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BRIEFS

NAACP Walk of Reflection

Staff Reports

On Wednesday, ECU's NAACP chapter is hosting an event as a reflection and memorial for the slaves who died in middle passage. Currently, there is no significant monument to remember them.

The event has a second focus: to serve as a remembrance for the victims of Haiti's massive earthquake. They will be taking donations at the event as well.

Then, on Friday, NAACP will be hosting the variety show "Apollo." Acts will be performed for cash prizes. The event will be held in Hendrix theater and will start at 7 p.m. Tickets are being sold by NAACP members and in the ticket office in Mendenhall.

Barefoot on the Mall T-shirt contest

Staff Reports

Students have the opportunity to create the design to go on the back of the Barefoot on the Mall T-shirt.

The designs and concepts must incorporate this year's theme, "Recycle your shoes, Go Barefoot!" The designs must also have no more than two colors. It will go on a white T-shirt.

All designs and concepts should be submitted to [sab-special@ecu.edu](mailto:sab-special@ecu.edu) by Monday, Feb. 22.

Deadline extended for Servire Society nomination

Staff Reports

The Servire Society recognizes members of the East Carolina University community who participated in 100 or more hours of service during a calendar year.

Students who have completed 100 or more hours of service in the time period between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2009 can nominate themselves for this honor. It is easy and quick to do. Interested students should download and complete a nomination form. With the form, include a letter documenting your hours and have it signed by an agency representative. Then, present it in a signed and sealed envelope.

Completed nomination packets, including the form and letter(s) must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Friday, February 26, to the Volunteer and Service Learning Center located at 1605 Old Cafeteria Complex.

For more information on the Servire Society or service hour documentation, please go to [www.ecu.edu/servire](http://www.ecu.edu/servire).

Calculus Tutoring

The Calculus Tutorial Lab hours for the spring are as follows: Monday: 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday: 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Austin 223

All students in Calculus based study are welcome (e.g. Physics, Engineering, DIF-EQ).

WEB POLL

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## Breast Wellness Center gains accreditation

Emily Cunningham  
STAFF WRITER

The Breast Wellness Center at ECU recently applied for and received accreditation from the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers.

The Center received the accreditation after complying with the program's 27 standards required for receiving accreditation.

According to Dr. Lisa Bellin, who is a clinical associate professor of surgery at ECU and the interim director of the Breast Wellness Center, the center received accreditation by submitting an application and then undergoing six hours of observation from a surveyor from the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers.

"It's the way it should be done, by the national guidelines," said Bellin.

"It helps assure that we are following the standards for care. It provides a system of checks and balances," she said.

The center had to meet standards such as maintaining excellent patient care, leadership and having a staff that has up-to-date knowledge of breast cancer. The program also required that each approved center have state-of-the-art patient care equipment.

ECU's Breast Wellness Center fulfilled this requirement by working with the equipment provided by Eastern Radiology.

The program also required that wellness centers participate in effective research, which ECU's Breast Wellness Center has done by studying chemotherapy protocols in cancer patients.

In addition to their observation of the Breast Wellness Center, the National Accreditation Program also randomly selected 30 charts to make sure the center's patient care was in compliance.

According to Bellin, ECU's center is also responsible for providing support and nutrition groups for its patients.

The center also focuses on breast conservation therapy for their patients, if at all possible.

The National Accreditation Program for breast centers is an offshoot of the American Cancer Society. According to Bellin, the program is a relatively new entity, though it is rapidly expanding.

So far, there are over 150 centers that have been accredited by the program. According to Bellin, the program is beneficial in that it not only provides uniform guidelines for centers in general, but that it is also an excellent marketing opportunity for ECU's Breast Wellness Center.

According to the Centers for



Dr. Lisa Bellin reviews mammogram transparencies with medical students John Skaggs and Tracy McLean.

Disease Control and Prevention Web site, breast cancer is among the top 10 causes of death for women.

Bellin stressed the importance of the Breast Wellness Center's presence in Eastern North Carolina, especially since approximately 200,000 cases of breast cancer are diagnosed each year.

"Eastern North Carolina has a large population of young

women who have aggressive breast cancer," Bellin said.

She also emphasized the importance of the Breast Wellness Center in that it serves a large part of the region.

"We pull patients from Ahsokie and the Outer Banks. The average commute for our patients is about one hour," Bellin stated.

Though Bellin is currently the interim director of the Breast

Wellness Center, she said that they are still in the process of looking for someone to permanently lead the center.

"The type of person we've been looking for is someone who is nationally known and can spend time more administratively than clinically," Bellin explained.

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### For 11th hour filers

*You won't get that refund until you file your income taxes, and if you owe taxes but fail to file and pay on time, you could face stiff penalties.*

**When we file**

Number of individual income tax returns filed by the first week in April, in millions

2008	96.8
2009	92.3

Total individual income tax returns filed by Dec. 31

2008	156.3
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**If you need more time ...**

- To gather documentation, complete Form 4868 for an automatic six-month extension and file it electronically using the IRS' e-file program or via U.S. mail; you must pay any tax owed
- To pay taxes owed, complete Form 1127 for an extension, or Form 9465 for an installment plan; interest and penalties may apply

**Who files for an extension**

Number of extensions filed, by fiscal year, in millions

2005	9.3
2006	9.6
2007	9.9
2008	9.5
2009*	10.0

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## Students unclear about tax season

Cassie McLean  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Tax season can be a stressful time for the working population.

Students especially seem to find the season particularly confusing. After all, what are the differences between a 1040 and a 1040EZ? How does one know where to file and what to claim?

It seems ECU students fit the mold and are, overall, just as baffled by the process.

ECU sophomore Jake Hocutt said, "When it comes to taxes, I don't deal with it. I let my dad take care of it."

Admitting to never learning from the process, he continued, "Every year he tries to show me how to do it, but I never pay any attention."

The urge to turn to parents seems to be extremely common among college students.

"My dad filled out what he had to and sent it in for me," said sophomore Jordan Hedrick, who spent the past year working two jobs -- first, a cart attendant for

Sapona Country Club and then an ECU intramural referee.

Humbly, he added, "You have to make a certain amount, though, to get a return, and I didn't make that much."

Tyler Phillips, a sophomore at ECU and currently employed at Lowes Food, did not follow the usual student pattern. Rather than asking for help from his parents, Phillips looked elsewhere.

"I take them [tax forms] to someone who does them as side work. A professional," he said.

Nicholas Rupp, professor of economics at ECU, gave students a single piece of advice to consider before beginning tax forms.

"My only suggestion is that before starting their tax return, that they contact their parents and inquire if their parents are claiming them as an exemption. If so, when they file their own return, they cannot claim an exemption for themselves. You can be an exemption on only one return, not two returns," he suggested.

For students who find the

### Filing a paper return

*Tips for avoiding potential processing delays if you file a paper return via mail:*

- ▶ **Make sure you have attached** all required documents, including W-2 wage statements and 1099 forms, if any; if you used schedules, compile them in order
- ▶ **Double-check your return** to make sure all figures are correct and that the form is signed (both joint filers must sign)
- ▶ **If you owe tax**, make your check or money order payable to the U.S. Treasury, not the IRS; make sure your name, address, Social Security number and the form the payment is for (such as Form 1040) is on the check

**Personal Finance**

**The numbers**

Total 2006 tax year returns filed, by method

Electronic	81.5 million
Paper, by mail	59.6 million

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paper forms complicated and confusing, there is the option of filing your taxes online. According to the International Revenue Survey, 90 million tax returns were filed electronically last year.

The International Revenue Survey describes this process as "fast, safe and accurate."

According to the International Revenue Survey Web site,

Commissioner Doug Shulman said, "E-file is a great option for taxpayers, and this year's record is another sign people enjoy the speed and accuracy of e-file."

Fortunately for college students working part-time jobs,

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## ECU paves the way with Mobile OneStop

Nicolas Verhoeven  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Students and staff access OneStop on a regular basis, whether for its useful GPA calculator, appointment checkups or course information, among other such tools. It supplies the university with an extensive number of links for various uses and is the centerpiece for university information.

Though OneStop's use is undeniable, it has not been able to flex the muscles of its new mobile version.

OneStop has finally reached out to the mobile community. It is now easily accessible to anyone who owns an iPhone or an iPod Touch. As of Nov. 5, 2009, OneStop Mobile has been made compatible for specific cellular devices and Internet-capable iPods. Though

the launch wasn't heavily advertised, this innovation may soon capture the attention of the ECU student and staff body. Its sleek design and well-organized links lead to a similar experience as the actual version of OneStop found on any regular Internet browser.

Though Mobile OneStop is innovative due to ECU being the first university in North Carolina to finish a mobile overhaul of a Web site such as OneStop, it does not take the place of the original OneStop, but rather complements it by highlighting the most important elements. OneStop Mobile was made "not to recreate OneStop on mobile devices, but to rethink it," said Steven Forehand, the project manager and senior developer of the project. Essentially, after it was discovered that

over half of the OneStop users were iPhone and iPod owners, the idea came into formation and a year later the Mobile version was set into motion. Currently, there are approximately 1,600 iPhone and iPod users and the number continues to climb.

Even though iPhones and iPods account for over half of mobile device users accessing OneStop, the OneStop Mobile team promises an Android compatibility release within the next few weeks and a spring release for Blackberry. Regardless, some students still find OneStop Mobile a relatively uninteresting idea resulting from the lack of owning a smart phone or a lack of interest. This does not deter ECU student Gerard Camargo, who offers an explanation. "If it isn't technologi-

cally relevant, then students don't seem to care, but I definitely think it's a cool idea."

OneStop Mobile may not offer everything the complete OneStop does, but it does keep the most important features and introduces a few new ideas, such as GPS location, coming in the near future, to campus buildings to prevent users from getting lost on their way to new classes, and ultimately, new buildings.

"Banner ID is also first displayed and keeps valuable information front and center," said Forehand. Campus alerts will be displayed without signing in, keeping students and faculty updated with ease.

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## Gifts to large NC colleges decline by 22 percent

Associated Press

Donations fell sharply at several of North Carolina's larger colleges and universities as the economic downturn seemed to keep the number of larger gifts down.

The trend has meant schools have canceled or postponed construction projects and are cutting the amount of money available for scholarships.

Duke University saw one of the biggest declines in the fiscal year that ended last June, with donations down 22 percent. But that steep drop also comes off a record year for gifts, university spokesman Michael Schoenfeld told the News & Observer of Raleigh.

The lack of money has forced the university to postpone work on a new campus development project. But Duke continues work on a \$20 million residence hall and \$15 million in central campus improvements, Schoenfeld said.

"It's not like if financial aid runs out, that's it," Schoenfeld said. "We'll meet our commitments. If that means adjusting other parts of the budget, we will."

Giving at North Carolina State University is down about 15 percent, but leaders think the decline is just temporary, said Ken Sigmon, associate vice chancellor for development.

"We're not hearing a lot of 'No' answers. We're hearing a lot of 'not right now,'" Sigmon said.

The university had to find \$820,000 from other sources last year to cover a shortfall in giving for endowment-funded scholarships and, as a precaution, the school also temporarily stopped awarding some renewable scholarships to incoming freshmen this fall, said Julie Mallette, Associate Vice Provost and Director of Scholarships and Financial Aid.

The University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill saw a seven percent decrease in donations and the school has changed its focus to seeking small donations from more donors, said Matt Kupec, Vice Chancellor for University Advancement.

"The big home-run right now is not as likely to happen," Kupec said, referring to gifts of \$5 million or more.

Smaller colleges are struggling too. North Carolina Central University said donations were down six percent, while Peace College in Raleigh reported gifts were down nine percent.



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## TAXES

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the form required for their income bracket is the simplest. The 1040EZ, designed for those receiving an income under \$100,000 requiring no adjustments and claiming only the standard deduction, is the simplest of all forms.

Laughing, Nick Maloney, a sophomore at ECU, explained that what he knows about taxes is merely that they're complicated.

Admitting he leaves the forms up to his family, he said, "I wait for my phone call from my stepdad to tell me how much I got back."

He added, "I don't mind tax season. I don't have to do any work and I typically get some money back from it. That's always nice when you have no money."

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atmosphere, but critique is still appreciated. Mobile "will grow with community input." This healthy input can be submitted at <http://blog.ecu.edu/sites/onestopmobile>.

Forehand encourages ideas to be submitted and all ideas will be carefully considered with each coming update.

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## CALENDAR EVENTS

### Tuesday, Feb. 9

**Immunization Clinic**  
8 to 10 a.m.  
Also open Thursday, Friday and Monday  
Walk-in basis.

**Sex Rules!**  
7 p.m. at Hendrix Theater  
Lecture by Maria Falzone

**Orchestra Concert**  
8 to 10 p.m. at Wright Aud.

### Wednesday, Feb. 10

**Men's Basketball vs. Tulane**  
7 p.m.

**Singles Mixer**  
7 to 9 p.m.  
MSC

**LOL Series featuring Rob O'Reilly**  
Hendrix Theater 8 p.m.  
[www.thecampuscomic.com](http://www.thecampuscomic.com)

**SAB Presents: "Precious"**  
9:30 p.m. at Hendrix Theater

**A Night of Remembrance**  
6:30 p.m. on the mall  
NAACP event

### Thursday, Feb. 11

**Marvin's Room**  
7 p.m. at the Monroe Center  
FREE film presentation.  
Discussion following.

**Women's Basketball vs. UTEP**  
7 p.m.

**"A New Voice of and for African-American Physicians: The JNMA 100 Years Ago"**  
12:30 to 1:30 p.m.  
Brody Medical Sciences Bldg, Room 2E-100

**Moscow State Radio Symphony Orchestra**  
7:30 to 10 p.m. Wright Auditorium

**SAB Presents: "Precious"**  
Hendrix Theater 9:30 p.m.

### Friday, Feb. 12

**Apollo Night**  
Hendrix Theater  
Sponsored by NAACP

### Saturday, Feb. 13

**Ice Hockey vs. Vanderbilt**  
4 p.m.

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**Men's Lacrosse vs. South Carolina**  
1 p.m.

**ICON Modeling: My Style, My Swag, My Show: Vol 3**  
6:30 to 10 p.m.  
Wright Auditorium  
\$5 in advance, \$10 at door.  
Tickets on sale Jan. 25 at MSC Box Office

**Great Decisions Program: Kenya and R2P**  
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Rivers West Building  
Dr. Nancy Spaldings

**Valentine's Day Dance/Soiree**  
5:30 to 11:30 p.m.  
Rock Springs Center

**5th Annual Business Fair**  
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
ECU Health Sciences Bldg.

**SAB Presents: "Precious"**  
Hendrix Theater at 9:30 p.m.

**Sweetheart Breakfast O'Charley's Restaurant.**  
7-9 a.m. Proceeds go to REAL Crisis Intervention. \$5.

### Sunday, Feb. 14

**Bath Duo**  
A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall  
3 to 4:30 p.m.

**SAB Presents: "Precious"**  
Hendrix Theater 9:30 p.m.

### Monday, Feb. 15

**Signature Lounge Part II**  
7 to 10 p.m.  
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### Restaurant Runners

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I think you believe that you won by busting up my relationship. BUT when I was with him we were in love and he wasn't a homeless drug addict. Have fun with that.

Huffing, puffing and slamming doors is not effective. Please grow up and use your big kid words.

Even though I'm single, I'm still really excited about Valentine's day.

My name falls out of your mouth too much. Perhaps my fist can shut that up for you.

I think it's funny that you don't smile in pictures because of your enormous gap. That is kinda like false advertising. You are deceiving boys.

New Student Section: Ruff Riders.

To my roommate: You are not Mariah Carey, Taylor Swift, or Miley Cyrus! So STFU Grandpa! Nobody wants to hear you singing!

PLEASE keep your alcohol off of the disc golf course! I'm tired of waiting 20 minutes before I can tee off.

As much as our Art department does for our school, we should be allowed a budget increase for once.

Hey "best friend": If you're gonna be two-faced at least make one of them pretty!

To the guy wearing the "EVOLVE goveg.com" t-shirt and the plate full of chicken nuggets: HAHAAHAHA!!

To the girl throwing up in the unisex bathroom in clement: You got a little on my shoe. Thanks.

I had never seen a walk of shame from a dude in only his boxers and t-shirt until just now. Definitely made my day! Thanks.

To the guy who called me an "ugly b\*tch" in front of Rawl when YOU bumped into ME: Douches like YOU are the reason ECU guys have a bad rep. Get some manners and grow enough balls to say I'm sorry.

You know it's gonna be a bad day, when the minute you wake up for your 8 a.m. you reset your alarm, so you will wake up for your afternoon class.

To all the girls who wear stilettos around campus: This is college. Not the strip club.

Since I started taking an EXSS 1000 swimming class, my permanent perfume has been Essence a la Chlorine.

If I hear your mouse click one more time while I am trying to sleep, I'm gonna strangle you with it!!!

To my roommate with the really annoying dog: PLEASE do us all a favor and move home! No one likes you and I thought we made that perfectly clear? Guess not... Take the hint!

NorthFace jacket + Uggs + leggings worn as pants = An U communications major.

5th St Distillery your covers are outrageous, this is GHETTO Vegas not the real Vegas! Don't expect tips charging those covers!

If girls are allowed to walk around campus dressed as sluts, then guys should be allowed to walk around with boners...

Only at ECU is it possible to about get ran over on the sidewalk by a white van or truck.

A frosted flake stabbed me in the gum and my mouth bled, I'm blaming it on Tiger, Tony that is, maybe all the tigers in the world are jerks!

Problem: Spider on the shower head. Solution: scream, move to the next shower, wait for another girl to come in and do the same thing...dorm life :)

"Do you want Firefox to remember this password?" No. In fact, I don't want it remembering anything I make it do.

I'm sure you get this a lot...this isn't the real Caesar's Palace is it?

After I got done boinking her, she fell off my loft.

My girlfriend just bought a wonder bra. And boy does it work wonders!

I swear guys are worse than girls. They talk just as much shit as the girls do

To the ROTC guy: I watch you run every morning. ME LIKEY :-)

Guys: don't get too drunk to F\*\*\*. I wanna get laid on the weekends too!

What was with the person in the dog suit on the Hill on Thursday?

If you don't like the quality of the snow removal on campus, VOLUNTEER TO HELP NEXT TIME!!!

I think I have a drinking problem, that's right I'll admit it. My drinking problem is I have two hands and only one mouth

To the Sociology professor who thinks we should have a new mascot because we're "promoting piracy": REALLY?!? You clearly do not belong here, go back home. THIS WILL ALWAYS BE PIRATE NATION. AARRRRGH!

I almost got hit by a campus safety truck walking through campus the other day in the ice...ironic much?

## Looks aren't what they scene



**Leila Falls**  
OPINION COLUMNIST

"Dear Mr. Vernon, we accept the fact that we had to sacrifice a whole Saturday in detention for whatever it was we did wrong. What we did was wrong. But we think you're crazy to make an essay telling you who we think we are. You see us as you want to see us ... in the simplest terms, in the most convenient definitions. But what we found out is that each one of us is a brain ... and an athlete ... and a basket case ... a princess ... and a criminal ... Does that answer your question? Sincerely yours, the Breakfast Club."

I remember the high school days when people were categorized into different "scenes." The goths, preps, nerds, punks, rockers, indie kids and the list of variations are infinite. Just because you dressed a certain way or liked specific things, you were thrown into a pre-labeled bin.

Even at college, labeling people continues in a slightly different way. According to the unspoken rules of stereotyping college students, it usually begins

when someone discovers your major. If you're an art kid, you are considered beyond weird. The science majors are nerdy wet-blankets. The foreign language and English majors are too obsessed with sounding intelligent. The communications and theater majors are egotistical. And the major-based stereotyping goes on!

You may have read the stereotypes above and had one of the following inner monologues or at least something similar. "Nuh-uh, that is a lie! I'm the total opposite!" "Why are people thinking that about me? They don't even know me!" "So what, I am a rock star!" "Ha, my major is not up there so I'm neutral. Awesome!" I'm an English and journalism major doing pre-med classes, so I don't even know what I'd be stereotyped as in the major-based labeling. But who cares?

According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, a stereotype is "a standardized mental picture that is held in common by members of a group and that represents an oversimplified opinion, prejudiced attitude, or uncritical judgment." Why do most people stereotype if it is so vicious? Can we just not control ourselves?

Stereotypes are found in all

aspects of life. People are refused a job, a date and even common courtesy because of it. In reality, stereotyping will never go away; it is just a part of the dog-eat-dog society that has been created. Going green in Greenville is not going to save the world, but at least it will help it out in some way. So why not reduce some stereotyping?

There are people out there that will always fit the stereotype, but why not give them a chance? Believe me, there are some Regina Georges out there who will never change, but hey, at least you gave them a chance.

I know it is really hard not to stereotype some people. When I did my first round of chemistry, I thought all the people in my class were a bunch of rude eggheads that had wet-blanket personalities. One day, a girl started talking to me and became my study buddy. Surprisingly, she did not fit into the cookie-cutter stereotype I unknowingly gave to her.

Don't forget about trying not to base your views of people on their major. Maybe the "brain" is wild, the "athlete" is a sweetheart, the "basket case" is funny, the "princess" is witty and the "criminal" is intelligent.

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"I want to feel my life while I'm in it."

MERYL STREEP

## Ah, the holiday for lovers



**Emily Winterhalter**  
OPINION COLUMNIST

Chocolate, flowers and cards abound at this time each year in observance of Valentine's Day.

Singles tend to rebel against what can be considered Singles' Awareness Day, because if there's any day you are reminded of your marital status, it's the Day of Love.

On the contrary, this is the time for those in relationships to prove their sentiment for one another, even if just for the day. Couples may choose to spend the evening celebrating their feelings for one another by going out to dinner, catching a movie or exchanging love tokens.

After all this wining and dining, another expression is often acted upon in reaction to their lovey-dovey celebration: and that expression is sex.

Now, there's nothing wrong with that. Let's face it; for the most part, we are a sexually active generation. To many, sex is not a big deal at all.

However, it can become a big deal if you end up with the wrong person. If you should choose to get physical with your Valentine, it is not something to jump into blindly. With every action comes consequence, and with the big day right around the corner, and spring break looming not too far in the distance, it's important to take a few things into consideration prior to engaging in sexual endeavors.

Did you know that North Carolina is number five in the country for gonorrhea cases? That's a pretty steep statistic, as well as something you do not want to catch, if you remember the pictures we all saw in Health 1000.

On the bright side, North Carolina is not on the top 10 list for syphilis or Chlamydia. New York, Louisiana and Mississippi topped the list on those; in fact, they were on the top 10 for all three diseases.

Those particular infections are nasty, but curable. As for HIV/AIDS, North Carolina ranked lower on those, too -- the general statewide consensus came to 11.3 infections per 100,000 residents.

In an attempt to narrow

down those numbers more and see where our school stands statistically, I found that the information is unknown, but I was appalled to find many sources (none with credibility) stating we, as ECU students, have a high STD rate, including finding a Facebook group called "I go to ECU and I don't have an STD" -- suggesting that it's a rarity among students here. That was disheartening.

If you make the mistake of hooking up with somebody who has an incurable disease such as herpes or a fatal one like HIV, that is one mistake you can't undo. You never know what your potential partner may have, or be carrying, unless you have a pretty good idea of their sexual history.

As we can see from the statewide statistics, we know that a good number of North Carolinians with gonorrhea are having sex. So keep in mind the importance of a condom or some other form of protection that can aid in the prevention of spreading STDs.

However, infectious diseases aren't all you have to worry about if you have sex without protection.

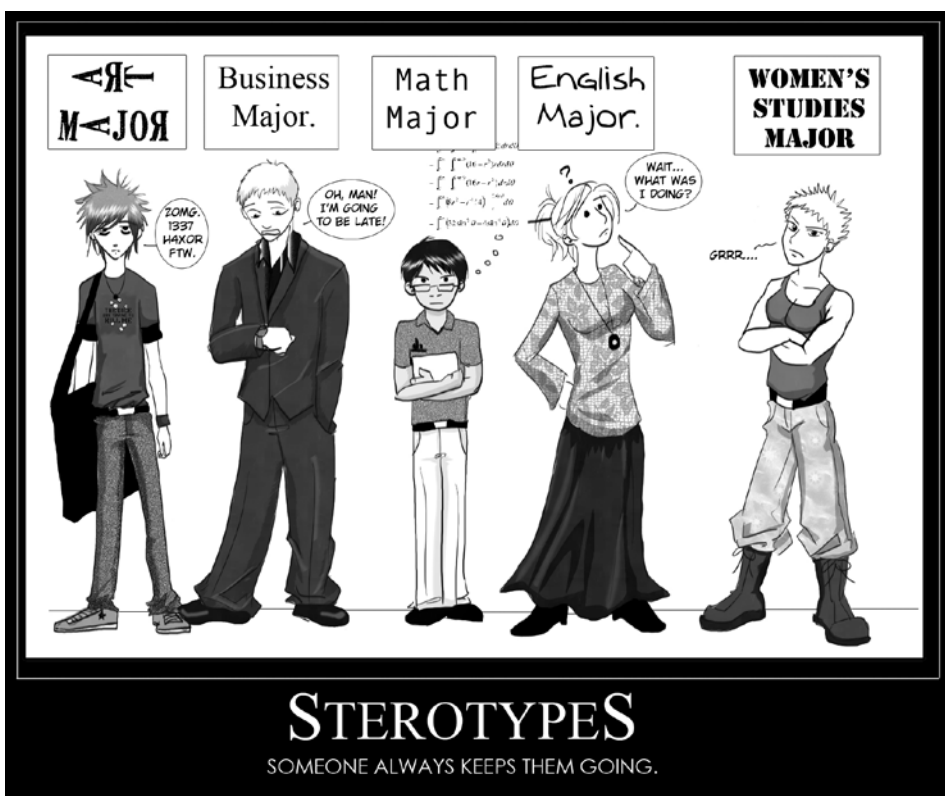
Based on the number of teen pregnancies, North Carolina is ranked ninth in the country, which was a statistic I was pretty shocked to find.

What's even more shocking is the abortion rate for our age group.

I found that nearly 22 percent of abortions in North Carolina are carried out by the 15 to 19-year-old age group, and almost 35 percent of state abortions are from the 20 to 24 age group. This means that more than half of the innocent babies who end up aborted wouldn't have had to die in their earliest stages of life if teenagers and young adults in North Carolina were more serious about preventative measures and sex.

I'm not saying to not have fun, just think about what you're doing first. No matter how, or with whom, you decide to spend your Valentine's Day, enjoy yourself. And above all, Pirates, remember that we have our reputation to maintain. So, not only for you and your partner's sake, but for all of us -- keep it classy.

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## Our View

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## ECU students need entertainment venue sans drinking

On Friday nights, a great majority of ECU students make their way either downtown or to a friend's party where they are probably going to consume beer to their hearts' desire.

But what about the students who abstain from alcohol? Where is the nightlife for them in Greenville?

Mendenhall offers alternatives to downtown and partying such as Pirate Underground, which features billiards tables, a concert stage and arcade games, as well as a bowling alley, movie theater and computer labs.

All of the above might sound nice, but each, except for the movie theater, is located in the basement of Mendenhall,

which as a complex seems very outdated.

While Mendenhall is under plans to be renovated soon, the need for a newer, updated spot for students looking to hang out without all the alcohol and drama of downtown is urgent -- students need a better place to be themselves. The average student is probably on campus five days a week and may not want to be reminded of next week's assignments with every turn because ECU is staring him in the face on a Friday or a Saturday.

Optimally, we believe that a "student center" off campus in the downtown area is a great idea. It would give students

a way to take a break from campus life while being assessable to those of the student body who live on campus.

At this place, students could play games, attend or participate in comedy shows, listen to live music as well as hang out with friends. It would be an escape from campus, an escape from homework, an escape from your roommate and it would be alcohol-free.

We all know that without the clubs and bars of downtown, Greenville is lacking in nightlife activities. And it is about time that students who don't find pleasure in the downtown and party lifestyle have a place of their own.

## Scribbles to the Captain

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The first real motion-picture theater was called a nickelodeon – admission was a nickel – and opened in McKeesport, Pa., on June 19, 1905. The first motion picture shown there was "The Great Train Robbery."

The first female monster to appear on the big screen was the Bride of Frankenstein.

The first James Bond movie was "Dr. No."

The first word spoken by an ape in the movie "Planet of the Apes" is "Smile."

C3PO is the first character to speak in "Star Wars."

"Love Me Tender" was Elvis Presley's first film.

Mrs. Claus's first name is Jessica in the movie "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town."

The first time the "f-word" was spoken in a movie was by Marianne Faithful in the 1968 film "I'll Never Forget What's-ismame." In Brian De Palma's 1984 movie "Scarface," the word is spoken 206 times – an average of once every 29 seconds.

"King Kong" is the only movie to have its sequel ("Son of Kong") released in the same year (1933).

"King Kong" was Adolf's Hitler's favorite movie.

Skull Island is the jungle home of King Kong.

Bruce was the nickname of the mechanical shark used in the "Jaws" movies.

In the 1983 film "Jaws 3D," the shark blows up. Some of the shark guts were stuffed E.T. dolls being sold at the time.

One of the many Tarzans, Karmuala Searlel, was mauled to death by a raging elephant on the set.

Debra Winger was the voice of E.T.

Dirty Harry's last name is Callahan.

In "Psycho," Mrs. Bates's dress was periwinkle blue.

Smokey the Bear's zip code is 20252.

Dirty Harry's badge number is 2211.

Sleeping Beauty slept for 100 years.

A Chinese checkerboard has 121 holes.

There are 225 spaces on a Scrabble board.

There are 100 squares on a Snakes and Ladders board.

The longest Hollywood kiss was from the 1941 film "You're in the Army Now;" it lasted three minutes and three seconds.

The total number of bridge hands possible is 54 octillion.

There are 311,875,200 five-card hands possible in 52-card deck of cards.

The wheel on the game show "Wheel of Fortune" is 102 inches in diameter.

There are 22 stars surrounding the mountain on the Paramount Pictures logo.

The number of the trash compactor in "Star Wars" is 3263827.

## Sex Rules! Tonight in Hendrix Theater

**Madonna Messina**  
STAFF WRITER

The Student Activities Board, alongside Campus Wellness, has put together several events that will take place during Sexual Responsibilities week. Sex Rules!, a lecture given by Maria Falzone, which also serves as a Premier Passport event, is a comedic presentation informing students on the importance of being aware of the responsibilities that come with becoming sexually active.

The purpose of the event is to "make students aware of the responsibility that having sex carries," said senior Wendy Dixon, SAB initiatives chair. The event will benefit students by allowing them to leave with a greater understanding of what being sexually active means, and how to be sexually active while still being safe and responsible. This informative lecture is set to take place on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Hendrix Theater. Falzone's background in comedy helps keep students entertained while teaching and informing them about the very valuable lessons in sexual education. Through her lecture, students will learn how some decisions lead to unwanted outcomes, while still enjoying her comedic presentation. The event is sure to get students laughing and even give them the chance to participate in her presentation.

At the National Association of Campus Activities, Dixon was able to see Falzone's showcase. "I thought her show was amazing and informative. She made you laugh and, at the same time, think. All of her comedy relates to her own personal experiences and others she has heard and learned about," Dixon stated. When asked if students should be expected to learn from the presentation, Dixon said, "The students will not only laugh but will leave with a greater understanding of what being sexually responsible really means. They will think about what kind of consequences their actions may cause. They will also learn from Ms. Falzone's anecdotes about her sex life and the choices she has made."

Other events being offered during Sexual Responsibilities week include Condom Olympics and free HIV testing from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Wright Plaza on Monday; "All My Single Pirates," a singles mixer for students from 7 to 9 p.m. in MCS Underground on Wednesday and "Past, Present, and Future of Sex" from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Mendenhall 221 on Feb. 16. Campus Wellness brings these events to students. For more information, please visit SAB's Web site at [www.ecu.edu/studentactivitiesboard](http://www.ecu.edu/studentactivitiesboard) or e-mail the SAB Entertainment Committee at [SABEntertainment@ecu.edu](mailto:SABEntertainment@ecu.edu).

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## Eco-conscious Pirates can make a difference this March

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Living Lands and Waters is offering an alternative spring break for students in Louisville, KY helping clean up along the Ohio River.

An 'alternative' to conventional spring break

**Veronica Carrington**  
CONTRIBUTED WRITER

For many Pirates, this March brings the promise of a full week of relaxation in exotic places. Pirates will literally take to the air and sea as students depart for spring break 2010. Costa Rica, Cancun and Miami are just a few of the places that will be flooded with students looking to escape academic monotony.

However, for eco-conscious students, the Alternative Spring Break program is a way to help the environment and make a difference in the lives of thousands.

Alternative Spring Break is an opportunity for students wishing to assist with cleaning debris along the Ohio River, offered by Living Lands and Waters.

Living Lands and Waters is a non-profit environmental organization established by Chad Pregracke in 1998 and headquartered in East Moline, Ill.

Pregracke and his older brother, Brent, spent the majority of their time around the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers during their summer breaks from high school and college. Chad worked on the river as a shell diver for the pearl industry, a

fisherman and barge-hand. While working miles away from home, Pregracke camped on islands and shorelines of the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers to save money and fuel. Soon, Pregracke realized how neglected the rivers were, with the unsightly and toxic accumulation of trash along their banks, and at the age of 17 he made calls to government agencies to notify them of the problem. After no government aid was issued, Pregracke decided if no one else was going to clean up the river, he would do it himself one river and one piece of garbage at a time.

In 1998, at the age of 23, Pregracke founded Living Lands and Waters, and now the organization has grown to include 10 full-time employees, a fleet of four barges, a towboat, six workboats, two skid steers, five work trucks and a large box truck.

Using this equipment, the crew travels to an average of nine states a year along the Mississippi, Illinois, Ohio, Missouri and Potomac Rivers, as well as many of their tributaries.

Since the project's commencement, Pregracke, his crew and over 60,000 volunteers have collected over 6 million pounds of debris from rivers all over America.

This spring break, Pregracke is offering students the opportunity to participate in his river cleanup in Louisville, Ky.

Alternative Spring Break students will focus

their efforts on removing trash and sorting recyclable materials.

Students will navigate the Ohio River, both on foot and in boats, while working with Pregracke and the Living Lands and Waters team, along with other college students, to remove debris that pollute the Ohio River; this debris is detrimental to the unique wildlife and habitats of indigenous fish.

Living Lands and Waters will provide volunteers with all the essential equipment for the cleanups, including shovels, gloves, trash bags and life jackets.

There are two separate Alternative Spring Break events (March 7-12, March 14-19), both taking place in Louisville, Ky, and each one runs from Sunday to Friday.

While Living Lands and Water will provide the essentials for river cleanup, students will be responsible for expenses associated with their travel and are expected to provide their own transportation to and from Louisville, Ky, as well as to and from the work sites each day.

Interested students should visit [www.livinglandswaters.org/AlternativeSpringBreak/default.htm](http://www.livinglandswaters.org/AlternativeSpringBreak/default.htm) and register online.

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## Michael Ford, Jr. and The Apache Relay present '1988'



THE EAST CAROLINIAN | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
**Indie rock band Michael Ford Jr. and The Apache Relay present their CD "1988".**  
**Marlana Sifter**  
STAFF WRITER

The bold and eclectic debut album "1988," comprised of compositions by Michael Ford, Jr. and the bluegrass instrumentals of The Apache Relay, was released September of last year to approving nods by critics and wild excitement by concert audiences.

The pop-influenced Indie-roots band has entered the music arena with an obviously talented showing of soulful strings and rocking rhythms in "1988," which features 10 songs written by Ford and performed by the group. The first track of the album, "Sugar Cane," introduces the music with a pop, melodic energy that sings a song about a sweetheart. "Blue Eyes," the ninth track, is notable for its heavy fiddle and jazz tunes. "Sweet Louisianne," on the other hand, possesses a hopeful rhythm and encouraging

verses that tell the story of Ford's former home state, Louisiana, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

The band originally formed in Nashville during the members' college years and is now touring across states such as Texas, Arkansas, Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, North Carolina and Georgia. They will play in Raleigh at the Berkeley Café, along with band Cadillac Sky, on March 13 starting at 9 p.m.

Known for maintaining a highly energetic stage presence during performances, Ford and The Apache Relay typically treat viewers to a head-banging, screaming show with the occasional electric guitar among their variety of songs, which stray from softly melodic pieces to more enthusiastic tunes.

Band members are Michael Ford, Jr. (21) on lead vocals and rhythm guitar, Michael Harris (21) on background vocals and lead guitar, Brett Moore (20) on mandolin and tenor guitar and Kellen Enrich (19) on fiddle. Ford and Harris were originally roommates during their freshman year of college in Nashville and often jammed together on guitar and drums to Jimi Hendrix. After losing touch when Ford moved off campus, they joined forces again when Ford heard that Harris had formed a bluegrass band called The Apache Relay. Looking for a band to back up his songs, Ford enlisted the Relay's help at once. The team's ability to mesh ideas and work with each other encouraged them to continue composing songs. On May 16 of 2009, the new group recorded their first album with

producer Doug Williams, who also produced the North Carolina folk-rock band the Avett Brothers.

Ford, a Louisiana native, along with his family, left his home city just 20 miles north of New Orleans to flee from the approaching Hurricane Katrina when Ford was 18. The family moved to Florida, where Ford began to write, channeling his interest in music into soulful Indie songs. He soon began attending college in Tennessee, where he met with his future band members. Ford says he was "exposed at a young age to music and the visual arts — just the whole spectrum," and that the region where he grew up has had an overwhelming influence on his musical style.

"I lived in the area until I was 18, and my family would go to jazz and music festivals, so the arts were a big part of our lives."

Ford chose the title "1988" for the album because it is the year he was born, and because the process of composing these 10 songs he described as being "kind of like being reborn — both musically and as a lyricist."

Their vocals have been compared to singer-songwriter Brett Dennen as well as singer Caleb Followill of Kings of Leon.

This promising young band provides a refreshing perspective on punk rock melo-lowed with bluegrass roots. It is an auspicious beginning for a band with such a novel combination of sounds.

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## HEALTHY EATS

### Healthy Living

#### Low-calorie sugar substitutes

"Sugar alcohols" are used in low-calories foods because they are about as sweet as sugar, but the body absorbs them very slowly.

	Calories per gram	Sweetness as percent of sugar's
<b>Sorbitol</b>	2.6	50-70%
<b>Xylitol</b>	2.4	100%
<b>Maltitol</b>	2.1	75%
<b>Isomalt</b>	2.0	45-65%
<b>Lactitol</b>	2.0	30-40%
<b>Mannitol</b>	1.6	50-70%
<b>Erythritol</b>	0-0.2	60-80%
<b>HSH*</b>	3.0	25-50%

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\*Hydrogenated starch hydrolysates

### Healthy Living

#### Pure butterfat

Western cooks call it "clarified butter" and make it for special occasions; in India, cooks use it everyday and call it "ghee."

##### How to clarify butter

- 1 Melt unsalted butter in double boiler, microwave or other mild heat
- 2 Skim solids from top of clear yellow liquid (butterfat)
- 3 Cool and refrigerate; use in place of butter for cooking

##### What 1 teaspoon (5 g) of ghee contains

- 45 calories
- 5 g of fat  
almost all saturated fat

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University-Scholar.com  
offers Pirates advice on  
everyday college life

**Caitlin Hale**  
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For Pirates looking to learn very beneficial study tips or gain college advice from someone who has "been there, done that," University-Scholar.com might be a Web site worth checking out.

University-Scholar is an online blog that was started by Michael Francis, a junior at Indiana University Southeast. Francis posted on his Web site that he started the blog to simply "make money." He adds, "I didn't want to work at a retail store or the local coffee cafe." However, Francis claimed as he continued on with his blog, he realized a different purpose for sharing his ideas and thoughts with his readers. "I now want to share my college experience with other people," he said. He added, "This blog is about college, mostly academics," because it is "written by someone who is obsessed with academics."

Since Feb. 17, 2008, the date of University-Scholar.com's founding, the blog has grown immensely. The blog not only includes Francis's general thoughts and ideas on college life, but also study tips, advice on college success and even recommended books of the month. Francis also lists a "fun stuff" topic, which includes articles such as "things to do during the summer" as well as a list of "summer goals" to aim for. For juniors and seniors thinking about going to graduate school, Francis's writing about his journey to gain admission to the graduate school of his choice may be interesting and beneficial.

Francis also lists his most popular posts plainly on the home page so that they are easily accessible to both new and old readers. His most popular topics

include: Finding Free Online College Courses, Live on 2 Hours of Sleep a Night: Sleep Method, How to Ask a Question in Class, 3 Things to Do Before Classes Start, Don't Take Notes in Class — How I Get by Without Notes and Achieving Excellence this Semester.

Even though Francis is only a junior, he has a great deal of advice to share when it comes to college. After completing only two years of college, Francis has changed his major three times. In fact, his first two major choices he had were double majors. For this very reason, Francis has had a lot of experience in different genres of studies, as well as a knowledge of time-management skills, as he has had to play "catch-up" trying to get back on track after switching majors so many times.

Regardless, many of Francis's blogs are highly opinionated, so they should not all be taken to heart. While he does provide great advice as well as something to consider when making choices about studying, partying and who to befriend, students should by no means take everything Francis says seriously. The blogger even states, "I try to give advice by sharing my experience. Much of what I write about is opinionated, and by no means are my experiences going to be the same as every other student's."

For Pirates who may be interested in joining in on the University-Scholar's discussions, Francis encourages readers to subscribe to the blog and participate in the discussions. Whether students are interested in participating in the discussions or not, this up-and-coming Web site is great for advice on the everyday dilemmas of college life.

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**Staff Reports**

**Swimming finishes regular season in style**

The ECU swimming and diving teams closed out the regular season with wins over William & Mary in front of a full house at Minges Natatorium Saturday afternoon. ECU's men claimed a 175-104 victory while the women captured a 159.5-131.5 triumph.

With the victory, the men's team finished their dual meet season with a record of 6-3 to mark their 27th consecutive non-losing season. The ladies posted a final record of 9-3.

The Pirate divers swept today's meet as sophomore Meghan Coyne won the 1-meter and 3-meter springboards while breaking the pool record in 1-meter. Her scores were 272.78 and 260.50, respectively. Coming in second on both boards was freshman Kirstie Russell with scores of 246.90 in the 1-meter and 253.50 in the 3-meter.

Rounding out the women's team was freshman Chloe McCall, who placed third on the 1-meter board with a score of 151.65.

On the men's side, freshman Tyler Dunsmore won both the 1 and 3-meter boards with scores of 282.38 and 285.68, respectively.

The Pirates came in either first or second place in all but three events. The men claimed the top spot in 11-of-13 events, led by Andrew Stoker and Geoffrey Bobsin.

Stoker captured first place in the 100-yard and 200-yard butterfly. With a time of 1:34.62, Stoker along with Roman Sandler, Travis Stauder and Jason Guzewich earned the top spot in the 200-yard medley relay.

Bobsin clinched the 50-free and the 100-free. He joined Andrew Johnson, Chris Borysewicz and Rhett Saylor to finish third in the 200-yard medley relay.

The men also swept the top three spots in the 500-free. Sophomore Natalia Favoreto made a strong showing for the women, winning the 200-yard breaststroke and teaming up with Kelsey Brosi, Jenna Stewart and Holly Berenotto to claim the 400-free relay. Favoreto also took second in the 100-yard breaststroke.

The ECU women claimed the top three places in the 200-free and the 100-yard breaststroke. The 200-free was led by Brosi (1:52.40) followed by Rachel Blue (1:54.21) and Berenotto (1:55.36). Favoreto (1:04.96) took the 100-yard breaststroke, Stephanie Harper came in second (1:05.45) and Elizabeth Oliver in third (1:07.80).

The Pirates will head to Houston, Texas for the Conference USA Championships, Feb. 24-27.

**Baseball announces television schedule**

The ECU baseball team will make a minimum of two appearances on national television this season, according to an announcement by Conference USA Thursday.

CBS College Sports will air the Pirates' April 24th game against Rice at 3 p.m. EDT at Reckling Park.

On Friday, May 21 the Pirates play host to Houston at Lewis Field inside Clark-LeClair Stadium for their second televised game of the season, at 8 p.m. EDT.

C-USA officials also announced that the 2010 Baseball Tournament Championship Game will be a live broadcast on CBS College Sports on Saturday, May 29.

**Michael Perry**

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Faced with a final three-game home series, ECU's club hockey captain, Sean Burns, presented his team with a simple challenge of winning out.

And that's just what his team did.

The Pirates (14-8-1) earned their way to a spotless three-game conference series with a 4-3 come-from-behind win over Christopher Newport on Thursday and then went on to add two commanding victories of 10-5 and 7-4 against Richmond during the weekend.

"We got our (ECU) job done," Burns said. "When something is on the line, we definitely show up to play."

Forced to cancel its previous weekend contest due to inclement weather, ECU was eager to tack some extra wins to the record following a three-game losing streak.

On Saturday, the Pirates completed their mission of defending home ice 7-4, a fitting victory as the team celebrated the last home game of their season by honoring ECU's four seniors.

In fact, all four seniors, Steven Allbright, Chris Cesario, Zach Moore and Dan Duda, tickled the twine before the night was over.

"The three senior forwards and Duda, we all got goals, which was pretty neat on our senior night," Allbright said.

Leading 6-4 with less than two minutes left in the game, Cesario sealed the deal on a breakaway as he worked the Richmond keeper out of his pads with a dizzying deke and wisted the rubber high into the goal.

Cesario's goal was one of three third-period goals that

gave the Pirates some breathing room to finish out the contest with the Spiders. With 33 saves, backup goalie Oscar Spell picked up the win on home ice.

Allbright, the team's leading scorer, put up the first goal of the final period as he beat the goalie on a centered pass by scrappy forward Mike Johnston. Freshman Jeremy Eiland showed his skills as he walked in and backhanded the puck into the net.

Both teams got a slow start as they hit the first intermission at no score, but 54 seconds into the second period, ECU opened up the scoring as Cesario served up a centered pass that Moore one-timed passed the Spiders' netminder.

Richmond answered back, but near the halfway mark in the second stanza, the Pirates went on a three-goal streak.

Defenseman Duda showed his ability to play down low as he popped one top shelf on a 5-on-3 opportunity, freshman Johnston put home a rebound and defenseman Ryan Konchalski burned one from the slot as ECU took a 4-1 lead.

Again, the Spiders responded with two goals late in the second but the Pirates ultimately handled Richmond on senior night.

"It's good to see them develop as players but also as individuals," ECU head coach Mike Markham said of his seniors. "The guys that were out here really developed personally and also a lot on the ice, but it's more important to me to see them develop personally."

In Friday's contest, the Pirates played exterminator as they squashed the Spiders 10-5.

ECU pummeled the two unlucky Richmond keepers with 48 shots, three of which came from Burns, who posted



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**Pirate forward Chris Cesario prepares a shot on goal against Richmond Friday night.**

a hat trick in the strong offensive performance.

From the first faceoff, both teams contested one another until Burns drew first blood on a shorthanded opportunity halfway through the first period.

Sophomore Matt Contopodero toe-dragged his way to goal and Burns tallied his second off a pass from Allbright to put the Pirates up 3-zip heading into the first break.

ECU carried its momentum into the second period as they scored 33 seconds in. The Pirates entered the Richmond zone and went tic-tac-toe as Allbright dished it to Burns, who poked it to the crease where Moore redirected it home.

The Spiders responded seconds later but to no avail as ECU scored five more in the second period, including Burns' third where he squeaked a backhand wraparound through the pads.

"I'll give all the credit to my line mates," Burns said of his hat

trick. "There was no individual play there."

The Pirates let up in the third as Richmond scored four goals, but the deficit was too steep for the Spiders.

In a night full of goals, two came special delivered as Dan Owens and Ben Spitzner posted their first scores of the season.

"We came out firing; the first two periods were great," Burns said. "It was good seeing a lot of guys step up tonight; a lot of guys got first goals of the year."

Thursday, in a rescheduled contest against Christopher Newport, the Pirates stole one from the Captains 4-3 with four unanswered goals.

Spawmed by bad blood, the two teams supplied a physical hitting game to one another, which seemed to swing the game in favor of CNU early as they jumped out to a 3-0 lead.

ECU turned the tide with four unanswered goals staring late in the second stanza.

Allbright and freshman Greg Wojcik willed the team to a tie, but defender Michael Rudolph arose as the hero of the contest as he sniped a cross zone feed from Eiland to seal a gritty win for the Pirates.

"It was great feed (from Eiland). They left the whole middle of the ice open for a lane," Rudolph said. "I finally got one in; I whiffed on it but I'll take it."

With the end of regular season now here, ECU will await the news from the American Collegiate Hockey Association on their status going forth into the ACHA South Regional Feb. 19 in Pelham, Ala.

"I think we're sitting good," Markham said about the upcoming regional tournament. "I think we are better off as far as team mentality-wise and penalty-wise."

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**Junior outfielder Austin Homan holds the No. 23 jersey shortly after being named the award's recipient this season**

## Homan given honor of wearing No. 23

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On Saturday, at the ECU baseball team's annual Meet the Pirates event, 450 fans, faculty and media members were on hand to witness a cherished custom among the Pirate community as outfielder Austin Homan was bestowed the honor of wearing No. 23 this fast-approaching season.

The No. 23 is a sacred honor within the Pirate baseball program. It was the jersey number of the late Coach Keith LeClair whose memory is carried on the back of a player each year who reflects the qualities of a tireless work ethic on and off the field.

Homan became the eighth recipient of the award and also the third junior to do so. The State College, Pa., native has also been named as one of the team's 2010 captains.

"It's a great day for the program, to reflect on what Coach LeClair meant to this community, this university and our program and just to honor him," ECU head coach Billy Godwin said. "It's a great day for Austin and his family and we're just excited."

During the course of the event, Godwin introduced Homan as a player who originally came to ECU at a level where he was unsure if Homan would ever play, but his hustle and determination has set Homan amongst the team's top athletes.

"I can remember saying during Austin's first year here that 'he'll never play here,'" Godwin said. "He has willed

himself to be a good player, and that's what Coach LeClair was about."

Brandon Henderson, the previous No. 23 honoree and former roommate of Homan, also vouched for the character of the junior outfielder and also commented on what it was like looking back at his time wearing LeClair's number.

"It feels good to pass it on, especially to such a good person," Henderson said. "It makes you miss it a little bit, but at the same time makes you excited for what this team has to offer."

Homan, used primarily in a pinch hitter role last season, proved vital to the Pirates as he batted .421 off the bench with 6 RBI.

This year, Homan is a probable starter in leftfield but is capable of playing throughout the outfield.

"Ever since I've been here, I've wanted to wear the No. 23," Homan said about his new honor. "It's been a goal since my freshman year; I'm glad I just got to fulfill it."

Wearing the No. 23 not only carries an honor in the program, but also a responsibility to be a leader in clubhouse and an inspiration to the team.

"It's a great honor; I'm put in that position where I'm excited, but I'm not going to take it lightly," Homan said of his new role. "I'm going to do everything I can do live up to Coach LeClair's legacy."

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**Staff Reports**

The ECU women's basketball team continued its two-year-long struggle on the road in Conference USA play, falling to UCF 60-50, Saturday night at the UCF Arena.

The Lady Pirates are now 17-6 overall and 6-4 in league action as they lost for the fourth time in their last five away games. Meanwhile, the Knights improved to 6-12 overall and 3-6 in conference play.

ECU scored just four points, all by junior Kim Gay, in the first eight minutes as UCF staked out to a 13-4 advantage.

The Lady Pirates continued to struggle from the field, but Kelly Smith put in her fourth point and kept ECU within 18-10 as the clock showed 6:55. The Knights outscored the Lady Pirates 11-10 heading into the break, but Celeste Stewart hit a jumper with two seconds left that kept UCF from enjoying a double-digit lead.

The Knights dominated the glass in the first 20 minutes, picking up 11 offensive rebounds as part of a 27-board effort, while ECU corralled 17 total. Both teams struggled from the field as the Knights shot 37.5 percent and held the Lady Pirates to 32.1 efficiency.

UCF also took advantage of the offensive glass, scoring 10 second-chance points as ECU struggled to box out.

Chelsie Wiley led the way for the Knights with 10 points while D'Nay Daniels pulled down eight rebounds. Kim Gay netted eight for the Lady Pirates and snatched three boards -- both team highs.

ECU began to find its shooting touch early in the second half, scoring 10 points to cut its deficit to 36-30 at the 15:20 mark. The Lady Pirates eventually tied the score at 42, but UCF quickly went back ahead by four and held a 48-44 advantage with 6:46 left in the contest. They did not lose it the rest of the game, cruising to the 10-point win.

Gay finished the affair with 14 points and seven rebounds, leading ECU in both categories. Allison Spivey also handed out a squad-best five assists.

The Lady Pirates recovered from a poor shooting first half to hit 50 percent of their shots in the second and finish with a 40.4 percentage. The Knights ended up with a 37.3 mark.

UCF also recorded 18 offensive rebounds to enjoy an ultimate 41-32 margin on the glass.

On Friday, the Pirates suffered the same fate.

The ECU women's basketball team fell behind early and could never recover, dropping a 59-55 contest at Southern Miss Thursday at Reed Green Coliseum.

Southern Miss took an 8-6 lead in the first four minutes, thanks to two triples from Danielle Johnson. The teams traded the lead throughout much of the period, before Tanesha Wash

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**Ashley Clarke, seen in action earlier this season, tallied five points and six rebounds in a close loss to Southern Miss Friday.**



# ECU throttled at Marshall, 100-49

AP

Tirrell Baines scored 18 points to help Marshall snap a five-game losing streak with a 100-49 victory over ECU at the Henderson Center Saturday. Baines was one of four Marshall players in double figures.

Tyler Wilkerson netted 17 points, while Chris Lutz and Hassan Whiteside each added 15 points for the Thundering Herd (16-5-4 Conference USA).

The win also ended a four-game Conference USA road losing streak for the Herd, while the Pirates (7-16, 1-8) suffered their third straight defeat.

Darius Morrow and Brock Young each scored 11 points to lead ECU, who made twice as many free throws (24) as field goals (12) on the evening.

Young's layup gave the Pirates an 8-7 lead with 14:05 remaining in the half. However it proved to be their final field goal of the half until Erin Straughn's 3-pointer beat the halftime buzzer.

In the final 14 minutes of the first half, ECU missed 10 shots and committed 11 turnovers as Marshall pushed out to a 33-21 halftime lead.

The Pirates made just four first half field goals, while they committed 13 turnovers which translated into 14 Marshall points.

ECU scored 10 of its final 13 points of the half from the free throw line and went 12-of-14 from the charity stripe in the opening 20 minutes.



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ECU point guard Brock Young (left) dribbles around a screen set up by Darius Morrow (right) in a game earlier this season.

Following Young's bucket, the Herd scored 10 unanswered points to seize a 10-point lead, 18-8, with 7:57 left. The Pirates pulled within eight on Chad Wynn's free throw, 22-14. Wilkerson then scored five points to help Marshall extend its lead back to double figures.

The Herd committed just three turnovers in the first half and shot 42.9 from the floor compared to just 23.5 percent by the Pirates.

Marshall wasted little time padding its lead after halftime. Lutz made a pair of 3s before Whiteside scored nine consecutive points for a 20-point lead, 50-30, less than four minutes into

the half.

The Herd made 16 of their first 23 shots after halftime to nearly double up the Pirates, 73-36, with fewer than nine minutes to play. Marshall made 26-of-40 field goal attempts in the second half (65 percent) and finished the game shooting 55.9 percent.

ECU shot a 25.0 percent (12-48) from the floor and suffered its worst loss in Conference USA play since losing by 51 at 14th-ranked Louisville in 2005.

The Pirates return to the hardwood on Wednesday, Feb. 10, against Tulane. Tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m. inside Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum.

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ington gave the Golden Eagles a six-point advantage as the clock ticked under four minutes. That lead would stay at 33-27 at the break.

Smith scored eight points to lead ECU while Spivey added seven. Clarke and Jean Best both pulled down four rebounds while Gay had three assists.

Candace Rucker paced Southern Miss with 11 points and Pauline Love corralled seven rebounds.

The Golden Eagles shot 51.7 percent in the half as compared

to 40.7 for the Lady Pirates, who had the slight rebounding advantage 16-15. Southern Miss also recorded five blocks.

ECU fell behind by 10 as the second period began but tied the game with a Clarke free throw with under 10 minutes left. The Lady Pirates would stay within striking distance but could not get over the hump as the Golden Eagles took the win.

Freshman Ariana Jackson netted a career-high 13 in the loss while Spivey put in 12. Clarke pulled down six rebounds and a

trio of ECU players handed out three assists.

Southern Miss shot 43.6 from the floor while holding the Lady Pirates to just 37.3 percent.

ECU held the slight margin on the boards, picking up 37 to 36 for the home team. Free throw shooting hurt the Lady Pirates, as they converted just five of their 13 attempts.

ECU now returns home for three-straight contests, beginning Thursday, Feb. 11, against UTEP. Tipoff at Minges Coliseum is slated for 7 p.m.

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