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Staff Reports

KINSTON -- The ECU Privateers hosted a "Purple Pirate Party" on Aug. 20 for residents of Caswell Development Center, a state-funded residential center for adults in Eastern North Carolina who have mental retardation and other developmental disabilities.

Over 80 Caswell residents participated in the event, which included pirate bowling, pin the eye-patch on the pirate and treasure chest prize drawings.

The Privateers is composed of students in the health psychology doctoral program at ECU. The service group was created in 2008, and has in the past hosted events such as "Alex's Lemonade Stands" to raise money for pediatric cancer research, and participated in Relay for Life.

The organization will be holding more service projects throughout the 2009-2010 school year.

Graphic video uncovers alleged animal abuses at Iowa hatchery

Staff Reports

SPENCER, Iowa -- Mercy for Animals, a non-profit animal advocacy organization based in Chicago posted a YouTube video exposing the cruel treatment of chicks in a hatchery owned by Hy-Line International, Saturday.

The graphic footage, captured by a member of Mercy for Animals on hidden-camera, shows chicks being thrown carelessly into bins and processed alive through a grinder.

According to the Associated Press, Hy-Line released a statement that said though the video "appears to show an inappropriate action and violation of our animal welfare policies," the "instantaneous euthanasia" method used to kill male chicks with a grinder is standard practice in the egg laying industry and is supported by the animal veterinary and scientific communities.

The AP reported that Mitch Head, spokesperson for United Egg Producers, said, "If someone has a need for 200 million male chicks, we're happy to provide them to anyone who wants them. But we can find no market, no need."

A link to the video can be found on the ECUNews Twitter page.

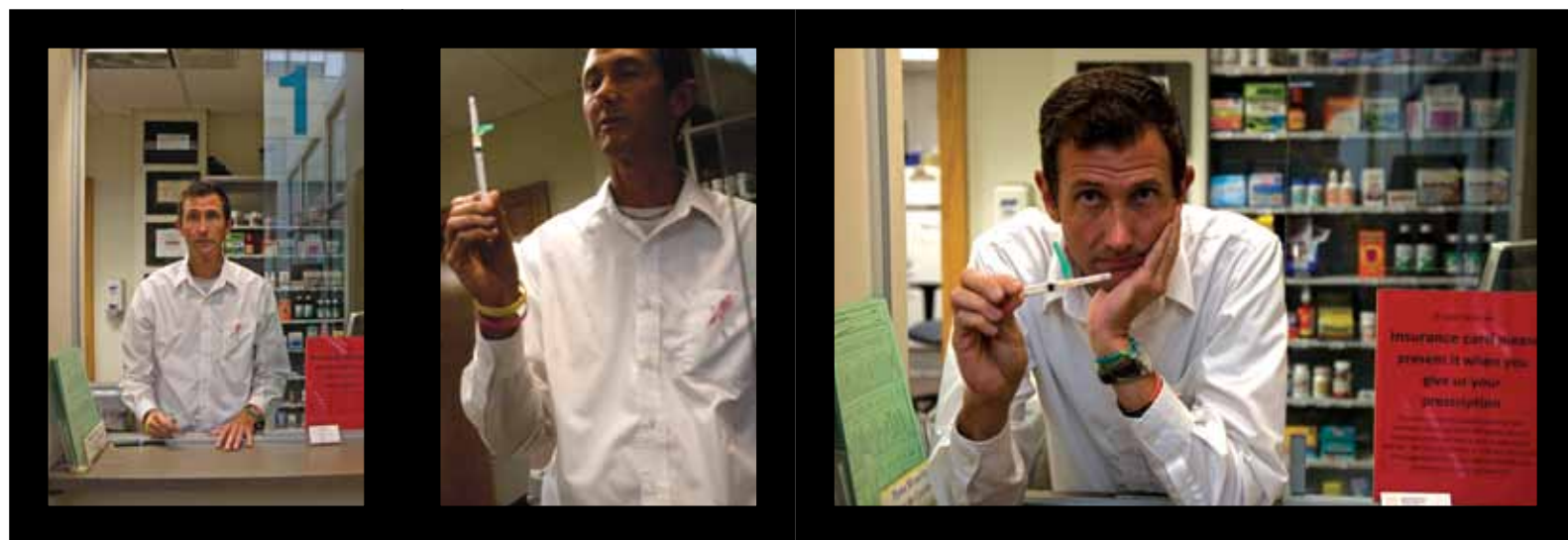
WEB POLL

POLL QUESTION

Do you predict the swine flu will have a major effect on ECU's campus?

Yes.
No.
I hope not.

Submit your response online at theeastcarolinian.com



Pharmacist Greg Morris displays the flu vaccine at Student Health after supervising vaccinations yesterday. The vaccines will be administered again today from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Wright Plaza.

Health officials, CDC set guidelines for flu prevention

Emily Cunningham
STAFF WRITER

Students and faculty returning to ECU for the fall semester received an e-mail from Bill Koch, associate vice chancellor of Environmental Health and Campus Safety, detailing procedures to follow should students or faculty begin to develop symptoms of the H1N1 virus or the seasonal flu.

A committee made up of representatives from the Brody School of Medicine, the Student Health Center, Prospective

Health and the Environmental Health Department produced the e-mail sent out to students at the beginning of the semester.

Jolene Jernigan, director of the Student Health Center, said the committee followed guidelines set up by the Centers for Disease Control's Web site, which has posted specific guidelines for institutions of higher education. The committee that decided on the guidelines for this year met in May to begin discussing the necessary safety measures and precautions that

students and faculty should take this year for the H1N1 virus.

Jernigan recommends that students and faculty not make any attempt to attend class, should they begin exhibiting signs of the virus.

For many students, this may be a difficult task, as some professors have strict attendance policies. Jernigan suggested that students who think they have the virus should e-mail their professors to find out what they need to do because they are advised not to attend class.

Jernigan also strongly advised professors to be more lenient about excusing students from attending class.

The CDC's Web site backs up Jernigan's recommendation, and advises universities to "review and revise, as needed, policies, such as student absenteeism policies and sick leave policies for faculty and staff, that make it difficult for students, faculty and staff to stay home when they are ill or to care for an ill family member." The SHC urges both students and faculty

to stay home if they begin to show signs of the H1N1 virus and to stay home for a minimum of 24 hours after the fever subsides.

Jernigan said that the Student Health Center also plans to post a recommendation that professors be more relaxed with attendance policies.

The CDC suggests that universities should not require doctors' notes because doctors' offices may be overwhelmed

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Hurricane season returns to Eastern North Carolina

Robert Creech
STAFF WRITER

This weekend, the anniversaries of Hurricane Katrina and Tropical Storm Danny served as strong reminders to Eastern North Carolina that this time of the year is one of the most intense parts of hurricane season. ECU staff uses their experience in dealing with major and minor hurricanes to address potential emergencies in the future.

According to the Climate Prediction Center of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, this year's projected season has a 50 percent chance of a near-normal hurricane season. There is a 40 percent chance of a below normal season -- and an above-normal season is not likely. These probabilities are mostly due to the effects of the weather phenomena El Niño on atmospheric conditions.

NOAA also says hurricane disasters can occur whether

the season is active or relatively quiet, and residents of coastal and near-coastal regions should be prepared regardless of the seasonal outlook.

In addition to several smaller hurricanes, Tom Pohlman, the environmental manager for the university's office of Environmental Health and Safety, has observed his share of natural disasters and oversaw the university's response to what many called "the flood of the century" that resulted from Hurricane Floyd in 1999.

Speaking with the kind of humility that comes with having a profession that is always at the hands of Mother Nature, Pohlman proudly recognized the response the university put forward during major storms and especially during Hurricane Floyd.

"It was incredible," Pohlman said. "The university sustained major damage, major destruction and a serious situation,

but it quickly brought together an emergency team, assessed damage and threats, prioritized what needed to be done and started addressing what needed to be addressed."

Pohlman said several storms have hit Eastern North Carolina since Floyd, but Floyd was a unique situation because Hurricane Dennis dropped 10 inches of rain shortly before Floyd dropped its own nine inches. He said the administration has learned lessons from both the hurricanes.

For those who have never lived in an area affected by hurricanes, Pohlman gives three pieces of advice: "One, don't make a hurricane a party. Two, prepare a hurricane emergency kit (usually filled with bottled water, imperishable food, a battery-powered radio and other supplies) and three, listen to the university."

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NOAA In Sept. 1999, Hurricane Floyd (shown here) flooded apartment complexes and parking lots in Greenville and caused millions of dollars worth of damage.

Eased drought conditions bring back the water wall

Katherine White
STAFF WRITER

A year and a half after the water supply to the water wall in Sonic Plaza was turned off, ECU officials have come to the conclusion that there is no time better than the present to turn it back on.

According to the ECU Long-Term Water Efficiency Plan prepared by Rebecca Bizzell, Governor Easley's Water System Protection plan was enacted in 2002 with a directive requiring all state agencies to discontinue non-essential water use until further notice.

Although North Carolina Drought Management Advisory Council data shows Pitt County is still abnormally dry, Easley's ban was lifted Aug. 25. This time last year, 30 percent of the state was facing extreme drought conditions.

The decision to restart the water wall was discussed by Bill Bagnell, associate vice chancellor for campus operations, and Kevin Seitz, vice chancellor of finance.

On Aug. 27, weekly drought conditions throughout 64 of the 100 counties across the state were released.

The NCDMAC Web site classified county drought conditions into several groups. These groups include D1, illustrating areas that have moderate drought conditions, and D0, illustrating areas that are experiencing abnormally dry conditions.

Pitt County, which lies in the D0 zone, has been advised by the NCDMAC to "closely monitor their water supply source

for diminished capacity and to take precautions to prepare for impending drought conditions."

The 59 counties in the D0 zone are responsible to carry out three tasks if drought conditions worsen. These counties must review and be prepared to implement their Water Shortage Response Plans at the appropriate time, take part in regional and local coordination for the management of water resources and stay informed on drought conditions and advisories.

Senior Ali Best feels that with no current water restrictions in place, having the water wall running is a good thing and makes the university more attractive.

"I feel that right now while we have all this rain and there is no water limit that it's a good thing to have the fountain running," Best said.

According to Bagnell, the water wall at Sonic Plaza will be running throughout the fall and the spring semesters. However, during the winter and summer months, the wall will be turned off.

Although the cost to keep the water wall in Sonic Plaza in operation was not immediately available, Best feels that the school's funds should go where they are needed most.

"If it came down to spending our dollars on spraying the fountain than using them on something useful, I feel that would not be necessary. It would be more of a luxury," she said.

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Trouble with transit

New transit options include being left behind

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STAFF WRITER

Students are starting to experience the full weight of what the new changes to the ECU bus system will mean for them -- and many are not happy with the adjustments. By now, they know where their classes are and when to be there, but because of the transit changes, many students are concerned if they can be there on time. The major change from the ECU Student Transit Authority came from a decrease of 5,000 service hours in the bus system to adjust for budget cuts. This adjustment was accommodated by eliminating, changing and combining routes along with the times and frequency of service. Some students have already adapted to the change. Senior management major Bethany Mason said that on the first day of classes, she waited three times before she could get on the bus at Minges. She hasn't tried the bus since then, and now she parks at the other end of the football stadium and walks from there. Other students aren't quite so lucky.

Xochil Lezama, a senior merchandising major living at University Manor, has had repeated trouble with the buses this semester. "There was one time there were at least 10 students at the front stop that were



waiting for the bus to come pick them up," she said, "but it was so overcrowded that the driver didn't even bother to stop." Elementary education major Brandy Bullock said, "Now I'm worried I won't even get on the bus." In the past, her only concern was whether or not she'd have to stand or sit. In response to student concerns about how the drivers are tallying those students on and off the bus, director of ECUSTA, Wood Davidson, said that in addition to counting the students on the buses, they "are counting how many are getting left behind (and) ... trying to adjust capacities where they can to accommodate those students that are getting left."

All these changes have come from the 10 percent budget cut that ECUSTA had to adjust for this year. Davidson said they were making shifts based on where they were seeing peak ridership and that some "tough choices, unfortunately, had to be made." The transit authority is responding to the student demand. Starting this week, they have added additional service to 503 Sunchase, 504 The Landing, 505 North Campus Crossing, 508 The Bellamy

and 610 Minges Park & Ride. However, Davidson said students should pay attention to the bus schedule throughout the semester while they continue to review data from the buses, adding that between Tuesday and Saturday they carry 87,000 students. Still, some students feel that there are other changes that can be made, specifically with the timing of the buses. Criminal justice major Matt Wootan, who takes the bus from North Campus Crossing, said, "It's a gamble on when the bus is going to be there." Bethany Lee, a senior communications major, stated that while the changes haven't caused her to be late for class, she has been late to work because of them and feels that they need to monitor the times better, especially when getting students back to their residences. For students wanting to stay current on any changes, ECUSTA has joined both Facebook and Twitter, allowing students to quickly find out about significant changes to the bus schedules. Links to both are on ECUSTA Web site, www.ecu.edu/transit.

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NC sales, alcohol, cigarette taxes now higher

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — You'll have to pay a little more in North Carolina the next time you purchase a computer or clothing, a pack of cigarettes or a bottle of wine.

New laws took effect Tuesday raising the sales tax rate on most goods by one penny and increasing excise taxes on tobacco products, beer, wine and liquor.

Democratic lawmakers and Gov. Beverly Perdue said they had no choice but to raise the taxes to close a budget gap. Senate Republican Leader Phil Berger says the higher taxes will delay the state's economic recovery.

Consumers in 91 counties now pay a combined sales tax rate of 7.75 percent. Nine other counties pay slightly more. The changes don't apply to food.

Indonesia death toll rises

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — A disaster management official says the death toll from a powerful Indonesian earthquake has more than doubled to 32.

Social Affairs Ministry official Mardi says more than 700 houses and buildings have been badly damaged in Wednesday's 7.0 magnitude quake.

Scores of people have been injured.

Many of the victims died when their homes were buried in a landslide triggered by the tremor.

The official Antara news agency reports about 30 people are trapped under rocks and dirt from the landslide in one village.

The U.S. Geological Survey says the quake struck at 2:55 p.m. (0755 GMT) off the southern coast of the main island of Java. A tsunami alert was issued but revoked less than an hour later.

NEWS

Calendar of

September 3

Get A Clue Organization Fair
1-4 p.m. on the Mall

Matt Davis Performance
8 p.m. at City Hotel and Bistro

Off-Campus Student Service Open House
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1704-B Arlington Boulevard

To inform the ECU students and local community about the new off-campus information center, Off-Campus Student Services will host an open house. For more information contact Lucia Brannon at (252) 328-2847

September 4

Freeboot Fridays
5-8 p.m. at 4th & Evans Street
Alive-at-five style event filled with live entertainment, food, exhibits, children's activities, beer and wine garden and much more.

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ECU Women's Soccer vs Stony Brook
4 p.m.

September 5

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September 6

September 7

Labor Day (No classes!)

September 8

Ayden Annual Collard Festival
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TEC interest meeting
4-6 p.m. in Mendenhall room 221
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Last day to apply for December graduation

Classes will run on the Monday, Wednesday, Friday schedule on Tuesday and Wednesday and then will return to the normal schedule.

Study Abroad Information Session
3 p.m. in Mendenhall room 244
For more information contact Brandi Dudley at (252) 328-1937
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Magnolia Belles Recruiting Social
5-7 p.m. at the Taylor-Slaughter Alumni Center
Meet returning Maggie Belles and learn more about ECU's all-female a cappella group.

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this flu season and unable to provide a note. Jernigan also requested professors not expect students to have a note from the Student Health Center. The SHC may be bombarded with students this flu season, and personnel may not have the time to ensure that everyone receives a note.

The letter from ECU's Environmental Health Department suggests possible alternatives for professors, should they be unable to teach in the classroom due to the H1N1 virus. Professors are advised to find an alternative means of communication to teach students. Making course content available on Blackboard is listed as a possible option.

Nicholas Rupp, a professor in ECU's Economics Department, said that Blackboard and e-mail are primarily "ways of

assisting or complementing" his classes, but are not suitable substitutions for a live lecture. If advised by his doctor that he is sick though, Rupp states that he will of course stay home and find other means of lecturing.

Jernigan said that the Student Health Center will be very proactive in getting the message out to students about proper health precautions.

"We will have representatives going to the dorms, sorority and fraternity houses to talk about the steps students can take to protect themselves against the H1N1 virus," said Jernigan.

The SHC will be promoting simple and common preventive techniques such as hand washing, coughing etiquette and the general idea of social distancing to students. The CDC says students should stay home

and undergo "self-isolation" if at all possible. The SHC wants to ensure that should students contract the H1N1 virus, they will be able to treat themselves at home with plenty of rest and Tylenol. The important thing is that students not come to campus and spread the virus to their classmates or to the faculty.

The Student Health Center will be giving vaccinations for the seasonal flu on Sept. 3, 4, 9 and 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Wright Plaza. The vaccinations for the H1N1 virus will not be ready until the end of October. The vaccination for the seasonal flu only requires one shot. The H1N1 virus will be a two-shot series.

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And for someone who is still a little nervous, there are the words of Jeff McArthur, a junior from Greenville, who has lived through many hurricanes.

"I'd say it's pretty much like a normal thunderstorm, but people just blow it out of proportion sometimes. It will rain a lot and the wind blows pretty hard, but nothing too bad."

Much of any person's survival

in a hurricane depends upon personal responsibility, and preparing mentally for a hurricane can be just as important.

"Well, you really just have to be ready to sit and wait for a while. Once a hurricane starts, you might not be able to go anywhere for a couple days and that can get boring," McArthur said.

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Johnston says Palin wanted to hide teen pregnancy

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)

— Levi Johnston, the father of Sarah Palin's grandchild, said the former Republican vice presidential candidate wanted to adopt his child so that people wouldn't know her 17-year-old daughter was pregnant.

In an interview with Vanity Fair, Johnston said Palin had a plan to deal with Bristol's pregnancy.

"Sarah kept mentioning this plan. She was nagging — she wouldn't give it up. She would say, 'So, are you gonna let me adopt him?' We both kept telling her we were definitely not going to let her adopt the baby. I think Sarah wanted to make Bristol look good, and she didn't want people to know that her 17-year-old daughter was going to have a kid," Johnston told the magazine for its October edition, which goes on sale Saturday. Excerpts of the interview were posted Wednesday on the magazine's Web site.

Meghan Stapleton, Palin's spokeswoman, did not immediately respond to request for comment, but has previously discounted Johnston's allegations. Palin has been keeping a low profile since she resigned on July 26 with more than a year left in her first term.

A week after Republican presidential candidate John McCain

named Palin as his running mate, the campaign issued a statement that her unwed daughter was pregnant. It also said Bristol, now 18, and the young man would marry.

Johnston, 19, lived in the house for two months awaiting the birth of the baby, Tripp, who was born in December. The couple called off the wedding shortly after their son's birth.

Since then, Johnston has complained in national interviews that the Palins limited his access to the boy. He's also said he's pursuing a career as an actor or model.

Johnston said the Palin home in Wasilla was not what most people would think.

"The Palin house was much different from what many people expect of a normal family, even before she was nominated for vice president. There wasn't much parenting in that house. Sarah doesn't cook, Todd doesn't cook — the kids would do it all themselves," Johnston told Vanity Fair.

Palin has four other children. The youngest, Trig, is 1 year old.

Johnston also repeated claims that Palin said she wanted to quit and write a book or host a TV show.

When Palin returned to Alaska following McCain's unsuccessful run for president, she was different, Johnston said.

"Sarah was sad for a while. She walked around the house pouting. I had assumed she was going to go back to her job as governor, but a week or two after she got back she started talking about how nice it would be to quit and write a book or do a show and make 'triple the money'."

"She would blatantly say, 'I want to just take this money and quit being governor,'" Johnston said.

He also claims Palin is not the hockey mom or outdoorswoman she claims to be. He said she rarely attended her oldest son's hockey games, and asked Levi how to shoot a gun.

"She says she goes hunting and lives off animal meat — I've never seen it," Johnston said.

Chuck Heath, Palin's father, said his daughter has been out of Alaska for the past month writing her memoirs.

Later this month, the former governor is expected to appear at her first commercial speaking engagement during a visit to Hong Kong to address the CLSA Investors Forum, a well-known annual conference of global investment managers. Bill Clinton, Al Gore and Alan Greenspan have spoken at the event, hosted by brokerage and investment group CLSA Asia-Pacific Markets.

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Dear Jane,

When I pick up the new purple and gold Bud Light cans out of my yard, it kind of feels like an Easter egg hunt... but they're all empty.

Way too many people in Greenville now... and parents leave already! I'm trying to get with your daughter!

I hate the \$20 per month rent tax that the city is proposing!

No love is a hard lesson...

I love you Pirate Bucks... I missed you!

Why can't I park on streets that I pay taxes on?

What is up with all the RED HEADS this year??? AHHHHHHHH

GO PIRATES!!

Thanks STA for eliminating my ride to school, at least the other students can still get a bus ride the bar.

Big things come in small packages, but guys with big trucks generally come with small packages.

I don't play games; I play boys.

City Council closing the clubs? What will be next, Halloween?

Is it me or are there far, FAR too many people on campus this fall? Summer classes spoiled me.

Welcome to ECU little brother! Party time!

I graduated last December and I still read every issue of The East Carolinian online at work. It takes me back to my happy place.

To the primitive who wanted the key system back, this is the 21st century! Thank you!

Dear roommate, seriously, you should talk. I won't eat you. Really.

I've never seen a farm tractor go down 10th. Now I can say I have. Welcome to Greenville. (pronounced Green-vul).

I think nerdy girls are hott!! Sluts are not...

There are some participants in the dance team that need to keep their clothes on during practices. I'm just saying.

Is it wrong that I listen to Heidi Montag's "Body Language" when I'm all by myself?

I'm sorry that I forgot your first name and we had a class together in high school! I feel awful, I'm going to go die now...

So, how bout them budget cuts? Not enough paper to print stuff out? Well, how about we turn in less assignments then? Hmm?...

To the creepy guy in my English class: I saw what you were doing under your desk. Those things should really be done in privacy.

The CB Ninja, Formally known as the NCC Ninja has officially moved into Copper Beech. He was seen atop the roof of the office with his bo-staff.

You know you're a true Pirate when you plan for Halloween in the middle of the summer.

Attention ECU seniors: FAIL YOUR CLASSES! The real world sucks. PS: I'm writing this from work.

To the new Freshmen...that paved thingy with the yellow lines that runs the length of the mall...um...we call that a road...the raised cement thing next to it...that is a sidewalk...pick the right one to walk on. Thank you.

Go green and die of suffocation on the ECU transit system!

The last time I checked, there were no UV rays indoors. Why do people wear their sunglasses INSIDE? You really don't look cool/smart.

So here is a lesson to all you inconsiderate people riding the bus...wait until the people already on the bus that are getting off to actually do so before you decide to bring your big butt on and block the door way! Thanks!

To the girl in the white sundress sitting at the back of the dining hall Thursday at dinnertime: I saw you keep looking at me. You're gorgeous. Say something next time.

Dear front row girl in my classics class... Why oh why must you race to answer every question? Have you ever considered that maybe someone else would like to speak?

There's no feeling like spending \$230 on a "brand new" book and unwrapping it to find that someone's already written notes inside.

To all my fellow Pirate Seniors ARRRRRRGH and welcome to the Pirate Nation Freshmen have an awesome year!!!

I wonder how many underage drinking tickets were given out this weekend.

Beat those MOUNTAINEERS!!!! AAARRRRRGH!!

Is it time for the new season of Gossip Girl yet? I'm dying without it!!

Pirates helping the Pirate Nation

Samantha Hughes

OPINION STAFF WRITER



Several months ago, on Saturday mornings you could find me at a local animal shelter filling bowls and cleaning cages.

It wasn't the most pleasant of duties, especially scooping unmentionables at 8 a.m., but every day I left filthy and oddly fulfilled.

Sure, I wasn't helping people but I felt like I had made a difference.

There are many reasons to help your community.

Several high schools in the state are even requiring aspiring graduates to do several hours worth of community service in order to graduate. The idea behind it is simple: help others and help yourself.

Once I got to ECU, it became more difficult to find places to volunteer. I was in an unfamiliar city trying to juggle classes and maintain a social life. It seemed impossible to volunteer as much as I would like.

But Greenville is not short of opportunities to jump on.

Not knowing where to start can be a huge issue, but it's not as difficult as you may think.

Hospices, hospitals and animal shelters are good places to start.

The local Ronald McDonald House on Moye Boulevard is always looking for volunteers.

Most charitable organizations are run by their army of dedicated volunteers, especially ones such as the Ronald McDonald House. The idea behind this organization is that it is a "caring and clean home-away-from-home for families who must stay in Greenville during their child's medical treatment or hospitalization."

If you can tell jokes to brighten a day, help clean up or prepare a simple meal, it's a great contribution. It's simple, right?

Even if you don't have time to physically show up at the agencies, they are constantly in

need of supplies.

Those organizations that deal with humans need non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies or just donations in the form of gift cards or money. Animal shelters will never turn down kitty litter, dog toys or animal food.

But let's face it: as college students, surrendering free time is easier that parting with money that is often scarce. Sacrificing one Saturday a month won't cut too much into any lifestyle.

And if one organization doesn't suit you, there are others that might.

Urge Pirates to start helping their community.

Volunteering is an excellent resume-filler, almost guaranteed to catch an eye, especially if you spend tons of hours in a particular place.

It's time to get up and do something.

How interesting is watching reruns compared to playing with animals or playing cards with older folks? Not only will your social skills benefit, but perhaps you'll also improve your poker game.

Most importantly, it will make someone else's day. A simple card game will leave them happy for days, break up their sometimes lonely routine and make you feel good about yourself.

You have probably even benefited from someone's donated time and effort.

The U.S. Department of Labor indicated that the average volunteer spent about 52 hours working for a cause they believed in.

That is a lot of time, and unless you have lived a mostly isolated lifestyle, you have probably been helped by a volunteer. It makes your day to have someone do something selfless for you, so why not return the favor?

Volunteering is an easy and even fun way to give back to your community. At the end of the day, it is satisfying and you can go to bed knowing you have made a difference in the Pirate Nation.

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Words of wisdom ... or redundancy?

Stephanie Fu

OPINION COLUMNIST



The standard procedure for applying to colleges is one that many are familiar with.

First, the reputations of schools proceed themselves, which is followed by some preliminary online research. Then, it is almost guaranteed that the next step will be to visit the college's campus to see if it is a good fit for the student. Finally, our family and friends give us lots of random presents and wish us well as we go off into the real world.

So, since I already thought I was in the real world, why am I now hearing, a year from graduating college, the question: How excited am I to finally enter the real world?

Upon further inquisition, I discovered that what my parents and grandparents meant was that I was going to experience the real world of college, namely independence. However, I thought that I had already been experiencing the "real world."

What this real world consists of is the world that models the schedules, routines and

atmospheres of whatever work world the student will live in after graduation.

Larger college campuses, especially those in an urban setting, provide elements of a work world, like the commute.

When graduates begin finding jobs and planning out where they will start a more permanent life with their career, the area where they work will not necessarily be where they want to live. If you find a job in the hustle and bustle of Manhattan, you most likely will not want to live in a small, overpriced apartment a few streets away, unless of course you can afford the ritzy apartments on the Upper East Side. City colleges, like those in New York City, Atlanta and Los Angeles, sometimes require a commute of 30 minutes to two hours depending on traffic if one does not live on campus.

For some of these institutions, living on campus is not even an option.

Even though Greenville, N.C., is not a huge metropolitan city, the bumper-to-bumper traffic is enough to make the relatively short commute from one end of Greenville Boulevard to the other a solid 45 minutes at times.

There are some great colleges that are not in a completely urban area that do not require a large commute, yet they still

offer other advantages.

Not only are graduates going to be expected to work with people from all different cultures and ethnicities, but many companies, schools and businesses require their employees to be able to "embrace diversity."

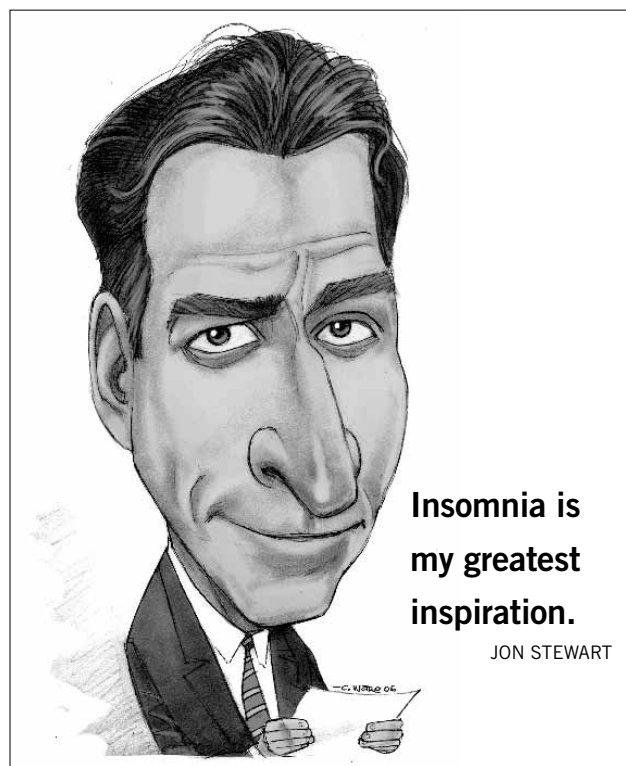
This phrase has been plastered everywhere for the past few years.

I'm sure that students have seen the diversity workshops offered on ECU's campus and on posters throughout dormitories and buildings. I have personally attended several seminars and workshops that were required of me specifically surrounding the issue of diversity.

It goes without saying that the more people you are exposed to, the more experience you will gain with learning how to work with others and how you work yourself.

Although there are millions of other things in the world that I have never been exposed to, I still don't feel the need for this constant and rather juvenile reminder that I will once again, four years later, finally be entering the real world!

So, for any editors at Hallmark, feel free to use this quote in one of your 99-cent encouragement cards, but this little but-terfly has already emerged from her cocoon and is ready to fly!



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Scorpio (Oct. 23--Nov. 21): Everything seems to be convincing you to sign up for a luxury cruise. The deals are stupendous now. Check it out.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): They say the more you learn, the more you earn. Take on a special assignment and set yourself up for a raise.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You're into new territory, so you'll meet the unexpected. Delegate as much as you can so you're not swamped.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A meeting today proves quite successful. You'll clear up some important points and answer a few questions.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Follow through on what you've already begun. The hard part is setting priorities. Just take it one step at a time.



Pirates & Salty Wenches

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Mistakes from last night

Vivian Stockton
SEX AND RELATIONSHIP
COLUMNIST

Fall semester has begun and many of us have one thing on our minds: Having a good time.

College is the best years of our lives and what always guarantees a good time?

Beer.
And what do we want after we've effectively drunk away all our reason?

Sex.
Last weekend I was at a party and I couldn't help but giggle at the very apparent drunken attempts of people trying to screw.

The girls, especially the freshmen, tried to pretend to be prudish in the sluttiest fashion.

Ladies, when you're showing off 95 percent of your body, there really is no point in acting like you're not trying to get some peen. We all know that as soon as you feel like no one is watching, you'll try to hop right on it.

And as for the gentlemen -- you can't help but find those peacocks amusing. The strutting, the boisterous talking and loud jokes with their boys. But as soon as a hot girl approaches, they try to seem so debonair.

I began to watch people

pair up. Couches and corners filled with couples hoping that no one would interrupt while they buttered up their victim of the evening.

As I watched, I found myself picking out the ones who wouldn't be very happy the morning after. Sometimes you can just tell when a person is in for a bad night, followed by a day turned awful once she has sobered up.

It was at this point that my amusement switched gears.

It suddenly dawned on me that, even if I wanted to, I wouldn't be able to count how many times my nights had followed the get drunk-get laid pattern.

This realization got me thinking and I started to inventory all those skeletons in my closet.

What dawned on me next was quite the eye-opener.

It occurred to me that a decent amount of my own sex-scapes never would have occurred if I had had one or five less drinks.

Although some of them were very rousing experiences, I have to admit I've found myself suffering from hook-up remorse on more than one occasion.

If I had only kept my panties on, I could have avoided some

awkward run-ins, hurt feelings or the Chatty Cathys (no matter how funny it may seem at the time, it's truly terrible when you hear from a friend that everyone now refers to you as Wolverine because he decided to show off his battle scars).

I just don't think that Sober Me would jump in the sack with Sober Him.

When I'm fully cognizant, I tend to be fascinated by the intelligent, tall, dark and handsome type. You know, every girl's Prince Charming.

But after a few drinks it seems our standards just fly out the window and we find ourselves getting sucked into:

Exhibit A: The super-sexy-super-smooth-talker who hooks you by telling you how gorgeous you are. Then he heats things up by talking a little scandalously after he knows he's gotten your attention. And somehow you end up in between the sheets with someone who has truly overestimated his talents.

Those are the ones you gotta hope you can get away from before they ask for morning nookie.

Exhibit B: The kind-of-cute-kind-of-alluring friend. You never really noticed the potential this person had until you had your beer goggles secured

properly on your face. Now that she has that liquid courage, she isn't afraid to take the reins and ride you like there's no tomorrow. Sadly, there is tomorrow and all that confidence she had before is gone. Now she's blowing your phone up and trying to make your one-night stand into a regular thing.

Looks like we've got a clinger!

Exhibit C: The WTF-was-I-thinking. He's hot, but he's stupid. He's unsightly, but he was sweet. Or maybe there's nothing wrong with him other than his misfortune in the peen department.

These are the mornings that, once you've escaped to safety, you hope you never run into that person on campus.

Exhibit D: The highly-inebriated-stumbling-all-over-the-place-did-she-really-just-puke-or-pee-in-my-bed. Sure she was easy, but she wasn't worth cleaning up after.

Now you're stuck in a catch-22 -- do you kick her out because she's gross or do you sympathize and try to act like you aren't as appalled as you truly are?

And, I don't know about you, but nothing starts me off to a shoddy day like waking up next to my mistake while

suffering from the hangover I procured from a previous night of heavy drinking.

Honestly, I can't fathom why we constantly put ourselves in these ridiculous situations. Was the terrible sex really worth the even worse morning?

I suppose it is true that alcohol makes everything better, but eventually the affects of the drinks wear off and reality kicks you hard in the groin.

My words of advice, if you insist on conducting such mating rituals: Have a getaway plan securely in place before you get stuck.

I found that never taking people home works the best.

Make your home your safe haven because you never know if the other person is feeling as unsatisfied as you, and who wants to be the jackass who has to kick someone out?

If someone is really trying to hump, he will find a place to get the job done; you don't have to open yourself up to the chance of being stuck in an awkward situation you can't dip out on. Not to mention, your mistake now knows where you live!

Remember, "Easy U" is not as easy as you think.

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American car horns beep in the tone of F.

There are twice as many kangaroos in Australia as there are people. The kangaroo population is estimated at about 40 million.

The Australian \$5 to \$100 notes are made of plastic.

The average person makes about 1,140 telephone calls each year.

Stressed is Desserts spelled backwards.

If you had enough water to fill one million goldfish bowls, you could fill an entire stadium.

Mary Stuart became Queen of Scotland when she was only six days old.

Flying from London to New York by Concord, due to the time zones crossed, you can arrive two hours before you leave.

You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching TV.

A lion's roar can be heard from five miles away.

The citrus soda 7-UP was created in 1929; "7" was selected because the original containers were 7 ounces. "UP" indicated the direction of the bubbles.

Canadian researchers have found that Einstein's brain was 15 percent wider than normal.

The average person spends about two years on the phone in a lifetime.

The first product to have a bar code was Wrigley's gum.

In ancient Rome, it was considered a sign of leadership to be born with a crooked nose.

A 41-gun salute is the traditional salute to a royal birth in Great Britain.

The bagpipe was originally made from the whole skin of a dead sheep.

Revolvers cannot be silenced because of all the noisy gasses that escape the cylinder gap at the rear of the barrel.

Liberace Museum has a mirror-plated Rolls Royce, jewel-encrusted capes and the largest rhinestone in the world, weighing 59 pounds and almost a foot in diameter.

A car that shifts manually gets two miles more per gallon of gas than a car with automatic shift.

The highest point in Pennsylvania is lower than the lowest point in Colorado.

The United States has never lost a war in which mules were used.

Children grow faster in the springtime.

On average, there are 178 sesame seeds on each McDonald's BigMac bun.

Paul Revere rode on a horse that belonged to Deacon Larkin.

The Baby Ruth candy bar was actually named after Grover Cleveland's baby daughter, Ruth.

Minus 40 degrees Celsius is exactly the same as minus 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

Clans of long ago that wanted to get rid of unwanted people without killing them used to burn their houses down -- hence the expression "to get fired."

Nobody knows who built the Taj Mahal. The names of the architects, masons and designers that have come down to us have all proved to be latter-day inventions, and there is no evidence to indicate who the real creators were.



ROSS GORDON | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

New band director Dr. John Franklin helps prepare the band for season opener against App State

New band director prepares Marching Pirates for Saturday's

Alexandra O'Halloran
STAFF WRITER

It's the beginning of a new school year and ECU's marching band is getting ready for a new season of performances at the university's home football games -- with a new band director, John Franklin.

Franklin, who has been in Greenville for less than a month, is working hard to prepare the band, made up of 225 members, for the opening game against Appalachian State this Saturday. The new director, who previously worked at the University of West Georgia as the director

of athletic bands, said he jumped at the opportunity to work for ECU.

Unfortunately, Franklin did not meet the majority of the band members until Aug. 19, with the exception of several of the students in leadership positions in the band who he met earlier this summer.

Sophomore Melissa Mingoski who is a fan of the Marching Pirates thinks it is unfortunate that the band director was not hired sooner, but hopes the band will be prepared.

Once the new director arrived in Greenville, the band began regular practices. Frank-

lin claimed that he began by reviewing fundamentals during the first part of band camp.

Franklin is currently holding two-hour practices every week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday until this Saturday to make sure the band is ready.

Nevertheless, the band will simply be "perfecting what they already know" at the remaining practices before the opening game, according to senior Tremayne Smith, who serves as the head drum major for the band. Smith went on to add that the band is anxious and excited for the game against Appalachian State, but he is not stressed

because "[the band] has a good work ethic."

Smith also added that the practices are the same as they have always been, with the exception that Franklin offers incentives, such as the ability to come to practice a few minutes late if the section does a good job on a certain day.

ECU sophomore Alicia Legrande is looking forward to hearing the band at the opening game and feels that the band brings a lot to the atmosphere of football games. "The band is important because it excites the crowd and makes the environment more intense."

Legrande also added that she hopes that the band will learn increasingly popular songs that will get the crowd's attention.

Franklin seems to be in complete agreement as the band's first half-time show will be a tribute to '80s hair bands, such as AC/DC and Van Halen, in an attempt to play some different kinds of music.

Franklin is not worried about being prepared for the upcoming football games or futures performances. "We will be ready," he said.

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Josh Martinkovic, Tremayne Smith, Brad Congleton, and friends pose outside of the new SGA office

Mendenhall gives new definition to Pirate pride

Amanda Barnes
STAFF WRITER

Mendenhall is a major facility utilized by many students on campus. From watching a movie at the Hendrix Theater, getting tickets for the football games or playing some pool, Mendenhall has it all. Recently, the beloved Mendenhall Student Center has undergone a plethora of renovations to revamp its look and feel for students. Some of the changes have been made to the Pirate Underground area, the bowling alley, the SGA office and other areas throughout the building.

Jake Hines, a student employee at the Pirate Underground Billiards area of Mendenhall, stated that over the summer, the television and arcade areas were switched around to provide a more inviting feel to the room. The pool tables were recently re-felted as well as re-leveled for a regional pool tournament last semester. He also discussed that since Mendenhall as a whole has been renovated, people seem to be coming to the billiards area much more often.

After speaking of the Pirate Underground Area, Hines spoke about a few changes made to the

Bowling Alley. Scoring systems were redone from 15 years ago, to make a more up-to-date bowling experience. The alley itself was re-painted in ECU's purple and gold, to make it more school spirited. Lanes were all re-serviced to make sure they were level and working properly. The seats that surround the bowling lanes were made much more comfortable, as well as huge plasma televisions, to make looking at the score much more pleasing to the eye. In the past, students who bowled together had to pay on one check and split the cost. Now, every person can pay separately, which makes it much more simple when a member of the party has to leave early.

The SGA office was also noticeably revamped and renovated. One of the most obvious renovations to the SGA office is the metal letters above the door, with the words "Student Government Association." In the past, the only indication a student had for walking into the SGA office was white letters on the glass window, which were very hard to see. Partitions separating the SGA members' desks were also given a new look, being shorter than last

year to provide more openness to students walking in from the outside. The office was also given a fresh coat of yellow paint, a theme that seemed to occur throughout all of Mendenhall. The paint is in true Pirate fashion, being ECU's school colors. Comfortable purple chairs and two computers have also made an appearance in the office, offering a lounge area for students who are coming in to the office. A meeting area was added for workshops or meetings with administrators. Vice President Brad Teasley then revealed the secretary's desk, which was backed up in order to provide a more controlled flow of traffic from students walking in and out of the office. Before, a student could walk directly in the office and straight back to where the SGA had meetings, but now the secretary's desk is used as a barrier, so that students or faculty do not walk in the middle of an important discussion.

One of the most important changes to the SGA office was the moving of the Wall of Presidents to inside the office. It was originally in a different room, but the members of the SGA

Bob 93.3 holds pool party with North Campus Crossing



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Parmalee performs at the North Campus Crossing pool party last Saturday.

Paula Ryland
STAFF WRITER

On Saturday, Aug. 29, Bob 93.3 hosted a back-to-school bash entitled Barefoot at the Pool at North Campus Crossing. The pool party, which lasted from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., was free as well as exclusive to residents of North Campus Crossing and friends of Bob 93.3. Guenn, from the hit morning radio show "The Ace & TJ Show," hosted the event.

Guest performances included Thriving Ivory, Jessie James, Stretch and Parmalee.

Before coming to town for the show, Bret Cohune from Thriving Ivory stated, "We're looking forward to playing. Come out and see us! If you haven't seen us before, it's fun, and if you have seen us before, we promise to rock your socks off again, so come on out."

In a conversation with Guenn, she mentioned how much she was looking forward to the event and visiting Greenville, saying she had not been back here since she had

moved back to Charlotte after graduation from ECU. Her thoughts on the event: "... getting to go to a 'pool party' thrown by a radio station where you can hang out with your neighbors, enjoy the beautiful weather and hear national recording acts is just what makes ECU so great."

Adam Whitehead, NCC resident said, "It was a great time. Good event. Great way for people to get to meet each other and make friends at school, share good times and get together and drink a little."

Resident Nolan Allen added, "It was pretty awesome. There were a lot of hot drunk girls. Jessie James was hot and she was wearing a hot dress."

Property Manager Sarah Brock said, "We believe around 1,200 people came through the gate at different times throughout the day. There were probably only 500 to 600 people at any given time in the pool area."

Brock went on to add that North Campus Crossing hoped to make Barefoot at the Pool an annual event.

decided it would be much more fitting to have all of the pictures in the room. Teasley said, "The main thing we wanted to change was to make the office a more open atmosphere for students, so that we are not just tucked away in a corner."

Other changes were also made, not necessarily in the form of renovations, but re-uses. Because of the budget crisis that is overtaking the state, as well as the huge freshmen class that began attending ECU this year,

the Hendrix Theater is now being used as a Biology classroom, fitting almost 500 students. A few COAD classes are also meeting in the Student Center.

Throughout Mendenhall, rooms are being used not only as classrooms, but also for meeting places for clubs and other organizations. The rooms can be reserved for these meetings if Mendenhall is called ahead of time. Another noticeable renovation was also made to the eating area known as the 360. The area

used to have a pizza/breadstick area, which has now been taken out to provide a less cluttered area. The snack areas have also been moved around to provide a much easier way to grab a snack and go.

Mendenhall is open for students Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 12 a.m. and on the weekends from 12 p.m. to 12 a.m.

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'L.A. Candy' book review

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"L.A. Candy" is the first of a three-book installment written by reality TV star and fashion designer Lauren Conrad. The novel, which has appeared consistently on the New York Times best-seller list since its June 2009 release, is quickly becoming a fan favorite.

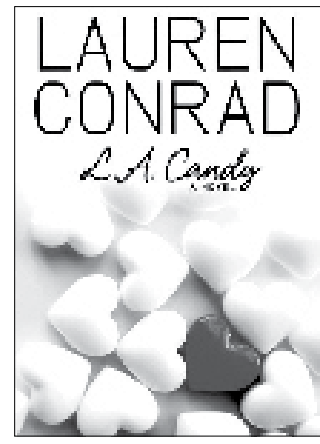
Conrad began her reality TV career on MTV's "Laguna Beach" in 2004 and later starred in her own show, "The Hills," which premiered in 2007. "The Hills" followed Conrad as she moved to Los Angeles to begin a prestigious and high-profile internship.

And since that is basically what Conrad's book is about, give or take a few "creative" differences, fans of the show should love "L.A. Candy."

"L.A. Candy" is the story of Jane Roberts, a sweet and innocent 19-year-old beauty who is moving to L.A. with her "gorgeous brainiac" best friend, Scarlett.

After only a few nights in Los Angeles, "PopTV" producer, Trevor Lord, discovers the two in one of the city's most popular nightclubs. Immediately, the producer realizes the two girls would be perfect for his new reality show, "L.A. Candy."

And just like that, Jane and



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"The Hills" star Lauren Conrad gives readers a behind-the-scenes look of a reality show.

Scarlett's lives change forever. No more waiting in lines at clubs, no more shabby apartments and no more privacy.

On the first night, the two girls are miked up and set to film; Jane and Scarlett meet their costars at yet another nightclub. Completing the cast of Lord's new reality show is Madison, who is described as the "spoiled, rich heiress" and Gaby, the "loveable ditz."

Of course there are problems along the way, including demanding bosses, boy troubles and backstabbing friends.

However, these mundane

and predictable conflicts make this book extremely forgettable. It is evident that this book will not make money based solely on its literary content. The name "Lauren Conrad" plastered across the cover is the largest selling feature this book has to offer.

The characters, with the exception of Jane, are unfortunately flat and do not leave a lasting impression. Despite being one of the main characters of the book, readers are left knowing only a few details about Scarlett. She's sarcastic, smart and "exotic, but not too exotic" and that's about it.

However, fans of Conrad's reality career may excuse her downfalls as an author because "L.A. Candy" does provide readers with a behind-the-scenes look of the production of a reality TV show. Readers also might delight in deciphering who is who, as all the characters in "L.A. Candy" have been presumably inspired by the real cast of "The Hills."

Despite its downfalls, "L.A. Candy" is a relaxing, easy read. It will probably not leave readers on the edge of their seats nor hungry for more, but at least it is mildly entertaining.

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Keys to the Game

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going to be successful on Saturday, they will have to establish the line of scrimmage on the offensive and defensive side of the ball. ECU has a clear advantage in size and they have to dominate the line if they are going to defeat Appalachian State.

2. Keep the quarterback in the pocket: Another key for ECU is containing the Mountaineers starting quarterback, whether it is Armanti Edwards or DeAndre Presley, both quarterbacks are elusive and the Pirates defense needs to keep them in the pocket and force whoever the starter is to beat them through the air.

3. Limit turnovers: The key to any football game is limiting turnover and the same holds true for Saturday's matchup. If the Pirates can limit their turnovers, that will give them a huge edge versus the Mountaineers.

1. Prevent big plays: ECU will have many playmakers on the field at one Saturday, Appalachian State's



2. Get the ball to the outside: The main advantage Appalachian State will have coming into the season opener is their speed. Whether it is a quarterback, running back or wide receiver, the Mountaineers have got to get to the outside and in space so they can display their speed.

3. Stop the run: With ECU's depth at running back, the Pirates will likely try and pound the ball versus a smaller Appalachian State team. If the Mountaineers can prevent the Pirates from gaining huge amounts of yards on the ground, this will give Appalachian State a huge advantage.

They Said it...

"We're excited to have the opportunity to open the season at home with the excitement, enthusiasm and energy in Dowdy-Ficklen. It ought to be a great atmosphere.

It's a game that is past overdue and we're excited to be a part of the rivalry again." "I think this football team is excited about playing and playing App. State. I think it's a great rivalry game for the state of North Carolina." -ECU head coach Skip Holtz

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ECU prepares for role-reversal in season opener



The Pirates will square off against the Mountaineers for the first time since 1979 this weekend. ECU holds a 30-2 all-time record against FCS schools since 1978.

Pirates set to renew rivalry with Appalachian State

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With kickoff only two days away, the ECU football team is preparing to embark on the 2009 season with a fresh identity and the revival of an old rivalry against Appalachian State.

The Mountaineers will make the cross-state journey to Greenville for the first time since Nov. 4, 1978.

The former Southern Conference opponents have squared off 29 times since 1932, with ASU leading the overall series 19-10.

"We're excited to have the

opportunity to play Appalachian State and renew this in-state rivalry," ECU head coach Skip Holtz said. "There is some history and tradition here with the two schools."

The Pirates will look to shrink the deficit this Saturday against the Mountaineers, but the win will not come easily as the three-time FCS National Champions have become notorious for derailing their larger FBS opponents.

Most notably, in 2007 when ASU defeated then No. 5 Michigan, in Ann Arbor 34-32.

ECU, who has also been dubbed as a "giant killer," for its last season wins over No. 17 Virginia Tech and No. 8 West Virginia, will now find itself in a role reversal against ASU, as they

have become the "giant."

Due to the successful 2008 season, the Pirates will no longer be able to fly in under the radar. The reigning Conference USA champions bring in a veteran roster that will be well studied by the opposition.

Taking on this new role of being the hunted rather than the hunter will be the largest challenge for the talented ECU squad this season.

The much-anticipated meeting between ECU and ASU gained an entirely new element of suspense as the Mountaineers senior quarterback Armanti Edwards injured his right foot in a lawn-mowing accident Aug. 5.

Appalachian State released an update that Edwards took on a full load at Monday's prac-

tice, but there has still been no confirmation on how healthy Edwards is or whether he is going to play in Saturday's game. The official status for Edwards is questionable.

"At this point, I don't know if he's going to play or not," Holtz said. "We're not getting ourselves tied up into whether he will play because I think this football team is much more than just Edwards."

Whether the Mountaineers start Edwards, or choose from the two backup quarterbacks DeAndre Presley and Travaris Cadet, there will be the threat of an athletic mobile quarterback running a multiple spread offense.

"We are expecting an athletic quarterback regardless of which one that is," Holtz said.

Appalachian State is known for its explosive, fast-paced offense, but the other side of the ball should not be overlooked. The Mountaineer defense will play a strong man-to-man game, anchored by two superb linebackers Jacque Roman and D.J. Smith.

"Those two are active, physical, tough and run hard," Holtz said. "They make a lot of plays and are all over the field."

Appalachian State's defensive backfield also offers some talent from free safety Mark LeGree who tallied 10 interceptions last season.

"They're a very athletic defensive group and I think we're going to have our hands

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Dodge set to face former team



After transferring from Appalachian State in 2006, Matt Dodge has made his mark kicking for the Pirates. Dodge's play last season earned him a spot on the Ray Guy watch list given to the nation's best punter.

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It would seem that if anyone had a personal stake in the Appalachian State and ECU game this Saturday it would be Matt Dodge, ECU's senior punter from Morehead City.

Around this time four years ago, Dodge was gearing up for his first game as the first-string punter as a freshman at Appalachian State.

He would go on to win a national championship with that team, booting a then career-best 55-yarder in the national title game.

Although he loved being part of a championship team, he felt it was time to move on.

"I prayed a lot about it," Dodge said. "I just felt like Appalachian wasn't the right place for me."

Dodge ultimately decided to transfer to ECU in 2006 but was not a part of the football program.

In 2007, he went out for the team and won the starting punting position; the role he has held ever since.

In his time at ECU, he has shown noticeable improvement every season, coming so far as to be named to several 2009 preseason all-conference lists as well as the Ray Guy Award watch list, which is presented to the top punter in college football at the end of every season.

"It was a great honor to be put on the list," Dodge said. "Ray Guy is the greatest punter to ever play the game and the first punter to be picked in the first round of the (NFL) draft. It is very humbling."

The respect Dodge has for Guy is apparent when you talk to him.

Between his freshman and sophomore years at West Carteret High School, Dodge attended Ray Guy's punting camp.

"I was there and I just told myself, I'm going to be winning that award some day," Dodge recalled. "To be in this position

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ECU soccer comes back to take down VCU, 2-1

Staff Reports

After falling behind 1-0 less than five minutes into the second half, the ECU soccer team responded with two quick goals to defeat Virginia Commonwealth 2-1 at Bunting Field on Friday afternoon in the season-opening game for both teams. Senior tri-captain Jessica Swanson netted the game-winning goal at 60:47 into the contest after freshman Rachel Wechsler had the tying goal just over five minutes earlier. The triumph marks the third straight year in which the Pirates have won their first game of the season.

With the victory, ECU's program record is now at .500 for just the second time, at 131-131-30.

The only other time the soccer program was at .500 was before last season's Conference USA Championship Game, which ECU lost to Memphis 4-1.

"The thing I'm most happy about tonight is that we came back after being down 1-0 to a very good VCU team," head coach Rob Donnenwirth stated. "After they scored their goal, we were able to turn on the pressure. I thought our forwards played well and were causing VCU some problems and our goalkeepers also did a nice job."

In the first half, the teams combined for just six shots, with the Pirates taking five of them. Azania registered the only shot for VCU at the 27:30 mark, but ECU's starting goalkeeper, Jen Kurowicki, made the save. Amanda Malkiewicz and Chrissy Gratz took two shots apiece in the half for ECU while Wechsler tallied the other. The Pirates' best scoring chance in the opening period came 20 minutes in, when Malkiewicz broke loose but was stopped by VCU keeper Kate Hudson.

The Rams started fast in the second half, taking two close-in shots just two minutes into the frame. ECU goalie Berit Hansen, who started the second half in place of Kurowicki, stopped a shot by Jasmine Riley and then received some help from the goal post when VCU hit it trying to stuff home the rebound. Hansen stopped Riley again just over two minutes later, but this time Riley collected her own rebound and sent it past Hansen to put the Rams up 1-0 at 49:30.

ECU did not wait long to respond, as 5:50 later Wechsler scored her first career goal, knocking in a rebound off a shot from Malkiewicz. Gratz was also credited with an assist on the goal.

"Rachel Wechsler covers a lot of ground and passes very well," Donnenwirth said. "She had her goal and then the assist on Swanson's game-winner. A great job by a freshman."

After the Wechsler goal, the offense continued as Swanson received Wechsler's throw-in and headed the ball past Hudson for the game-winner at 60:47. The goal was the fifth game-winner in Swanson's career.

The defense took over from there, as it held the Rams without a shot after Riley's goal. Hansen picked up the win, the first of her career, in goal for the Pirates as she made two saves.

The Pirates now have nine days off before heading to Boiling Springs to face Gardner-Webb at 2 p.m. on Aug. 30. Last season in Greenville, ECU downed the Bulldogs 2-0 in the first-ever meeting between the two programs.

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at all just shows how much God has blessed me.”

In order for Dodge to have a shot at the award, he will have to prove he is capable of getting the job done on a consistent basis.

There were times last season where he could be hit or miss, unleashing a perfect punt on one play and shanking one the next time out.

Dodge is more than capable of booting 60-yard punts but says that right now 45 is the magic number.

“There were too many times last year when I would kick one 60 yards, and then go out there next time and kick it 30 yards,” Dodge said. “I realize now that I don’t have to get a really long kick to help out my team. An accurate 45-yard punt is what I’m concentrating on trying to accomplish every time.”

He also felt that his life off the

field hurt his consistency last year as well.

“I was inconsistent off the field last year and it really hurt my performance,” Dodge added. “I’ve worked hard on simplifying things.”

His position coach, special teams coordinator Vernon Hargreaves, feels that establishing confidence will produce results.

“With confidence comes consistency,” Hargreaves said. “Once he finds that right formula and gets his routine the same every time, he will get consistency.”

Dodge attributes a lot of the progress he’s made up to this point to the playing time he received as a freshman at Appalachian State.

“They gave me the starting position as a freshman and you can’t overstate how important that experience was,” Dodge stated.

He also said it will be exciting

to go out and compete against the guys he used to practice with every day.

With all that being said, he says the fact that they are playing Appalachian State in the opener does not make any difference to him.

“I’m a punter,” he said. “I don’t look at any one game and get hyped. I just go out every game and try to do my job. This is my senior year and it’s time for me to go all out. That’s what I’m focused on.”

Expect a strong and more consistent senior year from Matt Dodge as he closes out his career with the Pirates.

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full,” Holtz said.

For the Pirates on offense, sixth-year quarterback, Patrick Pinkney, will take on a fulltime No. 1 position as Rob Kass made the transition to tight end to fill the void of Davon Drew.

“He has done great and has adjusted well,” said Holtz. “His attitude has been phenomenal. He has worked his tail off and has embraced it and done great with it.”

At the running back position heading into camp the Pirates had four possible starting backs, but Holtz has issued most of the running assignment to Dominique Lindsay and Brandon Jackson.

This season’s defense could

quite possibly be the most skilled defensive unit the ECU program has ever fielded.

The expected starting squad for Saturday’s game is made up of eight seniors and three juniors, all of which are anxious to take on the Mountaineers.

“We are ready as a team,” said senior defensive end CJ Wilson. “We’ve been waiting for this since after the Liberty Bowl!”

Wilson commented that regardless of which Mountaineer quarterback would be in the pocket, he personally would prefer to see Edwards.

“Were going to worry about ourselves,” said Wilson, “but I’d

like to see him play, to give us their best.”

Though Appalachian State is an FCS team, the Pirates have prepared for them as if they were playing any nationally ranked FBS opponent and they do not expect an effortless victory.

This 30th matchup weighs in the favor of ECU as they are 30-2 against the FCS, since joining the FBS in 1978, but let the 2008 Pirates season be a testament of how the unexpected is never impossible in college football.

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