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Our View

With orientation beginning this week and a new group of naive freshmen on the way, we here at *TEC* decided that we should take the time to address several well known rumors and folk legends about ECU.

1. If a professor is ten minutes late for class, it is okay to leave.
There are several variations to this rule, five to ten minutes for a regular professor, 15 minutes for a doctor. Unfortunately this is not official ECU policy. Although it is not an official rule, chances are that if your professor isn't in class 15 minutes after it starts, they are probably not going to be there.
2. If your roommate commits suicide you automatically get a 4.0 for the semester.
Before you start thinking of a way to bump off your roommate to make it look like a suicide, keep in mind that it is not true.
Assistant Dean Laura Sweet says she has never even heard of the policy.
"I'm not aware of it," Sweet said. "But it's not a bad idea."
3. If you bubble in all fives or all ones on teacher evaluations, your survey is discarded.
Again, not true. Whatever you put down is what is recorded. Feel free to praise or trash the teacher of your choice.
4. The Brewster Building was designed to protect faculty and students in case of campus riots.
There are several theories to explain Brewster's narrow windows, large gates and fortress-like appearance. One is that when it was built in the '60s there was a lot of demonstrating and violence happening at colleges across the country. The small windows are said to prevent gunmen from shooting at an angle and to prevent students from jumping out of windows.
Another explanation is that Brewster is meant to impress upon students the 'ruling hand' of the university and state government.
While these ideas aren't that far fetched, Brewster was designed in sections so that several of the sections could be closed down at night, while others could be left open for meetings or other events.
5. Swimming classes are required at because many years ago a woman's daughter drowned and that woman gave a large sum of money to the school with the stipulation that swimming classes be made mandatory, so no one at ECU would ever drown.
Although we couldn't get any official verification on this, it is believed that the swimming regulations came into being after World War II when all military personnel were required to know how to swim.
Although many of these legends aren't true it's fun to speculate and pass them on to unknowing freshmen.

OPINION Columnist

Britt HONEYCUTT

Believe, but question your beliefs



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Hypothetical situation: You're cruising along, enjoying the youth and vitality accompanying the wonder that is college life, dating three, four, or possibly 12 different people when all of a sudden you are struck with an urgent need. It is a human need, implanted in us by evolution and genetics to ensure the survival of our very race. And it is making you an absolute mess.

So what happens now? Do you pick just one of your prospects to copulate with? Do you have a couple of cold showers and a bowl of corn flakes and stay home on Saturday night? Or do you invite them all over for an interesting evening of naked Twister? What is the modern, educated person to

do?
OK, in this situation we must measure our opinions on what is right and proper against what is more fun and decide which we can live with. But first you have to separate your opinions from those that other people have implanted in you. Of course you should consider what your mom would say. You should not necessarily listen to what your mom would say, but consider it nonetheless. But don't think about your mom too much. I mean, we are talking about sex here, and that will leave you with mental scars that will require thousands of dollars in therapy to heal. So, do Mom's ideas about premarital sex coincide with yours?

I believe that there comes a point in every person's life when we must separate ourselves from the entity of our families in order to become a real person. You don't agree with everything that your family does. That is apparent through your refusal to be a part of the family's annual Drunken Tater Sack Race. So don't subscribe to all the same opinions that your family holds. They may not be a part of what you really are, and the only way to become that person is to hold what you have been taught up to a brighter light to see the truth about it. If you never question your dad's belief in evil trolls who live under the fridge and blindly accept it, are you ever going to grow as an individual? I mean, I believe in the trolls, but that's just because we

have a special relationship, and as long as I continue to provide them with asparagus spears, they will protect me from the miniature woolly mammoth in the garbage disposal. This has no relevancy to the article, does it? Your parents aren't always right. They've proven it time and again. Question what you believe. That's the only way to really know that you believe it.

So which theory should you subscribe to in the decision of who to bump uglies with? What is the criteria for the candidates? Maybe they shouldn't have criteria. Maybe there's nothing wrong with a shag or two from someone that you wouldn't marry if you were an illegal alien and it was the only way to remain in the country. You are just two people with something in common — so what if the only thing in common is horniness?

This won't work for everyone, of course. Some of you just can't get any, period. And some have this idea that you have to be in love to make love. That's a very pretty thought. And it is true. But there is a difference between making love and a roll in the sack.

In the end, we will all do what makes us happy. The decision that is the most important is whether we will do the thing that makes us happy now, or makes us happy in the years to come. Whatever it is, do it safely, have fun, and maybe we will all have a very good weekend. If you know what I mean.



OPINION Columnist

Jeff BERGMAN



So you wanna be a sell out?

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ECU's collective intelligence must decide to sell their (our) soul and go with Coke or keep the market open for Pepsi, or whoever wants a piece of the action. ECU must desperately need the money for something, otherwise why damage a relationship with a family that has played an integral part in the development of this University? If money is all they need, have I got some good ideas for the king and his court, I mean administration.

The first idea would not only

solve the traffic problem on central campus, but would bring in some moolah. Toll booths should be installed in front of the General Classroom building. The ECU Police, with little else to do besides wash their patrol cars, could man or woman the money maker. Anybody trying to run the toll booth would be pulled over and subjected to a severe body cavity search.

Another of my many great ideas is selling the chancellor's house (all hail the king). The great and mighty chancellor will be given a choice between living in the dorms or a double-wide on the mall. If the King, er, excuse me, Chancellor chooses to live in the dorms, the roommate will be a freshman, whose second home is the Elbo. The good news is that if the chancellor lives in the dorms he keeps his car, but the All-mighty one will have to buy a parking permit for the freshman lots only.

If the Chancellor chooses to live in the double-wide, the car is sold and an older model takes its place. The One-Who-Knows-All-and-Sees-All will be given a 1982 Monte Carlo with more rust than Kenneth Starr has depositions. This car will be put on cement blocks in front of the trailer.

This next idea is simple and straightforward: Do not allow

elected officials to use their time, supposedly working for ECU, to do any campaign-related work. Included in the money saving idea is talking to The East Carolinian and any other paper about the election. Also incorporated into this concept is the non-removal of East Carolinian newsstands and having them put into a landfill after an unflattering article is written about the elected official.

The last idea requires a wee bit of work but the monetary returns will be well worth the effort. The Chemistry lab should be turned into a methamphetamine manufacturing facility. The drugs could be sold at the student stores' and, much like everything else, at an exorbitant price. The speed might even help students for whom coffee does not cut it, for those 8 a.m. classes.

ECU is selling out. If they want to turn their back upon a family that has donated time and money to better this university, then let the bad decision be made. Et tu, Brute? As long as ECU is selling, all sell outs need pimps and I am volunteering to be ECU's pimp daddy. Oh, and if you are looking to cut some unnecessary expenditures out of the budget, kill the athletes-only training facility.

"Experience is not what happens to you, it is what you do with what happens to you."

Aldous Huxley

"Think for yourself and let others enjoy the privilege of doing so too."

Voltaire

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