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#### **Renovations in Laupus** Library to help studying

#### Staff Reports

Renovations in the Laupus Library will give students new studying sections, a counseling room and event space.

The library originally moved to the Health Sciences Building in 2006, and this is the first renovation it has undergone. The remodeling is to help users to have more room to study in private areas, as well as in group settings.

Books and shelves have been moved to make room for nine study group rooms, and over 132 seats will be added. Ten tables will be spread out in an open floor plan. There will also be a 14-seat conference room that is being made out of an existing study room. Groups will be able to reserve this room.

A new 30-seat technology room is being built. It will be added to the technology services office after the office has been redone. The library has becomes more digital, and this has allowed the library to be more paperless and provide more space. Books being digitized have allowed students at Laupus to research topics with a wider variety of sources.

The partitioned student affairs offices on the first floor will now be moved to the third floor and have private rooms. These offices will be used for advising and counseling for health sciences students. Within the former office suite a new events room will be added. This room will also be able to be reserved. Next to the new events room a teleconference room will be added.

#### Dolphin found dead in **Falkland Tar River**

#### Staff Reports

A dolphin that had previously been spotted swimming in the Tar River was found dead Sunday in Falkland, reports WNCT. The animal was believed to have swum from the Atlantic Ocean and made his way inland to Greenville, where it was spotted at Saturday's River Festival.

Eventually the dolphin was spotted in Falkland swimming in shallow water, and was reported dead the following day.



# **Pirate Nation on probation**



Seventeen out of 32 baseballs wins, including the win over South Carolina during the 2009-2010 school year, were vacated after allegations of cheating.

**Jordan Anders** STAFF WRITER

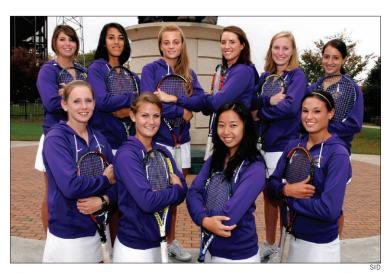
ECU must vacate wins in two sports and serve one year of NCAA probation after a self-investigation revealed instances of academic fraud in the athletic department, Provost Marilyn Sheerer announced at a press conference Thursday.

According to Sheerer, a self-investigation by ECU showed that five student athletes, four from baseball and one from women's tennis, committed academic fraud while competing for the Pirates, during the 2009-2010 school year. In addition, two of the involved baseball players violated ethical conduct rules by lying to investigators about the allegations.

ECU is embarrassed by the unacceptable academic fraud committed by a few student athletes who acted on their own volition," said Chancellor Steve Ballard in a statement. "We have implemented numerous corrective actions and we will continually improve our practices with the intention of being one of the best universities in terms of academic integrity and compliance."

According to the NCAA's public infraction report, an ECU's women's tennis student-athlete, who was working as a tutor in the athletic department, was paid by the four baseball players to write papers for them, who later turned in the papers as their own and received academic credit.

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Eight tennis matches were vacated for the 2009-2010 women's tennis season after the NCAA found that a member was included in academic fraud.

No other information has been released, and the Marine Mammal Research Lab was unable to help the animal.

Pitt County man charged with rape

rape Staff Reports Emanuel Jackson, 20, has been accused of raping a child spanning

over a four-year period. Police charged Jackson with two counts of first-degree rape of a child, and the victim was 7-yearsold at the time the rapes began. Jackson is being held under a \$2 million bond, and more charges are expected to be filed as more evidence is received.

#### NC steps up strict seat belt enforcement

#### Staff Reports

Starting Monday, the State Department of Transportation announced that state and local police will crack down on seat belt laws through June 5.

The "Click It or Ticket" program has helped reduce fatalities directly related to seat belt violations. Last year, 425 out of 1,327 vehicle fatalities in the state of North Carolina were attributed to passengers not wearing seat belts.

According to WITN, the government reports that 9 out of 10 North Carolinians wear their seat belts daily.

#### **WEB POLL**

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# Goal passed in ECU campaign fundraising

#### Cameron Gupton STAFF WRITER

On May 17, the university surpassed

a major milestone when James and Connie Maynard announced their \$10.5 million donation to expand the University Health System Children's Hospital and to fund professorship in the Brody School of Medicine.

The university's goal of raising \$200 million during its "Second Century Campaign" was exceeded with many recent donations, including the contribution of the Maynards.

Michael Dowdy, vice chancellor of University Advancement, encouraged members of the ECU Board of Trustees, ECU Foundation, Medical and Health Sciences Foundation, among many others, to, "continue strong for the rest of 2011." At the end of the year, the campaign will come to a close.

It's awesome that the university will be able to help people in ways it wasn't able before," said communication major Kelsey Jones. "It's amazing that we passed the fundraising mark of \$200 million far in advance of the deadline."

James and Connie Maynard of Raleigh are both graduates of ECU. James (who graduated in 1965) and Connie (who graduated in 1962) plan on donating \$9 million to the new Children's Hospital and \$1.5 million toward a distinguished professorship in the Department of Pediatrics in the Brody School of Medicine.

James Maynard is the co-founder and chairman of Investors Management Group, which is the parent company of Golden Corral.

The new portion of Pitt Community Memorial Hospital will be named the "James and Connie Maynard Children's Hospital," in honor of their donation. Connie and I have been blessed to be able to make this gift, which will benefit children and families of Eastern North Carolina. This gift is possible because of the many loyal customers of Golden Corral and the outstanding efforts of Golden Corral associates every day," said James Maynard during a press conference announcing the donation.

Ground will be broken for the children's hospital next month, as the project is scheduled to be completed in 2013. Additions the new wing will bring include newly designed patient rooms, new equipment and more room for specially trained staff.

As for the \$1.5 million given to the Brody School of Medicine, it will go toward the funding of the James and Connie Maynard Distinguished Professorship in Pediatrics. The money will be assigned to the chair of the Department of Pediatrics and will be used for hiring new physicians and continuing both research and education.

"I'm proud of the Brody School of Medicine, because I travel around the country, and people tell me about the great things going on here," said May-nard. "Eastern North Carolina has a special place in our hearts."

North Carolina's "Distinguished Professorship Endowment Trust Fund" will match the donation with an additional \$667,000, bringing the total to \$2.167 million.

"It is really amazing when you see alumni giving back to the community. ECU had a really ambitious goal that they had to reach and such a generous donation made a huge difference," said junior Deanna Fleming. According to Chancellor Steve Bal-

lard, "It's a great time to be a Pirate!"

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# University research lab first in country

#### Jamie Coan

STAFF WRITER

The Allied Heath Building at the School of Medicine is home to the first lab of its kind in the country that is researching the connection between explosions, the ear and brain damage.

This lab was funded by an award of \$100,000 from the Kate B. Reynolds Foundation. This funding was used to purchase a motion analysis system for the lab. It also helped fund advanced training to use this diagnostic equipment every year for 30 physical therapy students and 20 physician residents.

'I know that we have a good medical school, but it's cool to hear that ECU has special things that no one else in the country has," said student Brittany Pittman. "It gives us an edge on other schools and even hospitals.

This research began after the heavy use of I.E.D.'s in the recent war. An I.E.D. (improvised explosive device) is a homemade bomb that is sometimes referred to as a "roadside bomb." They are often deployed on the side of a road, hidden in an animal carcass or a box. The aim of these bombs is to explode a vehicle, causing as much damage as possible. According to The Washington Post, they have been responsible for at least 64 percent of coalition deaths in Iraq.

These bombs do not only cause injuries such as limb loss, they can also cause brain damage and hearing loss. The Balance and Gait lab is the first lab in the country to investigate the link between brain damage and damage to the inner ear caused by an I.E.D. blast.

"You always hear about people losing limbs in the war because of explosions, but you don't really hear about these ear and balance problems," said student Kayla Hale. "I hope this lab can help people after the war."

There are three things in the body that keep us standing upright. The first is our vision; it tells us that things are level. The second is the inner ear, which gives people the ability to close their eyes and stand without falling. And the third is feeling your feet touching the ground. When all three of these things work properly, when a person moves, their world stays still. But when one of these things does not work like it should, it causes dizziness and that makes it very hard to function.

In an interview with WNCT, Dr. Sherri Jones, who runs the clinic, said, "When something breaks, either your vision, your inner ear or your sense of touch, then your brain doesn't know how to make sense of the world, your view of your world changes. Perhaps and often how you behave in the world may change, people may become withdrawn, they don't want to move because that sensation of the world moving is unsettling, so they don't perform a lot of activities that they have been used to doing."

The way to fix this is to get the brain to understand the problem the body is having. Patients of the lab go through dozens of tests to determine if their eyes, ears and brain are interacting properly. Patients sit in a rotation chair that makes them dizzy and lab technicians watch their eyes. If the patients' eyes are not moving at all, that would suggest that there is a problem with the reflex from the inner ear.

Dr. Jones said, "If we can understand how the brain is processing those different sensory inputs, we may be able to better pinpoint where damage might be in the brain and then how therapy might be able to alleviate it."

Dr. Jones hopes that the research she is doing will help to develop a test to determine if an injury is a brain problem or an inner ear problem. Not only will it help doctors on the battlefield, but also doctors in emergency rooms treating patients with all kinds of head injuries.

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# Pirate Express not running during summer months



#### April Sharp STAFF WRITER

Expectations of low ridership will once again discontinue summer operation of the Pirate Express bus service between major student apartment complexes and down-town. Pirate Express operates 12 buses on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights during the spring and fall semesters to provide students with a safe means of transportation. The school had also operated three buses during past summers before eliminating summer service.

The price the university has paid for fuel raised more than a dollar per gallon over the past year, but Director of Transit Wood Davidson explains that this was not the main reason for the discontinuation of summer service.

"Fuel prices weren't one of the deciding

#### factors when we were looking at if we were going to run over the summer or not - it was really just based on ridership," said Davidson

Davidson did not give specific figures but explained that there was "significantly less" ridership during the summer months.

Other safe ways of getting downtown include taxis, designated drivers and other bus services such as the Designated Driver Express that the city council unanimously approved earlier this month. The DD Express picks up students from the Pirate Express' disused routes to North Campus Crossing, the Bellamy, Copper Beech and the Landing.

DD Express creator Chris Rupp explains that although their service charges a fare, it has proved to be popular among its riders.

Friday and Saturday nights we're seeing at least a couple hundred people a night, said Rupp.

He notes that service to other apartment complexes was discontinued because they did not supply a cost-efficient amount of passengers

In the past, there had been concerns about incidents on Pirate Express buses, including non-university passengers, violence between passengers and threats to drivers.

Passengers on the DD Express have not demonstrated behavior that Rupp would possibly expect from students using the service after consuming alcohol. However, Rupp explains that they are prepared to handle disruptions.

"We have a driver who's sole job is to drive, and we have security that handles everything else and makes sure the bus is safe at all times," said Rupp.

This prevents behavior that students such as junior Samantha Thomas have witnessed on Pirate Express. "Sometimes students can get a little too rowdy on the drunk bus, which can often distract the bus driver, unfortunately," said Thomas. "One time my friends and I saw an accident where the drunk bus got into a wreck, and I heard later on that it was due to the students' overly drunken behavior."

Davidson said that student behavior has improved. "There still is some behavior that concerns us, but for the most part, we have seen some improvement."

ECUSTA has been working with both the university and Greenville Police to prevent issues from occurring on the buses by increasing enforcement downtown.

Pirate Express service will resume in the fall, and Thomas is thankful for the service.

We as a student body shouldn't take the Pirate Express for granted, because a lot of other schools don't have something like this. We are very lucky," said Thomas.

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# STAR program receives grant

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ECU received a grant to help address the needs of students who learn differently.

This \$3 million grant from the Oak Foundation, based in Geneva, Switzerland, is for the UNC System-wide STAR (Supporting Transition, Access and Retention) initiative. ECU's por-tion of this grant is \$1.7 million.

The grant will fund the startup of programs on three UNC campuses — ECU, UNCG and a third campus that is yet to be determined. The long-term goal of this project is to expand programs to other UNC campuses and eventually to campuses within the North Carolina Community College System and high schools.

The STAR project will provide services to students that otherwise would not get the attention that they need to learn properly. The students that will benefit from this program are capable of graduating from college but in the past have not been able to succeed academically because they learn differently than the majority of other students. By using the ideas created in a system at North Carolina State University called "Universal Design for Learning" and other resources, this program will also help the professors of UNC campuses implement better ways of teaching students with different

ways of learning. "This sounds like great program for students with learn-ing disabilities. And it means a lot that ECU was chosen for the grant," said student Ashlyn Fisher.

According to their website, The Oak Foundation's goal for ECU and reason for giving ECU the grant is, "To provide comprehensive support for students with learning disabilities, to help them with the application pro-

cess, to make the transition to a college setting and to complete a university degree at East Carolina University without additional fees. The long-term strategy is to develop a replicable model that could inform services across the 17 campuses of the University of North Carolina system and eventually become a national model in the US."

"I think it's great that ECU got this grant. Now students that need the program won't have to pay anything extra," said Kaitlyn Townsend. "College is already expensive enough."

According to ECU News Services, research has shown that 15 percent to 20 percent of students today have what are being called "learning differ-ences." These are strengths or weaknesses that can cause intelligent students to have a hard time doing well in the classroom. Despite their obvious abilities, these students with learning differences graduate at lower rates than their classmates. UNC is aiming to be the first public university system to meet the needs of students that learn differently and train their faculty to meet their needs.

In announcing the grant, UNC system president Tom Ross said, "We know that North Carolina's economic future hinges on our ability to get more of our young people better educated and equipped to compete for the jobs of tomorrow. This grant will help us make our campuses places where talented students who learn differently can get the services they need to be successful in college and in life. We are grateful for the Oak Foundation's support of our efforts and look forward to an ongoing collaboration."

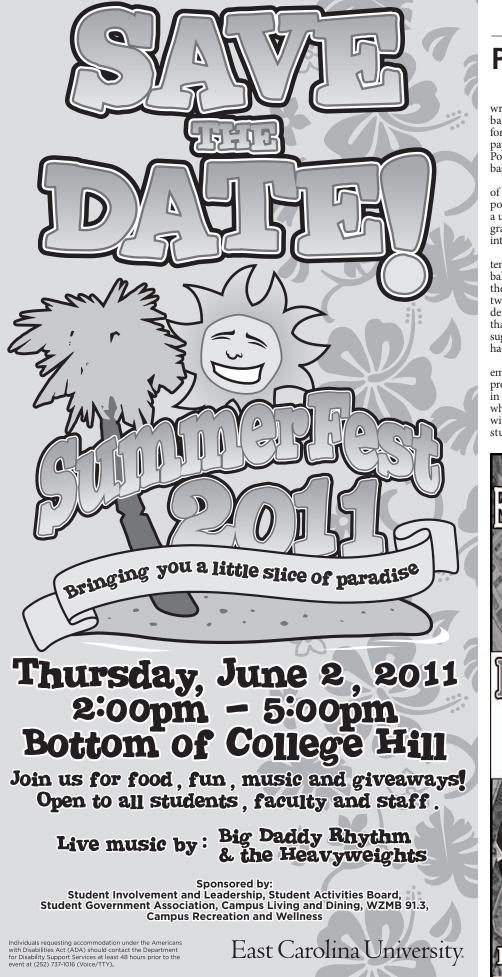
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#### PROBATION continued from A1

The tennis player allegedly the fraud and to providing false implementation of new steps to wrote one paper each for two

information.

ensure compliance, and cut its standard two-year probation term to just one year. "The record shows that ECU responded swiftly, investigated vigorously, immediately selfreported violations and took decisive corrective steps without being asked," said Sheerer. Öne of the changes that ECU has made to ensure no similar instances of fraud was hiring an additional senior compliance officer for ECU. Additionally, student-athletes can no longer work as tutors in the Student Development Office. Sheerer said that ECU has "great confidence in baseball coach Billy Godwin and women's tennis coach Tom Morris and in the integrity of their programs,' but added that Godwin and Morris will not be commenting on the situation directly.



Students Meredith Snell and Will Lightloot ride a nearly empty bus after class.

baseball players, eight papers for a third player, and wrote five papers and constructed a Power-Point presentation for the fourth baseball player.

"The actions of a handful of student-athletes, who made poor choices, has embarrassed a university and an athletic program that places a high value on integrity," said Sheerer.

Upon being confronted, the tennis player and two of the baseball players involved confessed to the academic fraud. The other two baseball student-athletes denied involvement, stating only that they had received "editorial suggestions" on papers that they had already written themselves.

A subsequent audit of the email accounts of those involved proved that the tennis player had in fact written the papers, and, when confronted in interviews with this evidence, those two student-athletes confessed to

As a result, the NCAA has imposed several sanctions upon ECU for this major infraction, including one year of probation. Also, the Pirate baseball program must vacate 17 wins and women's tennis must vacate eight wins from the 2009-2010 season.

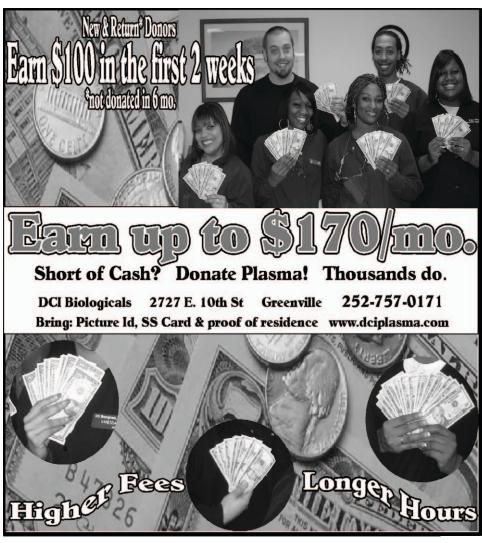
Furthermore, ECU must notify all baseball and women's tennis recruits that the school is on probation, as well as provide a compliance report to the NCAA committee on infractions.

No scholarship reductions, postseason bans or monetary penalties will be enforced.

"This has been a traumatic event for our athletic program that has negatively impacted the lives of young student-athletes and embarrassed us all," said ECU Director of Athletics Terry Holland.

The NCAA noted ECU's diligence in investigating the allegations and their immediate

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#### PIRATE RANTS

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The rapture seems to have worked. Just me and the whores are left.

I have to admit: I'm loving how dead Greenville is in the summer.

To the guy who said he hasn't gotten laid in his 3 years at ECU: Neither have I. Let's hook up.

You know you go to ECU when you accidentally set your apartment on fire while taking burning shots of absinthe.

Mourning Osama's death is like mourning Hitler's death. It's ridiculous to suggest we should be mourning.

Sometimes I get worried my boyfriend will go back to his crazy ex and then I remember she's not cute at all.

To the guy who asked how to get to the Rawlings Bldg. on Wednesday: I'm so sorry I gave you the wrong directions! I blame your attractiveness for distracting me.

Rumor has it: PURPLE HAZE was played at Bin Laden's dump into the sea.

To the girls downtown with fake tans, poof hair do's and super slutty dresses: Go back to Jersey.

I was counting the pockets on my professor's cargo shorts and he caught me. There's no doubt in my mind that he thought I was checking out his package.

You know you went to ECU when you are still posting Pirate Rants as a 4 year alumni. ARGH!

If a professor is married and isn't wearing his wedding band, you know he's giving out A's for BJs!

It's really annoying when I am trying to get a summer job working at a restaurant, and nobody will hire me without experience. HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO GET EXPERIENCE TO WORK IF NOBODY WILL GIVE ME THE **OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN** SOME!

I overdress for class because

# **OPINION** Wednesday, 5.25.11 **COLLEGE:** It's fun but not worthwhile



It is socially acceptable to attend college.

According to the United States Bureau of Labor and Statistics, a record-setting 70.1 percent of all high school graduates enrolled in college in 2009.

But attending college is more than an attempt to comply with a social norm; it is a giant step toward obtaining a solid job and becoming financially independent — or at least, it used to be. A poll conducted by Twentysomething Inc. found that 85 percent of college graduates will move back in with mom and dad.

Like most of you, when I graduated from high school, I couldn't wait to go to college. The idea of being off on my own was thrilling. I couldn't wait to attend insane parties, take random road trips and have the autonomy to be able to do whatever, whenever. Subconsciously I knew that I needed to obtain a degree in order to make it in the real world, but that was miles away from my primary objective when I first set foot on campus.

I blame Jimmy Buffet. In his song entitled "Pencil Thin Mustache," he lauds the college experience as a time when "they send you off to college, try to gain a little knowledge, but all you want to do is learn how to score." No offense to Parrot Heads or incoming freshmen, but perhaps it is time we had a paradigm shift.

According to Investmentwatch.com, 54 percent of those in the under 25-year-old age bracket are unemployed. This figure is staggering. Almost three fourths of our generation attends college after high school. Less than half of us are employed. I have to

ask myself if college is really worth it. Consider this: the Huffington Post reports that the average amount of student loan debt is \$27,200. To put that in perspective, if you bought a car for the same price (without making a down payment and an average interest rate of 6.5 percent), you would



be paying \$500 a month for the next five and a half years. Some people claim that going to college or attending grad school is a way to engage in a holding pattern until the economy rebounds. That's one freaking expensive holding pattern.

This situation is ludicrously unacceptable. I'm glad we finally caught bin Laden. But can our national leaders turn their efforts on improving the domestic job market? With this kind of economic uncertainty, perhaps the best option is a career in the military.

If you peruse the websites of our branches of military, you will see all kinds of educational benefits, not to mention job opportunities and insanely good health benefits. The Post 9/11 GI bill pays for 100 percent of tuition, a yearly stipend of \$1000 for books (if you're a nursing major that will almost

cover it), a monthly housing allowance, and a "onetime rural benefit payment for eligible individuals." I'm not sure what that means, but I'm quite capable of throwing in some extra twang in my dialect if it will earn me some more money. So your choices are either incur \$27,200 in debt and have less than a 50/50 shot at getting a job when you graduate or join

the military. When presented with such decisions, I find the best course of action is to crack another beer and put on some good tunes while I ponder my options. Perhaps jamming to a little Jimmy Buffet is in order while my post-collegiate debt keeps rising.

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## Cheaters never win

Morgan Logan OPINION COLUMNIST

Senior Health Education and Promotions Major

ECU has been making headlines concerning the surprising NCAA probation for the upcoming school year. Students, alumni and fans are confused about the future of our athletic program. From the earliest memories of my scholastic career, I can still hear my teachers stressing the consequences of cheating and plagiarism. They had me so afraid of getting accused of cheating that I wouldn't even offer to help my peers on assignments. The terms of cheating do not change as one continues on to learn at a higher institution. At ECU, most professors include cheating clauses in their syllabi. On ECU's site, under "Division of Academic and Student Affairs," campus policies clearly define cheating as the "unauthorized aid or assistance" or the giving or receiving of unfair advantage on any form of academic work." They also define plagiarism as "copying the language, structure, ideas, and/or thoughts of another and adopting as one's original work." The policy goes on to describe the penalties associated with these actions. If regular students are to comply with these guidelines, it's only fair that athletes abide by the same rules. Being talented on a field doesn't mean that you can bend the rules In 2010, ECU conducted a selfinvestigation and found that four baseball players had paid a women's tennis player, who had been working as a tutor in the athletic department, to write papers for them, which they turned in as their own work. Committing this fraud technically deemed the players ineligible; therefore, the baseball team was to vacate 17 wins and the tennis team eight wins. That's not all: all of ECU athletics are on a one-year probation that extends from May 19, 2011 until May 18, 2012.

keeps family business within the family. What the NCAA doesn't know won't hurt 'em, right?

As it turns out, hiding information may not be the best way to go. UNC has been continuously under investiga tion since tutoring and bribing scan-dals rocked their athletic program last season. According to the Raleigh News and Observer, 14 players missed out on games, while seven players missed the entire season, due to investigations.

While some may argue that the loss of players means UNC may have

# FOUR-YEAR DEGREE **IN FIVE OR SIX YEARS?**



Summer school is always an option, but students often need this time to offset the expense of their fall and spring semesters of college by working a job. The scenarios are endless, but they all have one thing in common: not graduating in four years is a major



I enjoy making you feel like a slob.

To the girl with the tattoo on her neck moving into Jones: You look cute.

To the guy who feels the need to study naked in the apt across from me: Thank you!

Ke\$ha looks like she smells like a shot of whiskey and a used condom.

Oh ECU, why must you not have any decent guys? What are we girls supposed to do? We aren't young forever

ECU was #2 on TruTV's "20 most shocking of 2009" for our snowball fight on the mall. Who else is proud?

I have a boyfriend. Now you have a girlfriend. And somehow I'm still convinced I love you.

My best friend moved away right after graduation. Who am I going to stalk the guys I've hooked up with now?

Driving in a Corvette sure makes my "you-know-what" feel small.

My friend drunk dialed her gynecologist last night. That's right, it happened. Appointment set.

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When I first heard that we were on probation, my initial thought was "Why did ECU report to NCĂA?" Yes, it was the most ethical response and that's what they were supposed to do. But are we not family? And family had a tougher season, ECU now has to forfeit wins from the previous season. Those who were not involved now have to be shamed alongside those who caused this issue.

I understand things could have been a lot worse for us. The lengths of the probation could prohibit us from postseason play in any sport, place sanctions on recruitment and even reduce scholarships.

Jordan Anders, a sports columnist for TEC, attended the press conference where it was settled that ECU must now hire an additional senior compliance officer who reports to the chancellor. Tutors must now undergo rigorous training that helps them to search for behaviors that constitute academic fraud and violations of academic integrity.

The consequences of the violations are explicitly spelled out, while student-athletes are no longer hired as tutors in the Student Development Office. I think this is an excellent way to prevent another similar incident from occurring.

Many people are wondering if this punishment is fair. I must say that some of it is. If I or any other student had engaged in any form of plagiarism, we would face suspension. Those players should have been suspended from their sport, expelled or whatever is outlined as university punishment for these violations.

While it's not fair to have the entire athletic program on probation and under a continuous watch from the NCAA, this will serve as a good lesson for all the teams. Keyword: team. They are in this together and if one person was struggling academically, the teams should have intervened respectively if they knew that the integrity of their sport was at risk.

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#### Chelsey McClaugherty OPINION COLUMNIS

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Recently, many angry parents can be heard over the phone with their kids wondering why they aren't going to graduate in four years. They wonder if maybe their kids aren't taking as many classes as they should or that they are slacking off. Parents think that they are partying instead of studying to get a degree.

Surprisingly, parents should give college kids the benefit of the doubt. A report published recently by Education Trust, an independent nonprofit organization, found that "only 37 percent of first-time freshmen entering four-year bachelor's-degree programs actually complete their degrees within four years."

As a rising senior, even I have begun to realize that this problem is increasing. Credit requirements have changed a lot over the years. Most universities require around 120 to 128 credit hours for graduation; however, the standards were lower when our parents went to school.

It is not impossible to graduate in four years, but it sure is difficult. Many students are coming up on their fourth year here at ECU and are realizing that they may have to take as many as 25 credits before they can graduate.

Some students have even finished all the classes for their major, but they are still left stocking up on general education classes, which aren't applicable to their degree, just so they can graduate.

Once a student falls behind in their classes, it becomes almost impossible to graduate on time.

issue. It hurts you financially and holds you back even longer from enrolling in grad school or getting a real job.

"Diplomas and Dropouts: Which Colleges Actually Graduate Their Students (and Which Don't)," states that "More than 1.2 million freshmen entered college in fall 2001, but fewer than 60 percent graduated from a fouryear college within six years."

Students already have to worry about the other factors that come into play when it comes to graduating. Switching majors or taking a double major may add to the time spent on campus, as can transferring schools. Working in college can also cause a delay, along with postponing required courses in order to wait for a different professor or just to wait for the class not to be full.

Registration is one of the biggest problems in hindering graduations. If registration falls apart, everything will be a mess. Since the recent budget cuts, courses are getting more difficult to enroll in, becoming scarcer and sometimes becoming even nonexistent. Even I have had a course that is required for me to take, but it hasn't been offered at ECU the entire 3 years I've been here. I can't be guaranteed that it ever will be.

Universities are supposed to guide and lead us all the way to a four-year degree and hopefully on to the job of our dreams. But life is never easy, and there will always be bumps along the way. Universities need to rethink their priorities so that the main goal is to get their students in and out as quickly, efficiently and in the most beneficial way possible. So when your parents get on you about not graduating in four years, just know you're not the only one.

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#### LOCAL EVENT

#### 'River Jam' brings attention to the **Tar River**

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The Pamlico-Tar River Foundation (PTRF) celebrated its 30th birthday in Greenville last week in the Greenville Town Common with an event appropriately dubbed "River Jam." The event, sponsored by Grady-White Boats, was a two-day tribute to the organization's dedication to preserving the Tar River and protecting the communities in the surrounding watershed.

Volunteers, or the affectionately named "River Givers," gathered in downtown Greenville on the 20th to kick off the 30-year celebration at the Tipsy Teapot. Greenville band "The Revelators" was joined by outof-towner Arielle Bryant to serenade the crowd. During the show, PTRF members handed out flyers and pamphlets while humbly accepting donations.

Saturday brought even more River Givers to set up River Jam, which began at 2 p.m. More local organizations joined the effort, including ECU Campus Recreation and Wellness, which supervised the free kayak rides on the river.

Kelly Jochim, the development coordinator for the PTRF, expressed her excitement at their involvement, saying the kayaking was easily "the most popular activity of the day." In addition to the kavak rides. there were biking and walking tours provided by nonprofit group, The Friends of Greenville Greenways, or FROGGS.

Marianne Montgomery, a FROGGS board member, was excited to be included in this year's River Jam. "We had a great time telling people about the new greenway opening on June 11," she said.

Montgomery is also an English professor at ECU and was pleased she could make it out and share her other passions with the community. Jochim organized the event this year with the specific purpose of including local organizations that focus on the betterment of the Pamlico-Tar River. She was excited to have newcomers like FROGGS show interest in her celebration.

Audrey Tribo, an ECU student, attended River Jam with a great interest due to her involvement in the campus organization Gamma Sigma Sigma.

"As service vice president of a sorority, I need to be aware of any volunteer activities on or around the ECU campus," said Tribo. "River Jam sounded like the perfect opportunity to get in touch with new

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## Wearing Mammograms and Hands

Images of diseases become unique art exhibit for ECU's Laupus Library

#### Lelia Falls STAFF WRITER

In a reception on May 11th, the "Wearing Our Insides Out: Women's Health and Art" exhibit premiered at ECU's Laupus Library. The exhibit consists of 29 textile pieces created from the digital images of microscopic views of diseases or anatomical parts from medical tests medical tests.

medical tests. The unique pieces range from a quilted wall piece cleverly crafted from a hip X-ray and a gun titled "Underlying Shooting Pain" to an ornate sarong designed from modified images of varicose veins. The exhibit raises awareness for the illnesses represented and revives the concept that captivating art can be fashioned by using the unexpected, such as medical visuals.

fashioned by using the unexpected, such as medical visuals. Artists Catherine Billingsley and Maria Modlin are graduates from ECU's School of Art and Design. They decided to collaborate on the show because of their mutual theme of tweaking medical images

Catherine and I have known each other for years," said Modlin. "We did a group show a few years ago for raising money for cancer."

The research for cancer, along with other illnesses that were affecting her family, was Modlin's inspiration, saying,

family, was Modlin's inspiration, saying, "The cells themselves were beautiful, so I started putting images on fabric." Billingsley's muse derived from a more literal type of medical insight. "The first images I used were [X-rays] of my eyes, which I found beautiful and colorful," said Billingsley. "Images from my routine medical tests were intriguing."

were intriguing." Billingsley loomed 19,200 beads to create a wall piece by using the digital image from the X-rays of her eyes.

Along with her eye-catching piece, Billingsley has 20 other pieces in the show, including a color wheel formed from a manipulated image of an ultrasound, which was digitally printed

on quilting. The majority of Billingsley's art are wall pieces, but eight of her creations are wearable clothing items: four purses, two bras, a skirt and a vest.

"Breathtaking is the name of the vest, which uses the image of a chest X-ray," said Billingsley. A few of Billingsley's other creations have quirky titles, such as the skrift titled "Hondoome" which as the skirt titled "Handsome," which contains images of hands.

It was no accident that Billingslev ned the purses decorated by image

#### Lynsey Horn STAFF WRITER

It has been over two weeks since graduation, and graduates are searching for the next move

Options like graduate school, internships, jobs and a career are all among the choices that graduates are making. But one main factor that influences these choices is whether or not jobs are available and if these available jobs are relevant to the fields that graduates

for graduates over the past few years has led to the emergence of what some are calling the "Lost Generation." But maybe they are not so lost after all.

same article.

improve

that stage, but she will hold the title of student for one more summer while she does an internship with the Bay Pines Veterans Affairs Healthcare System in Florida.

and four offers. From her friends' experiences and the short time she has been with the VA, LaFlamme has gotten a **Positive Outlook** for The "Lost Generation"

Recent graduates face the daunting task of finding jobs in a struggling market

in their lives.

spent their college years studying. The unavailability of employment Stephanie LaFamme smiles in anticipation of graduation from ECU. glimpse of what the job market has to offer. "You're seeing more and more jobs available in healthcare," she said. "It's slowly improving. Probably not as fast

In an article from a CBS outlet in Joplin, Mo., HR consultant Jonathan Scales said, "College recruiting has kind of been on an upswing. It's up from last year to this almost 20 percent." In fact, hiring for entry-level jobs is the highest it has been since 2008, according to the

One graduate has found that the job market is on the rise, but she would rather give it a few more months to she is gaining experience that will help her when she does apply for paid employment, but right now she has to support herself without a salary. To survive in Florida, LaFlamme works a

On May 7, Stephany LaFlamme put on her cap and gown and walked across

Before the end of the spring semes-ter, LaFlamme applied for seven different internships and received five callbacks

force. Her adviser told her that being an intern with the VA will increase her chances of finding a job there because she already knows the system.

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According to an article by a job recruiter on Hubpages.com, her internship could be the best preparation. "Sometimes you get your ideal joboffer just due to your internship," said

There's no doubt that the job market has been suffering, but maybe their way to the destination: a job.

Stephany LaFlamme is working the system to get the best results. The secret to the job market could just be finding the right path that leads to a career, or there may not be any secrets at all. LaFlamme says it could just be luck. "For some people, the timing was right."

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"Cotton: The Fabric of Our Lives"

#### New cotton endeavors may serve as a benefit for college students

as people want it to improve." She also

part-time job on the weekends and is

"Some people are continuing with their education," she said. "Some want to wait until the job market improves."

LaFlamme plans to do a little of both.

master's degree, but first she wants to

spend a few years in the workforce to

get some experience under her belt. She has been working with her adviser to be

sure she is prepared to enter the work-

LaFlamme wants to return for her

still dependent on financial aid.

to their majors.

said all of her friends have been able to find jobs, but only about half are related Of all the options available after the recruiter. graduation, LaFlamme decided to take advantage of three. In her internship,

the term "Lost Generation" does not come from the unavailability of job options. Maybe it springs from some graduates' confusion on how to find

organizations, like the PTRF."

Though she said she did not know about The Pamlico-Tar River Foundation before the event, Tribo is very interested in getting the students on campus to be more involved with environmental groups, including the PTRF.

Tribo was not the only attendee that was college-age, however. The foot traffic at the event carried many young adults interested in making an impact on their community.

Throughout the event, the passersby were invited to sit and enjoy any one of the three bands that performed in the amphitheater. The set list included Kinston band 8-Track, The Revelators and Matt Walsh, an artist out of Statesville. Tailgaters were lined up along one side of the lawn, while the rest of the area was covered with viewers armed with chairs, umbrellas and blankets.

The closing ceremony was highly anticipated this year, after its success with last year's River Jam, which also included a lighted flotilla. The river was lit with a soft glow, which was a beautiful tribute to the river and to the PTRF's 30 years of dedication. lochim was pleased with the turnout saying, "The point of today was for people to have fun, while hopefully growing a new respect for the river."

Jochim also invited groups to join the Pamlico-Tar River Foundation at their annual oyster roast Nov. 26 in Washington where the organization is based. "That's typically where we get most of our donations," said Jochim. Jochim also mentioned that, "(The PTRF) is toying around with having River Jam before ECU lets out for the year." Student involvement is vital to the future success of organizations like the PTRF.

Both the PTRF and FROGGS will be hosting future events in Greenville, making appearances at PirateFest and the annual Youth Arts Festival. For more information about either group, visit: www.ptrf.org and www. froggs.org.

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Erin Katell, junior, is one of many college students who are most comfortable while studying in 100% cotton.

#### **Kate Wiggins**

STAFF WRITER

From the basic T-shirt and blue jeans to a baby's first blanket and a grandfather's fishing net, cotton is all around us. Scoops of ice cream, laundry detergent, diapers and coffee filters all contain cotton fibers. So many products we use each and every day are made with cotton; it's almost impossible to live without.

But over the last few years, the rising price of cotton has startled many textile manufacturers, apparel designers and medical staffs. According to the National Cotton Council website, cotton costs \$1.79 per pound. In 2009, cotton was only \$0.63 per pound.

This sudden increase in cost has caused many fastfashion retailers, like Forever 21, Charlotte Russe, H&M and Body Central, to turn to synthetic fibers, such as polyester and nylon, to keep their prices within reach of a college-aged pocketbook.

In 2010, Cotton Incorporated, whose headquarters are located in Cary, introduced "The Fabric of Our Lives" campaign featuring rising singer-songwriter Colbie Caillat to promote the comfort and reliability of cotton as an important fabric in today's busy world. The catchy commercial jingle, titled "The Fabric of Our Lives," became so popular that it can now be found on YouTube. And even more famous faces, such as singer Leona Lewis and actresses Zooey Deschanel and Kate Bosworth, have also been introduced to the popular campaign.

In collaboration with the campaign, the company's website even allows viewers to sift through the closets of these Hollywood icons to see what's in style today. Because of this campaign, many college students have recognized cotton's amazing qualities and have helped cotton regain its popularity.

Although prices are substantially higher than ever before, Cotton Inc. is currently researching innovative ways to increase cotton's demand in tough economic conditions.

Erick Phillips, the Finishing Research Contractor at Cotton Inc. headquarters, explores the new possibilities for cotton on a daily basis. "Cotton has a lot of potential that we haven't unleashed yet," said Phillips during a tour of Cotton Inc. headquarters.

One of those possibilities is a new moisture-repellent treatment called Storm Cotton that could soon be the answer to Greenville's surprise storms. First introduced as Storm Denim in 2006, this water-repellent coating is completely invisible, breathable and flexible. Once applied to any article of cotton apparel, the fabric repels rain and other liquids, unless immersed in water. The finish also resists normal wear and tear.

But Cotton Inc.'s most surprising recent endeavor may be their collaboration with Under Armour, a company that once denounced cotton as the enemy of their synthetic fibers. Together, Under Armour and Cotton Inc. have created Charged Cotton, a new fiber technology that wicks moisture away from the body, allowing the fabric to dry five times faster than the average cotton T-shirt. Charged Cotton products, featured on the Under Armour website, consist of comfortable, moisture managed T-shirts, undergarments, shorts and socks, perfect for a collegiate athlete or any traditional student.

Wicking Windows, a finishing technique that manages moisture and reduces cling, is another one of Cotton Inc.'s numerous innovations. Wicking pulls moisture to the outside of the garment then disperses it in order to cause rapid evaporation and quick drying. Wicking Windows technology of hands, "Handbags" or that she used a manipulated image of a mammogram on a bra.

"I had fun manipulating images to take on an abstract quality. They lose what they are, which is just playing around with imagery," said Billingsley. Modlin's intent for her eight pieces

was to play around with the enlargements of microscopic images of diseases to empower people.

'It's a way to look at an illness in a different light," said Modlin.

Modlin's vivid garments include a breast cancer evening gown, cervical cancer nightgown, ovarian cancer pajama set and an ALS sundress.

"The four sarongs in the exhibit depict heart disease, diabetes, cervical cancer and varicose veins - which are all illnesses in my family," said Modlin.

Modlin has images of the original microscopic cells and the "Photoshop-modified" fabric designs on display behind each garment to demonstrate a before-and-after perspective of the garments.

"People go in and say 'That's so gorgeous!' and then sort of back away from the garment when they realize what it is, since people never really think about the actual cells being beautiful or how a lot of beautiful things in nature are poisonous," said Modlin.

All of their images were digitally printed and manipulated in Photoshop. The details of their processes of creating the abstract were discussed during the reception, which had an estimated 75 attendees.

"People really seemed to appreciate the work after learning about the process from the PowerPoint presentation," said Billingsley.

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is also perfect for many collegiate athletes because it pulls sweat away from the body to maintain body temperature. Many brands, such as Champion and Izod, have products featuring Wicking Windows technology to compete with Nike's Dri-FIT and Under Armour's Charged Cotton.

In addition to technological advances, Cotton Inc. has been researching advancements to help the world. Cotton from Blue to Green is an eco-friendly campaign that endorses recycling of old denim into home insulation. The insulation is composed of 85 percent recycled cotton fibers that contain an active mold and mildew inhibitor.

In recent years, cottonseed oil has been used in fast food restaurants across the nation. However, the actual cottonseeds have never been used for consumption because of a toxic substance called gossypol.

A discovery to eliminate the amount of gossypol in cotton is making a dramatic difference on the way growers view the once byproduct of the cotton T-shirt. Enriched with a significant amount of protein, cottonseed has the potential to feed the world's hungry, as well as enhance the vitamin-deficient diets of many college students.

Nick Karagiannis, a sophomore biomedical engineering major, said he thinks it's a good idea. "If we can eat (cottonseeds) and they're safe to eat, then why not?" said Karagiannis.

From moisture-repellent denim and eco-friendly insulation to possible solutions to world hunger, cotton has truly developed into the fiber of our lives.

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The exhibit will be available for viewing in the Laupus Library on the fourth floor through Aug. 11. Interested viewers are also allowed access to the PowerPoint presentation given during the reception.

<sup>\*</sup>(At the reception) there was a good mix of interested people from the School of Art and medical departments," said Billingsley.

In correlation with the exhibit, Laupus Library will be a hosting panel discussion on health issues of women on July 26 from 4:30 - 6 p.m., which will be free to the public. The panel will be comprised of four doctors: Dr. Laura Surles of Medical Park Family

The panel will be comprised of four doctors: Dr. Laura Surles of Medical Park Family Physicians, Dr. Christopher Hasty of Orthopedics East, Dr. Jan H. Wong of East Carolina Breast Center and Dr. Rachel Raab of the Brody School of Medicine.

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# You never Know how many friends you have until you have a place at the



"Wearing Our Insides Out: Women's Health and Art", is on display in the Laupus Medical Library, illustrates the health issues in women through the use of textiles.



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#### Homan makes All-**Academic Team**

#### **ECU Media Relations**

ECU senior Austin Homan was named to the 2011 Conference USA All-Academic Team, as selected by the league's baseball sports information directors. In order to be eligible for the recognition, student-athletes must hold a 3.2 cumulative grade point average, be of at least sophomore academic standing and be a starter of key reserve for their team.

Homan, who holds the distinct honor of being the only twotime recipient of the Honorary No. 23 jersey, which was worn by former ECU skipper Keith LeClair, is a five-time Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll recipient and 2011 Commissioner's Academic Medal Winner. He has also been named to the ECU Director of Athletics Honor Roll for 11 consecutive semesters. Last year, he earned his bachelor's degree in sport studies and is currently pursuing his master's in recreation and park management, where he boasts a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

Between the lines, Homan has started 10 of 26 games played in 2011 where he is batting .222 (12-for-54) with a home run, nine RBI and eight runs scored. Against Delaware State, he drove in a season-high three runs, after belting his second career home run at Clark-LeClair Stadium.

Homan, a two-time team captain and three-year letterwinner, has appeared in 130 games, logging 60 starts. He sports a career average of .302 with 61 RBI and 52 runs scored. He has recorded 16 multi-hit and 12 multi-RBI games during his four-year stint with the Pirates.

The Pirates (37-18) are in Pearl, Miss. for the 2011 Conference USA Championship, which will get underway on Wednesday, May 25. As the third seed, ECU will square off with sixth seed Houston in game one at 5 p.m. (EDT) on Wednesday, before playing No. 7 Tulane (May 26 at 5 p.m.) and No. 2 Southern Miss (May 27 at 8:30 p.m.).

#### **Reinheimer named CUSA** Hitter-of-the-Week

# **EFU** SPORTS **BASEBALL SWEEPS TULANE**

# **PIRATES PREPARE FOR C-USA TOURNEY** THE PROVINCE

Right-hander Mike Wright in action earlier this season against Rice. Adam Bunn

In the final weekend of the 2011 college baseball regular season, the Pirates notched their first-ever sweep of the Tulane Green Wave with a frantic 7-6 victory in 11 innings.

After Tulane scored four runs in the bottom of the ninth inning to tie the ball game up, Corey Thompson ended it with a shot back up the middle for his third RBI of the game, scoring Jack Reinheimer who had walked earlier in the 11th. Brad Mincey would work the bottom half of the 11th to record his third save of the season. ECU's all-time career saves leader Seth Simmons recorded the win after blowing the save in the ninth.

sweep but Tulane had other ideas. Bowen Woodson reached on a hit-by-pitch, to lead off the frame. Woodson would advance to second on a Cody Robinson single before a wild pitch put both runners in scoring position with no outs in the inning.

Following the wild pitch, Garrett Cannizaro would walk to load the bases before Brennan Middleton singled through the left side scoring Woodson and cutting the lead to just three. With the bases still loaded, Robinson would score on a Blake Crohan sac fly to center field. The Pirates got a bit of luck, however, as Nick Schneeberger's deep fly ball to right field bounced over the wall for a ground rule, double tying the game at six, instead of giving the Green Wave the win.

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# **MORE TO** PROVE

Club baseball goes after National Championship

#### Michael Perry SPORTS EDITOR

On Thursday, the club baseball team will head to Columbus, Ga., for the National Club Baseball Association World Series.

The Pirates (25-7, 12-3) will compete with seven other teams from all over the United States, including: UC Santa Barbara, Massachusetts, Texas Tech, Florida State, Iowa, Western Washington and Michigan. "It is huge for us (to attend the CCWS), in more ways than one," said ECU head coach Joe Caracci. "The first one being how much work so many of these guys have put in. Then from a recruiting standpoint we are always trying to appeal our program to quality players.

The Pirates will enter the CCWS as a No. 4 seed and will have to get through No. 5 seed Florida State. The Seminoles, which are members of the competitive South Atlantic Conference, finished their season 22-5, 13-2. Caracci admitted that ECU is unfamiliar with Florida State, but they are prepared. "The thing about club baseball is

that there is not a whole lot of video circulating around or highlights on ESPN," said Caracci. "I know they have taken care of business and offensively they have impressive numbers. They come out of a region (SAC) that is among the top in the country."

To be included as one of the top eight teams in the country is a great honor for any athletic program, but the club baseball team is a young program that has only played five seasons.

In the past five years, ECU has become a dominant team in the world of club baseball, as they have reached the NCBA Regional round for the past three years.

"I know we have had the talent to be in the top eight teams in the country," said Caracci. "The national polls have showed that in the past three years, but we have just fallen short of that goal on the field. Baseball is a funny game and sometimes the best team doesn't always win it."

During the 2011 NCBA Regional, the Pirates swept the competition, going 3-0 against their Mid-Atlantic Conference opponents. ECU had to get past a James Madison squad that featured the league's leader in lowest ERA Daniel Shill. Shill (4-1) kept most hitters at bay with a 0.87 ERA in 41 innings pitched. To seal its berth to the World Series, the Pirates also had to defeat Maryland twice. This year we finally had an attitude

of refusing to lose, and that's exactly what happened," said Caracci.

Looking back at the last five years,

#### **ECU Media Relations**

ECU freshman Jack Reinheimer was named Conference USA Hitter-ofthe-Week, league officials announced Sunday afternoon. For Reinheimer, it is his first career honor and ECU's fourth player-of-the-week accolade (Seth Maness/Mar. 7, Kevin Brandt/Mar.21, Zach Woods/May 16).

Reinheimer batted a teambest of .583 (7-for-12) last week with a .667 on-base percentage. Currently riding an eight-game hitting streak, Reinheimer collected multi-hits in all three games against the Green Wave, going 6-for-10 with two runs scored and three walks.

In midweek action against Old Dominion, he was 1-for-2 with a RBI (sac fly) and a walk. Reinheimer followed that with a 2-for-4 performance against Tulane, reaching on a bunt single and lacing a base hit to left field. In the series clinching win over Tulane (ECU's firstever), he reached base three times, going 2-for-4 and was hit by a pitch. On Saturday, Reinheimer was perfect at the plate, reaching base five times by going 2-for-2 with three walks. He also scored two runs, including the game winner in 11th inning.

On the season, he is batting .333 (62-for-186) with 21 RBI's (four game-winning), scored 32 runs, four doubles and has 16 multi-hit contests in 52 games (48 starts).

Reinheimer and the Pirates (37-18) enter this week's Conference USA Championships

Extra innings would not have been needed had it not been for the ninth-inning unraveling of ECU closer Simmons.

After entering the bottom of the ninth with a four-run lead, it seemed as if the Pirates would cruise to the series

The Pirates got on the board early scoring two runs in the third inning to grab an early lead.

Reinheimer singled up the middle to start the inning

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Caracci described the progress of the team's play as "unbelievable."

"Guys who played on the first team I coached, they come to visit the team and they cannot believe the amount of progress we have made," said Caracci.

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#### PREMIERE **PIRATES** Cook and Icenhower Jumpstart the Countdown

#### Jordan Anders STAFF WRITER

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As promised, this issue of TEC begins our countdown of the Top 20 "Premiere Pirates" of the last decade. Over the course of this countdown, I'm going to touch on at least one great athlete from every varsity sport at ECU. This week, we start with athletes No. 20 and No. 19. These two athletes come from the world of Pirate women's tennis and diving.

#### No. 20: Jessica Cook - Women's Tennis

#### 2007-2011

On paper, the career numbers for the No. 20 athlete on this list may not seem all that impressive. But when you look at her overall body of work and the circumstances surrounding it, Jessica Cook's accomplishments become much more formidable. For her singles career, Cook posted a 48-45 record over her four years. Now, you may be wondering how being three wins over .500 for your career makes you one of the 20 best athletes. What makes Cook seeminglystandard record hold a little more clout is the fact that over her entire career in singles play, Cook played the majority of her matches at the No. 1 position. For those who aren't familiar with the seeding process in tennis, playing No. 1 means that Cook faced off against the best player of the opposing team every match. During her senior season, Cook played all 21 of her singles matches at the No. 1 spot, posting an 11-10 record. Furthermore, Cook posted a 53-31 career record in doubles played at ECU, which equates to a solid .631 winning percentage. So, while her career numbers won't jump off the page and grab you, Cook deserves a ton of respect for standing in and taking on the best on a regular basis. That earns her a nod at No. 20.

#### No. 19: Christie Icenhower - Women's Diving 2005-2008

From the time she first started her career at ECU back in 2005, Christie Icenhower was destined to go down as one of the best divers to ever compete for the Pirates. As of today, Icenhower still holds the freshman and varsity diving records for both three-meter diving events. Her freshman record score of 437.40 set in 2005 in the 11-dives category still stands as the varsity record in that event, while she broke her own record in the six-dives category in 2007 with a score of 332.40 that still stands today. She also set the freshman and varsity records for platform diving, though those records fell this past year. Although some have since been broken, Icenhower graduated in 2008 as the holder of every single diving record at ECU. In addition to being named Freshman Diver-of-the-Meet at the 2005 Conference USA championships, she qualified for the NCAA Regional Zone Championships in each of her four years of competition, becoming the first Pirate in history to make it to the finals her senior year. Also a six-time winner of C-USA's Diver-of-the-Week award, Icenhower took first place at the prestigious Nike Cup in the three-meter diving event during her senior season. Icenhower was named ECU's most outstanding diver each of her four years on campus, and was recognized as an All-Conference USA performer. While more great divers have come behind her, Icenhower definitely left her mark on the diving program.

Check back next week when we have athletes No. 18 and 17.

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Tennis player Jessica Cooke spent four years as the Pirates' top singles player.

# **BAYLOR ENDS SEASON FOR PIRATES**



Jordan Lewis rounds third after connecting on a home run against Marlyand at the College Park NCAA Regional.

#### Stephen McNulty

ECU softball battled into the NCAA Regional final in College Park, Md., before being eliminated by Baylor last weekend. The Pirates defeated the host Maryland Terrapins, but struggled to find enough offense to beat the Bears.

In the opening game of the tournament, ECU used a powerful first inning from its bats, jumping out to an early five-run lead. Freshman Jordan Lewis sent the ball over the left field wall with just one out in the top half of the first for a three-run home run. Two batters later, fellow freshman Jasmine Robbins took another Keri Hickey pitch out of the park to give the Pirates the 5-0 advantage.

Maryland responded quickly, stealing a run back in the bottom of the first. But, as often is the case, Toni Paisley kept the Terrapins off the board for the rest of the game. Paisley finished with an unearned run and seven strikeouts in the 5-1 victory.

In their second game of the regional, the Pirates squared off against the eleventh-seeded Baylor Bears. In the top of the first, the Bears mustered up a run on a passed ball that scored Kayce Walker from third. What ensued would be a hard-fought battle in the circle between Paisley and Whitney Canion.

Canion held ECU to just two hits and one walk in the contest, while sitting down six Pirates on strikes. Paisley struck out nine and only allowed three singles. Despite retiring 19 of the final 21 Bears, the Pirates fell to Baylor 2-0.

In their second game of the afternoon, ECU looked to eliminate Maryland with another victory over the Terrapins. Once again, the Pirates rode the back of Paisley through the win.

Both Jill Jelnick and Lewis had multiple hits, and Alex Fieldhouse and Rebecca Lee scored in the Pirates' 2-0 victory. Paisley gave up eight hits and a walk, while fanning eight batters. For Maryland, Kendra Knight gave up one earned and struck out six in the losing effort.

A botched grounder up the middle allowed Fieldhouse to score in the second and Kristi Oshiro to drive in Lee for an insurance run in the seventh.

The victory eliminated Maryland and moved the Pirates into the regional final for a rematch against Baylor.

Once again, the game was dominated by pitching. Paisley held Baylor scoreless until Holly Holl hit a double off the left field wall to score Megan Turk and the only run of the game. Canion controlled the Pirates, holding them hitless until the

bottom of the seventh inning, but still never giving up a run. Paisley finished her final game in a Pirate uniform with seven strikeouts and two walks with just one run scored. The loss put her at 32-13 on the season, good enough for third on the ECU single-season win list.

Paisley left her name scattered all throughout the record books. The right-hander will graduate as the Conference USA all-time leader in wins (118), strikeouts (1,290), appearances (183) and innings pitched (1,088.0). Paisley's final tally was 118-39, a .752 win percentage and her career ERA of 1.22 was good enough for fifth all-time in the conference. Paisley also sits 18th all-time in Division I history for wins and 17th all-time for strikeouts.

ECU finished the season 41-22, reaching the 40 wins mark for the third consecutive season. ECU is only the fourth C-USA team to reach such a feat. The Pirates' advancement to their second consecutive regional final also made them just one of two C-USA teams ever to do so.

Despite losing one of the best Pirate athletes of all time (Paisley), the young ECU team looks poised for many more years of good softball. Eight freshmen started for the Pirates in Sunday's regional final

A repeat conference title and record year for Paisley was a great way to open the new ECU Softball Stadium.

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#### **TULANE**

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before Mike Ussery reached on a fielding error by the Green Wave first baseman. After a wild pitch by Tulane starting pitcher Alex Byo allowed Reinheimer and Ussery to advance into scoring position, Philip Clark grounded out to first, scoring Reinheimer. Thompson would then fly out to left field, allowing Ussery to score to give the Pirates an early 2-0 lead.

The Pirates would add four more runs before the 11th, including a three-run seventh inning.

Pirate starter Kevin Brandt picked up a no-decision after tossing seven innings, allowing two runs on seven hits while also striking out two Tulane batters.

Tulane pitcher Nick Pepitone picked up the loss after working 4.2 innings of relief, giving up one run on three hits while also striking out two batters.

In Saturday's game it was all ECU as the Pirates cruised to an easy 6-2 victory.

Ben Fultz led the offensive output, recording three hits while driving in two runs. Seth Maness became the school's all-time leader in wins.

Maness, who also holds the school's alltime record for starts and innings pitched, recorded the school record 36th career win after tossing six innings, allowing one run on four hits.

The Pirates posted double digit hits for the 16th time in the last 21 games. Chase McDonald, Trent Whithead and Reinheimer each had two hits.

In the opening game of the series on Friday, the Pirates dispatched the Green Wave as Mike Wright and Brad Mincey combined for a two-hitter in a 5-1 ECU victory.

The Pirates will now advance to the Conference-USA baseball tournament where they have been given the No. 3 seed and will face Houston in the first round this weekend.

The Pirates may still be in the running to host a regional in the NCAA Baseball Championships depending on their showing in the C-USA tournament. With top 20 ranking on their scorecard, the Pirates may only have to advance to the conference finals to gain themselves a regional host site.

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"Not only from the amount of talent, but the quality of the uniforms and the stadium we play in - it's every aspect."

Caracci went on to describe the early days when the team had trouble reserving a local Babe Ruth field in Greenville. The Pirates now play their home games at historic Guy Smith Stadium.

ECU boasts an onfield product that is capable of playing well on both sides of the ball. At the dish, Brian Burgess has been commanding the attention of opposing pitchers, as he is tied for the most homeruns (10) in the league. The infielder Burgess is also among the top run producers with 47 RBIs.

The true gem of this team is the depth of the pitching staff. On the mound the Pirates are led by starter Daniel Martin (9-1), who holds the league's second-lowest ERA (0.91). In his 69 innings of work this season, the southpaw has fanned 69 batters.

"He (Martin) is a warrior. He, and all our staff, goes out there and gives us a chance to win," said Caracci. "It's been a good run for Daniel. It's bittersweet having to see it come to an end.

Closer Nash Blackley has been lights out for the Pirates, collecting an NCBA-best six saves

While reaching the World Series for the first time in program history is a great accomplishment, Caracci made it clear that the team is not satisfied.

"Personally, I don't think we're done," said Caracci. "We all still feel hungry. We still have more to prove. We have the talent and the wherewithal to bring home a National Championship, and I don't think we're going to stop till we do."

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