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BRIEFS

Graduate school gets new associate dean

Staff Reports

Dr. Thomas J. McConnell has been appointed the associate dean of ECU's Graduate School after a thorough and extensive search.

McConnell was a member of the biology department for almost 20 years, has served as interim chair for the biology department and is finishing two years as interim chair of the Department of Mathematics.

Vice Chancellor Deirdre Mageean said, "I am very excited about the wealth of knowledge and experience Tom brings to this position. He has a long history of supporting graduate programs and graduate education at ECU. He is well respected within the ECU community for his thoughtful administrative style and commitment to integrity, inclusiveness and respect."

This decision will become effective May 15.

Officials still encouraging H1N1 immunization

Staff Reports

The N.C. Division of Public Health is sponsoring a campaign during the month of February aimed at encouraging college students to become immunized.

The news release goes on to quote Katrin Wesner, director of Abrons Student Health Center at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. "Students appear to be less interested now because H1N1 is not getting the publicity it did in the fall," she said. "This campaign will help us re-energize our efforts and remind people that it is not too late to be vaccinated."

According to the N.C. Division of Public Health, only 5 percent of students have been immunized by the vaccines provided to colleges.

Julie Henry, H1N1 Communications Specialist from the N.C. Division of Public Health, explained that the division is working with ECU's Student Health Services and athletic departments to host a flu immunization clinic during the Feb. 24 and 27 basketball games. Pee Dee will be wearing a bandage during the games that says, "The Flu Stops With You," and Coach Ruffin McNeill's Public Service Announcement will air.

Most in-state colleges, including ECU, N.C. State, UNC-Chapel Hill and UNC-Charlotte are involved in the campaign.

Immunizations are available at the Student Health Center.

Get Involved on Campus

Staff Reports

SAB

The Student Activities Board needs chairpersons for their six committees for the 2010-2011 school year. The six committees are: Entertainment, Films, Special Events, Visual Arts, Promotions and Initiatives.

The organization is responsible for "planning, budgeting, and executing events on the East Carolina University Campus" according to their Web site.

All ECU students are welcome to apply for a position, which would include event planning and executing, marketing and other responsibilities.

To access the chair application, visit www.ecu.edu/Student_Union

Judicial Board

ECU's student-run Judicial Board, which hears the cases regarding Student Code of Conduct violations, needs students to get involved.

According to the Board, applicants must have a minimum 2.5 overall GPA, be in good standing with the university, have good decision making skills and be committed to a fair and just judicial system.

The application is due by March 4. Visit their Web site for an application.

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SGA Chief of Staff Josh Martinkovic gathers together hundreds of signatures for the tuition petition.

Universities begin NC tuition petition

Cassie McLean
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Association of Student Governments, including all schools within the UNC system, met Thursday with North Carolina's General Assembly in a Board of Governor's meeting at the Legislative Building in Raleigh to discuss a proposed piece of legislation that would strongly impact college students next school year. Five representatives from ECU attended on behalf of the student community.

Due to a massive state deficit, North Carolina lawmakers have proposed a way to make up some of the deficiency — by increasing college tuition. If the bill passes, all college students will be obligated to pay an additional \$200 on top of their already expensive tuition.

The money collected would not benefit students directly; no portion of the expense would go back to individual schools or aid the students.

Student Body President Brad Congleton explains the state's perspective on the issue. "53 percent of the state budget goes back to education," he said, suggesting that the state believes it is fair to tax this population when economic times are tough.

As a downfall, financial aid, provided by the federal government, will not assist students in paying this expense.

Students, though, see the matter differently. Despite ECU's standing as the second-leading school in the nation for keeping tuition low, according to Congleton, typically students are already in a financial hardship just paying for tuition and the expenses that come along with college life.

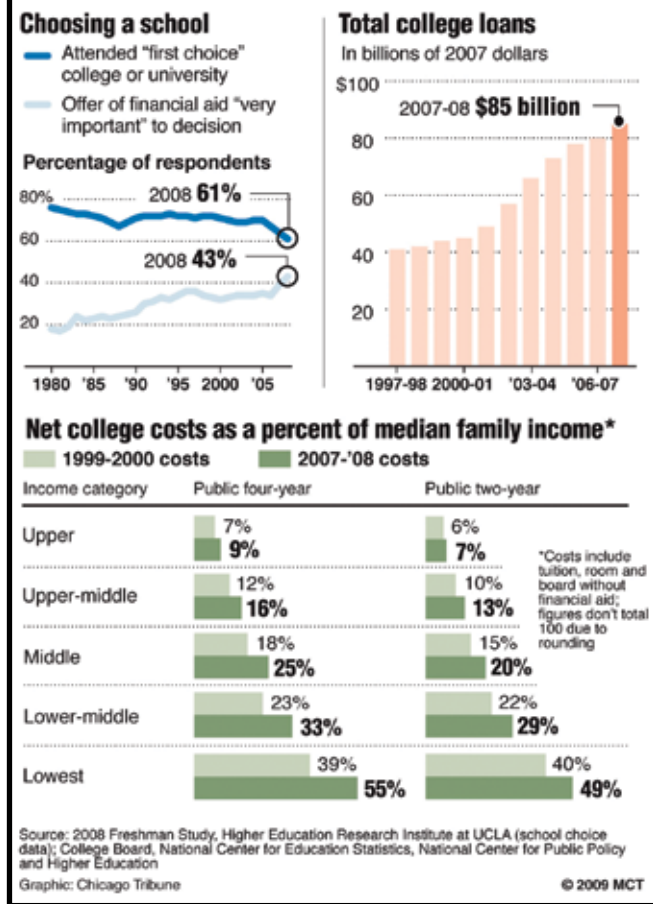
Junior Maggie Walston, a communication and hearing sciences major, said, "It's hard enough for college students to afford the ridiculous tuition. To raise it more and not even have that money go back to us seems wrong."

She continued, "With the economy bad, I understand they have to find ways, but students? We're going to be paying taxes the rest of our lives. It seems harsh."

Walston also pointed out that she believed the tuition increase could discourage students from going to college. "The more you raise tuition, it just discourages people. Financial aid is so hard to

Expensive choices

As the amount of tuition loans rises, students deciding on colleges are increasingly weighing finances as a major factor.



come by anyways. It just seems harsh."

Freshman Carson Quick, a religious studies major, agreed, vouching that his opinion should be heard. "I deserve a right to voice my opinion," he says. "It is wrong of them to come out and say you have to do it. That's stupid."

Carson suggested a vote among the college population as a means of being heard.

For students who would like to be heard and appeal the mandatory 8 percent tuition increase, there is a way. The ECU Student Government has drafted a petition and is eagerly seeking willing and passionate students to sign. Any student who wants to call upon legislators to repeal this tax and request that all tuition goes toward ECU can sign the petition this week at SGAs' stationed booth in Wright Plaza or stop by the SGA

office in Mendenhall.

Congleton said, "Even the chancellor said he'd sign it!"

SGA has been diligently working to get signatures, stopping at student-living apartment complexes and classrooms to make students aware of the eminent situation and encourage them to get involved in voicing their opinion. Other organizations on campus are also helping to spread the word. So far, the school has collected several hundred signatures, but is trailing behind other North Carolina schools that have close to half of the student body's signatures.

A decision regarding the tax should be reached by the end of the month.

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New online feature detects plagiarism

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The School of Communication has started using a new plagiarism prevention service to curb the use of unoriginal material in student writing assignments.

SafeAssign is a new service used through Blackboard and is offered to Blackboard Learning System Enterprise, Vista Enterprise and CE Enterprise clients.

The service helps teachers detect plagiarism by identifying unoriginal content in student papers. According to the SafeAssign Web site, along with catching plagiarism, SafeAssign also works to educate students on plagiarism and helps to stress the importance of attribution in papers.

The Web site is especially useful for writing intensive courses because of the amount of plagiarism possible. SafeAssign is helpful in courses such as Basic Reporting, Advanced Reporting and Public Relations Writing.

Brian Massey, a School of Communication professor, began requiring that students submit written assignments through SafeAssign as early as fall 2009.

"I teach writing courses and I want to make sure that students don't just copy and paste," said Massey. "I want to make sure that they go out into the world and get real interviews as they are required to do."

Plagiarism is a huge concern for professors and has been for quite a while. What stands out about SafeAssign is that it completely automates the process of finding plagiarized material, cutting down drastically on time spent on the process of teachers scanning every sentence for plagiarism.

"Before SafeAssign, I'd take suspect sentences from students'

news stories and type them into Google to do a phrase search. That means I put quote marks around them. Sometimes the search would find something, sometimes not," said Massey.

I only did this for stories that stood out as suspicious for one reason or another. Before, I would spend two to 15 minutes searching the Web as a plagiarism check. Now, SafeAssign saves me that time because it checks every story automatically, which I could never do on my own."

Through Blackboard, students are able to upload an electronic copy of assignments to the SafeAssign system, which automatically checks the submitted information against SafeAssign's extensive databases of sources. Originality reports are then sent to the instructor with the original copy of the submitted assignment attached.

Instructors also have the ability to upload files without student involvement.

"The only problem that I have really had with SafeAssign is when students have tried to upload assignments last minute and it messes with the system," said Massey.

According to wiki.SafeAssign.com, SafeAssign automatically checks submitted papers against the following databases: The Internet, which offers a comprehensive index of documents available for access by students; ProQuest ABI/Inform database with over 1,100 publication titles and about 2.6 million articles from the '90s to present time, updated weekly; Institutional document archives containing all papers submitted to SafeAssign by users in their respective institutions; and Global Reference Database, containing papers that were

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Students return to classes after shooting

Associated Press

There was no easing back into classes at the University of Alabama in Huntsville on Monday: Many students and teachers had to return to the building where three professors were gunned down more than a week ago.

Classes resumed on the campus where authorities and witnesses say Amy Bishop, a biology professor bitter over being denied tenure, opened fire in a small conference room, killing three colleagues and wounding three others.

Band members from nearby Oakwood University greeted the UAH students as they returned to campus, playing music and offering hugs.

Meagan Warner, a student walking into the Shelby Center for Science and Technology, said she appreciated the support.

"I have four classes in this building today, and it helps me feel at ease and that it's safe to be back on campus again," she said.

School administrators said the slayings occurred remained off limits.

In Massachusetts, meanwhile, a former district attorney who is now a congressman said Monday it was a shame Bishop did not receive a mental evaluation after fatally shooting her younger brother in the family's kitchen in Braintree, Mass., in 1986. The killing was declared an accident and Bishop never faced charges.

Details about that case have emerged in the wake of the Alabama slayings. U.S. Rep. William Delahunt, a former prosecutor who oversaw the district where it happened, said state police working for his office weren't told that after Bishop shot her brother, she allegedly threatened two auto shop workers with the gun, demanding a car, or that she aimed the gun at police.

Had he known that, Delahunt said, his office would likely have sought weapons charges

against Bishop and would "undoubtedly" have asked a judge to order her to undergo a psychiatric evaluation.

He would not speculate on whether that evaluation could have prevented the shootings in Alabama but said, "I think that opportunity was missed, and that to me is a profound tragedy in this case."

He said nothing contradicts the determination that the shooting was an accident.

The Harvard-educated Bishop, 45, remains jailed in Huntsville, charged with capital murder and attempted murder in the Feb. 12 shooting.

Police have not offered a motive, but colleagues say she had complained for months about being denied the job protections of tenure. Her attorney said she needs mental evaluations and is laying the groundwork for an insanity defense.

Killed in the shootings were Gopi K. Podila, the chairman of the Department of Biological Sciences; and two professors, Adriel Johnson and Maria Ragland Davis. Two of the wounded remained hospitalized Monday, professor Joseph Leahy in critical condition and staffer Stephanie Monticciolo in serious condition.

President David B. Williams greeted students and faculty members as classes resumed.

"Clearly, our number one priority for today and for the rest of this semester is for our students to return to the classroom and ensure they remain current in their studies, including those who are graduating in May," he said in a statement.

Retired teachers and faculty members from the University of Alabama and the Hudson-Alpha Institute of Biotechnology helped to fill in for teachers lost in the shooting.

Counselors were in every biology classroom as well as other classes in the Shelby Center and every classroom building on campus.

BRIEFS

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volunteered by students from Blackboard client institutions to help prevent cross-institutional plagiarism.

After searching its databases, SafeAssign compiles an originality report, which includes a percentage of copied material found in common between the paper in question and the databases.

"I will usually further investigate papers whose originality reports show a 13 to 15 percent similarity between the assignment and a database source," said Massey. "I don't spend more than five minutes looking further into individual assignments which SafeAssign flags as suspicious. The original articles that were plagiarized from are also provided to me in the reports for comparison."

Hart Holloman, a senior at ECU, has had mostly good experiences using SafeAssign. "I have had to use SafeAssign for a few of my writing intensive classes and it seems to be a very effective alternative to going through every individual paper and hand checking it for plagiarized material," said Holloman. "Since first using SafeAssign in spring 2009, I have only had one problem. The first time I was required to submit an assignment through SafeAssign, I forgot to submit it electronically before turning in my paper in class. This wasn't even a problem with SafeAssign but a problem with my forgetfulness," said Holloman. "Thankfully my teacher understood."

SafeAssign is offered at schools, from K through 12 to universities across the country, and will continue to grow in popularity as more people become aware of the free service offered through Blackboard.

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CALENDAR EVENTS

Tuesday, Feb. 23

ECU Spring Career Fair
Greenville Convention Center
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Underclass Yearbook Photos
Tues & Wed on the mall
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Visiting Professor Speaks
7 p.m.
Science & Tech Room 02C07
Isaac Kalimi

Baseball vs. ODU
4 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 24

7th Service Learning Conference, MSC
www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/cfe/

'The Princess and the Frog'
MSC Hendrix Theatre at 9:30 p.m.
Wed, Thurs, Fri and Sat

Annual Chili Bowl Sale
9 to 4 p.m. Jenkins Center

Women's Tennis vs. Elon
1:30 p.m.

Men's basketball vs. SMU
7 p.m.

Blood Drive
1 to 6 p.m. Fletcher Hall

Thursday, Feb. 25

'Spare Change'
At Tiebreaker's
\$10 -proceeds benefit St. Jude!

'Scholarizing the Wright Brothers'
3:30 to 5 p.m. Joyner 2409

The Imani Winds concert
8 p.m. at A.J. Fletcher Hall

'Play It Again, Sam' by Woody

Allen
8 p.m. McGinnis Theatre

Men's Tennis
vs. Mount Olive at 1:30 p.m.
vs. N.C. Wesleyan at 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 26

"Wind energy: Alternative or Distraction" Public discussion
3 p.m.
Room B102 Brewster

Junior Engineering Technology Society Competition
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at MSC 244
Contact battsd@ecu.edu

Softball vs. Delaware
3 p.m.

Baseball vs. SC
3 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 27

Great Decisions Program: The Persian Gulf
10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Rivers West Auditorium

Softball Games
vs. Towson 2 p.m.
vs. Morehead State 4 p.m.

Baseball vs. SC
2 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. Tulsa
7 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 28

Softball vs. Penn State
11 a.m.

Baseball vs. SC
1 p.m.

Monday, March 1

Pirate Tutoring Center
6:30 to 9 p.m. Joyner Library

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The ECU Student Media Board
invites applications for the
2010 - 2011 academic year.
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Dear roommate: Your alarm clock has ONE more time to go off in the morning without you waking up and I will be forced to smack you upside the head with it. Thank you.

Do people not realize how much the "drunk buses" costs ECU to run? If people were more responsible parties that money could be used for scholarships for people to get an education, not get drunk to the point that you can barely stand and expect Transit to take your sorry butt home.

Dear weather: Stop sucking so we can play rugby this weekend. I'm trying to hit a b***h!!

Does it count as cheating if it's on Sunday Funday?

Dear Roommate: You need to clean up your side of the room, and try and put your dirty clothes inside the closet, I'm so sick and tired of seeing and smelling your nasty underwear!!!! YOU STINK!!!!

To the guy who talked about stupid blondes: My roommate is blonde and could probably run circles around you and she makes Straight A's, take that B****.

Can you shower more than once a week please?! It's ridiculous.

Do you know if the hotel is pager friendly? I'm not getting a sig on my beeper.

For the science nerds: Why did the bear dissolve in water? Because it was POLAR!

A couple more weekends of drinking and you'll have more sexual partners than you do brain cells. Way to go champ.

I love my friends.... we all hate the same people!

Yup, sitting in the library supposed to be studying, but I'm watching curling instead. I love being Canadian

It's a black eye. Stop looking at me like I'm Hester Prynne with a side of Leprosy and Rabies

I had a dream last night that I drop-kicked my roommate in the ovaries and then farted in her bed. It was AWESOME!

To the boy who sits next to me in my history class: You smell like hot dogs. Go bathe.

To the girl on crutches in the bookstore that was rude to me for NO reason: I guess you didn't realize how trip-able you were. I'm not sorry.

I want to apologize for breaking my art teacher's mug. Honestly, if I had stayed asleep, I wouldn't have accidentally knocked the mug over when I stretched my arms. If you want a new mug, just say so in class. I'll be listening... if I'm awake.

You need to step up your freakishness. I'm getting bored!

I'm so tired of walking by people with cigarettes on campus. You smokers are supposed to be 25 feet away from ALL buildings...I don't want to keep breathing that nastiness.

My truck is not a garbage truck, so quit throwing stuff in the bed!

Why I choose the squeakiest chair in a 300-seat lecture room ill never know!

I saw the guy with the Uggs too!! He also had a Northface. I'm just waiting for the leggings to come so he can complete his epic fail.

Don't you just love it when you write on your desk in class and get a response from someone who sits in your seat in another class? I know I do!

To the person complaining about the garbage truck and snow blower at Fletcher: I guess you want to live in a filthy, smelly, bug infested place that's unsafe to walk or drive in the snow. Give these people a break! They're doing their job. Get up early and do something productive.

I don't ignore your calls and text messages because I'm busy. Get a clue: I DON'T LIKE YOU, I'm AVOIDING YOU! You're a player, obnoxious, and think WAY too much of yourself.

Alcohol isn't bad for you. It kills germs, right?

To the girl who said I wore leggings to show off my body: I heard that the plus size section was making leggings your size now. That way you can show off your body too.

Cut the Subway staff some slack! I bet the guy who started that subway-hating group has never worked in food service

Newsflash ladies: Orange is not the new tan

To the girl that said frat guys disgust her: Some of us are gentlemen.

If you get a package in the mail with your shredded jacket in it... THEN you can rightfully call me crazy. At least then I've earned it. Have fun cuddling your pillow.

To my roommate: Stop doing your damn hair in my mirror and getting hair all over my bed stuff! I feel like I have a dog for a roommate instead of a person! UGH!!

OPINION

Group workings



Leila Falls
OPINION COLUMNIST

"This group project is a big portion of your grade. I'm going to let you pick your own groups ... right now! Go ahead!" This is one of the top 10 things that a professor could say to make you cringe.

If you are in that class with some of your friends, you lucked out; unless there's four of you and only three people are allowed per group. Will you remain stubborn and stick to your cluster, or volunteer yourself to endure exile to an unfamiliar group? Good for you, you decide to be the one who leaves the group. You may hope that one of your friends will immediately volunteer to take your place in exile, but they don't want to endure the awkward search for a group either. Sorry, your nobleness didn't save you.

Now that you are bitter about being exiled, or if you were on your own from the beginning, you have to find a group fast before the professor looks at you like an infant and makes a big production about finding you a spot, because you are not allowed to work alone. You scan the room. Great, you waited too long so it looks like there's no room anywhere! You must keep that confused or sad look on your face and hope someone sees you. But now the professor's radar is nearing, and you have to be forward and ask the closest group if they need another person. After two rejections, you find a group.

There's a mix of different types of people in this group, but they look promising. Awesome, you don't have to be the one at the front of the room that the teacher is (hopefully) unknowingly placing on a platform for unspoken ridicule.

Now it's time to exchange phone numbers or e-mail addresses. Awkward. Someone always writes something down

wrong. Moron. Even though everyone has the information, it is always a hassle to come up with a time to meet. Schedule conflicts and the desire for total group work avoidance are the top reasons.

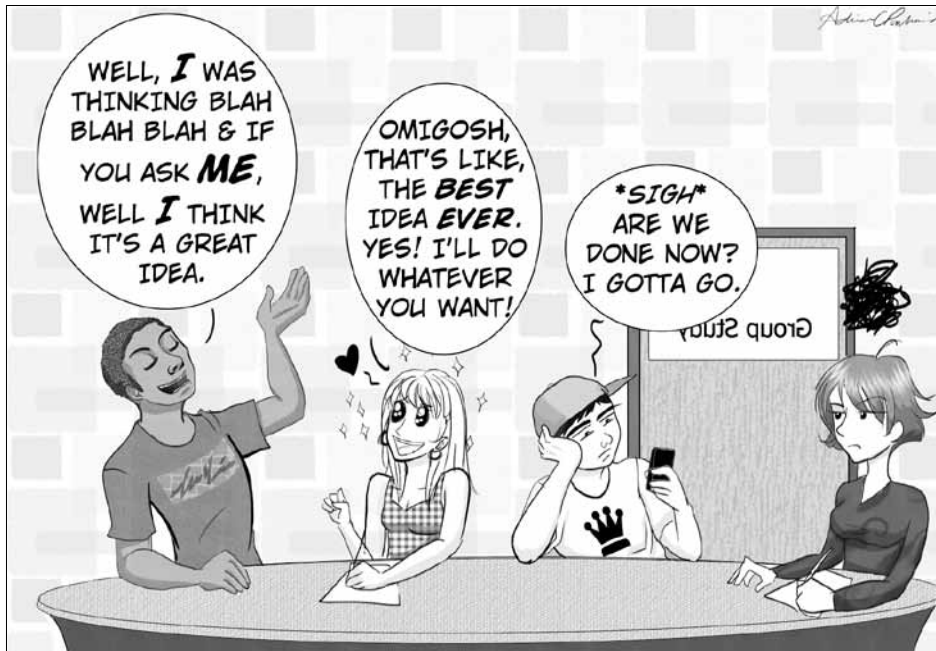
As much as you want to avoid group work, you have to do it eventually, if you want a decent grade. Whether you're in a group that completes it ahead of time or at the last minute, the dynamics are the same.

There's always the leader of the group. The person who wants to cut out the nonsense and get right to work. No one wants to take charge, so as though it's a mandate from Heaven, everyone accepts his or her rule without any form of voting. Some leaders are great; they're like a perfect balance of a dictator and a worker. Other leaders are just dictators. They are overly aggressive and kind of scary. There are always the people that at first give ideas and get very offended when no one likes them. These people turn into puppets and simply do what they're told. There's also the notorious leech. The leech can't even pretend they care about helping. They literally do nothing. Even though it sometimes remains undiscussed, the leech is hated by all.

The ideal group member is the person that gives ideas, does their part and is friendly. "10 gold stars" for this team player. They are the person that you don't mind saying "hey" back to when you pass them on campus.

Group work is full of politics, dynamics and good or bad experiences. We should all aspire to be the team player. No one wants to do this group thing, but you might as well work together. The time spent will go by faster and you won't have anxiety when you are presenting your work. If you refuse to throw out your old ways of being an annoying group member, just know that everyone is aware of which role you play.

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Combating Liberalism 101



Ben Cochran
OPINION COLUMNIST

I'm the kind of guy who likes free stuff. That is to say, I am alive. Being a poor college student, one must learn how to become an extreme opportunist. This is probably as close to being homeless as I'll be in my life.

Would I like free samples of wine when I go to Harris Teeter on Saturday afternoon? Yep!

Am I the slightest bit skeezy for flirting with that 40-year-old woman in hopes she'll keep letting me sample her wares? And yes, I do mean that in every possible context.

Free checking account? Check. You know some banks charge you a dollar a month just to keep your money there? That's a McDouble every four weeks. That's admission and a dance at a strip club every two and a half years.

But the biggest opportunity to enhance your life while remaining socially acceptable at the same time is largely ignored by the people who should take advantage of it the most. That's right; I'm talking about the service stations at fast food

restaurants where you can load up on free napkins, salt/pepper, straws, plastic ware and condiments. Now, there are a variety of reasons why you should probably not eat fast food, just like there are a variety of reasons why you should never wear a white sweatband with a sport coat with rolled up sleeves when going to a bar. I'm going to cast discretion to the wind for a moment, in much the same way as that alpha-male tool-bag did last night, when he arrived to the bar having looked like he just stepped off the set of the latest "My New Haircut" YouTube video. And yes, he did order Jaeger-bombs to completely fulfill the role of a clichéd douche.

Face it: fast food is a part of our everyday lives. Whether you verbally admit it or not, your plush thighs don't lie. But in our haste to cram partially hydrogenated junk down our throats, I fear that we are missing out on a treasure trove of freebies — a big time Pirate no-no.

Condiments at the grocery store are inordinately expensive. Don't believe me? Just peruse the aisle sometime. Damn liberals and their ketchup-manufacturing wives. They say they're for the common man, but I doubt if any of us common college kids could afford to pay for your husband's next campaign via hiked-up Heinz prices, Mrs.

Kerry. So to combat the cost of condiments and to stifle aspiring liberals everywhere, I strongly recommend that we all take what is rightfully ours: handful upon glorious handful of free ketchup packets at whichever fast food chain you happen to find yourself. Take what you need and then some. You've got to start thinking toward the future, and not just the immediate period of gorging.

Some places have wised up to these fiscally proactive methods, however. Our window of opportunity is closing fast. I was at Zaxby's eating a delicious order of Wings and Things the other day when I realized that I had run out of Zax sauce. Seeing no station to procure more of that sinfully delicious stuff, I went to the counter to ask for another packet. They wanted 25 cents for each additional packet. Absurdity of absurdities! Nevermind, then. I'll just take three gallons of free ketchup instead. And I suggest you do likewise, before these preemptive condiment price-gouging tactics are ubiquitous. So get out there, you mangy cur, and pillage your Pirate butts off at the next fast food joint you patronize. The Republicans thank you in advance.

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Our View

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Let kids be kids

Staff Reports

According to an article in the New York Times, several states are discussing allowing students at the 10th grade level to enter community college.

During 10th grade, students are 15 and 16 years old, barely old enough to have a driver's license, and entirely too young to be entering college. One of the primary reasons for allowing students to begin college early is because of the high fail rate in college-level freshmen. But won't 15 and 16 year olds just add to the fail-out rate? Some 18-year-old college freshmen are not quite mature enough to be out on their own in a college atmosphere, and adding young teenagers will just add to the fail-out problem. These students would be graduating college and entering the work force possibly before their 21st birthdays, adding an insanely large amount of responsibility on these young people. Just because a teenager is smart enough to be in college and do college work, doesn't mean his or her social skills and maturity level is up to par with those of actual college students.

Say, for instance, a smart

high school student finishes his or her senior year at 16 and starts at the community college. Eventually he or she goes on to a four-year college and ultimately wants to be a doctor. After four years of undergraduate education and four years of medical school, this student then graduates medical school at the age of 24. Imagine a doctor coming into the operating room at the age of 24 -- that's unheard of and many patients would feel extremely uncomfortable to find out someone so young would be taking care of them.

There is a reason that students enter particular levels of school at particular times, and this system has worked in the past. It is ridiculous to cheat children out of their youth and fill their heads with dreams of finishing early and being more advanced.

Yes, ambition is good, but if a student wants to graduate college early, he or she can do so if he is feeling ambitious at the college level -- there are programs such as Degree in 3 and MD in 7. Let the kids be kids and the adults be adults. Don't rush us -- who really wants to grow up and live in the real world any earlier than they have to anyway?

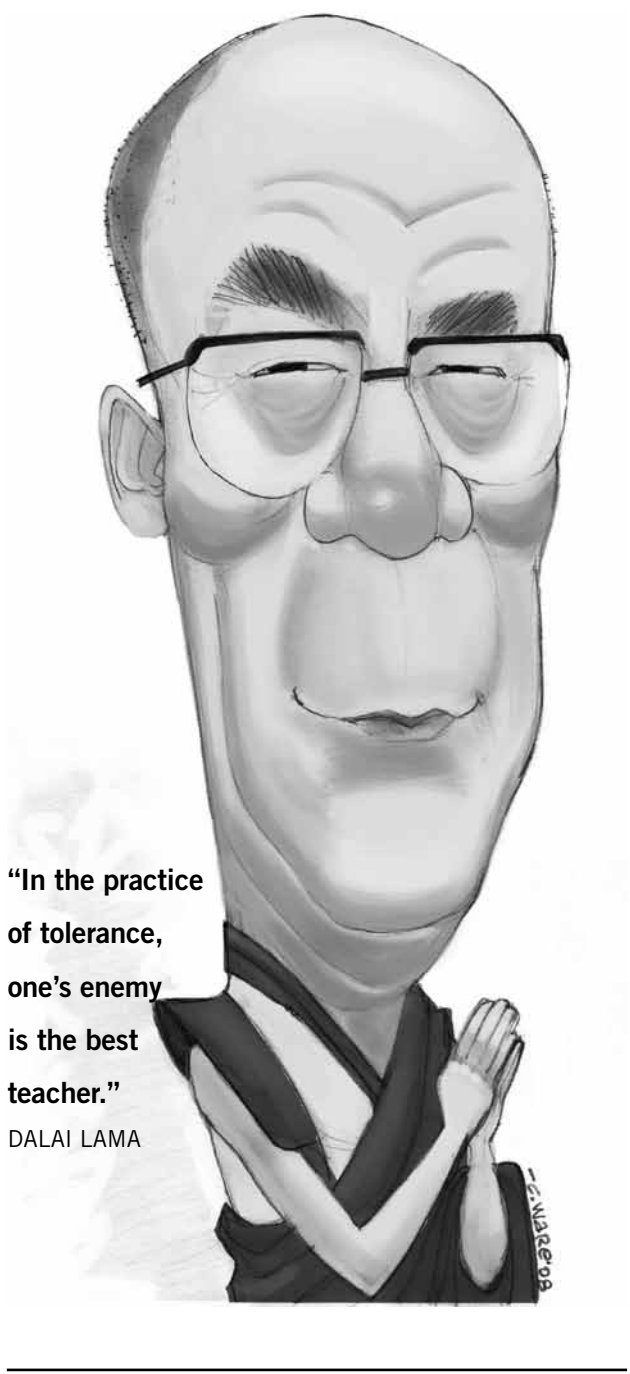
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There are seven species of bears: the American black bear, the Asian black bear, the brown bear, the polar bear, the sloth bear, the spectacled bear and the sun bear.

The Kodiak grizzly bear is the world's largest meat-eating animal living on land. The Kodiak can weigh up to 500 pounds — more than any other kind of bear.

The grizzly bear is capable of running as fast as the average horse.

The most carnivorous of all bears is the polar bear. Its diet consists almost entirely of seals and fish.

Polar bears have more problems with overheating than they do with cold. Even in very cold weather, they quickly overheat when they try to run.

The polar bear is the only bear that has hair on the soles of its feet. This protects the animal's feet from the cold and prevents slipping on the ice.

At birth, a panda is smaller than a mouse and weighs about four ounces.

Rome has more homeless cats per square mile than any other city in the world.

Koalas are marsupials, not bears. They also have no tail or eyelids.

Mountain goats are not goats. They are small antelopes.

The jackrabbit is not a rabbit; it is a hare.

The killer whale is not a whale but the largest member of the dolphin family.

A rodent's teeth never stop growing. They are worn down by the animal's constant gnawing on bark, leaves and other vegetables.

The mouse is the most common mammal in the United States.

According to Dr. David Gems, a British geneticist, sex-craved male mice, which spend five to 11 hours per day pursuing female mice, could live years longer if they abstained.

More than a third of the field mice in the Kesterson National Wildlife Refuge near Los Banos, Calif., have both male and female reproductive organs.

There are mice that nest in trees. These creatures may spend their whole lives without ever touching the ground.

There are species of mice that live in marshy places and are excellent swimmers.

The typical laboratory mouse runs five miles per night on its treadmill.

A rat can survive longer without water than a camel.

Rats can't vomit.

Rats can swim for a half-mile without resting, and they can tread water for three days straight.

Two rats can become the progenitors of 15,000 rats in less than a year.

Unlike most female animals, the female rice rat is the one who searches for and pursues a mate.



Skydiving Club expects blue skies and new members

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Marlana Sifter
STAFF WRITER

The ECU Skydiving Club has revamped attempts to attract prospective divers. Since its conception in the early 2000s, the club has overcome a period of dormancy and returned under new leadership and a novel promotional approach.

President Michael Bennett has led a recent series of advertising efforts that spread word of the club across campus. Students may have noticed the many posters and Hendrix Theater screen ads or come across the club's Facebook page, which serves as a portal to upcoming club events and information, as well as contact with club administrators. Bennett also looks to secure a booth for Barefoot on the Mall this April.

Joining entails monthly club meetings, where members visit the Tradewind Sky Sports airfield in Little Washington, a center that specializes in first-time tandem skydiving. Here, they have opportunities to speak with tandem instructors and discuss skydiving techniques and protocol, before making the decision to take the plunge.

There are no club fees, but

the airfield's charge for first-time jumpers is \$160 — a discounted price, at least \$20 below the cost at other North Carolina airfields.

Any money the club earns through fundraisers goes toward T-shirts or other club paraphernalia. The winner of the fundraiser will often win a free skydive.

New members normally all jump together, on a given day monthly, for a group discount. The next date planned for first-time jumpers is set for March 6. Unlicensed divers jump while strapped to a tandem instructor.

The club currently has four licensed members, who jump every clear weekend. 42 dives are required to be licensed. Bennett says that purchasing the majority of these dives in advance secures a significant discount, which is why he is currently saving up before he continues diving.

So far this semester, three new members have signed up, while last semester brought in a total of 15 new divers.

When asked what initially got him interested in skydiving, freshman Bennett said, "The same way I'm getting others interested now: I saw flyers and followed up."

With every new person that gets involved, the more the club becomes a campus-wide skydiving community.

"I recommend everyone to give it a chance or think about it," said Bennett.

The next planned meetings are March 3rd and 6th, and an upcoming April meeting. The group is made of students, while faculty have also expressed interest.

Other available airfields for first-time jumpers include those in Raleigh and Wilmington, though the skydiving club generally travels to the closer location in Little Washington.

The original goal was to gain at least 10 new jumpers per semester, but there are often many more than that who express an initial desire to find out more about the club. At least 15 of the 100-plus members normally attend each meeting.

Bennett encourages the curious and interested to contact him through e-mail at mtb0927@ecu.edu, or join the Facebook group and send him a message via the site.

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Student starts a new southern hospitality line of clothing

Pirate ingenuity once again takes to the shelves

Veronica Carrington
CONTRIBUTED WRITER

With many notable alumni hailing ECU as their alma mater, it is no surprise that current Pirates are following the notoriety trend and launching projects that grant them success.

Such is the case of ECU economics major Zachary Moore. Moore, along with friends Nick Ruden, Steven Beck and Jeremy Hiatt, started Port Southern, a clothing company out of High Point.

Port Southern was started Sept. 1, 2008, when the four High Point natives had the idea to create a men's clothing line dedicated to promoting southern hospitality.

"We promote a classy style that can spread southern hospitality to others," said Moore.

The company was founded on the ideals of pride for the local community and the hope of creating a line of high-quality essentials.

The logo seen on the men's polos is a pineapple, which has a long history that ties to the vision of the clothing line.

"The pineapple is thought to have originated in the inland areas of Brazil and Paraguay, and from there it was widely transplanted and cultivated. Christopher Columbus discovered the pineapple when he stopped in a cove off the coast of Guadalupe and introduced the sweet treat to the rest of his homeland. In Colonial America, the pineapple was placed as the visual keystone

at the dining table and its presence expressed the ultimate level of welcome, hospitality and good cheer. The South is known for its incredible hospitality, and Port Southern wants to spread Southern hospitality everywhere through the pineapple logo," said Moore.

At this time, the company only produces hats and men's polos, however, the company has plans for a women's line to emerge in the future, which will include sundresses, polo dresses and women's polos.

With the approach of spring and summer, Port Southern will also be debuting new men's polos in select colors and styles, which will be expanding over the next few months.

The company truly attempts to embody the southern spirit by taking a hand in community development. On Nov. 10, 2009, the founders of Port Southern officially kicked off the start of their new clothing company with a launch party and presentation on the High Point University campus.

At the event, the group also spoke about the charitable component to their company, the Pineapple Fund, which will work with the High Point Community Foundation to help give back to the needs of the greater High Point community.

Port Southern will hold an annual fundraising event, The Pineapple Bash, to help raise money for the non-profit organization.

The company sells items online at www.portsouthern.com, as well as Lindsay Odom Limited, located in High Point.

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'Play It Again, Sam' scheduled to kick off this week

Staff Reports

The ECU/Loessin Playhouse will be performing the Woody Allen play, "Play It Again, Sam," this weekend in McGinnis Theater.

The basic synopsis of the show is: "Allan Felix has this thing about Humphrey Bogart. If only he had some of Bogart's technique... Bookish and insecure with women, Allan's hero Bogey comes to the rescue, with a fantastic bevy of beauties played out in hilarious fantasy sequences. Fixed up by friends with gorgeous women, he's so awkward that even Bogey's patience is tried. Allan mostly resembles a disheveled, friendly dog, and this is what ultimately charms his best friend's wife, Linda, into bed. It's a tough life — making it in the world of beautiful people — but if you can't be a hero, it helps to have one."

The play is also riddled with a series of fantasy sequences made by Allan as he tries to get through this part in his life. With Woody Allen as the playwright, the show contains numerous sexual innuendos and double entendres that may be considered inappropriate for young audience members.

The play originally opened in 1970 and was made into a movie in 1972. The movie version starred Woody Allen, Diane Keaton and Tony Roberts. The title itself is based on the Humphrey Bogart classic movie, "Casablanca," where the famous

line is said.

Allan is known for his distinctive films because they are either dramatic or sexual comedies. He was also the playwright for "Don't Drink the Water," which has been adapted into a film twice. He directed several films, some of which are "Take the Money and Run," "September," "Manhattan Murder Mystery" and, most recently, "Whatever Works," starring Larry David and Raleigh native Evan Rachel Wood.

The cast of 12 has been hard at work since the auditions in mid-January and has been rehearsing ever since. This is the third play this season for the ECU theater department, following "The Crucible" and "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" last semester.

Performances will be Thursday to Tuesday with shows starting at 8 p.m., except the Sunday show, which will be a matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets for ECU students and youth are \$8, senior citizens and ECU faculty are \$10 and \$12 for the general public. All tickets are \$12 at the door. They can be purchased by calling 252-328-6829, 1-800-ECU-ARTS or going online to ECUARTS.com. Tickets are also available in the Messick and Mendenhall box offices.

So come check out the show that the ECU School of Theatre and Dance calls "One man's fight for love and glory."

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Healthy Living

Adding calories to coffee

Brewed coffee and espresso contain virtually no calories; here's what you add when you choose a sweetener and lightener.

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Skim milk	5
Artificial sweetener (1 g packet)	4 or less

*Half milk, half cream

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How to improve on a recipe

Published recipes often call for ingredients you may want to avoid; these healthier substitutes will sometimes work well.

Instead of this try using this
Oil-based marinade	Wine, balsamic vinegar or fruit juice
Soy sauce	Mustard or low-sodium soy sauce
Table salt	Herbs, vinegar or lemon juice
Garlic or onion salt	Garlic or onion powder
One egg	Two egg whites
Cream of mushroom, other creamed soup	Fat-free milk-based soup, potato flakes, pureed potato or carrot

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Women's tennis splits weekend contests

The ECU women's tennis squad split a pair of non-conference matches Saturday at the Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center, falling to host North Carolina 7-0 in the morning before defeating Gardner-Webb by a 5-2 score during the afternoon.

The Tar Heels currently ranked the second best women's squad nationally by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA), collected all doubles and singles decisions to earn a 7-0 victory over ECU. Freshman Abby Richmond provided the toughest competition before falling to UNC's Linzee Mabrey 7-5, 7-5 in the No. 6 singles flight.

Despite the morning setback the Pirates started strong sweeping all three doubles matches. ECU captured the doubles point after a commanding 8-0 win by Natalie Collins and Brooke Walter over Tavener Black and Ronia Hutterli at the No. 3 slot.

In singles play, Yilian Zhang outlasted Hutterli 4-6, 6-1, 6-0 at the No. 5 slot while Collins, Petra Vogel and Sachs all retired the Bulldogs in two sets to clinch the team victory. Collins cruised past Rita Gouveia (6-2, 6-4) at No. 3, Vogel dismissed Kasey Ellis (6-1, 6-2) at No. 4 and Sachs posted a (7-5, 6-1) triumph over Black at No. 6.

Gardner-Webb's two tallies came at the No. 1 and No. 2 singles matchups, with Erica White blanked Audrey LePottier (6-0, 6-0) in the No. 1 position and Ioana Oprea defeated Jessica Cook by a score of 6-1, 6-2.

ECU will return to action Tuesday when it travels to Buies Creek for a 2:00 p.m. match

Softball picks up victory over Campbell in Lipton Invite

Following a tough opening weekend, the ECU softball team once again picked up a lone victory in its second weekend of play when it rebounded to defeat Campbell 7-2 Friday afternoon at the Lipton Invitational.

A four-run second inning was the difference for the Pirates as senior Charina Summer drove in two with a double to left field.

Toni Paisley picked up the win for ECU (2-7), going six innings and giving up just one hit while fanning 10.

Campbell got on the board in the top of the fourth when Katie Hinton led off with a triple off the top of the wall in right field. It was the Camels' only hit of the contest. Paisley recorded a strikeout but then gave up a sacrifice fly to Taylor McGee that made the score 4-1.

In the top of the fifth, Campbell pushed across another run but it was not enough for the Camels.

During the course of the Invite, ECU lost to Marshall (8-7 in nine innings), Kansas (3-1) and twice to No. 3 Florida (4-3, 1-0).

ECU picks up victory, almost steals rubber match against No. 2 Virginia

Pirates drop Sunday contest 14-11 after being down by nine runs going into bottom of the eighth inning

Michael Perry

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

In possibly the most exciting opening series in all of college baseball this past weekend, the No. 11 ranked ECU baseball team battled to the very end with No. 2 Virginia, claiming one win from the three game series.

The Pirates (1-2) suffered a stinger of a defeat Sunday, losing 14-11 as the Cavaliers halted a late game ECU rally that had all the makings of a classic Pirate comeback.

On Saturday, the Diamond Bucs claimed its first victory of the season 6-1, after dropping their first matchup Friday against Virginia 6-2.

Sunday's tiebreaker matchup entailed a seven-run eighth inning attack by ECU as they looked to climb back from a seemingly impossible deficit of 13-4.

"We know now that we can battle back at anytime," Roller said of his team's rally. "We've got to have that mentality every day to come out and compete."

The Pirates' right fielder Devin Harris opened up the scoring in the bottom of the eighth as he batted in designated hitter Kyle Roller from second on a no-out double.

Following Harris' RBI double, pinch hitter Chris Gosik got in on the action, plating Harris on a sacrifice fly out to leftfield.

ECU's rally continued as freshman first basemen John Wooten connected on a two-run opposite field bomb, his second of the series, powering the ball



Junior shortstop Dustin Harrington reacts after belting a homerun on Sunday.

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over the right field wall.

Shortstop Dustin Harrington later punished Virginia for two consecutive walks as he beamed a laser down the third baseline that barely stayed fair for a two-RBI double that put the Pirates in striking distance 13-11.

Harrington also notched ECU's first run of the contest with a solo homer to the heart of the Jungle in the first inning of play.

The Cavs, who had already contracted two pitchers to the eighth inning alone, finally brought in their closer, Kevin Arico, who squashed the hope of ECU and the remaining spectators by putting together four solid outs to end the dream.

The Pirates' hitting squad had one last shot in the bottom of the ninth following a lone

Virginia score in the top of the inning, but ECU failed to produce against Arico.

Despite the deflating loss of the final game and the series, Pirates' head coach Billy Godwin spoke highly of his team's effort.

"You heard guys staying in the game and keep believing," Godwin said of his team's near comeback. "We strung some hits together and that's a good, early sign against a very good ball club that these guys won't quit no matter what."

In the pitching department, the two squads used 13 hurlers in the matchup (ECU: 7, UVA: 6), Cavs' reliever Neal Davis picked up the win while ECU's Brad Mincey was served with the loss.

On Saturday, the Pirates unleashed lefty ace Kevin Brandt in their 6-1 victory over Virginia.

Brandt only allowed one run on five hits for the Cavs' lineup, while fanning four batters in his 6 2/3-inning stint.

Brandt, no stranger to taking down big name ball clubs, spoke modestly about his first win of the season.

"My objective is to just come out and have fun and try to keep the guys engaged," Brandt said. "I tried to come out and just focus today."

Prior to Saturday's showing, the sophomore starter had already posted wins against Oklahoma State, South Carolina and North Carolina to his resumé. At the dish, the Pirates swung the bats well on Saturday as they produced three solid two-run innings, opening up the score column in the bottom of the third.

In his first collegiate at bat,

Wooten sailed a 2-2 breaking ball over the wall in right field to start things up. The Goldsboro, N.C., native went 2-4 with two runs batted in to begin his career at ECU.

"I just happened to be that guy today; anybody in the dugout could have done what I did," Wooten said selflessly of his second inning blast. "It's been a really humbling experience, being around guys in the dug and in this program."

ECU picked up another run in the third as Corey Thompson strolled home on a wild pitch.

Pitchers Mike Wright and Seth Simmons held down Brandt's win as the Pirates tied up the series on Saturday.

In the opening tilt of the

BASEBALL continued on A7

Defensive woes contribute to second-straight home loss for Lady Pirates

Stephen McNulty

STAFF WRITER

The ECU women's basketball team continued its struggles as the team fell to Tulsa (11-13, 5-8 Conference USA) Sunday afternoon in its last home game of the season.

The loss was only the second defeat at home this season for the Pirates (18-8, 7-6 C-USA).

"I just feel like we're in a slump right now ... we just have to keep working hard to get where we want to be," junior forward Kim Gay said following the defeat.

Both teams got off to a slow start, combining for 7-37 shooting from the field in the first 10 minutes of the game. The teams then battled back and forth for the rest of the period, going into the half knotted at 25-25.

ECU out-rebounded the Golden Hurricane by a margin of 32-20 at the break but shot only 1-of-8 from the charity stripe while attempting only three shots from beyond the arc.



Ashley Clarke was just five points shy of the first triple-double in ECU women's basketball history in a setback against Tulsa Sunday.

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Many in the ninth-largest crowd in program history of 2,808 anticipated the Pirates' typical second-half run, but it never came.

Tulsa quickly jumped out to an eight-point lead. ECU answered with a run of its own and grabbed the lead on two Shuanda Ashford free throws with just over 12 minutes remaining in the contest.

The Lady Pirates never managed to adjust and gain control of the game.

No matter what ECU head coach Sharon Baldwin-Tener's defense brought, Tulsa refused to turn the ball over, finishing with just six turnovers in the contest.

"I think that we were flat defensively ... turnovers are what give us easy baskets, and

we really had to fight for every basket we got," Baldwin-Tener said, following the loss.

Despite the turnover margin, ECU hung in the contest until Chanice Scott made two free throws to put the Golden Hurricane out of reach 61-57 with just seconds remaining.

ECU also failed to adjust and stop Tulsa forward Larrissa Williams. The 6-foot-3 senior finished with 26 points and 12 rebounds, seven of the rebounds coming on the offensive end. Williams also recorded three blocks in the game.

The Lady Pirates failed to have a single scorer reach double digits as Chareya Smith and Kim Gay led the team with nine points each.

Ashley Clarke recorded her fourth double-double of the season with 13 rebounds and 11 assists in the contest.

ECU out-shot Tulsa from the field 33 percent to 26 percent and grabbed 10 more rebounds than the Golden Hurricane. However, Tulsa outscored ECU 12-6 off of turnovers and 20-10

on second chance opportunities.

This is the second campaign in a row that the Lady Pirates finished with a home record of 12-2, but the team still has three more contests remaining.

"There is a lot of pressure now ... we have to go out and get three wins ... and we're not playing in Minges anymore, so it definitely isn't going to be easy," ECU point guard Ashley Clarke said about the rest of the season.

The first of the three road games for the Pirates comes at UAB Thursday, Feb. 26. ECU then travels to Memphis and then Marshall before the 2010 C-USA Championship begins on March 8 in Tulsa, Okla.

Honored prior to the game Sunday was the Lady Pirates' lone senior Caitlin Thys. The Raleigh native is a transfer from High Point University. Thys has played in 11 games this season, scoring 10 points and grabbing 12 rebounds.

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Men's hoops picks up rare C-USA road win

Staff Reports

ECU junior Brock Young scored a career-high 27 points to lead the Pirates to a 76-65 win over Rice at Tudor Fieldhouse Saturday afternoon, giving ECU its second win in the last three



ECU point guard Brock Young dropped a career-high 27 points to lead the Pirates to a win over Rice.

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games.

The victory gives ECU (9-17, 3-9 Conference USA) a split of the season series with Rice (8-18, 1-11) and its second win in its last three visits.

Jonate Sherrod dropped in 15 points, which was his most

against a Division I opponent since scoring 23 points versus South Dakota State in November. Jamar Abrams added 13 points. Darius Morrow and Erin Straughn led the Pirates with nine rebounds apiece.

Freshman Tamir Jackson led the Owls with 22 points and junior Lucas Kuipers scored 14 points.

After shooting less than 40 percent in the first half, ECU connected on 60 percent (15-25) of its field goal attempts after halftime. Young made all four of his field goal attempts in the second half and went 4-of-5 from the charity stripe. The Pirates finished the game shooting 44.8 percent (26-58).

Three of the Owls' first five baskets, all inside the paint, were dunks that helped them take an early four-point lead. Young then scored nine consecutive points to reverse fortunes and give ECU a four-point lead,

18-14, with 8:25 to go before intermission.

Rice opened the game by making five of its first 10 field goal attempts, but made just 5-of-16 in the final 14 minutes of the opening half. ECU made five of its first 17 shots before making six of its final 16 field goal attempts of the opening 20 minutes.

The Owls tied the game three times in the last four minutes of the half before Sherrod and Young combined to score the last six points to give the Pirates a six-point lead at the break, 30-24.

ECU maintained the lead throughout the second half but was never able to get more than a six-point separation in the first five minutes. The Pirates came out of the locker room by making 6-of-10 field goal attempts to keep the Owls at bay.

The Pirates stretched their lead to nine, 58-49, on a

3-pointer from Abrams with 6:58 left. Rice cut the lead to five with 4:36 to play, but Corvonn Gaines' tip-in pushed the lead back to seven.

Sherrod extended the Pirates' lead to 11, 71-60, with 1:20 showing. He and Young combined to score 14 of ECU's final 16 points.

Defensively, the Pirates held the Owls to just 37.3 percent shooting, including 13.0 percent from behind the arc (3-23). ECU also won the rebounding battle, 40-35.

Rice received an administrative technical foul prior to tip-off for dunking during warm-ups, but the Pirates didn't take advantage as Young missed both free throws.

The Pirates will return to action Wednesday, Jan. 24, at home against SMU. The game is scheduled for 7 p.m. and will be televised nationally on CBS College Sports.

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season, ECU tussled with the Cavaliers, but left-hander Danny Hultzen completely controlled the Pirates from the get-go.

The Diamond Bucs opened the game in good fashion, posting two runs in the bottom of the first, but the Virginia hitting squad rolled on to a 6-2 win over ECU.

Cavs' third basemen Steven Proscia had Seth Maness' number in the bout as he went 2 for 3, plating four runs and ripping a two-run home run in the top of the sixth.

All in all, both teams gave a great showing over the weekend, and despite dropping two, the Pirates took some important lessons from the series.

"I hope this makes us mentally tougher. We'll walk away with some things after having identified against a high level team." Godwin said of his showdown with Virginia. "That is one of the better clubs I have seen in my five years at ECU."

The Pirates will be back in action tonight as they host Old Dominion at 4 p.m.

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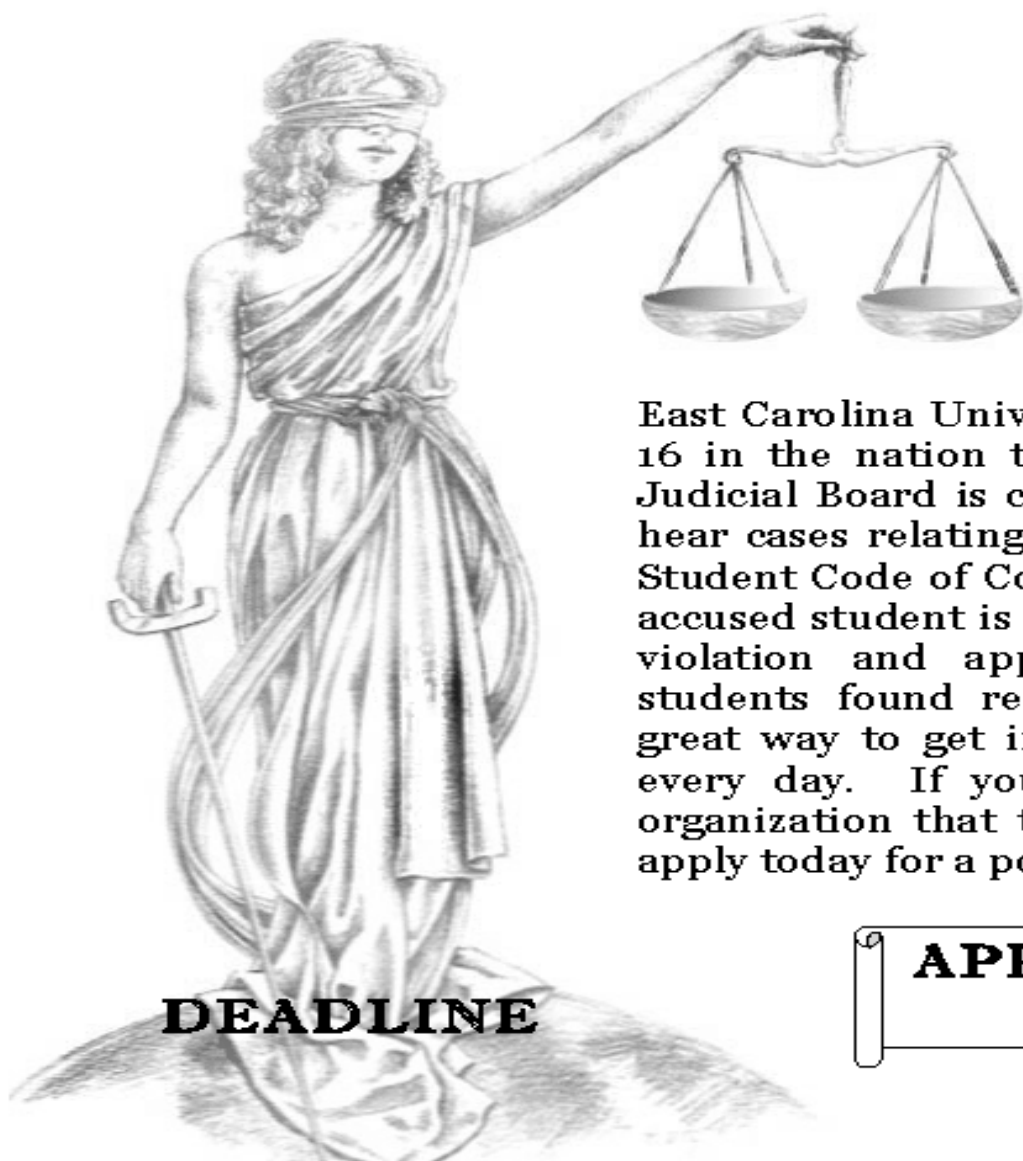
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