



BRIEFS

Stations observe first College Radio Day

Staff Reports

Yesterday 330 college stations celebrated the first-ever College Radio Day including ECU's on campus radio station WZMB.

The aim of the day is to harness the combined listenership of hundreds of thousands of college radio listeners throughout North America.

The day is also to celebrate the important contribution of college radio to the country.

There are more than 1,400 college stations across the country, plus hundreds more online.

Faculty art exhibition opens on Monday night

Staff Reports

"A Tradition of Excellence," the 2011 Faculty Art Exhibition will be held on Friday, Oct. 14.

The exhibition will open at 6 p.m. and will honor faculty and present their new work.

Medias presented will include ceramics, drawing, metal design, painting, photography and printmaking, among others.

The university features the largest and most diverse studio art program in the state.

The exhibition will be held in the Wellington B. Gray Gallery, which is located off Fifth and Jarvis streets.

Greenville physician awarded for service

Staff Reports

Dr. Thomas G. Irons, associate vice chancellor for health sciences and professor of pediatrics, received the Award for Excellence in Public Service last week.

Irons is a Greenville native and a graduate of Davidson College and UNC-Chapel Hill School of Medicine.

Before coming to East Carolina in 1981 he practiced pediatrics in Raleigh.

Irons is currently the medical director for the Bernstein Center, HealthAssist and the N.C. Agromedicine institute and serves in several other positions.

The medical class of 2006 created the annual Thomas G. Irons Award in Medical Professionalism in his honor.

University to hold Girls' Conference on Friday

Staff Reports

On Friday, October 14, 100 middle school girls showing an interest in science or math will attend the MAGIC for STEM Girls' Conference in Mendenhall Student Center.

Pitt County middle school faculty selected the students based on their potential.

The girls will participate in real-life applications of science and math and participate in an origami geometry activity.

The conference is funded by a grant from the Mathematics Association of America Tensor Program for Women and Mathematics along with the support of the Colleges of Arts and Science, Education and Technology and Computer Science.

Freshman class enrollment decreases

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This fall's enrollment numbers were slightly lower than they were at this time last year.

University officials have said the numbers are not yet official, but that this year's freshmen class is smaller than it was in 2010.

According to Anthony Britt, director of admissions, the Class of

2015 consists of 4,210 students.

Britt said that the university's faculty worked together to decide how big this year's class could be, then sent a recommendation to the UNC system.

The recommendation, which proposed a class of 4,300 freshmen, was denied by the system, which countered with a suggestion of no more than 4,000 freshmen.

"It was the first time in our institutional memory of sending an enrollment proposal and getting rejected," said Britt.

Many campuses across the state have had enrollment caps placed on them while others have been "growth-targeted."

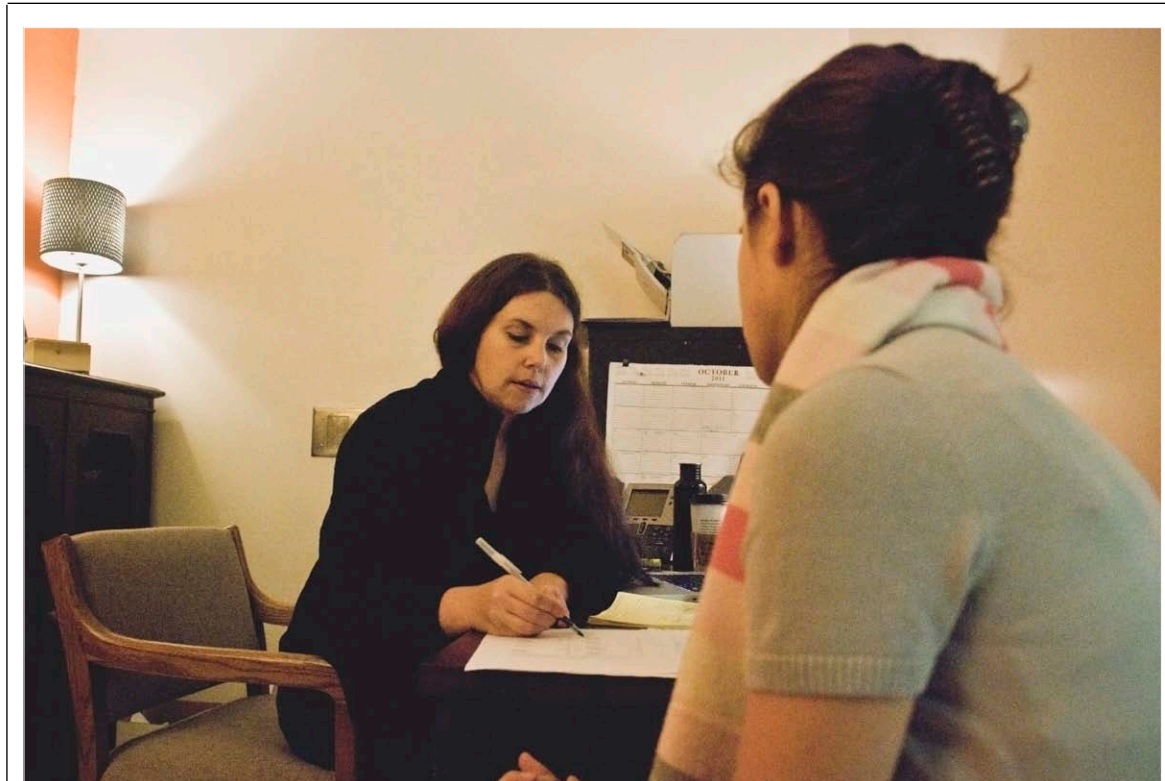
"We know that some campuses have been told to steady enrollment, while others have been told to grow,"

said Britt.

Generally, ECU is one of the top three schools in the state in enrollment, along with N.C. State and UNC, which have also seen lower enrollment numbers.

In 2010, N.C. State's freshman class was 4,705, while in 2009 it

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Art advisor Heather Muise assists freshman Laura Moreton with her schedule for the spring semester.

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Academic advising doesn't feel budget cuts

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Budget cuts for the university have not been significant in the Academic Advising Department, which provides adequate support for students during registration.

The Academic Advising Department had prepared themselves for any budget cuts that the department might have felt by carefully spending in prior years. When it came time for budget cuts, with the department even having to give money back to the university, they did have money to give back, according to Executive Director of Retention Programs and Undergraduate Studies, Jayne Geissler.

"The university and the chancellor have really thrown their support into the professional advising collaborative, because the focus is so much on retention," said Geissler.

The university employs about 55 advisors, including athletic advisors, who are additional advisor for student athletes. After the budget cuts had taken effect and the department had gotten support from the university, academic advising was able to fill more positions with

professional advisors, according to Geissler.

The university offers two types of advisors to students, depending on the degree and what school the degree is from. Some schools, such as education or arts and sciences, have faculty advisors; while other schools, like the School of Communication, have professional advisors.

"I've gone through three advisors so far, but I'm really happy with mine now. He's been really helpful to me," said Jennifer Willetts, a senior communications major.

The difference between a faculty and professional advisor is that the professional advisor's job is to be available to students Monday through Friday for the sole purpose of advising. Professional advisors can have anywhere from 300-400 students assigned to them. These advisors see their advisees from start to finish through their college career, according to Jennifer Cabacar, the coordinator of undergraduate studies for the School of Communication.

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Drunken driving incidents decrease

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Drunken driving incidents were at the lowest in two decades last year and have fallen an estimated 30 percent in the last five years, according to a recent federal report.

According to researchers from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the decline in drinking and driving incidents may be due to the down economy.

"That seems like a valid reason to me," said Josh Mosakowski, a sophomore intended nursing major.

The CDC's director, Dr. Thomas Frieden, said during a media briefing, "One possibility is that people are drinking at home more and therefore driving less after drinking."

Freshman criminal justice major, Tyler Sciaudone, agreed, "That's definitely a possibility. A lot of people don't want to spend their hard-earned money if they can find a cheaper way, like drinking at home." The report, released by the CDC, is based on a 2010 national telephone survey. About 210,000 U.S. adults were surveyed and



Students and non-students outside Mac Billiard's and Club 519 this past weekend.

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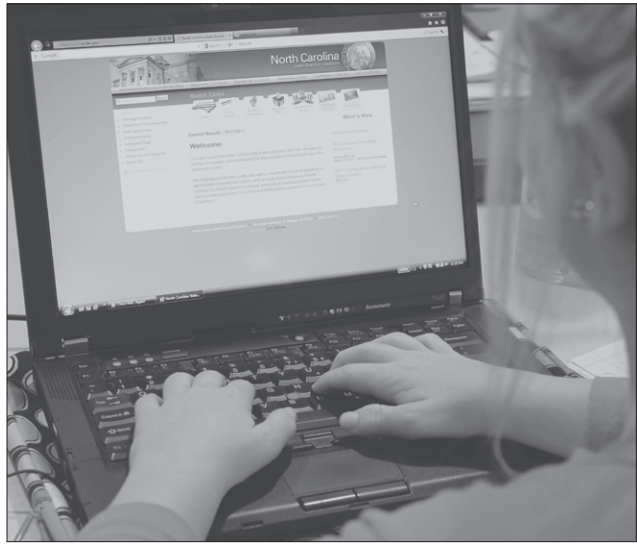
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17-year-olds prevented from voting on DOMA



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21 year old industrial engineering major Brittany Massey searches the N.C. voters registration website on her laptop.

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In May 2012, all able voting persons will not be able to cast their ballots on the Defense of Marriage Act, or DOMA.

The Defense of Marriage Act is an amendment that will ban same-sex marriage. This amendment will be voted on in May 2012 as a referendum during the primary voting for Republican nominees, amongst other things that will appear on some ballots. All eligible voting 17-year-olds will not be allowed to vote on DOMA.

In some states, a 17-year-old may cast a vote during the primaries, if he or she will be 18 years old in time for the general election later that calendar year. North Carolina is one of those applicable states.

Dave Davis, director of elections in Pitt County, said that the 17-year-olds will not be allowed to vote on DOMA,

due to the state law. "They can nominate but not elect," said Davis.

Davis went on to explain that DOMA is being treated similar to the way that they handle the school board elections, which were also done while the public votes for the primaries. According to state law, 17-year-old voters are only allowed to cast a vote in areas that do not elect a person to a position.

"I think it matters if [17-year-olds are able to cast a vote], because they have an opinion too. I think a lot of younger people are against DOMA. My friends even protested in Raleigh," said Sarah Bjorgen, a junior psychology major.

According to The Daily Tar Heel, Damon Circosta, executive director of the N.C. Center for Voter Registration, said that there would not be a significant effect allowing the 17-year-old to vote. Despite the younger people that are

more likely to vote against the amendment, they are also the age group with a low-voter turnout.

Ashley Gardner, a sophomore communications and French double-major, said, "In America's history, people have tried to take rights away from blacks and women, and now, homosexuals are the target. It wasn't right to take away people's rights back then, and it isn't right now."

Some people are concerned with the way that North Carolina, as a state, is progressing, in relation with the LGBT community. If the amendment is passed, the state will be among 18 states that have constitutionally banned same-sex marriage.

"I believe that everyone deserves the right to be married," said Josie Latimer, a sophomore communication major. "If this law is passed, while other states such as New York are progressing forward, North Carolina will be taking a step back."

The Defense of Marriage Act was originally enacted on Sept. 21, 1996, by Former President Bill Clinton, and defined marriage as a legal union between a man and a woman.

"When DOMA was originally signed, it was 1996, and we, as people of the USA, have progressed way past that," said Erin Price, sophomore criminal justice major. "If this is voted on and same-sex marriage is banned, it will show that we have not come far and we, as people in North Carolina, are closed-minded to the current times."

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Professional advisors take on other responsibilities in addition to those during the week of registration, such as teaching COAD 1000 classes to their students, as well as programming and any other advising their student's need, according to Geissler.

"As a professional advisor, it's our job to be there five days a week and be available to students, but we do encourage faculty interaction with our students," said Cabacar.

Faculty advisors are professors in their departments and have other responsibilities, such as research. Faculty advisors have students turned over to them after their sophomore year and have a much smaller number of students

than professional advisors, according to Cabacar.

The major role that students see advisors in is during the registration process. Students are encouraged to schedule appointments with their advisors to discuss their class schedule for the coming semester and to get all the information they need, including classes available to them and their registration pin numbers.

Two weeks before registration, some academic advising centers provide walk-in hours to students who have not yet met with their advisors.

"The best advice that we give is to see your advisor and make your appointment," said Cabacar. "We do have walk-in

hours, but at that point, we are just trying to make sure we have seen all the students so that they have their registration pin."

Students should be prepared going into their meeting with their advisor by having an idea of what kind of classes they want to take.

"I just had a meeting with my advisor and he was awesome," said sophomore business major Joseph Rossabi. "He was really helpful and provided information to me that I needed to know about my major choice."

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all respondents were kept anonymous.

About one in 50 of the respondents admitted they had driven drunk at least once in the past month. According to the CDC, this is equivalent to about 4 million Americans driving drunk in the last year.

Although about 60 percent said they only drove after drinking once, some reported they drove after drinking daily. This led the CDC to an estimate of more than 112 million incidents of drunken driving in 2010, which are more than 300,000 incidents a day.

These findings were the lowest since the CDC survey began in 1993.

The study also found binge drinkers were more likely to drink heavily and drive. According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, binge drinking is defined as a pattern of drinking that quickly raises a person's blood alcohol level to .08 percent or higher.

According to the CDC, this typically occurs when men consume five or more drinks, and when women consume four or more drinks, in an estimated two-hour time-span.

Additionally, binge drinkers are 14 times more likely to drink and drive, according to the CDC.

The most reported incidents of drinking and driving came from young men ages 21 to 34. Although this gender and age group only accounts for 11 percent of the U.S. population, it accounted for 32 percent of reported drinking and driving incidents. According to the report, men are responsible for 81 percent of drunken driving incidents reported.

The ECU police reports show a decrease in the number of drinking and driving charges. In 2009, there were 51 charges involving drinking and driving. In 2010, there were 23 charges involving drinking and driv-

ing. The ECU police statutory arrest jurisdiction includes the university and its surrounding areas.

The institutional protocol regarding alcohol consumption states, "University policies concerning the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages do not contravene federal, state or municipal law regarding their purchase, possession or consumption."

In North Carolina a DWI ("driving while impaired") requires a chemical test of a person's breath or blood. A blood alcohol level, BAC, of .08 percent or more is over the legal limit for a person of age 21 or older. If a person is below age 21, any BAC level over .00 is illegal. Refusal of the BAC test results can result in immediate loss of a drivers license and forcible blood test by law enforcement. These charges are a Class 2 misdemeanor.

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for workers. She did so by supporting a living wage facility that is still running today.

"We supported the factory for two years ... then decided to expand our mission," said Weeks.

This expansion brought the company back to home soil. Being from North Carolina, Weeks knew the manufacturing and textile history of the state, and decided to transition the company back to her home, with hopes of revitalizing the state's economy. Weeks said after time spent retraining workers, the new line is now ready to launch.

Every aspect of the

apparel, from cotton, yarn and fabric to the screen-printing and boxes used for shipping, is made in North Carolina. The company supports close to 2,800 local jobs in the state alone.

The School House mission promises quality by putting people first when it comes to both product manufacturing and customers. They work to create jobs that not only pay fair wages to workers, but provides fair treatment to workers. Their mission states that their goal is "to design and deliver quality, fashion-forward university apparel with talented workers and suppliers who

believe that when you put people first, you're creating more than just a college t-shirt."

School House stands by its hard work, creating high-quality products that are also fashionable, hoping to appeal to college students everywhere.

With how financially conscious students are, Dowdy's merchandise manager John Palmer is left wondering how well the line will do on campus. Knowing his customer base very well, he said he is skeptical to whether the students will pay the extra prices for the clothing.

However, some students

are willing to pay the cost for the quality and cause.

"I would definitely say that I'm all for it, because it's good to buy things locally," said Jamie Bertman, a senior recreation and leisure studies major. She believes that even though it is a little more expensive, supporting the local economy will pay off in the long run.

This fact alone is what drives Weeks to promote and get the word out to students. "Every purchase makes a difference," she said.

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was 4,772 and in 2008 it was 4,800. Since then, the university has slowly reduced its freshmen class. UNC had 3,960 students in its freshmen class last year and the year before.

"I'm not too worried about the reduction," said elementary education major Hannah Fortune. "If other schools have also had their enrollment reduced, it doesn't seem as worrisome."

John Fletcher, associate provost for enrollment service, said the university has 3,850 new freshmen, though this data has not been submit-

ted for review by the UNC system.

Fletcher said the enrollment cap was deliberate. "At ECU, it was intentional for us," said Fletcher. "Our goal was to bring in a class of 4,000."

Despite the lower enrollment numbers, out-of-state students have increased by 1 percent, bringing the total out-of-state students to 15.5 percent.

Though enrollment has been capped, the university has been able to focus more closely on educational quality. The cap has also helped

the university increase the quality and diversity of the incoming freshman classes.

This year's freshmen class' SAT scores increased by double digits from the previous year's scores. The average score of last year's class was 1038, while this year scores averaged 1059.

Grade point averages of the freshmen class were also higher, with high school grade point averages increasing from a 3.52.

Allison Meyers, a senior psychology major, said she feels that any chance to improve the university should

be taken.

"Anything they can do to raise the quality of ECU is a good thing," said Meyers. "The reduction is not a huge difference, especially if you aren't taking freshmen classes."

Official figures are expected to be reported at the end of this month by the Institutional Planning, Assessment and Research office.

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We should change our mascot from the Pirates to the Possum, because we play dead at home and get killed on the road.

If you were all true Pirate fans, you'd still support them when they lose and not complain about how awful you think they are on Facebook.

Pirate Rants? What's wrong Pirates, couldn't think of something more clever like the Kvetching Board?

There are more conservatives at ECU than liberals! We're not UNC — get it right.

I am either thinner than you, the same size as you or fatter than you and could not care less. But I would still really love to get to know you. Can we please ignore the rolls and ribs and just be pals?

WWJD? Not wear socks with sandals.

Dear Board of Directors who allow tuition increases: I can't afford 12 hours of regular campus classes due to recent tuition increase. Don't pass another raise and stop taking advantage of your students. We aren't Duke. Most of us pay for our own tuition without the help of our parents.

Can you do me a favor and break your white sunglasses in half? Yeah, thanks.

Reality check: Luda' was terrible. Good job ECU for picking a band that sounds good recorded AND live. Sincerely, the students who actually enjoy going to concerts for the music.

If you want your Pirate Rants published, try using better grammar. :)

I dread the day when I'm no longer young enough to know everything.

My blood type is Merlot-positive.

How many white-button down, pink-tied frat boys can you fit into a tiny sports car? Answer: seven.

There is nothing less sexually attractive to me than a grown man in a pink bow tie. It's like being hit on by a female kitten.

McDonald's got robbed. Then, it decided it was time to bring the McRib back. What do you have to do to get a Shamrock Shake in November?

Okay Riverwalk residents, we get it. You have a big loud truck you like to rev, a black lab named after your beer of choice and you have a keg three nights a week. Can I please get some sleep now?

I think if you have a baby, it's time to stop taking pictures of yourself in the mirror.

According to the number of empty absinthe bottles, my fall break went great. I think...

You and your rumors have two things in common: you're both fake and you both get around.

This won't get published if TEC hates cats, but I wanted to give a shout-out to the cat named Pineapple, for making my day with his fluffiness.

Savage brings intelligence



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On Oct. 18, sex columnist Dan Savage's new MTV show, "Savage U," will be coming to campus to talk about sex. Moral apprehension is sure to follow, given Savage's own reputation as a political provocateur and an openly gay advocate for socially-liberal ideals. Controversy aside, however, this can be positive publicity for the university.

Our university exists in a schizophrenic social environment. Over the course of the students' education, they will often engage in activities that may not exactly sit well with the traditional values of their parents or the traditions of their communities. And while we are a university, we are still firmly rooted to the "Bible Belt" and all the baggage that comes with this part of the country.

While we're now free to do things in relationships that might still be frowned upon in much of the South (say, have sex with someone we aren't married to or, God forbid, with someone who's the same gender or of a different race), we still have to face the stigma and shame of the social environment that very much exists.

Savage's visit to the university is sure to highlight what he's already highlighted in his column and writings for years: relationships can be successful even if they're not traditional or traditionally acceptable. Gay couples, for instance, are capable of the same kind of loving relationships as straight couples. Sex outside of the institution of marriage is not necessarily a bad thing, if coupled with a bit of responsibility and restraint. The fact is that these are not just the perspectives of particularly liberal Americans, but are truisms, and recognizing them as such will now save us a great deal of trouble, as a society, as we move into the future.

I can already feel the responses coming. Scripture might be quoted at me and a good deal of eloquently-written defenses of the sanctity of marriage will be composed for my moral edification, but one person's detour from the traditional path does not, no matter what the right side of the aisle might say, present an impediment for those that follow it to the letter.

I stand by the rights of my fellow Pirates to express and defend their own opinions on birth control, gay marriage and



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the legislation of morality. However, bigotry, which is as present in today's political debates as it was in the '50s and '60s, even if it hides under a different mask, must be confronted if we're to progress as a society.

Savage's visit to campus is sure to stir up controversy, but that's precisely what's needed in a part of the country where the freedom to choose one's sexual preferences and pursue his or her own relationships is so frequently shunned, or mistaken for hedonism.

Despite its active sex scene, ECU is neither Sodom nor Gomorrah. A more enlightened perspective on sex is needed to provide relationship advice for the modern age, one that does not perceive marriage as the only acceptable form of monogamy, or monogamy as the only acceptable form of a relationship. That is exactly what Dan Savage has to offer us.

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The counter-productivity of blue-light call boxes



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So, I'm walking out of Joyner after an intense 3-hour study session and I'm trying to make my way back across campus. It's pretty dark outside, and I try to focus on where I'm going, but I can't do it — I'm irrevocably drawn to the piercing blue of the emergency call boxes. The great and powerful LED light in those things is a veritable Helios of candlepower.

And you would think that with all the light they emit, campus would be brighter because of them. However, it seems like the opposite is true. Main campus has 80 emergency call boxes spewing out their oppressive blueness.

I really do feel like a moth heading straight for a bug zapper. And just like with amputees, the morbidly obese and monkeys servicing themselves at the zoo, I know I shouldn't stare. But I can't help myself; it's just so captivating.

I'm mystified by the call boxes. I understand that we need them in the event of an emergency, but I would personally feel a lot safer if we could swap out a few blue-light call boxes for some standard, run of the mill light posts with a regular halogen floodlight.

The place where I find the lighting to be most compromised is on the mall. I understand that the mall serves many purposes — one of which is to provide love-struck couples with a romantic setting to look longingly in each other's eyes and whisper sweet

nothings into each other's ears.

I can agree that we need to maintain that type of environment and that overly lighting it with white light may detract from the ambiance. However, there is a fine line between having enough light to effectively cuddle on a picnic blanket and enough darkness to pin someone down so they can't get away. Our university is flirting with that line. Not providing adequate lighting on campus is asinine.

Never mind about the rapists; what about those tricky bricks that seemingly jump up off the sidewalk and create a tripping hazard? This risk is exacerbated by the stifling darkness that consumes the mall after sundown.

I know what you're thinking, and you're right. How could a tripping hazard be more dangerous than an environment conducive for attacks? To that I would say, it isn't the mild embarrassment or sprained ankle suffered by the victim of tripping that's so dangerous, but the potential for a lawsuit that should prick up the university's ears. Apparently, full-fledged muggings outside the library aren't doing the trick, but a sprained ankle might.

It would be comical if it weren't so depressingly true. The squeaky wheel gets the lube and a lawsuit is one hell of a squeaky wheel. Is it reasonable to think that change will only occur in response to legal action or some other tragedy? This and questions like it are thoughts to ponder as we stare into the all-encompassing blue.

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Seven versus 10



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The moment you realize you are only one numerical point away from making that A or B in a class you so desperately need can be quite baffling with the seven-point grading scale. But what really justifies a class having a seven-point grading scale over a 10-point grading scale?

I've always wondered why some classes have these different standards. I am sure I do not speak alone when I question this. It appears pretty arbitrary for any college institution to implement differing systems on its students. A student who is in a freshmen-required class that uses a 10-point grading scale should have few difficulties, as opposed to a student who is struggling with a science or nursing class that is using the circumscribed seven-point grading scale.

If many people haven't realized already, we have transitioned our education to a university level, meaning the high school seven-point grading scale days should be over. I find the whole operation of deciding which classes should have a certain grading scale over others to be sort of biased. Most four-year schools and community colleges throughout the state use the 10-point grading scale, while the seven-point scale is still being greatly utilized for specific classes.

Since letter grades reflect one's numerical grade, it is wrong to give a student a B (3.0 grade point average) in the class when they have achieved a 92, in comparison to another student in a different class who had achieved an A (4.0 grade point average), when they merely got a 90 percent. If a college or university is going to enforce the 10-point grading scale, why even have the other? And vice-versa, for that matter.

Our education system has found a cunning way to implement order and sift through students on the grounds of their own way of grading. It would be challenging for students transferring from community colleges to universities that are conditioned to the 10-point grading scale, and then, later on, having them find out that not all of their credits will transfer over. Even changing majors within the university may be difficult. Specific majors have different means of grading, so some majors use the 10-point grading scale and some use the seven.

Also, some people are opting to change to a plus/minus scale of grading. Why not get more GPA weight for a higher grade? However, due to this, the seven-point grading system would be irrelevant.

Bottom line is that life isn't fair. After all, this rampage is over a mere three points being added and taken away. Although, schools are rising to the conversion to the 10-point scale altogether. However, in ECU's case, time will only tell.

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MOVIE COLUMN

Conviction deserves its fate



Rachel Kozy
COLUMNIST

Rachel's column reviews movies that did not have successful stints at the box office.

Hello fellow movie lovers. Last month, I reviewed a brilliant fictional movie called "Never Let Me Go." I would like to change gears this week and talk about another film produced by Fox Searchlight called "Conviction." This is the true story of an unemployed high school dropout, and mother of two, who spends 12 years earning a law degree in order to help her brother.

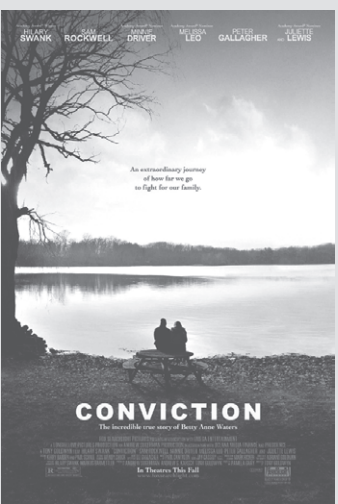
Hilary Swank stars as Betty Ann Waters, a woman who devotes her life to saving her brother Kenneth. The brother, who is played by Sam Rockwell, had been serving a life sentence in 1983 for the robbery and murder of a woman living next door to him in Ayer, Mass. Betty Ann, convinced that he is innocent, decides to sacrifice everything in an attempt to free him from jail.

If you love Hilary Swank (and sorry, I do not), then you will probably like this movie. Notice that I said "like," not "love." I wanted to like this movie, I really did. Hollywood couldn't invent a script like this. A woman without a high school diploma decides to devote her entire life to saving her brother. It is the ultimate self-sacrifice. While "Conviction" does have a good plot, and I love that it is based on a true story, the script is just too slow. And I apologize in advance to you Hilary Swank fans, but she just doesn't do it for me.

Naomi Watts was originally cast as Betty Ann, and I can't help but wonder if this would have helped the movie's overall dynamic. Hilary Swank's acting was just not on par. On a side note, if you have trouble telling if an actor was a good choice for a film, here is a good tip for you to follow. You should never notice a person "acting" in a movie. You should be so immersed in the story and there should be a certain element of flow so that you never think, "Ouch, this is uncomfortable to watch" or "They should have cast somebody else."

With that being said, I love, and I mean love, Sam Rockwell. If you don't know that name, get familiar. He has played such a broad range of characters, from a crazed astronaut in the movie "Moon," to the President of the Universe in "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" (both of which are excellent, yet quirky, movies). With that being said, I think "Conviction" is a compelling story, but it would have been better suited for a made-for-TV movie. This is probably the reason this movie failed to create huge buzz at the box office. According to IMDb.com, the estimated budget for the movie was a whopping \$12.5 million. Sadly, as of December 2010, the movie had only grossed \$6.7 million. It also didn't help that this

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Blind alumnus beats athletic record

Mike Davis
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Most people can imagine back to being eight years old, riding bikes with the other neighborhood kids, swimming at the pool, playing tag at the nearby elementary school playground and maybe even having a snowball fight. But imagine if, without any easy explanation, someone was told they would never be able to see again. Life would never be the same after that.

Due to constant detachment of his retinas, Elexis Gillette, known simply as Lex, a 2007 graduate, became officially blind in 1992 at the age of eight. But for Gillette, losing his sight has not stopped or hindered his life goals, as Gillette has two silver medals from the Athens and Beijing Paralympics. In addition, he is the fastest totally blind athlete and world record holder in the long jump.

During Gillette's junior year at Athens Drive High School, one of his teachers in a program for visually impaired athletes noticed his athletic and explosive jumping ability. The teacher took Gillette to a camp in Kalamazoo, Mich. for people with visual disabilities, where he learned and competed in the long jump. When he returned to Raleigh, he joined the school's track and field team.

Because Gillette was getting paid by the U.S. Olympic Committee to compete, he was ineligible to be on the ECU track team due to NCAA regulations after his high school graduation. While working out at the Student Recreational Center, Gillette worked alongside a friend in the Sports Science Department in designing a training regimen to keep himself in shape, concentrating on the 100-meter, 200-meter, long jump and triple jump events.

After graduation, Gillette moved to train and live at the Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, Calif., training Monday through Friday. "He is a great student, a quick learner, has a lot of natural ability and is also a very hard working

young man," said USA Track and Field Head Coach Craig Poole. "He has been very receptive to what I suggest and what I say."

Even though Gillette is completely blind, the training approach Poole and the runners in Gillette's group take is nothing different. "The only things we don't do with him of course are things that take eye-hand coordination

when objects are in our way," said Poole. "What we have done is modify those kind of drills so that they are more in-tune with how he can physiologically, perceptually, learn how to accomplish and perfect it."

The training facility Gillette trains and lives at is like a mini-campus, as it has residency buildings, cafeterias, weight rooms and sports medical

buildings, all in a centralized location for the use of the athletes and coaches. The group that Gillette trains in consists of eight to nine Olympic hopefuls, as Gillette is the only Paralympian in the training group.

For the two jumping events, Gillette's training partner, Wesley Williams, gives verbal and audio cues to Gillette as he storms down the runway approaching the pit. "His job is like an air traffic controller, to get me on the runway as straight as possible, jump and make it into the pit," said Gillette about Williams. "He'll yell to me, 'Straight!' He'll clap as well."

For an event like the 200-meter dash, where the runner must run around a curve before entering the straightaway, the key to Gillette's success has been simple. Williams runs next to Gillette, who needs to be as fast, if not faster than him, guiding him around the curve as they use audio and physical cues to manage the run.

"This year has been by far my best track and field year in terms of jumping farther and having faster times, so I think it is definitely a good way to catapult into next year," said Gillette as he talked about the potential to podium in all four events at the London Paralympics next summer. "But I think that, overall, it is really cool to represent visually impaired people all over, let everyone else know that we aren't just sitting around doing nothing."

As seen across Gillette's website, the message of "No Need For Sight When You Have Vision," is evident in the everyday actions Gillette and his team take to show the world that athletes like himself shouldn't be discouraged or lose faith just because the world they once knew changes. "There are other things you can accomplish depending on what it is and depending on how much heart you have in accomplishing it," said Gillette.

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Elexis Gillette graduated from ECU in 2007. He is the fastest blind athlete.

Greenville local doesn't let disability stand in her way

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After seeing Erin Stokes' smile, one would assume that she is just like any other 29-year-old woman. And she is, except that she is living with cerebral palsy. But, Stokes has not let this obstacle keep her from living the life that she wants, while also helping others.

Born nine weeks premature, Stokes also has hydrocephalus. According to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, hydrocephalus is a condition caused by an accumulation of cerebrospinal fluid in the ventricles of the brain. This build up can cause intracranial pressure, mental disabilities and many other complications.

Yet with all the trials she has had in her life, Stokes has never given up. She has faced these challenges head on with determination and strength. And with help from the Easter Seals and her family, she has been able to lead her life independently.

The Easter Seals is a private, non-profit organization that provides services to children and adults who need help in accomplishing their goals. These services include supported living, personal and community care services, respite care and much more.

Without this organization, Stokes would not be able to live on her own. Currently, she lives in a group home with a roommate and has 24/7 care. But this is not the only thing the Easter Seals have made possible for her.

"One of the things that Erin really wanted to do in her life was to find a job," said her mother, Sandy Bengala. "The Easter Seals were very persistent about making that happen." Erin now works at their office in Greenville a few days a week, answering phone calls and taking messages.

Stokes also attends school at Pitt Community College, along with many other students with similar disabilities. "We learn about coins and counting," she said, adding that she has made many friends there.

Helping others is also very important to Stokes. She volunteers at Creative Living, a day program for the elderly, where she enjoys talking and playing games with the residents, such as Bingo and beanbag toss.

She also helps out men and women overseas

by putting together care packages. "In the boxes, we put lotion and socks and things like that," said Stokes.

She also has been attending Belvoir Free Will Baptist Church since she was a baby and enjoys visiting nursing homes with her church once a month to sing to the residents.

When asked about her favorite activity, Stokes replied with a laugh and said, "swimming and going out to eat with Grandma." She enjoys swimming at the Outpatient Rehabilitation Center at Pitt County Memorial Hospital and also enjoys regular weekly visits from her grandmother.

Along with working, volunteering, church and swimming, she also enjoys fishing, scrapbooking, playing Uno and bowling. "I like bowling because it gets me out with my friends," she said.

But her activities do not stop there. She is also a cheerleader at EC Cats. Her team is called the "Kool Cats," and they perform at many different events, including high school football games, competitions and at the Special Olympics.

When asked who she looks up to, Stokes said, "My mom, dad, Jim [stepdad] and my grandma." She considers herself lucky to have so many supportive people in her life and one of her hopes for the future is to volunteer at a daycare with babies.

Being an ambassador with the Easter Seals is exciting for her. "They have helped me so I want to give back," she said. Her strength and courage are evident and she has a message of encouragement for anyone who is disabled or incapacitated. "Be strong," she said. Stokes is truly an inspiration to those with or without disabilities.

On Oct. 8, Easter Seals UCP held Walk-With-Me to raise money for their association. It was held at the Town Commons in Greenville and many of the association's ambassadors, includ-



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Erin Stokes enjoys swimming, scrapbooking and cheerleading.

ing Stokes, were there to support the people that have helped them to live their lives a little easier. Together, they raised over \$25,000 and according to Mary Anna Newsum, the community director of Easter Seals UCP of Greenville/Northeastern N.C. and Southeastern Va., there were over 200 walkers in attendance.

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Woman fights tough battle with cancer

Megin Chapman miraculously came out of a coma

Ashley Evans
STAFF WRITER

For most students, waking up and getting ready for the day is a hassle. But for one brave woman, waking up is a blessing.

Megin Chapman, now living with Sarcoma, knows all too well how easily we take life for granted. At age 37, Chapman was diagnosed with breast cancer. Following the diagnosis, she battled her way through chemotherapy and won.

However, merely three years later, on Feb. 24, she found herself again staring cancer in the face. Chapman was diagnosed with Sarcoma. Instead of reacting with anger, frustration or even fear, she had a different outlook. "My first reaction was that I knew I could beat this," she said.

According to the American Cancer

Society, Sarcoma is a type of cancer that targets tissues like bone or muscle. For some people, detection begins with finding a lump or growth, but in Chapman's case, she had no symptoms.

With her fiancé, friends and family by her side, and with the help of her doctors at Duke University, Chapman began treatments in March. At the end of May, after being on chemotherapy medication for a few months, she received more bad news. She found out that she had an infection brought on by one of her chemotherapy drugs and went into septic shock. In addition, her kidneys began shutting down, causing her to slip into a coma.

She remained in a coma for over two weeks. During that time, Chapman says her now fiancé made everyone, even the doctors; discuss her health outside of her room. "He didn't want any negative emotions in my room," she explained.

Chapman remembers bits and pieces of her ordeal. She remembers waking up with her mother at her bedside, thinking she hoped her family would not choose to do anything drastic.

Unfortunately, at that time, her prognosis was grim, and as her condition deteriorated, her family and friends were given more and more signs that she may not recover. Prayer chains began all over the country and her Facebook page was awash with prayers and messages of hope. And amazingly, just days before her family would make the decision to take her off of life support, a miracle occurred. Chapman began breathing on her own.

Slowly, her condition began to improve. After she began breathing on her own, her kidneys showed signs of improvement. Gradually, she was able to have her feeding tube removed and even began walking on her own. On June 15, Chapman was finally able to go home.

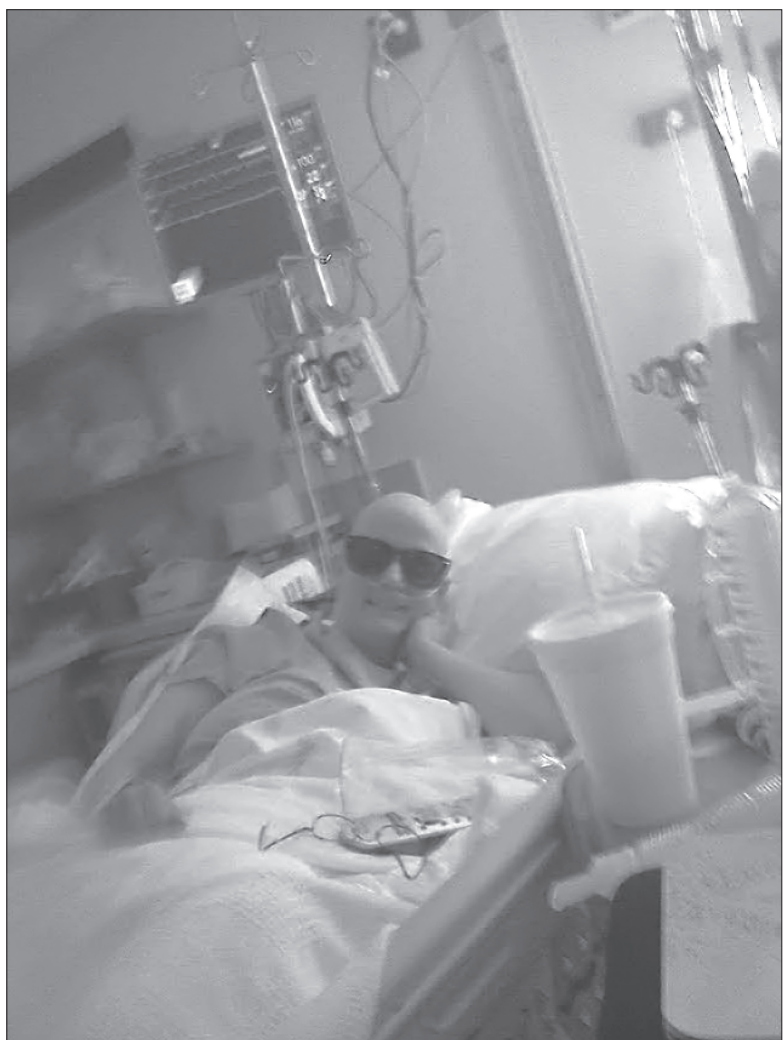
But she is not out of the woods completely. Her cancer is currently at stage four, and she is undergoing chemotherapy and radiation through the Cancer Centers of America. On June 29, an MRI showed three small lesions on her brain. After undergoing radiation, her doctors believe that they are gone but cannot be certain until she goes back for another treatment this month.

Chapman credits her recovery to the support and prayers of her parents, friends and her future husband. In fact, last month, a cornhole tournament, raffle and bake sale was held by close friends Brooks and Kelly Hale of Farmville to help with her medical expenses. Sadly, Chapman was unable to attend due to the sudden death of her father. "He was my best friend and I am really going to miss him," she said.

Nevertheless, Chapman is determined to beat this disease. In her free time, she likes to read, walk, spend time with her two cats and soon-to-be husband, and just enjoy her life.

"For the future, I look forward to having a family," she said. "And I would like to encourage other cancer patients to fight cancer, just like I have."

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Megin Chapman is currently living with Sarcoma. She is going through chemotherapy and radiation, but has a positive outlook.

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movie was in development for 10 years.

SPOILER ALERT: When I did some of my own research, I found out that Betty Ann used DNA evidence and the help of an organization called the Innocence Project to Free Kenneth. After 18 years

in prison, he walked out of jail in March 2001, a free man. Now the craziest part of the story is that he only enjoyed six months of freedom, because on Sept. 19, 2001, he fell 15-feet off a wall hitting his head and died. If that isn't ironic, I don't know

what is.

My opinion: Don't bother watching Conviction unless you absolutely love Hilary Swank.

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Look for Rachel's next column in November!

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Otteson takes second at home

Staff Reports

Senior Amy Otteson carded a personal best 3-under par 213 to finish tied for second at the 2011 Lady Pirate Intercollegiate earning All-Tournament Team honors Tuesday afternoon. The two-day, 54-hole event was being held at the par-72, 6,056-yard Greenville Country Club.

Otteson capped off her career-best event with a one-over par 73 posting nine pars and four birdies. It was her third top 20 finish of the season and 19th of her career. Teammate Fanny Wolte (222) posted a 3-over 75 on the day and claimed a share of 15th place for her for her third top 15 placement of the year and 10th of her young career.

Rounding out the Pirates' squad were senior Julia Strandberg (226/t-28th), freshman Katie Kirk (227/t-35th) and junior Faith Hardison (234/t-62nd). Playing as individuals for ECU were freshmen Emily Eng (235/t-66th) and Devan Murphy (267/103rd).

ECU will be back in action on Oct. 24 when they travel west to Boulder City, Nev. to participate in the Las Vegas Collegiate Show-down.



Jacobi Jenkins (8) rallies teammates Grant Harner (67) and Josh Clark (71) as the Pirates take the field against UAB at Dowdy Ficklen Stadium

Pirates regroup for Memphis

Adam Bunn
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

ECU will look to stop its losing streak as the Pirates head to Tennessee to face the Memphis Tigers in a match-up of low-ranking Conference-USA teams.

The Pirates have been unable to overcome turnovers, penalties and sloppy performances over the first half of the season on their way to an opening 1-4 record.

Last Time Out: ECU experienced the most embarrassing loss in program history last Saturday as the Houston Cougars defeated the Pirates 56-3.

Nothing seemed to go well for ECU as starting quarterback Dominique Davis had his worst statistical game of his career, tossing four interceptions before being pulled in the third quarter for second-string quarterback Rio Johnson.

The Cougars scored on each of their first two drives with the Pirates just managing a field goal. Houston quarterback Case Keenum moved into second place on the NCAA's all-time yardage list with his performance on Saturday night.

For Memphis, their season struggles continued as well. Last week the Tigers were blown out by Rice, 28-6. Memphis has not won a game since defeating Austin Peay 27-6 in their third game of the season.

ECU Offense: Through five games, Dominique Davis has completed 146 of 217 passes for just 1,334 yards with nine touchdowns and 10 interceptions. Against Houston, Davis was ineffective, throwing four picks in just over 30 minutes of play. Davis was lifted in the third quarter for Johnson and, with the decent play of Johnson, there would seem to be

a quarterback controversy brewing, a notion that Head Coach Ruffin McNeill quickly shot down.

"During the game, Dominique was the first one on the sideline cheering on Rio," McNeill said during his weekly press conference. "I think that tells a lot about Dominique. We felt he was struggling, so we gave Rio a shot. Rio came in and did some good things, but Dominique is our quarterback."

While the quarterback play has been shaky, a bigger problem may be the future of the running game. Starting running back Reggie Bullcock was injured Saturday night and was replaced by Torrance Hunt. Hunt came in and nearly rushed for 100 yards, but he is inexperienced at the position. With the team struggling, inexperience may not be the best thing to have at an important skill position.

On the year, the ECU offense

ranks 87th in total offense, averaging 354 yards a game, 120th in rushing yards a game with 69 and 26th in passing yards, averaging 285 yards a game.

ECU Defense: An improving defense through the first three games of the season has taken giant steps backward over the last two weeks, giving up an average of over 450 yards per game and over 40 points. Against the Cougars the Pirates' defense just couldn't get off the field, allowing Houston to convert seven of 12 third down opportunities. When your offense is struggling, those third down conversions can't happen.

Obviously, the ECU offense has not helped the defense at all this season. The offense has turned the ball over seemingly every other time

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Soccer splits homestand

Daniel Brockman
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The Pirates split their weekend decisions between Conference USA foes Southern Miss and UCF. ECU was victorious Friday night as sophomore goalkeeper Christiane Cordero recorded her third shutout of the season en route to the Pirates' 3-0 victory against the Southern Miss Golden Eagles.

Senior Amanda Malkiewicz scored two goals while fellow senior Kimmy Cummings added the third Pirates' score to seal the victory for ECU.

The Pirates attacked early and Malkiewicz put ECU on the board in just the second minute of the match, scoring her 19th career goal. Junior Hali Oughton slid a ball through to Cummings inside the box, who then assisted Malkiewicz on the early goal.

The Pirates' second goal of the night came in the second half on a pass from senior Jessica Abshire through the Golden Eagle defense to a wide-open Cummings.

Malkiewicz added the third and final goal in the 84th minute, scoring on the assisted pass from junior Katy Butler. The goal put Malkiewicz fifth all-time at ECU with 20 career goals. It was also her first career multi-goal game, and it also gave her a single-game career-best of four points.

Cordero completed her fifth career shutout, stopping five Southern Miss shots. Junior Chrissy Gratz led ECU with three shots; while Malkiewicz, Cummings and junior Rachel Wechsler added two shots

a piece. ECU led in shots (15-7), shots on goal (6-5) and corners (5-4). The win improved the Pirates' record to 6-4-1 overall and 1-3-0 in conference play.

The No. 24 UCF Knights were too much for the ECU Pirates to handle. Sunday afternoon the Pirates lost to UCF 2-0 behind goals from Nicolette Radovic and Tishia Jewell, 2010 C-USA "Player of the Year." The loss dropped ECU's record to 6-5-1 overall and 1-4-0 in conference play. The Pirates are 0-3-1 against nationally ranked opponents in 2011.

Radovic lifted the UCF Knights first goal in the 40th minute of play when she found the back of the net with a header assisted by Kristina Trujic. Jewell increased the Knights lead, scoring in the 63rd minute of the match. Kathy Ling and Andrea Rodrigues both assisted on the scoring run.

Cordero ended the match conceding two goals while saving three UCF shots. Butler and Gratz each had two shots for ECU. Gratz had the Pirates' best scoring chance when her shot in the 42nd minute hit off the far right post.

The Pirates will be back on the pitch this Friday, when they take on Tulsa in Oklahoma at 8 p.m. ECU wraps up its road trip Sunday, in Dallas, Texas against Southern Methodist University with the match slated to begin at 3 p.m.

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Goalkeeper Christiane Cordero motions for players to get set for a goal kick against Memphis. Cordero earned a shutout against Southern Miss.

Conference wrap up

Leaders and bottom feeders separate



Stephen McNulty
OPINION COLUMNIST

After six grueling weeks of the college football season, it is beginning to become quite clear who is here to stay in the Conference USA race, and who's season is already

doomed.

Despite the embarrassing loss to Houston (6-0, 2-0 C-USA) this past weekend, ECU (1-4, 1-1 C-USA) still sits in the middle of the pack, with plenty of games to go.

However, schools such as UTEP (2-3, 0-2 C-USA), UAB (0-5, 0-2 C-USA) and Memphis (1-5, 0-2 C-USA) continue to feed from the bottom.

While UTEP had the week off, Birmingham quarterback Chris Relf struggled to move the offense for Mississippi State against the Blazers. But back-up Tyler Russell stepped in during the second half and threw for three touchdowns, leading the Bulldogs over UAB 21-3.

In New Orleans, the Green Wave fell short against Syracuse as the Orange nailed a 21-yard field goal as time expired. Syracuse jumped out to an early 17-0 lead, but behind a strong outing from quarterback Ryan Griffin, who passed for 320 yards and two scores, Tulane made the comeback.

With under three minutes remaining in the contest, Griffin connected with Xavier Rush from 58-yards out to tie the game at 34-34. Going to senior Antwon Bailey on eight of their final nine plays though, the Orange quickly set up the game-winning field goal and ate up the remainder of the clock en route to the 37-34 win over Tulane.

In a battle of the bottom of the barrel, Memphis took on Rice in Texas. The Tigers managed a field goal in the first quarter and another in the fourth quarter, but that would be all the offense for Memphis, as they fell 28-6 to their conference rival. Tyler Smith carried the ball 14 times for 97 yards for the Owls, but it was sophomore Turner Peterson who found the end zone twice on 11 carries.

In a separate conference match-up, UCF (3-2, 1-0 C-USA) handled Marshall (2-4, 1-1 C-USA) by a score of 16-6. The Knights used a heavy dose of junior running back Brynn Harvey, handing him the ball 30 times for 180 yards, including a 50-yard carry. UCF quarterback Jeff Godfrey threw his first touchdown pass of the season, connecting with A.J. Guyton in the first quarter. Godfrey has eight rushing touchdowns on the season. The Herd scored late in the third quarter when Rashad Jackson returned a fumble for a touchdown, but the two-point conversion was no good.

Southern Miss took on Navy in Annapolis on Saturday. Behind an outstanding day from senior quarterback Austin Davis, the Golden Eagles racked up nearly 600 yards of total offense in the 63-35 rout. Davis connected on 21 of 23 passes for 283 yards and found the end zone three times through the air, and once on the ground.

As of now, Houston, UCF, Southern Methodist (4-1, 2-0 C-USA) and Tulsa (2-3, 1-0 C-USA) all remain undefeated in conference play. Next week though, UCF and SMU will match-up in Dallas. Tulsa returns to action in what should be an easy win at home against UAB and Houston has the week off. Full-fledged conference play continues as Rice and Marshall face off as well as Tulane and UTEP. Of course, the Pirates will take on Memphis in what is expected to be ECU's second conference victory of the season.

Austin Davis was awarded the C-USA "Offensive Player of the Week Award" (and deservedly so, following his stellar performance against Navy). Houston linebacker Phillip Steward took home the defensive honors and Marquese Wheaton received the special teams award for USM following a returned blocked field goal for a 79-yard touchdown. After torching the Pirate secondary with 30 for 37 passing and 304 yards, Houston quarterback Case Keenum passed former Texas Tech quarterback Graham Harrell for second on the NCAA all-time passing yards list as he now has 15,895 yards.

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Wilson aids Packers in win over Falcons



Justin Ackley
OPINION COLUMNIST

Week 5 of the NFL season gave some teams a breather, with the initial bye weeks being reflected in the schedule. However, several others felt more stress as a tough season continues to

slip away from some surprise teams struggling during the early part of the year, such as Philadelphia, Atlanta, St. Louis, New York Jets and the Peyton Manning-less Colts. ECU had five alumni in action this week, with their teams posting a win/loss record of 2-3.

Chris Johnson, Tennessee Titans. Johnson finally crossed the goal line for his first rushing touchdown of the year, as Tennessee was dropped by Pittsburgh 38-17. Tennessee was playing from behind most of the day as Ben Roethlisberger completed five touchdown passes for the Steelers and dominated for most of the afternoon. Johnson was able to contribute 51 rushing yards on 14 carries, while also posting 14 yards on three receptions. Tennessee will look to get back on the right track while resting during their upcoming bye week.

C.J. Wilson, Green Bay Packers. Wilson and the Packers defeated the Atlanta Falcons 25-14 on Sunday night. Wilson provided two total tackles, including one for loss, for a defense which held Atlanta to under 100 yards rushing. The defensive unit was also able to keep Matt Ryan to just 167 passing yards, while also forcing two interceptions. The Packers will host a winless St. Louis Rams team in Week 6 at Lambeau Field.

Terrance Copper, Kansas City Chiefs. Copper was able to get himself on the stat sheet this past week against Indianapolis. The Chiefs defeated the Colts by a score of 28-24. Copper was targeted by Matt Cassel once in the game and pulled the pass in for nine yards. Sunday's game quickly became the Dwayne Bowe show

as he led Kansas City with 128 yards receiving and two touchdowns. It is a good sign for Copper that he was able to get involved in the offense heading into this week's bye.

Linval Joseph, New York Giants. The Giants suffered a setback against the Seattle Seahawks as they lost the contest 36-25. Joseph posted one of the better games of his young career. He had three total tackles and was also able to defend two passes. His day may have been the bright spot for a defensive unit that gave up 145 rushing yards and 279 passing yards. Joseph and the Giants will host a streaking Buffalo team this week.

Guy Whimper, Jacksonville Jaguars. The Jaguars lost to a scrappy Cincinnati Bengals team by a score of 30-20. Whimper was part of an offense that had a tough time getting things going against one of the better defenses in the NFL this year. Jacksonville averaged 3.6 yards on 27 rushing attempts. This week's opponent doesn't get much easier as Jacksonville will travel to Pittsburgh to play the Steelers.

Dwayne Harris, Dallas Cowboys. The Cowboys were off in Week 5 and will go to New England to play an impressive Patriots squad coming off a win against their rival New York Jets.

Vonta Leach, Baltimore Ravens. The Ravens were able to rest up some injuries during their Week 5 bye and will play the Oakland Raiders this week.

The biggest news of Week 5 came from off the field as the world was notified that Al Davis, owner of the Oakland Raiders, had passed away on Saturday. Davis leaves behind a team that is known for its physical play and fierce passion. The Hall of Famer will always be remembered for his mission with the Raiders and the words that he lived by, "just win baby."

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they touch it. Usually, those turnovers put the defense in terrible positions.

One bright spot for the ECU defense has been the play of linebacker Jeremy Grove. Grove, who is in his first year of playing meaningful minutes, has come out of nowhere to lead the Pirates in tackles with 66 (21 solo, 45 assisted). Grove also leads C-USA in number of tackles per game, averaging a thunderous 13 tackles a game.

On the season the Pirates' defense ranks 98th in total defense, giving up 422 yards a game; 59th in passing defense, giving up 218 yards a game and 105th against the run, allowing 203 yards a game.

Memphis Offense: If there is another team in the nation that can appreciate what ECU is going through right now, it is the Memphis Tigers. Memphis has been in a steady free fall ever since stud running back DeAngelo Williams left the program in 2005. The Tigers haven't been able to find a star to replace him and this shows on the field.

"They're a team that's having some struggles right now as well," McNeill said of the Memphis offense. "Offensively, Taylor Reed is the quarterback. He has had a tough year so far, but we have to make sure we're ready to go."

In fact, Reed has been one of the worst quarterbacks in the country through the first five games of his college career. Reed has completed 113 of 188 passes, for 1,051 yards with five touchdowns and three interceptions.

Reed's struggles have been amplified by the lack of play-makers around him. Without a proven running back on the opening day roster the Memphis coaching staff moved wide receiver Billy Foster to the position.

"Foster is the starting back," McNeill said. "He is very explosive and will also return kicks for them. Artaves Gibson is a true freshman right out of Memphis. I can remember Landon Hoefler, one of our graduate assistants, bringing his name up."

On the year, the Tigers rank 112th in total offense, ranking up just 298 yards a game 108th in rushing offense totaling 96 yards a game on the ground.

Memphis Defense: The Memphis defense has been just as ineffective as their offense ranking near the bottom of Division I in all major statistical categories.

"Along the defensive line, Dontari Poe is the standout

guy up front," McNeill said of the Memphis defense. "There has been talk of him possibly entering the NFL Draft early. He has that kind of talent. He moves around and is active." The Pirates will have the chance to get back to the ways of winning this Saturday at 7 p.m. in Memphis, Tenn.

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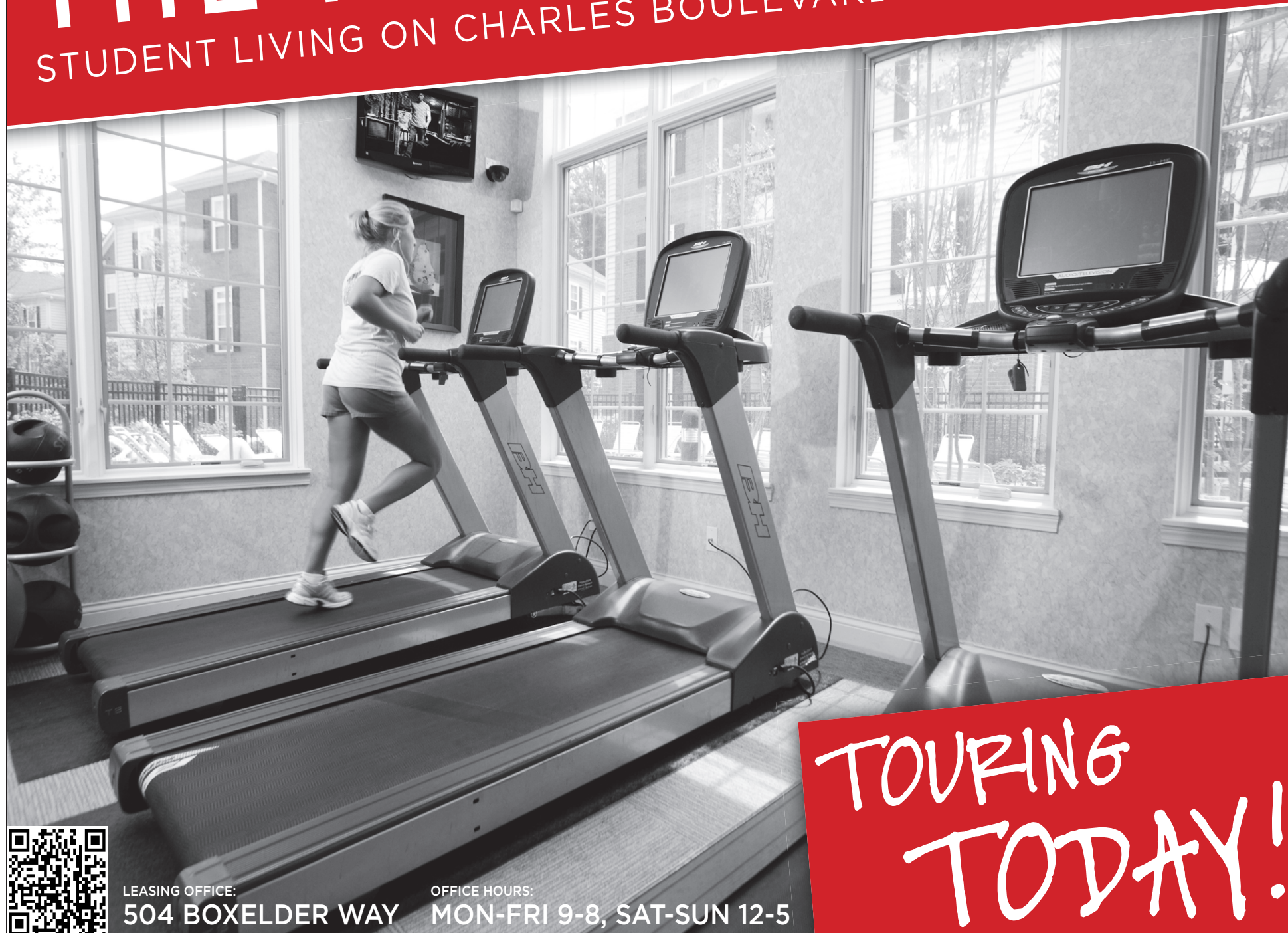
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