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## BRIEFS

### ECU Dental School plans to create 10 community service learning centers

**Jimmy Youn**  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The ECU School of Dental Medicine is being established specifically to address the shortage of dentists in regions of North Carolina. The School of Dental Medicine will serve North Carolina statewide by educating more dentists, with the primary focus of student recruitment being students who desire to return to rural and underserved areas to provide oral health care.

North Carolina is 47th in the nation in terms of dentists per capita and is especially lacking in dentists in the eastern part of the state. There are four counties -- Tyrrell, Jones, Hyde and Camden -- without any primary practicing dentists.

To remedy this situation, ECU and UNC-Chapel Hill have jointly developed a plan to increase the number of dentists in the state, to expand UNC-Chapel Hill's class size up to 110 students and to establish the ECU Dental School.

Dr. Glenn B. Miller, president of N.C. Academy of General Dentistry, commented, "ECU Dental School will contribute by improving access to care in rural clinics."

Miller went on to point out, "UNC Dental School will be increasing the class size up to 110 students. Between ECU and UNC-Chapel Hill, there will be 160 dentists graduating each year, which doubles the current number of dental school graduates."

The ECU School of Dental Medicine plans to create 10 community service learning centers, and they will be located in rural and underserved areas throughout the state. The fourth-year students will be learning and providing care for the community for one year.

Associate Dean for Planning and Extramural Affairs Dr. Gregory Chadwick commented, "Ten community service learning centers will be provided across the state, and we already have three locations in Sylva, Ahoskie and Elizabeth City. The students will be living in the community for a year to provide primary oral health care."

ECU SoDM is currently in the process of interviewing applicants. Chadwick added, "There will be a total of 50 students enrolled in the fall of 2011, and we are trying our best to select the students from rural areas. I hope that many will go back to rural and underserved areas to provide primary dental care."

The first class of the School of Dental Medicine will be studying in the Old Laupus Library and the Brody School of Medicine lecture halls for the first year. However, the new home for the School of Dental Medicine, Ledyard E. Ross Hall, is currently under construction with approximately two years until completion.

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## WEB POLL

### Do you plan to go to class on the Monday after Halloween?

Yes

No

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## ECU officials encourage student attendance after Halloween

**Hannah Jackson**  
STAFF WRITER

It's that time of year again -- time for costumes, parties and, to some students' chagrin, classes the next day. But many students are questioning whether classes are a priority over Halloween this upcoming weekend.

Nov. 1 is not a holiday to the university's eyes, but with the immense celebration that occurs yearly in Greenville, officials and professors are deciding what to do to encourage and possibly enforce student attendance on Monday.

On campus, all professors have to decide whether to enforce

attendance by taking roll, giving a quiz or even having an exam. One professor leaves it up to his students. Gera Miles of the English Department says he is not doing anything out of the ordinary for his Monday morning classes. "You are adults, you choose your path and accept the consequences -- especially ones regarding attendance and participation."

The city of Greenville plays a huge role in Halloween every year to ensure the safety of ECU and visiting students.

It is reported from The Daily Reflector that over 125 police officers will be on duty that night

in response to the overwhelming numbers that are expected. On that holiday, six blocks are shut down and guarded and no one gets in without an ID.

Marilyn A. Sheerer, provost and senior vice chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, says that she doubts professors will do anything different than what it already outlined for the year, unless it was planned ahead of time.

"We are in the process of developing an announcement for the entire ECU community that underscores the fact that class attendance is definitely expected,"

Sheerer said.

Not all professors let the students miss class without some type of penalty, so most have an attendance policy already in affect from the start of the semester. That way, students can adhere to the policy or not. It will be no different than a student choosing to sleep in and missing class; they may or may not be penalized for their choice depending on the professor or class. To the professors, it will be just another Monday morning, so it is ultimately up to the person and his or her responsibility as a student.

ECU students have mixed

opinions about class on Monday. Some see it as a holiday but others do not want to be punished because of a few missing students.

Student Brian Curry shares that he is attending class. "I have a test. Plus, I'm super-curious to see how many people don't show up."

Whether students decide to come to their classes or not, the university is encouraging attendance for all in order to display a commitment to their academic careers.

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## Bus accident case closed, one man charged with DWI

**Jennifer Soares**  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

A man has been charged with one count of Driving While Impaired after he hit an ECU Pirate Express Bus traveling to Pirate's Cove during the early morning hours of Oct. 22.

No serious injuries were reported at the time; however, 17 students were involved in the accident and one was taken to Pitt County Memorial Hospital for minor injuries.

The Greenville Police Department stated in an accident report that 21-year-old Bradwood Mitchell Leggett hit the Pirate Express bus while traveling North on Meade Street entering onto East First Street.

The Jeep hit the front left corner of the bus and then began to spin. The force of the impact caused the Jeep to turn and hit the bus once again where it was forced to the right of the bus and rolled once.

"We were going down First Street, and a car was coming from a side road going onto First Street and they didn't stop at the stop sign and T-boned the bus," said Gabriella Greco, a sophomore hospitality management major. "The bus driver hit his head on the steering wheel, and a lot of people had scrapes on them from where the window shattered from the car

hitting it."

Although the bus was not severely damaged, another Transit bus arrived to pick up the remaining students and take them to PCMH for observation and then back to their original destination. Leggett was also taken to PCMH for observation where he was cited by police for the accident.

"I heard a huge crash, a small thud, then we ran out to the front and everything had already happened," said Hoyt Alexander, senior anthropology and psychology major. "After it happened, I saw everyone standing around and they all looked alright. It was hard to tell who the driver actually was."

Another passenger was in the vehicle at the time of the incident, but the driver refused to release his name to police or give any information on what had happened. Alcohol was involved but it is unknown what the driver's blood alcohol content was.

Damage to the bus was estimated at around \$10,000, as it was unable to operate after the collision. The 1998 Jeep sustained approximately \$5,000 worth of damage and was also not drivable after the accident.

"I am a little scared to ride the bus now, so I try to find another ride before I have to get onto the

> **BUS** page A2

## Students monitor Facebook against future employers

**Jamie Harper**  
STAFF WRITER

Many college students' biggest worry is if they will be able to acquire the job they desire after graduation. Students work to build an impressive resume and compete with other students to obtain a job. However, what can easily be their biggest obstacle to success may be hidden in an everyday occurrence. The danger may be in the use of the social networking site, Facebook.

Facebook is one of the most popular social networking sites today. Mark Zuckerberg, the founder and CEO of Facebook, stated on Facebook that as of July 2009, there were more than 250 million users on Facebook. Currently, Facebook has more than 500 million active users spending over 700 billion minutes per month on Facebook. For users between the ages of 18 and 24 years old, social networking websites are the most visited websites, ahead of search engines, e-mail and porn, according to a 2007 Time magazine news article. The average Facebook user currently shares more than 30 billion pieces of content each month.

For college students, Facebook

is primarily used to communicate with friends and to share photos, videos and the latest gossip among social groups. It has replaced the phone calls and letters previous generations used. Holly Davenport, an ECU freshman, said she uses Facebook to "communicate with friends since high school."

The problem that arises, especially for college graduates, is where the lines of privacy are drawn. Some may consider it an invasion of privacy for potential employers to search for and view an applicant's Facebook information and then base their decision to hire on the information they found. As stated on the Facebook site, the network has two "core principles" that are followed regarding privacy.

These principles state that a user can adjust the privacy settings to show how much information is revealed to the public and a user should be able to view "friends'" information easily. Students also may alter their name on Facebook in an attempt to make it more difficult for others to search for them. Unfortunately

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A rack full of bikes between Jarvis residence hall and the Jenkins Fine Art Building.

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## ECU cracks down on bicycle policies

**Abbey Way**  
STAFF WRITER

Recently, many students have found warning tickets attached to their bikes from the ECU Parking and Transportation Department. The tickets are given to bike owners who either have improperly secured their bikes on campus or to those who have not registered their bike with Parking and Transportation or the ECU Police Department.

The ticket designates which offense was violated and the date that the owner needs to respond by. If the issue is not resolved by the assigned date, the bike will be impounded. In most cases, the bike owner simply needs to register their bike or relocate it to a rack provided by the university. According to Jack Tawney, the assistant director of Parking and Transportation Services, light poles, hand rails and trees are not acceptable for securing a bike.

The Parking and Transportation Department encourages all bike owners who park their bike on campus to register their bike to avoid it from being confiscated and to assist in the recovery process if a bike is stolen.

"The whole thing is free. We are not generating any revenue off of it. We are just trying to help people," said Tawney. "If their bike is stolen, we can help them find it."

There are currently over 1,200 bikes registered with ECU. This free service takes only a few minutes to record the owner's information and model number of the bike. The owner is then given a numbered sticker to put on their bike. This short process can greatly improve a lost or stolen bike in the future.

Tawney compared regis-



A bike lock secures a bike to a bike rack. ECU is requesting that all bicycle owners register their bike.

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tering a bike to having a parking pass on campus. The only difference is there is no fee to register a bike. By asking all bike users to register their bikes, it makes it easier for officials to keep track of who is parking their bikes on campus. "You can have individuals who are not affiliated with the university who put bikes on campus," Tawney said.

All bikes that are unregistered or are un-operable are removed from bike racks. "In the event of a non-registered bike recovery situation, a full description of the bike must be given for the bike to be returned," Tawney said. After a

period of 60 days, if the property has not been claimed, it will then be sent to the ECU surplus property office to be sold.

Some of these bikes may even be put into the Pirate Bike Program. This program offers refurbished bikes that are painted purple and gold to students to use for a semester. The program also takes donations. "We had four this summer that were donated. It's just something that if people don't want to take it home, they can help the university," said Tawney.

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bus again," said Greco. The driver of the Pirate Express bus will not be charged with any crime or punished by the university. According to the Student Transit Authority website, all students

who wish to work for ECUSTA must follow the guidelines in order to maintain their job. They must have a 2.0 GPA, submit to a mandatory drug and alcohol test, have no university judicial record, a valid North

Carolina driver's license and be able to work 18 hours a week.

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Midnight Madness activities will start at Mendenhall Student Center at 9:00pm and end at 1:00am. Food will be served in Destination 360 between 11:00pm and 1:00am. The dance at the SRC will start at 10:30pm and end at 1:30am. No one will be allowed to enter MSC after 12:30am or the SRC after 1:00am.

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- Midnight Breakfast ..... 11:00pm-1:00am ..... D360
- Dance ..... 10:30pm-1:30am..... SRC
- Costume Contest ..... 11:45pm ..... Hendrix Theater
- A Taste of Fear..... 9:30pm and 11:00pm..... Pirate Underground
- Bingo ..... 9:00pm-11:00pm..... D360
- Film: Nightmare On Elm Street ..... 9:30pm ..... Hendrix Theater

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for students, employers have found ways to access information even if Facebook users have their profile set as "private" or if they have altered their name.

Jim McAtee, the director and liaison for the College of Fine Arts and Communication, said, "Increasingly, more and more employers use Facebook ... if someone wants to

find you, they will."

A survey recently commissioned by Microsoft found that 70 percent of recruiters and hiring managers have rejected a potential employee based on information they found online. According to CBS News, 20 percent of companies search for online Facebook profiles before they grant an interview to

an applicant.

Davenport explained, "Some pictures may look bad when you are trying to get a job ... employers want to know who they are getting because you represent them, too, not just yourself."

Employers may judge an applicant on what they find online or on Facebook, even if unrelated to the

job skills required for a position.

McAtee, who has eight years of experience in the university career services and four years in employment consulting and management, said, "A lot of students feel Facebook is private for them and their friends and shouldn't be used by employers, but it's an open game for anyone who wants to find information

about you."

Many college students fear information on Facebook could cost them losing a possible job or internship. McAtee advises college students, "If you are close to becoming a junior or senior, you should cleanup your online fingerprint. The best thing to do is pretend you are an employer and Google your

name to see what comes up."

Will a student's spring break trip affect their chances of getting their dream job? It's a possibility.

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### Pirates Speak

**Have you changed your Facebook in anticipation of a job?**

**Estee Gabay**  
Junior, Political Science  
"No, not at all. My profile picture is definitely me holding a cup. ...But I will probably change it in the future."

**Darrin Johnson**  
Junior, Entrepreneurship  
"Not for college jobs, but if I was going for the career-type jobs then I would take away the photos with beer in them."

**Will Stagg**  
Junior, Business Management  
"I go by my middle name on Facebook, But if I was looking for a job I would change it to my first name. . . and probably use the limited profile feature"

**Rebecca Blount**  
Junior, Mathematics  
"Yeah I changed my name. I put spaces in my name so employers can't search me."

### Correction

In the Oct. 26, 2010 edition of TEC in the article "University prohibits roadside fundraisers," Layne Reesor was incorrectly listed as the philanthropy coordinator of Epsilon Sigma Alpha. However, Reesor currently serves as the service chair. Also, the date of the ESA fundraiser is Saturday, Oct. 30, at the Greenville Town Commons.

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My teacher canceled class on Monday morning so we could recover from Halloween! That's a true Pirate!

Why are you still wearing your washed-up, almost ripped wristbands on Wednesday? You think you're cool because you either a. are 21 or b. got a wrist band... well news-flash---you're not. Take it off, you're lame.

To the girl in cowboy boots and aviators at the last game: this is not Jersey Shore so you are not Snookie. Thank goodness you left early because one more "oohhhh yeaaaa..." out of you and you would have left saying "oohhhh noooooo..."

Halloween is a few days before I take the GRE...I'm torn as to which is more important.

Dear Professors: just cancel classes this Monday. Thanks from the students and your conscience.

My apartment is going to be packed this weekend from all my friends visiting ECU for Halloween, thank you Playboy.

Why must you come to class when you're OBVIOUSLY sick and infecting everyone around you?

To the girl in my management class with the Barbie bangs: I saw you pick your nose the entire class and then bite under your fingernail. Go to the bathroom next time.

So excited for Buccaneer Bus Service! Finally a way for us pirates to party more RESPONSIBLY every night of the week! Downtown is about to get busier!

Every year I have to use up one of my absences to register for classes - WHICH ARE USUALLY ALWAYS FULL ANYWAYS!

I like it when people stumble up to me holding a LOKO and the first thing they say is, "I'm so wasted!" Really? I never would have guessed...

To the girl that got engaged right behind me at the Marshall tailgate: Congratulations!

My teacher told me to refer to the syllabus when I told her I wouldn't be in class today because I got into a wreck with a deer and possibly totaled my car. I got zeros on two quizzes. Karma, that's all I have to say.

To the girl in front of Harris Teeter that said "She's just mad because I farted on her Snuggie": that is the funniest thing I've ever heard in this town. Thank you

My friend has a crush on the cute girl with the Gir backpack that works at the Pirate Mart but he's too shy to say anything. Now you have no choice because she knows! Muahahaha!

To all the people that ran outside to take a picture of that rainbow Monday: thanks, you gave me a good laugh!

# OPINION

## More terrifying than a pregnancy scare



**Ben Cochran**  
OPINION COLUMNIST

With ghosts, goblins, ghouls and Grendel, Halloween is a time when monsters of all sorts make their appearance.

For the most part, this is a welcome break from the humdrum of the everyday norm. All Hallow's Eve is exciting because we get to play dress up and be whoever we want to be for an evening. Plus, there is something so delectably sinful about indulging in this Pagan tradition. Once a year or so, we just need an excuse to let our wild side out.

In fact, that's half the fun! Once our costumes are donned, we can't wait to get out on the town and show them off. I suppose this is similar to why girls spend hour upon beleaguering hour prepping for any normal night. They just simply have to flaunt how

good they look and shove their outfits in other girls' faces. Whatever.

But along with the good-natured gremlins, griffins and gargoyles, there is a real danger present amongst our holiday fanfare. When you have thousands of people gathering in a relatively small space, crowd control is a huge issue. I don't know what it is about the human condition, but when you throw us into a scenario where personal space is nonexistent, where the average blood alcohol content is 0.5 and where Satan is given free rein to meddle with his minions, then absolute anarchy ensues.

Such was the case in Chapel Hill during the 2008 Halloween festivities on Franklin Street. During Halloween that year, over 80,000 people descended on the small town — essentially tripling its population.

It was at this time that the local authorities made decisions to effectively quarantine the town on Halloween so that no outsiders could be brought in. The extra police force that had to be hired to maintain civility cost the town around a

quarter of a million dollars.

After having experienced the melee, one might reflect on it in much the same way that Ron Burgundy reflected on his tiff with other news channels, noting that things "escalated quickly. I mean, that really got out of hand fast," and how "it jumped up a notch. There were horses and a man on fire and I killed a guy with a trident."

Now, no one has actually been killed during the Chapel Hill party, but local gangs do use the event for recruiting and threatening demonstrations where one tries to out-posture the other for alpha-male dominance of the area.

Unfortunately, Greenville does have a history of violence in our downtown. The steps that have been taken have gone a long way toward improving everyone's safety. But the possibility of danger is still there. That risk is increased with the more people that attempt to cram themselves downtown.

I love Halloween. It's one of my favorite holidays. But it's only fun as long as safety is maintained. Greenville has a fun atmosphere on the 31st and I would like to keep it that way.



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Let's not turn into Chapel Hill, where we have to legislate our Halloween parties. So please, have fun, go crazy, practice a little witchcraft and relish in your opportunity to be "bad." But do not, under any circumstances, engage in any illegal activities or otherwise

give cause for police involvement.

We've already lost our Riverwalk party; losing our Halloween would be a scary thing, indeed.

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## Admiration of a modern-day saint



**Leslie Baker**  
OPINION COLUMNIST

Oh, retail activist, if only I could be as selfless as you.

You spring out of bed in the morning, eager to impress — uh, I mean, serve — mankind. Your ample generosity manifests itself even as you choose daily attire. Each day, you spend time sorting through your collection of make-a-statement clothing, attempting to choose your perfect declaration.

Ah, the guilt-inducing options.

You're torn between a Gap Inspi(RED) and a "Re-use, Recycle" T-shirt. Which noble cause will have the honor of being displayed across your virtuous chest today — AIDS or environmentalism?

Although it's a toss-up, you decide to go with the Gap shirt because it matches your new Toms shoes.

On the way to school, you park your Prius at Starbucks and get your morning coffee. Your eyes widen as you enter and see the plethora of eco-friendly, recycled merchandise.

Ten minutes and \$30 later, you walk out with a "Go Green!" mug, fair trade coffee and a bottle of Ethos water (the sign said Ethos gave money to Africa or something).

Although you feel a smidge of guilt for spending so much, you know deep down that your money is going directly to a good cause: to make you look cool. Uh, I mean to help people. Yeah, that's it.

You walk back to your Prius, smooth down your "Be the Change" bumper sticker that recently replaced your outdated "Save Darfur" decal and continue on your drive.

During the rest of your familiar commute, you ignore those Salvation Army, Red Cross and soup kitchen buildings you pass. Why? Because you know what's really important, which is why you spend the time checking your glowing reflection in the rearview mirror.

Look at you. What a philanthropist! Just think how guilty and inferior others will feel the moment they see you.

Imagine what will go through their minds:

"My God ... He doesn't approve of shoeless kids! And what's that? He's not a fan of AIDS either? I would bow to this revolutionary, but I'm surely not worthy."

As you drive, you interpret the eye rolling from drivers behind you as a sign that they are jealous. And who can blame them? Not everyone can have such environmental passion and knowledge of eastern philosophy quotes.

You arrive at your building, trying desperately to avoid direct contact with the homeless man on the curb. You've got an image to keep up, and his cardboard sign might get your \$50 Toms dirty.

Finally, after a long day of crusading for change, you return home to reflect and rest. You deserve it.

After all, you changed the world by buying all that crap, right?

Who knows? But I guarantee a few corporate executives are floating off to a tropical island on their yachts, toasting to your efforts.

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## The cuddle bug



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Cuddled up next to a fireplace or laying in bed with the candles lit and the window open, allowing the faint moonlight to fill the room is often the scene of a couple together during winter nights.

The mood is right and the vibe is smooth. It's the perfect weather to have that special person keep you warm and let you know that love and passion do exist. What is it about this time of year that makes us feel this way?

Why is it that you can look around and see individuals that are slowly migrating toward their particular somebody? Maybe in some odd way the weather is the culprit for this behavior.

As the temperature begins to steadily drop and the early signs of a cold winter begin to creep into the atmosphere, a mood of romance and warmth takes over our body. In the back of everyone's mind is the thought of finding that certain someone to keep you warm on those cold nights.

Women scout potential men. Gentlemen of course put on their "A-game" in an attempt to be lucky enough to

have the honor of taking care of a beautiful lady. The cuddle buddy search is on.

The chill gives us all the perfect excuse to hold each other and keep warm. The cold weather gives a great reason to have that warm body next to you at night. As human beings, we are built to enjoy the sensation of physical touch. Sometimes it is so extreme that it feels like fireworks are going off inside you. So when two people get close to each other, the brain rewards them by releasing a calm relaxation-inducing hormone/ neurotransmitter called Oxytocin.

When this hormone is pumping through the body, we feel at peace and in a happy state of mind. After feeling this sensation, you often find an emotional attachment to whoever was the source of this touch. This is probably the reason so many couples form during these months. The heightened amount of time spent cuddling and staying warm through the nights allows the perfect opportunity for attachment to prosper, and we find that it's just convenient to have that dependable heat through the frost chill of winter's breath.

Those who already have a relationship or that number one sweetheart get to avoid the search and be comforted with the knowledge that they have someone there. Also a little extra perk for the holidays is knowing someone has you on his or her mind when doing some holiday season shopping.

For the rest of us, what better place to be during this

time of year? College campuses offer an abundance of people around the same age groups so the task at hand is not at all a difficult one. ECU offers a diverse amount of beautiful people from many cultures and ethnicities around the world. The diversity allows the mind to fantasize about the ideal companion to keep you warm during these long months. Cold weather, college campuses and beautiful people just complement each other so well.

So when laying awake at night, right before you fall asleep next to your new squeeze as that last cool breeze blows through the window, just give a little thank you to the chill of fall and winter and know that it did a good job playing point guard and assisting you with an excellent setup for the evening. The rest is up to you. It's one of those phenomenon that we can't explain, but I'm all for it.

Many catch that spring fever, but that warmth and joy of the holiday love make it necessary to be around people. Summertime is for free spirits and living it up, but winter is a time when you definitely don't want to be left out.

Extra presents during Christmas? A kiss on New Year's? I think it could be worth the trouble. Whatever helps me to get closer to the woman of my pursuit is a plus I'll take in my corner.

You never know what can happen over a winter fling. You may end up getting a little closer than you expected!

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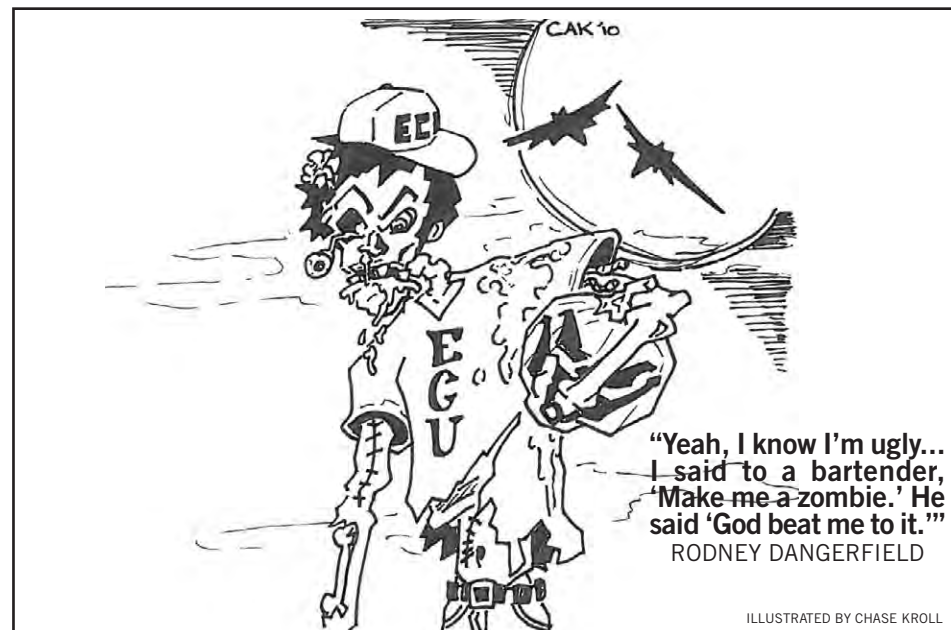
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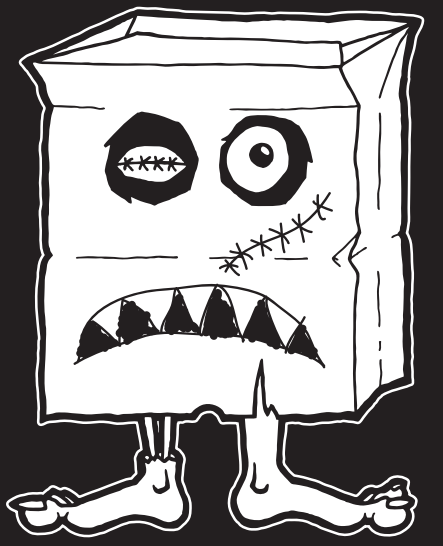
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**Halloween Trivia and Fun Facts**

Orange and black are Halloween colors because orange is associated with the fall harvest and black is associated with darkness and death.

Jack o' Lanterns originated in Ireland where people placed candles in hollowed-out turnips to keep away spirits and ghosts on the Samhain holiday.

Pumpkins also come in white, blue and green.

Halloween was brought to North America by immigrants from Europe who would celebrate the harvest around a bonfire, share ghost stories, sing, dance and tell fortunes.

Tootsie Rolls were the first wrapped penny candy in America.

The ancient Celts thought that spirits and ghosts roamed the countryside on Halloween night. They began wearing masks and costumes to avoid being recognized as human.

Halloween candy sales average about \$2 billion annually in the United States.

Chocolate candy bars top the list as the most popular candy for trick-or-treaters with Snickers at number one.

Halloween is the second-most commercially successful holiday, with Christmas being the first.

Black cats were once believed to be witch's familiars who protected their powers.

Signs of a werewolf are a uni-brow, hair palms, tattoos and a long middle finger.

Vampires are mythical beings who defy death by sucking the blood of humans.

In 1962, the Count Dracula Society was founded.

To this day, there are vampire clubs and societies with people claiming to be real vampires.

There really are so-called vampire bats, but they're not from Transylvania. They live in Central and South America and feed on the blood of cattle, horses and birds.

Many people still believe that gargoyles were created by medieval architects and stone carvers to ward off evil spirits.

The movie "Halloween" was made in only 21 days in 1978 on a very limited budget. "Halloween" was shot in the spring and used fake autumn leaves.

The mask used by Michael Myers in the movie "Halloween" was actually William Shatner's mask painted white.

Halloween is on Oct. 31, the last day of the Celtic calendar. It was originally a pagan holiday, honoring the dead. Halloween was referred to as All Hallows Eve and dates back to over 2,000 years ago.

If you see a spider on Halloween, it is said to be the spirit of a loved one watching over you.

The common little brown bat of North America has the longest life span for a mammal its size, with a life span averaging 32 years.

In about one in four autopsies, a major disease is discovered that was previously undetected.

The Ouija Board ended up out-selling the game of Monopoly in its first full year at Salem. Over 2 million copies of the Ouija Board were shipped.

These facts were taken from [www.halloween-website.com/trivia.htm](http://www.halloween-website.com/trivia.htm).

## The ghosts of Pirate Nation

Ghost stories and spooky legends that have been reported as occurring on campus

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STAFF WRITER

What is it about ghost stories that make them so scary? When they've taken place on the very site that the listener frequents every day and may very well live on, this gives such stories an added fear factor.

Some students have heard the spooky stories of ghosts gliding through on-campus buildings while others have experienced the supernatural firsthand, seeing spirits in the very residence halls they rest their heads in. Ghost stories aren't a secret at ECU, but they sure are a mystery.

Perhaps the most circulated haunting stories at ECU are those that have occurred in Cotten Residence Hall. "I've been at ECU for 15 years and from time to time we hear stories of students seeing things in the hall," said Director of Housing Operations Aaron Lucier. Residents of the hall have reported seeing a figure at the end of the upper floor hallways. "You'll see a figure at the light at the end of the hallway, but it's typically at a long distance," said Lucier of complaints he has received. "They'll (residents) head down that way and there won't be anybody there."

As the legend goes, a lonely and heartbroken girl living in Cotten Hall years ago hung herself in the building. Some say that she committed the suicide in her bedroom, not actually intending to kill herself, but

just to scare people into giving her attention. She cried for help, but her neighbors failed to come to her rescue. Some frequenters of the residence hall claim they can still hear her cries to this day. Another version of the story claims that the girl hung herself from a showerhead in the bathroom, which explains why the showerheads are now so low. However, Lucier affirmed "that is an urban legend. People were shorter; in particular women were not as tall, historically. Therefore the showerheads were lower."

"That's one of the oldest residence halls there is," said Lucier of Cotten Hall. Catherine Hall, an ECU alumna, lived in the hall in 1936 and 1938. However, she reported, "I've never heard anything about the haunting." Still, other residents in the past have reported that their belongings were mysteriously moved around in their room when both roommates were out. Furthermore, rattling sounds, like those of a drawer trying to be opened, have also said to have been heard.

The attic in Cotten Hall has also been thought to be a dangerous place. Allegedly, a rapist/murderer used to live in the attic and would look down into girls' bedrooms through the vents. According to the story, he was finally caught when his cigarette ashes fell through one of the vents, alarming a couple of girls who were in their room at the time. It's not clear what ever happened to the man once he was discovered, but some say the attic is now haunted. However, Lucier said, "None of the workmen related any issues (in the attic) from the summer that

they fixed the air conditioning," referring to the summer of 2008.

The scary stories definitely do not stop there. Messick Theatre is also famed to be haunted. In the 1960s, a girl was set to perform the lead in a musical but died tragically in a car crash before the performance. Years later, in the 1980s, the same play was scheduled to be put on, and a girl was assigned the same starring role. One late night she was alone in the building practicing playing the piano for her part, recording herself as she did so. Suddenly, a folding chair on stage collapsed. She was frightened by the occurrence and immediately left. When she got home she played back the recording, and on the tape, in the background of her playing, was the voice of a girl singing the lyrics to the song.

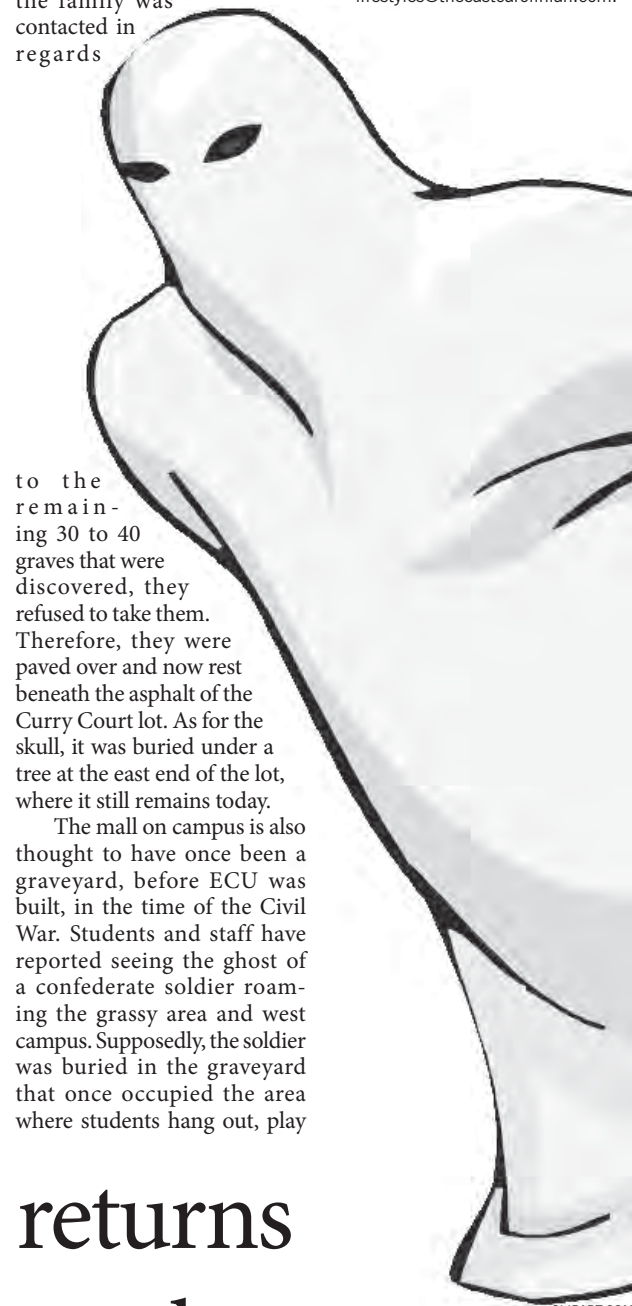
One true fact is that in the 1950s somebody hung themselves in Christenbury Memorial Gym. Students report that at night a shadow of somebody hanging from the ceiling, swaying back and forth can be seen.

Another factual and frightening story pertains to the Curry Court parking lot, south of Belk. The lot was built in the early 1990s, and when construction began, the workers made some alarming discoveries. According to Stan Kittrell of the ECU Police Department, workmen found two empty brick vaults underground. However, the outlines of coffins were also discovered in the dirt. When archeologists examined the site, they found human remains, including a human skull that they took to study. They determined that it belonged to a woman who had died in the 1800s. Further

research was done and it was revealed that the land was once a farm that also hosted a family graveyard. The previous owners had attempted to dig up all of the remains when they sold the land, but some were unmarked and therefore left behind. When the family was contacted in regards

catch and study every day. If this legend is true, then it's safe to assume that hundreds of human remains could be resting in the heart of ECU's campus at this very moment.

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to the remaining 30 to 40 graves that were discovered, they refused to take them. Therefore, they were paved over and now rest beneath the asphalt of the Curry Court lot. As for the skull, it was buried under a tree at the east end of the lot, where it still remains today.

The mall on campus is also thought to have once been a graveyard, before ECU was built, in the time of the Civil War. Students and staff have reported seeing the ghost of a confederate soldier roaming the grassy area and west campus. Supposedly, the soldier was buried in the graveyard that once occupied the area where students hang out, play

## The houseguest from hell returns in 'Paranormal Activity' sequel



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'Paranormal Activity 2' out-scars the original

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Few can forget last year's breakout hit "Paranormal Activity." Filmed for \$15,000 in the director's own home, "Paranormal Activity" exploded in popularity after fans across the country "demanded" it be shown in their towns. As a result, the film went on to gross over \$100 million at the box office.

Naturally, after the surprise success of the film, a sequel was soon to follow and this past weekend, exactly one year later, "Paranormal Activity 2" hit theaters, earning over \$40 mil-

lion and setting the record for the biggest three-day opening ever for a horror movie. Without spoiling too much of the film, this installment follows the sister of original "Paranormal Activity" star Katie and her family as they deal with the haunting of their home three months before the events of the first film.

Even though I have seen my fair share of bad horror movie sequels, I had high hopes going into "Paranormal Activity 2." The original was a breath of fresh air into the otherwise stale and repetitive horror genre by literally giving audiences a new point of view to get scared from. Needless to say, in the year of "The Stepfather" and "Sorority Row," "Paranormal Activity" set the bar very high, which

was the obstacle that its sequel faced. Could it scare audiences who already knew the franchise's scare tactics? Well, let's just say the bar has been raised once again.

Even as a stand-alone movie, "Paranormal Activity 2" is a fantastic experience, establishing a likeable family and then sending them and the audience into a terrifying nightmare. One place in which the film definitely thrives and surpasses its predecessor is in its storytelling. By directly relating the sequel to the original, filmmakers had the difficult task of creating a film that lived in its own world, but they also played on the fact that it is

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## Creative ways to keep it classy on Halloween

Ditch the skimpy costumes this year and try out one of these options

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Remember the days of dressing like princesses and Power Rangers, scoping out which houses had the best candy and being home by dark? When the major Halloween concerns were, "Is my trick or treating bag big enough?" or "Which costume is better? A witch or a cheerleader?"

Since those childhood days, planning costumes months in advance and the general excitement of the holiday has not changed; however, the kind of costumes and the Halloween activities participated in are completely different.

Now instead of searching for the best candy, students celebrating Halloween are searching for the best drink specials, and instead of whose costume is the prettiest or coolest, it's whose is the most inappropriate or uses the least fabric.

When did Halloween change from a cavity-causing funfest to a liver-damaging foreplay affair?

While it may be fun for some to wear less fabric than usual on Oct. 31, Halloween doesn't have to be like this. There are costumes that are fun but still leave a little to the imagination.

One way to avoid overly promiscuous costumes but still get some well-deserved positive attention is to be creative and make a costume. Homemade costumes can be the most clever and fun. A few homemade costumes seen in ECU Halloween's past are Tiffany boxes, loafahs and Juno.

Black leggings with an oversized Tiffany blue box, a cute loafah style "dress" or even Juno's pregnant belly and her quirky style can be fun. Just because more than just the vital parts are covered does not mean a costume is not exciting or ECU Halloween suitable.

"I usually make my own costume. How many times do you want to see a sexy cop or a hot Barbie? When you can make a costume out of a box and paint and still have just as much fun in your costume as everyone else, it seems pointless to buy one," said Jennifer Burpoe, junior and wearer of the Tiffany box costume.

Homemade costumes can be cheaper, too. Some of the costumes found at Hallow-



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**Halloween Express offers great deals to students trying to look their best on Halloween.**

een stores can cost in excess of \$100, and that's without shoes or accessories. Once the overpriced costumes are purchased, along with tacky shoes and a plastic wig, hat or other accessory that the costume just will not be complete without, the bill is way more than most college students would even think about spending on one outfit. And the worst part about it is the costume will probably never be worn again.

Let's not forget about the weather. According to

Weather.com, the low for this Saturday and Sunday is in the 40s. Most people stopped going to the beach last month. The bathing suits and sandals have been put in the back of the closet. So why now, when much of the summer attire has been retired for the year, do a majority of ECU students feel it is appropriate to deem this weekend the best time for the most scantily clad day of the year?

Making a costume isn't the only way to keep it classy

on Halloween. For students who aren't so creative, store-bought costumes are often much easier than trying to create an appropriate costume. If that's the case, don't fear! Classy costumes can be found in the same Halloween stores as those "other" costumes. There are numerous Halloween stores in Greenville that are stocked full of typical costumes, but they

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a prequel to an already established story. The director and writers were able to do this perfectly.

Like its predecessor, the cast of "Paranormal Activity 2" is made up of virtually unknown actors, which makes it easier to buy into both their ensemble as a family and their eventual terror. Because the film's villain is invisible, the tension is truly built on these actors' ability to interact with their environment. Their talent in this interaction is very helpful in creating the unsettling atmosphere that their home eventually acquires.

Now, I could go on and on about the storytelling and acting in this film, but in the end, "Paranormal Activity 2" is going to be judged on its scares in comparison to the first film. The scary moments created in this movie are better than the first film's. In the first film, we were introduced to the methods of terror a demon inflicts on Katie and Micah, but in "Paranormal Activity 2," viewers get to see exciting variations of old scare tactics as well as new and arguably better ones. Another thing that is great about the Paranormal series is their ability to build the tension to a level that is both heart-stopping and squirm-inducing. Each scare pushes the audience closer to the edge of their seat, and because they know some idea of what is coming, it makes for an even more tense experience. Of all the horror movie scares I have seen in my life, I believe this film features one of the best frights.

Very rarely are audiences presented with a horror movie that is both better and scarier than its predecessor, but that is the case here. "Paranormal Activity 2" is a great movie that proves that if a filmmaker is willing to build a movie and its scares separate from its predecessor, then a franchise can indeed improve. So, bring your friends and prepare to get scared because the "Paranormal Activity" phenomenon is back and better than ever.

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also have costumes that cover a little more. For example, a classy mermaid costume that is fitted closer to knee-length than cheek-length.

Party Makers on Arlington Boulevard has a whole room full of costumes. Since Party Makers is a not a seasonal store, the costumes are not all Halloween themed. Target is also a costume reseller that does not always share the mindset that "less is more" when it comes to fabric.

Halloween at ECU is

famous for its craziness. Students are famous for pushing the boundaries of what a costume is versus what is underwear. Instead of that reputation, why not try a costume that shows that ECU knows how to celebrate the night right but also knows that wearing lingerie with animal ears for Halloween is only a joke from "Mean Girls"?

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## Men's golf wins OBX Intercollegiate

ECU completed its domination of the 2010 Old Dominion/Outer Banks Intercollegiate Tuesday by shooting a 13-under 275 to finish the tournament with a score of 37-under 827 to finish 23 strokes ahead of the field.

The victory was the Pirates' first of the season and fifth under fifth-year coach Press McPhaul. Their 54-hole total of 827 was 15 strokes better than the previous school record for a three-round event.

ECU junior Harold Varner posted the best 54-hole score in Pirate lore with a 20-under 196 (65-66-66), five strokes fewer than the former mark set by Jonathan Hill in 2002, to earn individual medalist honors for the first time in his collegiate career.

He posted seven birdies without a bogey during the final round, including three on the final five holes to finish nine strokes ahead of runner-up Matthew Broome of Furman (66-68-71=205).

Varner led a foursome of Pirates who finished in the top 10. Junior David Watkins posted his best round of the tournament Tuesday with a four-under 68 to finish in fourth place at seven-under 209 (70-71-68). Sophomore Zach Edmondson (68-74-71=213) and redshirt freshman Ryan Eibner (67-75-71=213) tied for ninth at three-under.

Richmond claimed second place with a three-day tally of 14-under 850 (278-292-280) followed by Liberty (276-292-288=856), Louisville (282-287-288=858) and Radford (287-296-282=865).

## Women's golf sets record in Las Vegas

The ECU women's golf team carded an ECU record 10-under par 278, moving seven spots up the leader board to a tie for sixth place at the 2010 Las Vegas Collegiate Showdown. The event is being held at the par-72, 6,329-yard Boulder Creek Golf Club.

The Pirates (31-7-1), who topped the old 18-hole score by five strokes, posted the fourth-lowest round of the day. Nineteenth-ranked Arkansas (553) continued its dominance on day two, recording a 12-under par 276 and holds an 18 shot lead over No. 11 Arizona (571) who also posted a 12-under 276 on Tuesday. Kent State (No. 26) is third with a 36-hole total of 573, while No. 35 Louisville (574) and No. 43 Minnesota (581) round out the top five.

Amy Otteson recorded the best round of the day with a seven-under 65 (33-32), besting the old Pirate record by two shots, which was previous held by Ashley Leonard (2002), Lene Krog (2007) and Amber Littman (2009). Otteson jumped 60 spots and is tied for 24th with a two-day total of 146 (81-65).

Littman bettered her opening round score of 69 with a four-under 68 and is currently tied for second place with Arkansas' Kelli Shean (70-67) at 137. Both golfers trail Emily Tubert (Arkansas) by six shots, who also fired a second round 68 and boasts an impressive 36-hole score of 131 (-13). Martina Gavier (Kent State) sits alone in fourth with a score of 138 (70-68), while Therese Koelbaek (UNLV) and Kayla Mortellaro (Idaho) are tied for fifth at 140.

ECU freshman Fanny Wolte (148) recorded an even-par round 72 to finish the afternoon tied for 39th. Coleen Estes (151) holds a share of 60th place after a one-over 73 and Julia Strandberg (160) is 91st after her six-over 78.

Final round action will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 27. Pirate fans can follow all the action online at [www.Golfstat.com](http://www.Golfstat.com).

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# Pirates descend on Orlando for East Division battle

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ECU leaves the friendly confines of Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium for the first time in two weeks, as the Pirates head down to Florida to take on division foe Central Florida. The Pirates have a chance to not only extend their season-best three-game winning streak, but they also have the chance to grab their fifth conference victory before October ends, giving ECU a huge leg up in Conference USA. The Pirates improved to 4-0 in conference play and 5-2 overall last Saturday by drubbing a defenseless Marshall team 37-10, getting a balanced offensive attack and, by most accounts, the best defensive performance of the season. Against the Thundering Herd, the ECU offense ran up 455 yards of total offense on just 54 offensive plays, which resulted in an amazing 8 yards per play. Quarterback Dominique Davis didn't have his best game, throwing for just 208 yards, which was his lowest output on the season, but he managed the offense well and ultimately that's what any coach looks for in his starting quarterback.

Davis extended his season numbers to 196 of 308 passes completed for 2,023 yards with 18 touchdowns and 10 interceptions but had only thrown one pick in his last two games after throwing six combined in the previous two. "Dominique has been great to be around. What makes him special to me is that his teammates think the world of him," ECU Head Coach Ruffin McNeill said during his weekly press conference. "We vote on captains each week, and we



Senior lineman Josh Smith rallies the Pirates before ECU's Homecoming game against Marshall. Smith and the Pirate defense will need to make big stops against UCF this weekend.

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will never have permanent captains as long as I'm here. We have voted seven times and Dominique has been selected five. His teammates love him to death." The Pirates' offense has had the most success this year when a mix of passing and running were prevalent in the offensive scheme. After weeks of running struggles, the Pirates got some action on the ground against Marshall. Jon Williams went over 100 yards on just 10 carries, which keeps him as ECU's leading rusher and extends his season numbers to 473 yards on 91 carries to go along with six touchdowns. On the defensive side of the ball, the Pirates continue to get better. After slowing down

N.C. State's high-octane offense two weeks ago, the ECU defense gave an encore performance this past Saturday. Despite having one or two successful drives in the first half, the Herd was dominated and forced into mistakes and, more often than not, punts. It's hard to imagine that this is the same unit that allowed Tulsa to not only score 49 points, but to also score on every one of their second-half possessions. According to Rivals.com, ECU's defense ranks 105th in scoring, 104th in passing and 82nd in rushing defense, but coach McNeill doesn't put much stock in stats. "With offenses today, I had to learn this in the Big 12, you can't really get caught up in the

stats too much with the league we play in," McNeill said. "You'd lose a lot of confidence if you did. Everybody is able to move the ball." The star of the past two weeks has been linebacker Dustin Lineback. The senior linebacker has totaled 67 tackles so far this season and over the last two games has been a major force for opposing offenses. In the last two games he has recorded 26 total tackles. While Lineback has been the defensive MVP, he is quick to deflect the praise. "The d-line, they get tremendous pressure on the pass game and so do our

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## Ranking the Carolinas

OPINION



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This college football season has been as unpredictable as any other in the past. Who would have imagined that the BCS Rankings would feature a SEC team at No. 1, and that team is not Alabama?

Who could have foreseen that in week nine, the last three top-ranked teams would not retain their No. 1 spot for longer than a week? Even with all of the craziness week in and week out, I love every bit of it. Auburn ranks atop the BCS standings, while Oregon is No. 1 in the AP and Coaches' Poll. Ole Miss has the task of trying to knock Auburn from the top of the national rankings, but will any teams from the Carolinas be able to dethrone South Carolina?



USC MEDIA RELATIONS

**No. 20 South Carolina (5-2):** For the fourth straight week, South Carolina reigns dominant over its Carolina peers. Last week, USC came out of Nashville with a victory

over the now 2-5 Vanderbilt Commodores. Even without freshman running back Marcus Lattimore, the Gamecocks still amassed nearly 500 yards of total offense. Some 146 of those yards were contributed by third-string running back Brian Maddox. Maddox replaced new starter Kenny Miles and made a case to challenge Lattimore for the starting job when he gains his health. South Carolina won 21-7 and host Tennessee this Saturday at 12 p.m. Lattimore figures to be back in the lineup and will be useful in helping his team inch closer to a SEC East title. **Next game: 10/30 vs. Tennessee**



**East Carolina (5-2):** A thrashing of longtime rival Marshall has garnered East Carolina seven votes in the AP Poll. ECU came into its Homecoming matchup fresh off of an emotional victory and was able to keep the stellar play alive. The Pirates defeated the Thundering Herd 37-10 to stay ahead of the rest of the Conference USA East. Running back Jon Williams

trampled the Herd on Saturday to a tune of 111 yards and one touchdown. His 29-yard touchdown scamper was the score that put ECU on top for good. The Pirates are closely trailed in the Eastern Division by UCF, their vital matchup this weekend. Central Florida is also undefeated in conference play with an identical overall record as ECU, 5-2. UCF is fresh off a 41-14 victory over Rice, and boasts the eighth-ranked scoring defense, only allowing 14 points per game. **Next game: 10/30 @ UCF**



MCT

**North Carolina State (5-2):** Head Coach Tom O'Brien and his Wolfpack are hoping to come out of a bye week with a victory over No. 16 Florida State. N.C. State's last game was an OT thrilling loss to cross-state rival ECU. A Thursday night game in Carter-Finley Stadium is likely to be enough to ensure that the Wolfpack is pumped and ready to upset the division-leading Seminoles. Florida State last played versus Boston College

on Oct. 16 and barely came away with a victory. N.C. State quarterback Russell Wilson still leads the ACC in passing, but hopes to bounce back from one of this season's worst performances. His three interceptions against ECU generated his second-lowest quarterback rating of 2010. The Wolfpack defense must be prepared to stop the Seminoles' high-powered spread offensive attack. **Next game: 10/28 vs. Florida State**



CLEMSON SID

**Clemson (4-3):** For the second consecutive week, running back Andre Ellington provided the spark needed for his Clemson Tigers to prevail and leave the gridiron with a win. Last week it was an exciting kickoff return. This week, Ellington put in 166 yards along with three touchdowns to end Clemson's four-game losing streak versus Georgia Tech. Clemson sits in the lower half of the Atlantic Division of the ACC and needs to continue its winning ways this weekend over Boston College. Kyle Parker has not been

very consistent at quarterback for the Tigers and will need to step his play up against a blitzing BC team. **Next game: 10/30 @ Boston College**



MCT

**North Carolina (4-3):** The rushing game showed up in Miami for North Carolina, but the passing game and pass blockers missed the flight from Chapel Hill. T.J. Yates threw for only 140 yards and was sacked five times in UNC's loss at Miami on Saturday. The Tar Heels' four-game winning streak was snapped as Miami quarterback Jacory Harris had his way with the boys in blue. He threw for over 200 yards to go along with three touchdowns. North Carolina welcomes in 6-1 William & Mary Saturday afternoon. UNC should not take the Tribe lightly, seeing as conference foe Virginia Tech lost to Div. 1-AA James Madison earlier this season. **Next game: 10/30 vs. William & Mary**

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## Lebo brings new attitude to ECU basketball

ECU men's basketball is finally underway. The Pirates have officially begun practice for the 2010-2011 season under the direction of first-year head coach Jeff Lebo.

With an entire team of starters returning, the men's basketball team is striving to reverse the trend of losing seasons and take a step forward into the dawning of a new kind of Pirate basketball. There is no one more qualified than Jeff Lebo. Known as a coach who resurrects teams from the depths of basketball depressions, Lebo looks to do the same for the Pirates. He explained his strategy to make ECU's basketball program thrive.

"When you try to rebuild a program, you've got to change the attitude, you've got to change the work habits, you've got to get them to believe in what you're doing," Lebo said. "There is a culture here of not doing well and that's something that we have to change and there is no reason why we can't do it."

Now that practice has officially begun, Lebo gave some insight on how the team looks so far.

"We've got a long way to go. I think the kids are working hard. They're going through the grind of practice, doing it over and over again. I told them before we started practice, we'll find out a lot about the character of each kid here in the next month and a half because they're going to have to go through

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corners. It frees me up. With those guys up front, it makes it easy for me," Lineback said. Central Florida is the Pirates' main competition for the division

crown and a spot in the conference title game, and they have home field for this pivotal match up. The Knights boast an offense that relies heavily on the rushing attack

that is ranked 30th in the nation in rushing yards per game with 190 yards a game. UCF is a team that doesn't have just one running back -- they employ a combination-type running attack that at some

points results in many tailbacks playing good minutes. The leading rusher for the Knights is Ronnie Weaver. Weaver a junior from Wabasso, Fla., and has carried the ball 101 times for 458 yards and eight touchdowns.

"At running back, they have a committee and play a plethora of guys. Ronnie Weaver is the one who starts off; he's a really solid running back," McNeill said. "He does a lot of good things. He really runs well and catches the ball extremely well." Starting at quarterback for the Knights will be Jeffrey Godfrey, a freshman from Miami, Fla., who has come on after an injury that left the UCF with no other choice. Godfrey has completed 69 of 109 passes for 847 yards and a pair of touchdowns, while also carrying the ball 68 times for 351 yards and five touchdowns. "Godfrey runs the football extremely well, with great quickness and vision," McNeill said. "He's very accurate and is able to read coverages. He does a great job orchestrating their offense."

In defensive stats, you are in luck with this game. The Knights are one of the only defenses in C-USA that has any element of their defense in the nation's top 25. UCF ranks eighth in the nation in scoring defense, giving up only 13.9 points a game. In fact, they have given up over 14 points one time this season and that was against N.C. State. "Everybody knows about Central Florida's defense. I really am impressed with those guys. You mention some individuals, but they play really, really good team defense. They're an experienced group, led up front by Bruce Miller. He's a great young man who I met at C-USA's Media Day," McNeill said. "He's a preseason All-American who gets a lot of the headlines and deservedly so." The Pirates and the Knights will do battle for control of the East Division of C-USA at 3:30 p.m. on WITN.

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some adversity?"

Last season, men's basketball finished with a 4-12 record in Conference USA. The Pirates hope to win more than one third of their conference games this season.

"I'm looking forward to a lot of wins and overcoming a lot of adversity that we didn't overcome last year," senior guard Brock Young commented.

Although Young has been part of a team with a losing record, his personal record is nothing to scoff at. Just to mention a few of his accomplishments, he has tied for the league lead in assists per game, set the school single-season record for free throws made (158) and minutes played (1,081), ranked first in C-USA assists, second in free throw percentage and fifth in minutes played. Young ranked 25th in the nation in assists per game, became the 19th player in league history to amass 400 career assists and posted the fifth-best free throw percentage in school history, shooting 81.9 percent at the foul line.

When asked how he feels about the new coaching staff, Young graciously remarked about Lebo,

"Coach Lebo pushes you really hard and demands a lot out of you but has your best interest at heart, so if you listen to him, he'll take you a long way," Young said. "I'm feeling really good. We're competing hard, playing hard and learning a lot of new things. So far it's been an all-around good



Coach Lebo working with Darrius Morrow (right) and Jamar Abrams (left) during preseason practice. Lebo looks to make ECU a defensive basketball team.

experience."

When asked about some of the new things he's teaching his team, Lebo elaborated on the subject of a whole new game plan.

"We've got to get better defensively. Over 60 percent of our practices are spent on the defensive side of the ball, so we're working on a lot of concepts there regarding different kinds of actions. Basketball moves so fast. It's a decision-making kind of game."

Lebo continued to shed light on the subject of what needs the most work: consistency.

"I think we need consistency in everything, in how we play, how we talk to each other, in our work

habits. I want a team that when you look out there you can't tell if they're up 20 or down 20 by their body language and how they play. We've got to work to do that."

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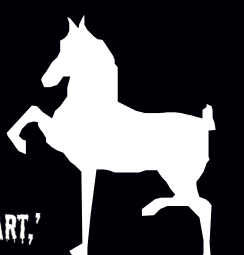
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