation, but since you did, you wanted to address it because it has obviously been on your mind. There are many different ways to approach the topic, but you don't want to say anything like, "I think you two should go on and get divorced already!" (not that you ever would). You want to remain as neutral as possible, but honest. If a divorce is what they want and it's something you can deal with without it causing a gargantuan disruption in your entire life, then, first of all, kudos to you and, secondly, they should know that so that they can make an informed decision on their own. Good luck!

Jane

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PIRATE RANTS

The Homecoming Court was part of a vast conspiracy.

You are in the front row of a football game. Sit down!

Take some initiative. There is no law that says girls can't initiate conversation with a guy. Take a chance instead of waiting for him to ask you.

Mommy school. That's how.

There need to be more Pirate Rants. Maybe like two full pages. I get so sad when I finish reading them... Its like when all the food is gone.

I am so bored of most of my friends. They're complete tool bags and not even in a funny way.

My roommate farts and sprays air freshener. When did that become socially acceptable, especially for a girl?

All my friends are transferring to other schools next year. Will you be my friend?

All I eat is fast food. Literally. That's all I've eaten for four years. Everyday I have at least one meal from a fast food restaurant and I'm healthy. So that movie *Super Size Me* was just a pack of lies.

The Rec Center should be open 24 hours a day. I wake up at like 3 a.m. sometimes just aching for a workout.

I have a feeling my roommate is trying to kill me. Yesterday he asked me how much an axe costs.

Skinny jeans do not look good on everyone. And by everyone, I mean you. We may be friends, but come on, that's just hideous. Lose the tights and miniskirt look, too. It's just not working out.

Don't you hate that feeling that someone's watching you, and when you look up, you meet their gaze, and then you both look away? Awkward social moment number one thousand something, brought to you by across-the-room glances.

To the technicians in the Mendenhall Computer Lab, if talking on our cell phones is disruptive to others' working, don't you think that your loud obnoxious conversations are too?

Don't worry about a thing, every little things gonna be all right.

Religion is something left over from the infancy of our intelligence; it will fade away as we adopt reason and science as our guidelines.

The only time I see my RA is when it's past 2 a.m. She's too busy even for her job.

If there are any girl gamers at ECU, please stop hiding...

Peanut butter and jelly time...

I have spent the last two hours writing Pirate Rants. Publish one.

Broke Back Petey should be our permanent mascot... take that Terry Holland.

Are you ever worried about going straight to the Pirate Rants as soon as you get the paper, because someone may judge you?

They should really Paint it Purple by painting our field purple.

You ask how moms know everything? Because they've been through it all before.

I decided to pledge a sorority to find sisterhood, lifelong friends, close bonds and memories that would last forever. Instead, I found bitterness, selfish-pride, arguments and hatred. What's so Greek about that?

Is anyone else's adviser a complete idiot?

I have a new theory: A girl's skank potential is directly tied to the size of her sunglasses.

Can anyone explain to me why an ID is required to get into the Austin computer lab? I could flash a Starbucks gift certificate and get into the place.

It has become obvious that our football conference is completely worthless.

Anyone who feels that it's OK to stand in the middle of a walkway between classes to have a meaningless conversation is an idiot.

You're annoying. Please stop touching me.

You see these shackles, baby? I'm your slave...

Figure it's not too early to talk about this, but who is ready to see the Tar Heels win a National Championship this year? Go Heels!

My boss sends me daily motivation e-mails. Too bad I hate my boss.

Does anyone else feel like they don't sleep any other time but during the weekend?

Racquet ball is only fun if you make big bruises on someone!

The bus schedule says you stop at the bottom of the hill. I specifically asked the driver to stop at the bottom of the hill. Did he stop at the bottom of the hill? No! Thanks a lot for not following the schedule and blatantly ignoring me.

Girls, if I go out of my way to smile at you, you better smile back unless you're at least a 10.

Since there is a Black Student Union, I think there should be a Student Union for every other

race. Hispanic, Indian, White, Asian, Multiracial.

Nobody in the entire world drives better when they're drunk, it's just that their perception is all messed up and so they deceive themselves. That's why I punched you in the face and took your keys. You drive worse than you fight, which means I probably saved someone's life by preventing you from getting behind the wheel drunk.

I've been at ECU so long that I remember when Wright Fountain still worked.

To the person that turned in my ECU OneCard, thank you so much! You not only brightened my day and restored my faith in humanity, but you also saved me 15 bucks! Let me buy you a drink sometime, to return the favor.

Hey ladies, if a guy smiles at you and tries to spark any sort of conversation with you, he probably likes you. At least give him the common courtesy to talk to him and give him a chance. You never know, you might actually like him if you give him a chance.

Whenever anyone says "Where you at?" or ends any sentence with a preposition, I cringe. Does nobody care about correct grammar now?

I used to like Dane Cook but now I've lost all respect for him.

Where are my eggs?

NASCAR is not a sport, just because its fast and entertaining and dangerous doesn't make it a sport.

The reason ECU games aren't televised is because Holland signed a deal with CSTV, which hardly anyone gets or cares about. Unless the game is on ESPN, ESPN2, or local WITN-7 then you won't see any ECU games on TV.

Quit reading the sex book!

Look, I'm sorry I'm the one getting married and not you. I don't talk about my wedding plans to rub it in your face but then again I'm not getting married because it was my life's goal, my goal is to get a degree, that's why I'm here. I'm getting married because I just happened to find the love of my life, not because I was searching for him like you are. You'll never find it if you keep looking for it, so stop crying every time I mention my wedding and just be happy for me.

Quit blowing up my cell phone!

I really don't want to go out of town, I've got too much stuff to do!

You said you were going to make me banana pancakes.

I wish I could just pay my teachers off to get the grades that I want.

RANT OF THE DAY

Hey, hey, hey E-C you look so good to me... hey hey hey.

Considering safe sex

Whose responsibility is it?

RYAN COBEY
OPINION WRITER

OK, so you've been successful enough to treat the girl of your dreams to a pleasant movie date. She agrees to come back to your dorm, apartment, what have you, to "hang out." And after you've made that inevitable first move she still hasn't resisted. Pretty soon both of you are laying down playing tonsil croquet and as soon as you think you're at the point of no return, she decides to ask a simple question: "Do you have a condom?"

Those five simple words instantly kill the mood, because obviously you haven't thought ahead. Or perhaps you just figured she was on the pill and you didn't need one. Don't worry buddy, it happens to the best of us.

Here's part two of this stereotypical story. You shake your head, signaling to her that you don't have protection, but continue to push onward—oh no, you can't give up now that you've come this far. She begins to push away, and all hope of ever getting with this particular girl vanishes, because by now you are so mad that she hasn't thought ahead and protected herself. After all, the girl is the one who has the baby, shouldn't it be her responsibility to keep herself safe?

This sounds like the terribly written soap opera we've all watched on stations like Telemundo when there's nothing else on, but unfortunately, it is the sad truth on many occasions. Sex is one of the most enjoyable activities we can experience, but it also has some of the most severe consequences, especially at our age. Many years ago, abstinence was the only way to prevent STDs and pregnancy, but thankfully, and I can't stress that enough, we have a variety of options that make it almost impossible to transfer diseases or become pregnant from one promiscuous night.

So, whose responsibility really is it? There is one option in particular that is almost ten-times easier and twenty-times cheaper than any other, but there is only one flaw to it—it gives the responsibility to men.

That option is, of course, the condom. You can buy them 12 for \$1 at the Student Health Center, and it should last you for a while unless you're one of these people who know every name of every STD alphabetically because you have had all of them.

They're cheap, easy to use, and you can even buy them in different flavors! So, why am I still hearing all of these complaints from guys about girls who aren't "prepared" for sex?

Don't tell me you're too afraid to go buy them. Do you honestly think the cashier is going to laugh in your face and make some crack about how you're never going to get laid anyway so why bother? Come to think of it, that would have made a good scene in the movie *Clerks*.

No, I seriously doubt it because you're afraid. That fear should have gone away years ago along with the fear of blowing your nose in public. Honestly guys, when you really think about it, the condom is the absolute easiest method of birth control we have. They don't require a prescription, putting one on is about as easy as donning a Popart, and even if you only have a dollar to your name, just go next door and ask the guy living beside you for one.

So, take the responsibility for once and be the man in your relationship, even if that relationship only lasts a night. Play it safe and wrap it up, so next time you find yourself in a sticky five-word situation, you can confidently say, "Why yes I do."

American Apparel unappealing

BRIDGET TODD
OPINION WRITER

If one of my more porcine instructors decided to take hold of his wrinkled Chinos and pull them down to his ankles, I'd be more than a little unsettled. I'd prefer to take his instruction while not staring at the fleshy dimples of his pale inner thighs. That's just me.

Similarly, if employees of American Apparel wish to do their jobs while not eyeing their boss' bulge as he saunters around the workplace in tight cotton briefs, they shouldn't be made to.

Dov Charney, American Apparel CEO, might disagree. I'm a big fan of Charney's clothing. His vintage track jacket is my best friend. I admire his rejection of sweat-shop-manufactured garments and his quest to bring affordable yet stylish attire to the masses. I've tried to focus on the positive—to remind myself that Charney is doing a respectable thing.

With all of the socially corrosive clothing stores in America, why not laud American Apparel's mission to brave the Wal-Mart's of the world? It would be a lot easier to do so if Charney didn't insist on parading his abusive sexual inclinations on every media outlet that will have him. This includes his masturbating in front of Claudine Ko, a reporter from *Jane* magazine during a 2004 interview.

Despite recent sexual harassment suits from former employees, Charney appears to be somewhat proud of his risqué endeavors. During interviews he laughs about walking around the sewing studio in his underwear and his use of sexually explicit language during conference calls with retailers. The pictures on the online catalogue look like soft-core pornography, in which girls in thongs are slung provocatively over couches to sell cotton shirts.

This isn't a new trend (think Calvin Klein ads of the 1990s or the sexy Abercrombie & Fitch ads of today), but in light of the intense sexual atmosphere Charney happily promotes in the workplace, it seems to go a little deeper. Charney insists that because his empire is built upon generating a statement on creativity and sexual openness, he should be able to run it accordingly. However, the folks at Gap manufacture shirts just fine, and somehow, all the CEOs manage to do so while clothed.

Charney obviously thinks about women's bodies. I can see it in the flawless fit of my American Apparel track jacket when I catch a glimpse of myself in the mirror. Nevertheless, I can't help wondering how he feels about women in the real world. Can a man who brags about sleeping with female employees, covers his workplace with pictures of naked women, and pleasures himself in front of a female journalist really be promoting healthy statements and attitudes about sex? Should he even be taking on such a task? Personally, I think he ought to just stick to what he's good at—making track jackets.

If Charney were working as a writer for some racy sitcom, I could understand. Sitcoms are often about sex, consequently, sexually explicit chatter is to be expected. This was actually the basis of the rejection of a sexual harassment allegation by a writer for the show "Friends," on the grounds that the sexual nature of the show combined with the creative environment made the use of sexual banter on the set inevitable.

But, Charney manufactures cotton shirts. He isn't producing some artistic statement on sexuality and culture—they're just shirts. He should be able to make them while wearing pants.

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Horoscopes:

Aries

Whenever you find yourself money ahead, your first and strongest inclination is to buy all the stuff you've been wanting for years. Don't do that this time. OK? Save up for a rainy day.

Taurus

Once you decide what you want to accomplish, the rest is relatively easy. You won't care if you run into resistance; you'll plow right on over.

Gemini

Necessity is the mother of invention, as you may remember. So don't panic. You're about to think of something that will solve the problem.

Cancer

Don't be afraid of things that seem too good to be true. You can get used to having more of that in your life.

Leo

Consult the family about what they want, and how to proceed. Some of their suggestions are silly but some will work quite well.

Virgo

You're on the right trail, but not everything you try produces results. Don't give up, and file your claim just as soon as you know where to dig.

Libra

Great riches can be yours, so let it happen. Do a good job and you'll be well rewarded for your efforts.

Scorpio

What would you do to benefit the most people, if you could? Make a list, and get started.

Sagittarius

Life's not fair, but what does that have to do with the price of tea? If you're behind schedule, it's your own fault, so don't complain about it.

Capricorn

The team you've put together is a money-making machine. Don't give them everything - make them go out and earn it. They'll love you for it later.

Aquarius

You're calm, even though you're venturing out beyond reality as other people know it. In other words, you're in the groove.

Pisces

You become more creative as you take on more responsibility. Does that seem strange? It's perfectly natural.

Campus Events:

Tuesday, Oct. 24

ACHIEVE: What to write down and when
Fletcher Hall Lobby
-Effective Communication
Mendenhall Room 15 at 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 25

Effective Communication
Mendenhall Room 15 at 3 p.m.
Russian Film Series
"A Cruel Romance"
Bate 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 26

Annual Fall Career Fair
One Fair in Two Locations
Minges Coliseum &
New Health Sciences Building
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Hispanic Film Series
"Enlightened by Fire"
Bate 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Mendenhall Movies:

Peaceful Warrior

Wednesday 10/25 at 7 p.m.
Thursday 10/26 at 9:30 p.m.
Friday 10/27 at 7 p.m.
midnight
Saturday 10/28 at 9:30 p.m.
Sunday 10/29 at 7 p.m.

The Descend

Wednesday 10/25 at 9:30 p.m.
Thursday 10/26 at 7 p.m.
Friday 10/27 at 9:30 p.m.
Saturday 10/28 at 7 p.m.
midnight
Sunday 10/29 at 9:30 p.m.

MIDNIGHT MADNESS as Halloween alternative

An alternative to the downtown Halloween experience

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For those who are looking for a safe way to have fun this Halloween, ECU has a great alternative to the typical festivities in the form of Midnight Madness. Every year Mendenhall Student Center hosts the event to provide a safe place where students can still have a good time, dress up and OD on candy. The SRC will house some of the activities as well.

From 9 p.m. until 1 a.m., there will be a variety of ghoulish things for students to participate in. You don't want to miss Dale K, the hypnotist in Hendrix Theatre from 9 to 11 p.m. Be prepared to be surprised at the things he can talk you or your friends into doing. During this same time slot, Fear Factor will also be taking place in the multipurpose room.

Throughout the night around random Mendenhall locales, you can catch fortune tellers, trick or treating, haunted halls, Polaroid pictures with spooky cardboard cutouts, free billiards and bowling, and the ever popular Bingo. Basically anything Halloween related you could imagine can be found in Mendenhall on the 31st.

One of the main highlights of any Midnight Madness at ECU is the free food, so don't forget about the Midnight Breakfast at Destination 360 from 11 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. Free food and beverages will also be available throughout the night in the SRC as well as the opportunity to shake your tail feather on the dance floor.

Don't forget to head to Hendrix from 12 to 12:45 a.m. so you can vote for the best costume of the evening. Or, if you'd rather, a dance contest will take place in the



Contributed image

SRC at 12:30 a.m., but if you plan to participate, registration starts at 10 p.m. Don't worry, I won't be subjecting anyone to the torture of my dancing antics. Halloween is scary enough as it is.

Students must present their ECU OneCard and must accompany their guest (if you have one) to enter the event. Free guest tickets will be available at Mendenhall Student Center, Student Recreation Center or Todd Dining Hall with an ECU ID beginning

Monday, Oct. 23 until 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 31. One guest ticket per ECU ID. After 12:30 a.m., there will be no admittance to the event. Lines will be a little longer this year because they are utilizing metal detectors to ensure safety.

So head on over to Mendenhall and the SRC this Halloween to paarrrgghy the pirate way.

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Haunted Health

A spooky introduction to healthy living

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Halloween is quickly approaching, and as a result, our very own campus is hard at work to put us into the spirit, a healthy spirit that is. One particular event that has been planned for students is Haunted Health sponsored by ECU Campus Recreation and Wellness and Healthy Pirates.

On Wednesday, Oct. 25 from 5:30 - 8 p.m., students may attend this second annual event designed to promote health and safety awareness. Haunted Health will be conducted in the Social Room of Mendenhall Student Center. A variety of topics to be discussed include sexual assault, nutrition, campus safety, alcohol, drugs and general Halloween safety.

What's best about Haunted Health is that it's free for all ECU students, faculty and staff. Food will be provided as well as several chances to win door prizes. Participants will have the opportunity to take part in both educational and interactive activities.

On the off chance that the offer of free food and fun isn't enough to make you want to come, you will also have the opportunity to find out what ECU's Campus Recreation and Wellness is about. Overall, this group is committed to imparting a sense of responsible citizenship, providing relevant student leadership experiences, enhancing individual potential and fostering a lifelong commitment to learn skills associated with physical, social, emotional and mental well-being.

Be sure to come out on Wednesday to see what's happening at Haunted Health, you wouldn't want to be the only ghoull left out.

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Play 'Alice' to be performed at ECU

A song, story and dance adapted from the famous book

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The S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts series of ECU's College of Fine Arts and Communication has been bringing incredible family-oriented professional performances to ECU since their creation. Once again, they have gone above and beyond expectations and are hosting the performance of world-renowned actress and comedian Whoopi Goldberg's children's book, *Alice*.

The Kennedy Center Imagination Celebration on Tour is presenting this stage performance from October until May 2007. They will be stopping at ECU on Friday, Oct. 27 to perform for ECU students and Greenville residents the live performance adaptation of this original book by one of America's favorite actresses. The show is sure to be nothing short of a treat.

The story is about a young girl named Alice who believes being rich will give her a giant house, fun times and lots of great friends. When she wins a mysterious sweepstakes, there is no time to lose to claim her prize. With her two best friends in tow, a white rabbit who is, well, kind of invisible, and a card-playing nerd who has a thing for hats, Alice heads into the topsy-turvy neon wonderland of the big city in a race against time in this adaptation of Whoopi Goldberg's children's book.

"This play is about values for kids," said director Shirley Jo Finney in a press interview. "It's an urban fairy tale that speaks to today." The courageous clan discovers a labyrinth of adventures with a surprise around every corner. Along the way, they cross paths with a multitude of colorful characters, each as unique as the city itself.

When hungry for a snack, Alice and her friends encounter an unconventional street food vendor whose "delicacies" all come on a stick. The characters protect the lucky ticket from rich uptown ladies who are out to steal their



Whoopi Goldberg, author of *Alice*.

winnings. Alice even joins hip-hop artists rapping for their subway fare and meets a fortune-teller with an interesting crystal ball.

Director Shirley Jo Finney is an award-winning director and actress and has directed on stages all over the country. She is the recipient of three Drama-Logue Awards and Chicago's Jefferson Award. She has directed several episodes of the UPN series "Mo'Nisha" and has received an International Black Filmmakers Award for the short film *Remember Mr.*

Playwright Kim Hines who was involved in the adaptation from children's book to play, has been involved with the professional stage since she was a child. She has been a performer, play-

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A day in the life: Pee Dee



The men underneath the Pee Dee the Pirate mask, Zach Enfield, Wesley Blount, Rusty Boyette and Terry Byrne.

See what these Pirates have to say about 'purple pride'

SHANNON DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Pee Dee the Pirate is the epitome of ECU's pride and spirit. At football games he runs across the field carrying the ECU banner, he encourages spectators to stand up and cheer for our valiant team and

he endures numerous push ups when our team scores a touchdown. Pee Dee is actually four very committed students who devote their time to being the best-known mascot in eastern North Carolina.

Senior MRFs major Terry Byrne, sophomore construction management major, Rusty Boyette, freshman physical therapy major, Zach Enfield and freshman Wesley Blount are all the men behind the Pee Dee ECU fans have grown to

love at various sporting events. When asked about his experience as Pee Dee, Boyette said, "I started my freshman year and have loved every minute of it. My license plate says PeeDee_P. My parents both graduated from ECU so they are excited that I'm the mascot. I was adopted when I was six months old. Two weeks later my parents brought me to my first ECU game. They used to duct tape

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This week in health: alcohol

To drink or not to drink, you decide

SHANNON DAVIS
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As unfortunate as it may be to our academic reputation, because of its location in the middle of nowhere, ECU has a bit of a party school reputation. Although the title of "party school" is subject to interpretation, ECU is no stranger to alcohol like most other college campuses.

Alcohol, in moderation of course, may not be all bad though. According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism moderate drinkers have the lowest death rate compared to heavy drinkers and those who choose not to drink. That conclusion was hinged on scientific findings that moderate drinkers have stable heart functions which improve their longevity.

Although alcohol is a depressant, moderate drinking can benefit the heart and circulatory system. The key to obtaining the positive effects of alcohol is "moderate drinking," which does not always occur on college campuses, especially around Halloween.

Excessive alcohol use increases the risk of a

number of diseases: fatty degeneration of the liver, hepatitis, liver cirrhosis, sleeping disorders, sexual problems, infection of the esophagus, infection of the stomach, infection of the pancreas and premature dementia which can vary from a reduction of memory to Korsakoff's Syndrome. Cancer of the mouth, throat, larynx, intestines and breasts along with hypertension and heart problems can also occur. If you would like more information about any of those health conditions, visit Student Health Services or do a quick Google search.

Alcohol also plays an important role in aggression. Forty percent of all incidents involving aggression occur while under the influence of alcohol. ECU students learn the negative effects of alcohol consumption during their mandatory health class, but a weekend voyage downtown will reveal drunken students roaming the streets, stumbling in and out of the bars and clubs and might prove more enlightening.

On a Saturday night when the football team has won, many students are celebrating the victory by double fisting two cups of beer, bonging beers, doing

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wright and director. Along with the many grants and commissions Hines has received for her work, she was also a 1997 recipient of a Bush Fellowship award for her playwriting.

Always nothing but a pleasure to watch, in 1992, Whoopi Goldberg made her debut as an author with her first children's book, *Alice*. Goldberg is equally known for her humanitarian efforts as she is for being an Emmy, Grammy, Golden Globe and a Tony award-winning actress. She campaigns on behalf of children, the homeless, human rights, education, substance abuse and the battle against AIDS, as well as many other causes and charities, including her position as a Goodwill Ambassador to the United Nations.

If you are interested in joining Alice and her friends on a journey bigger than their wildest dreams, leading them to the greatest treasure of all, the realization of the importance of friendship, be sure to purchase a ticket now.

For more information about the ECU performance of *Alice* or any of the other incredible events sponsored by the SRAPAS Family Fare series, please visit ecu.edu/SRAPAS/familyfare.cfm.

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For some, beer has always been a favorite alcoholic beverage in college.

leg stands or playing various drinking games. These are all examples of irresponsible, but real, results of excessive drinking.

Consuming alcohol, as long as you are over 21, is legal and safe when done in moderation. For many, the choice is not whether or

not to drink, but rather how much. Always choose a designated driver, and keep in mind that those "harmless" underage drinking tickets may come back to haunt you.

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my car seat to the bleachers so I wouldn't fall off. My most memorable experience was the ECU vs. UAB game when Pee Dee fought their mascot. I got to slay their dragon with my sword. It was awesome."

Byrne is the senior Pee Dee. He said, "I was my high school's mascot so I knew I wanted to be my college's mascot too. My parents were surprised when I told them because I used to hate to dress up for Halloween. I have been Pee Dee for three years. My friends think it's funny because you're kind of a celebrity. Girls love it. My most exciting moment as Pee Dee is opening the football games, running out of the tunnel holding the flag. It's the energy that makes the crowd go wild. Sometimes people don't believe me when I tell

them I'm the mascot, but it's the best pick up line there is."

The mascot is considered a student athlete and is a part of the ECU cheerleading team. He is at home and away football games, soccer, volleyball, baseball and all home basketball games, birthday parties, cancer walks and also performs community service throughout the town.

The students who become Pee Dee have to be in great physical shape and must truly love ECU.

"My first game I had lost eight pounds because of water weight," Byrne said. "It's like wearing rubber. We have to practice our push ups because every time the team makes a touchdown we do the number of push ups as our score is. We can also only see out of the left eye so it takes some time to

get use to."

Wesley Blount was injured as a cheerleader so he decided that he would become Pee Dee. Last week's ECU vs. Tulsa game was Zach Enfield's first game as Pee Dee.

It is considered a privilege to be Pee Dee the Pirate because very few students have the opportunity. Children and adults adore ECU's mascot because he is a positive role model and promotes crowd participation at the sporting events.

Next time you see Pee Dee, think about all of the work that goes into his performances and the men behind the mask who make each and every Pee Dee experience a great one.

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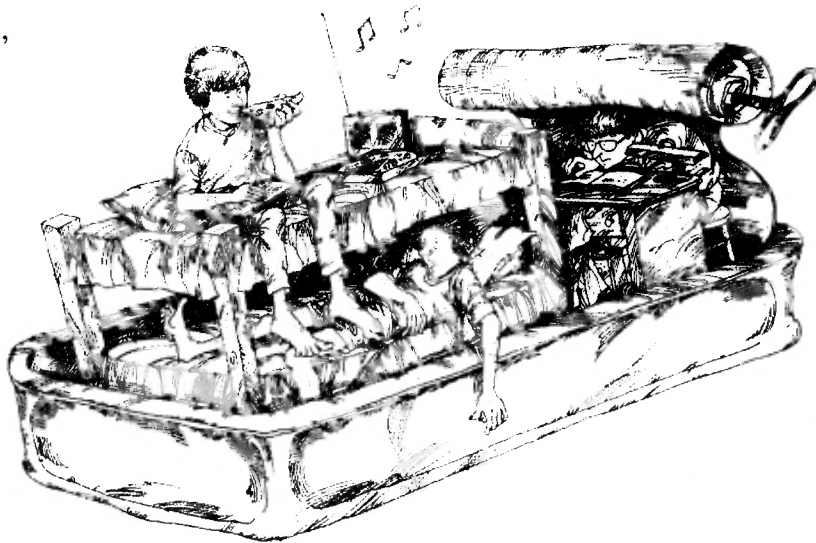
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Sports

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391

James Pinkney's new career-high in passing yards posted SMU, which ranks third all-time in ECU history behind David Garrard who went for 414 yards at Memphis in 1998 and Marcus Crandell who threw for 392 at Syracuse in 1995.

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Simmons brothers in the backfield during two of the three ECU rushing touchdowns, the elder Brandon Simmons lined up at tailback and ran for 1-yard and 2-yard touchdowns while younger brother Jason Simmons was at fullback after being moved over from linebacker.

6

Consecutive Conference USA matches that the volleyball team has won, including a 3-2 defeat of Rice on Friday and a 3-1 win over Houston on Sunday afternoon; the wins ensured the Pirates of back-to-back winning seasons, which is the first time since 1977-78.

17

New school-record in career blocks by senior Jamie Bevan with five against Rice on Friday night passing Tara Venn who played from 1992-1995; after breaking the record against Rice, Bevan recorded a career-high 11 blocks versus Houston.

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Score in favor of Gold over Purple in the men's basketball annual intrasquad scrimmage held Saturday afternoon; point guard Darrell Jenkins hit a three with under 40 seconds remaining to lift Purple and also led all scorers with a game-high 19 points, including 5-of-8 from three-point range.

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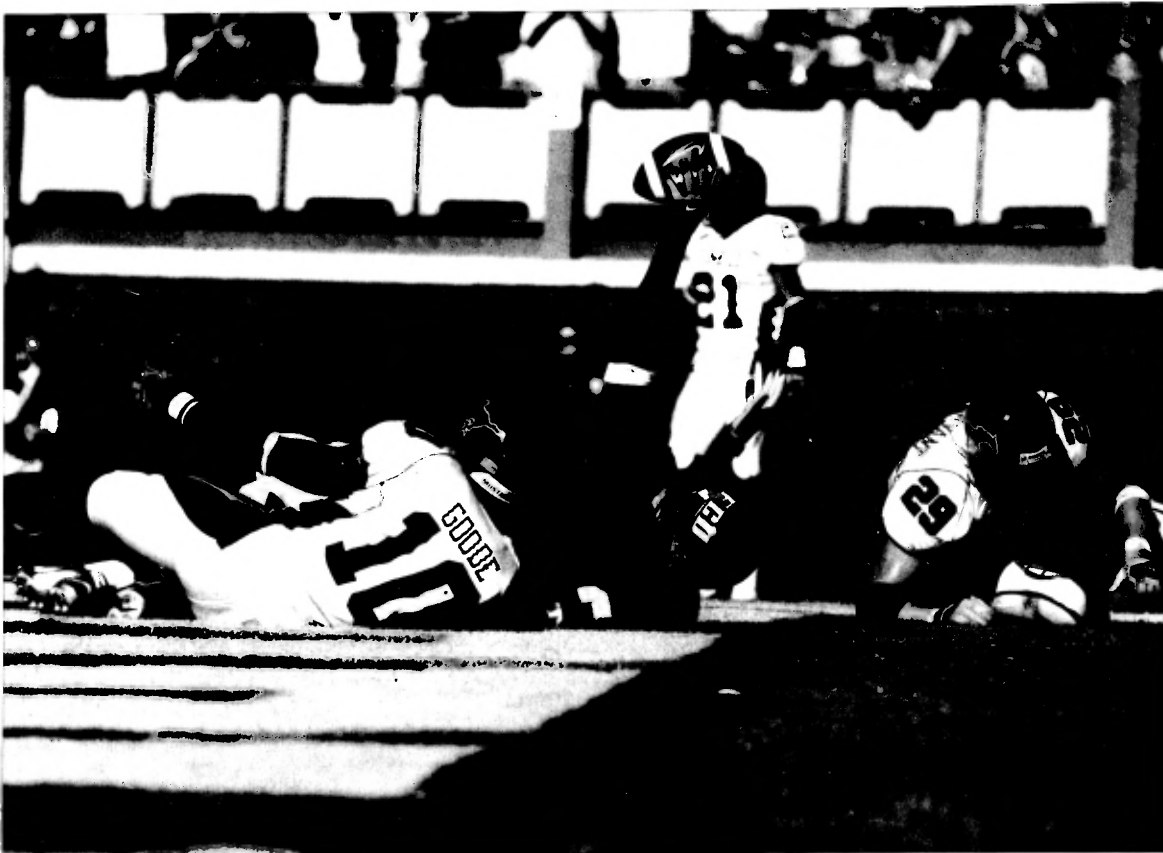
Final score of the women's basketball Purple-Gold scrimmage before players were asked to switch teams; senior forward Cherie Mills led all scorers with 15 while sophomore guard Jessica Stark had 13.

They said it

"We've broken the season up into three stages. We had the first two road games where we knew we would be young and immature and to play some really good teams and we came out 0-2. Then we had the five games at home where we knew what we had to do and how we needed to come out of that. We finished that stretch at 3-2 and we felt like we could have come out better there. When you look at some of the opponents we played like Virginia and West Virginia I'm happy with the way we played with the exception of playing Tulsa. Now you look at four of the last five are on the road. We need to continue to develop and improve if we want to win on the road."

- Skip Holtz, ECU football coach

Pirates get pass-happy on Mustangs



Following an offensive pass interference call that negated a Kort Shankweiler touchdown on the previous play, sophomore tight end Davon Drew shows the football in the SMU end zone on 3rd and goal. Drew's 17-yard first quarter touchdown put ECU up 14-0. Drew was one of seven Pirate receivers to haul in James Pinkney's career-high 391 yards passing.

Pinkney and Allison share near record-setting performances

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SENIOR WRITER

Like James Pinkney did last year in Dallas, the ECU senior quarterback used his legs to beat SMU Saturday as the Pirates thumped the Mustangs, 38-21, on Homecoming at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

Scrambling out of the pocket to hit receivers downfield and running for first downs to keep drives alive, Pinkney completed 31-of-40 passes for 391 yards and two scores.

"It's probably the best game I've played since I've been here," said Pinkney, who ran for three touchdowns last year versus the Mustangs. "I felt like we needed to redeem ourselves from last week. I probably put all of it on my shoulders because I felt like I played the worst I ever had since I've been here [last week]. I just felt like I had to come out, execute and be focused on offense. I felt from the get-go, from the warm-ups, that it was gonna be a special day."

Pinkney also ran for a score

while leading the Pirates in rushing. "When there was nothing there and the pocket started collapsing, it's time to get up out of there," Pinkney said. "I found some space today, and good things happened."

After not being able to get the vertical passing game going last week against Tulsa, it didn't take the Pirates (3-4, 2-2 Conference USA) long to push the ball downfield against SMU. On ECU's second play from scrimmage, Pinkney connected with Steven Rogers for a 51-yard gain to the Mustangs 17.

"I had a deep route and he just rhunked it," said Rogers. "I went to go catch it and try to get as many yards I could after the catch."

The huge gain led to a Brandon Simmons one-yard punch and the Pirates were up, 7-0.

"Anytime we got near the red zone we wanted to stick it in," said Simmons, who got a good lead block from his brother Jason.

Another deep catch by Rogers set up ECU's second score. His 23-yard sideline grab led to Pinkney hitting Davon Drew for a 17-yard score on the next play.

"I think James Pinkney played the best game that he has since I've been here," said ECU Head Coach Skip Holtz. "He was very

focused on what he had to do. James is a competitor. I think he was embarrassed at the way we played last week, and I thought he played a heck of a game."

SMU (4-4, 2-2 C-USA) entered the contest as the No. 1 one-rush defense in Conference USA. ECU could only muster 36 yards on 29 carries, with Pinkney netting 31.

"They are the No. 1 rushing defense in the league and they're every bit as good as their billing," Holtz said of the SMU defense. "They're what I thought. They're a very talented defensive football team, but we can't rely on the passing game like that every week."

For this week, the Pirates could as Pinkney's 391 yards through the air ranks as the third-best total in school history.

"They shut down the run completely," Pinkney said. "So we had to rely on the passing game, and the passing game came through for us."

Allison, back after missing the last two games with an ankle sprain, rebounded in a huge way. The senior hauled in 13 passes for 138 yards and a score, and Holtz said he made "all the receivers better."

"Aundrea changes the way

that you have to defend us," Holtz said. "Defenses have to know where he is on the field."

Rogers, who caught three passes for 90 yards, agreed with his coach.

"You need to feed a guy with that much talent as much as you can," said the junior from Augusta, Ga. "He did what Aundrea can do, and that's make plays."

SMU coach Phil Bennett was equally impressed with Allison's performance. "He's a great player," said Bennett. "He's going to be playing on Sundays. We watched tape of him against West Virginia and we knew how good he was; he was the difference in the game last year, and maybe this year, too."

Allison said he felt confident that he could have such an impact on the team, which was playing without injured receivers Bobby Good and Janar Bryant.

"I knew I had to just run a few routes and let the adrenaline take the rest," said Allison, whose 13 receptions are second only to Dick Corrada's 14 versus Southern Illinois in 1970.

"With the way I felt Wednesday and Thursday, I knew coming out here in front of the Pirate Nation that the adrenaline would get me through it."

Despite Allison's near record-setting day, the day belonged to Pinkney, who said he was so embarrassed following the 31-10 loss to Tulsa that he "didn't want to leave the house."

Not to be overshadowed was the ECU defense. The Pirates harassed SMU freshman quarterback Justin Willis the entire game, sacking him four times. They kept Willis in check, holding him to 224 yards passing with three touchdowns, and limited the Mustangs to 89 rushing yards.

"We had to prove something in this game," said senior linebacker Fred Wilson. "Everybody wasn't really into the game last week, not just the fans, but it's us also, not coming out with the enthusiasm and passion like we did today."

After SMU tied the game at 14-14, Pinkney converted two third downs with his legs on ECU's final possession of the first half, leading to a second Simmons dive to regain the lead.

"James had a great week of practice," said Roger. "Their defense is real similar to ours and he feels comfortable against it."

On the opening kickoff of second half, Chris Johnson put

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Women's soccer fighting for spot in conference tournament

Pirates split games with Tulsa, SMU on road trip

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As the weather cools down, the women's soccer season is heating up. The Pirates won a thrilling 1-0 double overtime thriller over Tulsa on Friday and fell to No. 22 ranked SMU 1-0 on Sunday afternoon.

The Pirates (8-7-2, 3-3-1 Conference USA) are in seventh place in the C-USA standings after the weekend's western road trip.

ECU freshman forward Amy Szilard scored the game-winning goal in the 107th minute, putting the ball past Tulsa goalkeeper Meredith Hart. Szilard's game winner was set up for by fellow freshman Sarah Kirkley. She is averaging 60 goals per game, ranking her 12th nationally and second in C-USA. Szilard has scored the five of the last six and seven of the Pirates' last nine goals.

Sophomore goalkeeper Amber

Campbell tallied her second consecutive shutout, recording a save from a point blank shot from Tulsa senior Katie Ward. Not allowing the Golden Hurricane to score was Campbell's sixth shutout of the season, and is third in C-USA in goals against average (.843) and save percentage (.843).

"I can't believe they have only won one game [in C-USA]," said ECU head coach Rob Donnenwirth. "Winning that game was very big for us."

The Pirates faced their toughest test of the season Sunday, playing a Mustang team that has only dropped one game in regular season game since joining C-USA in 2005. SMU out shot the Pirates 14-4, landing one shot past Campbell, in the 37th minute of play, to win 1-0. SMU forward Olivia O'Rear netted the goal against the Pirates, one of her two shots on goal. SMU is first in the C-USA standings and has already clinched a spot in the conference tournament.

The regular season's final road swing marked the second straight

week senior Rachel Hills has been on the field for the Pirates. Hills has been injured throughout her senior campaign, but having her back gives the Pirates added depth and a consistent playmaker.

"Having her back has allowed us to do a few different things, a few different formations," Donnenwirth said. "We're just happy to have her back."

The Pirates will host UTEP and Colorado College in the regular season's final weekend. The Miners are fifth in the conference standings while Colorado College is in fourth. Despite the lack of name status, Colorado College was ranked in the top-25 before getting knocked off by UTEP.

Both impending home games will be played at Bunting Field. The Pirates will take on UTEP on Friday at 3 p.m. and Colorado College on Sunday at noon. The season finale will mark Senior Day where Tara Shaw, Mary Puckett and Rachel Hills will be honored.

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Basketball players sign autographs after the Purple-Gold scrimmage.

Jenkins leads Gold in annual men's basketball scrimmage

(SID) — Junior college transfer Darrell Jenkins hit a three-pointer with under 40 seconds remaining to lift the Gold team to a 44-43 victory over the Purple team in ECU's annual intrasquad scrimmage here Saturday afternoon.

"By enlarge it was a good start," said Pirate head coach Ricky Stokes. "Guys were enthused, excited and playing really hard. I also thought we shot the ball fairly well."

"Some of the turnovers we had were ones of hustle plays or trying

to make things happen that are not there, but as we continue to scrimmage and continue to practice those are things we'll continue to work on."

Playing two 20-minute halves with a running clock, the game was tightly contested throughout as neither side was able to take more than a six-point advantage.

Junior Taylor Gagnon drained a three from the top of the key to break a 38-all tie with less than 5:30

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the Pirates in great position with a 51-yard kickoff return. That led to a Ben Hartman 36-yard field goal, his first career field goal. Hartman won the kicking competition in practice, beating out struggling senior Robert Lee. "Whoever is the better kicker that week, we want that guy to play," said Hartman. "Because everybody has a role to fill and if one guy can't get it done, the next guy's got to get it done." Early in the fourth, and still up, 24-14, the Pirates were knocking on the door again. Completing two passes to Allison and another to Drew to move the ball inside the red zone, Pinkney ran it in from 10 yards out to put the game out of reach with just over seven minutes remaining. "This is Pinkney's 32 start, so this isn't his first rodeo, and he showed that," said Bennett. "If you look at the throws he made on the first drive, we had him on his back and they were picture-perfect throws."

Allison's final catch of the game capped the scoring as the Pirates were able to capitalize on the lone SMU turnover. Sacked by Wendell Chavis and Van Eskridge, Willis tumbled at his own 30. Allison hauled in a 30-yard strike from Pinkney on the very next play. "James did great and the line blocked real well," Allison said. "We just played good, overall, offensively." Freshman quarterback Rob Kass came in late to close the game for the Pirates, who travel to Southern Miss. next week. Kass also played late in first quarter for two plays including a 11-yard completion to Allison. "But the real storyline was Pinkney's record-setting performance and his coach knew it." "I felt really good about the passing game," Holtz said. "We rode that pony today."



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After missing the past two games, Aundrea Allison hauls in a 30-yard touchdown en route to a career-high 13 catches for 138 yards.

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remaining to put the Gold on top. Senior Courtney Captain and freshman Justin Ramsey scored the next five points to put the Purple ahead with under a minute to play before Jenkins hit his fifth three-pointer of the game. Jenkins led all scorers with a game-high 19 points, including 5-of-8 from three-point range. "This is a big change from junior college basketball," said Jenkins. "I know Coach Stokes has a lot of confidence in me and my teammates encourage me to shoot the ball, so I have a lot of confidence when I step on the floor." Sophomore Sam Hinnant led the Purple squad with 11 points, while Captain and junior college transfer Cory Farmer netted 10 points each. Farmer was a perfect 2-for-2 from behind the arc, while Hinnant drained 2-of-3 from long distance.

Freshman Greyson Sargent also made both of his three-point attempts. The Purple and Gold squads combined to shoot 59 percent from behind the arc (13-of-22) and 53 percent (25-of-47) from the floor. ECU opens the season at home against Morgan State on Nov. 11 at 6 p.m., following the Pirates' home football finale against Marshall.

Bools claims sixth in Lady Pirate Invitational



Photo by Jazz Willis

The women's golf team finished 10th despite hosting the Lady Pirate Invitational at Bradford Creek.

(SID) — Freshman Abby Bools carded a one-under par 71 to claim a share of sixth place at the Lady Pirate Invitational. The tournament was being played at the par-72, 6,232-yard Bradford Creek Golf Course. Bools, a native of Hickory, N.C., finished the 54-hole event with a four-over par 220 (72-77-71) and knocked down a tournament best 13 birdies. Fellow class-

mate Ana Maria Puche finished tied for 14th after a tournament score of 292 (71-77-74). Laura Jansone (ETSU) and Sara Hunt (Birmingham-Southern) shared the tournament title. In the team portion, Birmingham-Southern (580) used a one-over par 289 to win the team title. The Pirates (14-19-0) finished in 10th place with a team score of 908 (300-311-297).

ECU's Jessica Hauser (211) tied for 51st, while Kristen Billings and Michelle Williams (238) tied for 73rd. Playing as individuals, Shawn Kelley finished 100th and Melanie Granville, who made his collegiate debut this weekend, finished 101. The Pirates will be back in action next week when they travel to Kiawah Island, S.C. to participate in the Edwin Watts Palmetto Invitational on Oct. 30 and 31.

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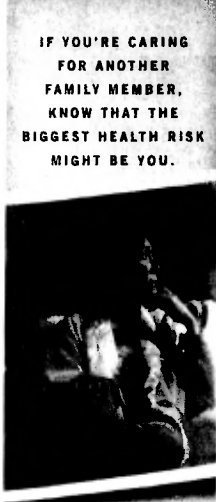
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