

**SPORTS:** Turn to Sports for a breakdown of ECU's clash this weekend in Chapel Hill against North Carolina in football. **A8**

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**OPINION:** The guys doing construction on Brewster need to not work during class. All I focus on is how I feel like my teeth are being drilled. Once again, brilliant planning by ECU! **A4**

City Council and club owners discuss downtown

**Tucker Middleton**  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Greenville City Council met with local club and business owners Wednesday to discuss the future of the controversial ordinance proposal aimed to cut crime downtown. Dave Holec, Greenville city attorney, made a presentation to the club owners, highlighting the potential effects of the proposal. The proposal will affect 16 clubs within four blocks. The ordinance will further restrictions placed on the clubs over the past decade. Club owners were allowed to voice their concerns about the proposal following Holec's presentation. Many club owners in attendance expressed outrage over the proposal, which they said would put a severe financial burden on them, and potentially even put them out of business. The main concern of local businesses is the requirement to hire off-duty police officers for security from the hours of 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. on peak nights of the week. Councilman Bryant Kittrell said during the meeting that he appreciated the comments he received during the two-hour council session, and that the ideas discussed would be considered during a final decision on the ordinance.

The East Carolinian will continue coverage on the ordinance over the next few weeks.

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## Health insurance to be mandatory for students

**Emily Cunningham**  
STAFF WRITER

When the 2010 fall semester arrives, students will be doing more than just preparing for the beginning of classes. They will also be considering health insurance options. Beginning in fall 2010, all students who wish to attend ECU will be required to have some verifiable form of health insurance. If students do not already have their own or are not covered by their parents, they will be required to obtain insurance through the university.

Some students who are aware of the issue are confused about

why student health insurance is becoming mandatory on campus to begin with.

In response, Jolene Jernigan, director for Student Health Center said, "It all boils down to the fact that people can't afford to be uninsured anymore. We're already serving an area with a low socioeconomic population and with that comes greater health risks." When considering the type of coverage ECU's insurance will offer, the SHC took into account the common needs of the university's population and catered the plan to fit those needs.

Jernigan explained that right now students who do not have

health insurance don't usually opt for the voluntary health insurance that ECU provides, unless they have some currently existing medical issue, because the cost of it is so expensive.

Jernigan recalls one student who had a severe hand fracture, but refused to have surgery due to the lack of health insurance. The student is now living with a hand deformity.

What will the hard waiver health insurance from ECU cover?

According to Jernigan, the insurance is not a wellness plan. It is for sickness and injury coverage.

For students, that means that things like random STD screen-

ing are not available unless there is a complaint. Checks for high cholesterol are not covered either.

However, Jernigan assures that the SHC will find ways to work around the plan in order to ensure that students receive the care they need. Dental and eye insurance will only be covered if students voluntarily choose to add those options to their plans.

The hard waiver insurance will also extend to cover students if they need to be seen by a doctor off-campus. The coverage, however, will be slightly less than if they had been seen at the Student Health Center. In comparison, to the voluntary

health insurance that ECU offers now, Jernigan states that the new hard waiver insurance will actually allow for better care than the voluntary insurance, the costs of which are continually rising. As of now, the voluntary insurance through ECU is around \$1,200 a year whereas the cost of the new hard waiver should be around \$400. Student's financial aid packages will be adjusted to include the cost of their health insurance. However, according to SGA Vice President Bradley Teasley, even though there is an increase in the

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## Remembering Hurricane Floyd



- 3 Schools destroyed
- 6 billion dollars in insured and uninsured damage
- 2.1 million people affected
- 14 public water systems
- 40 failed dams
- 66 North Carolina counties declared disaster areas

source: N.C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety

**Robert Creech**  
STAFF WRITER

10 years ago Wednesday, Hurricane Floyd made landfall on the coast of North Carolina leaving a path of destruction that can still be seen today. Floyd was a category four at the time of landfall and had weakened to a category two hurricane by the time it reached the Greenville area.

The hurricane dropped around 19 inches of rain on the area which compounded above ground after just being saturated by the 15 inches of rain dropped by Hurricane Dennis two weeks before.

This led to flooding in all low-lying areas near rivers -- especially cities on the Tar River like Tarboro, Princeville and Greenville. In all, there were 57 deaths associated with Floyd, 35 of which were in North Carolina, with one being an ECU student.

In North Carolina alone, 7,000 homes were completely destroyed, 17,000 left uninhabitable and 65,000 left damaged. Many of these houses and apartment complexes were in Greenville and were occupied by ECU students -- with some of their foundations still visible near the banks of the Tar River today.

Whole sections of eastern North Carolina were left without power and were left isolated either by floodwaters, downed

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## Examining the Hate Report

**Carlton Purvis**  
NEWS EDITOR

According to a report published this year by the Southern Poverty Law Center, Eastern North Carolina is home to two active hate groups -- one of them located in Greenville.

The SPLC publishes the report to raise awareness of hate groups in the United States. While law enforcement agencies welcome the "snapshot" of the subversive climate, groups that were listed dispute the findings and feel the labeling is unfair.

The results are published annually in SPLC magazine, The Intelligence Report, which provides a list of hate groups active throughout the United States.

The groups are broken down by type and state. The report says North Carolina is home to 30 active hate groups.

Most of them are chapters of the Ku Klux Klan and located in small towns like Benson, Madison and

Mount Holly. But the two in Eastern North Carolina are both black separatist groups -- the Nation of Islam in Greenville and The Israelite Church of God in Christ Inc. in Goldsboro.

Separatist groups seek independence and self-governance apart from the United States government. Both black and white separatists promote complete segregation as their primary solution to racial tension in America.

The Nation of Islam validates their claim for a complete state or territory of their own because of slavery and injustices suffered at the hands of "white America," according to their official Web site. Representatives from Muhammad Mosque 79 in Greenville declined comment on the report's findings.

In a phone interview, Heidi Beirich, director of research at the SPLC, said a group is considered active if it has had any kind of activity in the 12-month period the study examines. This activity includes holding a rally, publishing documents and regular maintenance of a Web site.

"It doesn't have to do with whether the group is violent or not," said Beirich. What does matter is a group's ideology and the statements made by the leaders or on their Web sites. The SPLC says a hate group is a group that attacks or maligns another group of people based on certain characteristics.

"For example, we list The Nation of Islam, which is a black separatist group, because in their official ideology they say all white people are blue-eyed devils... It's that 'all' that we are looking for."

The Israelite Church of God in Christ Inc. believe "blacks, Hispanics and people of Indian descent" are God's chosen people written about in the Bible. Their ideology identifies 12 different ethnic backgrounds that make up the original Israelites. Although they don't consider themselves a separatist group, there is a clear message that non-whites are not welcome.

"If you ask if whites are a part of the nation of Israel, I'd say no," said Maahwar Chaakam.



SOURCE: SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER

Chaakam is a chief priest at West Palm Beach chapter of the Israelite Church of God in Christ Inc. and said being labeled a hate group is an inaccurate description of the organization.

"By the (SPLC) definition, I definitely disagree with that," he said by phone. "We are not a hate group. Everything we preach is out of love -- out of love for our people. When you read what God said and the bible, God didn't love everybody." The SPLC also receives tips from law enforcement agencies -- a practice that resulting in more reports from areas with cooperating law enforcement agencies and less in counties unaware of the report or not participating. Beirich said groups go uncounted if the SPLC doesn't receive information about them.

Sometimes groups fly under

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## Buddhist student group seeks to enlighten



LESLIE BAKER / THE EAST CAROLINIAN  
**Professor Robert Bunker led the semester's first Buddhist meditation meeting Monday.**

**Toni Manfredi**  
STAFF WRITER

Students interested in learning about a religion and other perspectives on life may find it worthwhile to check out the Student Buddhist Meditation and Study Group. Their first meeting was held in the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center on Monday at 4 p.m. The club will meet weekly. The group's faculty adviser, Robert Bunker from the Anthropology Department, said the group has not been active for the past year, but they hope to regain the activism that they had in the years before last. While the first meeting lacked a real turnout of students, hopefully, with the addition of the group's new president, senior Abby Leake, they will have the leadership necessary to bring the group back to life on campus. Leake said meditation helps individuals work from within themselves. Since daily life tends to focus so much to what is on the outside, Buddhism takes the approach of generating that focus inward in order to deal with everyday life. The meetings are not exclusive to just Buddhists and all students are welcome to attend. Leake recommends any student to come that wants to "learn about different cultures and different beliefs." Bunker said students could benefit from the meetings by gaining an introduction to Buddhism along with a better understanding of it, whether they agree or want to adopt it. The first meeting consisted of a 10-minute meditation along with Leake reading the introduction to the Dhammapada, which "has been regarded as the most succinct expression of the Buddha's teaching," as written by Dr. Harischandra Kaviratna in the Dhammapada foreword. Each meeting, the group hopes to continue to have meditation along with a study of the texts of the Dhammapada. Later in the semester, they plan to work on inviting guest speakers. "All the Buddhas have taught one thing: do no evil, do only good, purify your mind -- this is the teaching of all the Buddhas," said Bunker. Such beliefs and the focus on general Buddhism, instead of a specific type, make the group accessible to many students, even those that simply have questions about the religion. The group was originally formed to give Buddhist students and faculty a voice on campus. Anyone that would like to learn more is welcome to attend meetings. Part of the benefit of attending meetings is finding out how Buddhist teachings relate to real-life experiences, as Leake shared with attendants in the first meeting. If you have an interest in learning more about the Student Buddhist Meditation and Study Group, the next meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 21 at 4 p.m.

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Invisible Children will hold its first meeting of the semester Sep. 24 at 6 p.m. at the Tippy Teapot.

The Interfraternity Council has seen a 35% increase from last year in RUSH numbers. The 2009 Annual Fall RUSH will be held September 20-23.

"It's a great time to be Greek at ECU. The increased amount of online rush registrations shows that new students are excited about making the lifelong friendships and commitments to a Fraternity" said Interfraternity Council President, Sebastian.

For more information contact the Greek office can be contacted at 252-328-4706

## Students ticketed for drop-offs

### Staff Reports

Outside of the Bate Building, a worker from Parking and Transportation issued tickets to drivers stopping to drop students on campus.

According to a representative from Parking and Transportation, it has always been a rule not to drop people off outside of Bate, but it was being more strictly enforced to help the flow of traffic through that area.

There have been mixed reactions to the stricter policy.

"I think it's a good idea," said senior Blythe Link. "It (dropping people off) causes unnecessary traffic for people trying to walk to class."

Other students blame the problem on an inadequate transit service.

"More people are getting dropped off because they don't know where to park or they missed the bus," one student said.

## poll results

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power lines, washed out roads or a combination of these factors for a matter of weeks.

Greenville and ECU were no exception -- blocked by floodwaters to the north, downed trees and congested roads to the south, many people relied on supplies either hauled or airlifted in just to survive.

Although ECU is an institution where most of its students and many members of its faculty only stay a few short years, there are still reverberations that can be felt from Hurricane Floyd today.

The buildings along 10th Street that were flooded and partially torn apart have been repaired and mended, but there are still many memories of Hurricane Floyd that remain -- like the memory of Aaron Child, a freshman who died of accidental drowning and was found in the floodwaters near Minges Coliseum.

Tom Pohlman, the environmental manager for the Department of Health and Safety, keeps his share of memories. During the flood, he coordinated efforts between the university with the Greenville and Pitt County relief agencies. Having experienced several major hurricanes like Bertha and Fran prior to Floyd, he expected to see downed trees, limbs and power lines.

"I don't think anyone expected or even could conceive of the damage we had," he said. There was a lot more than downed tree limbs to clean up afterwards. Shortly after the storm hit, Pohlman got a call that "the 14th Street steam plant had blown a fuel line and had spilled diesel fuel all over the street and we had to clean it up."

But when asked what his most vivid and lasting memory of Floyd was, Pohlman said, "Stand-

ing in front of my house [in Tarboro], watching the waters rise and knowing I was going to lose everything."

"But that is a whole other story," Pohlman quickly added.

Unfortunately, it was a story that was not uncommon.

Lori Hoff, a junior who was in the fifth grade at the time, said, "The day after the storm hit, the sheriff came by and said we had 24 hours to get out and we went to North Pitt [High School] to the shelter."

Up until then, Hoff said she had not been too worried.

"I just thought it was fun. My dad would turn the couches over and we would get underneath them -- it was like a big campout," she said.

But after the storm had passed and they were evacuated, "everyone started freaking out -- my whole family went to the shelter." The scene inside the shelter wasn't any better than it was outside.

"Probably a couple of nights later, North Pitt was full of people and cots -- people were having sex on the floor and pedophiles were following little children around," she said.

Along with the challenges the flooding caused, there were the transportation issues and massive evacuations. Then there was the cleanup after the waters receded.

"Indoor air quality was a major concern. In the fall, you have moderated temperatures and air conditioners are not running all of the time so it's harder to get all the moisture out, which in turn leads to mold," Pohlman said.

But the greatest challenges were off campus.

"It completely destroyed our house," Hoff said. "If you walked in the trailer, you could see the

water line near the ceiling ... it was covered in crap -- we had to wear masks. All you could see was brown muddy stuff"

"My most vivid memory was hurricane parties, getting drunk and having a good time -- making the most of it," said Ashley Butler, a 10th-year senior, who was a freshman at the time.

"If I can say anything about this part of the country, we make the most of everything," Butler said. But he wasn't just having a good time.

"We were all slackers, all we [normally] did was get drunk, but we even pitched in to help. We went and handed out bottles of water from Budweiser. I've still got two or three water bottles with the Budweiser label on them," Butler said.

Butler said seeing that city in that state was "really weird."

"There were street signs floating up everywhere from where I guess they had popped out of the ground. I've still got one that says 'Hooker Rd.'"

College spirit was still maintained through everything, especially when the football team returned from a week's stay in South Carolina to play the nationally ranked Miami Hurricanes.

"It was cool that we all went to Carter-Finley [in Raleigh] and we beat Miami and we all came back and we were ready to do something," said Butler.

And the community was always there to help them as well.

"My fraternity was always getting calls, asking if we needed any help ... churches were offering laundry services ... I just remember a lot of unity," Butler said.

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the radar and even groups that are counted may not necessarily exist or be active, but overall the data may still be beneficial to someone looking for general information.

At a city council meeting last September, Pitt County sheriff

Mac Manning presented information on gang activity in Greenville. Of 22 gang sets in Greenville, two were identified as white supremacist.

Neither were included in the SPLC report.

For the full story on the SPLC report, visit News at [www.theeastcarolinian.com](http://www.theeastcarolinian.com).

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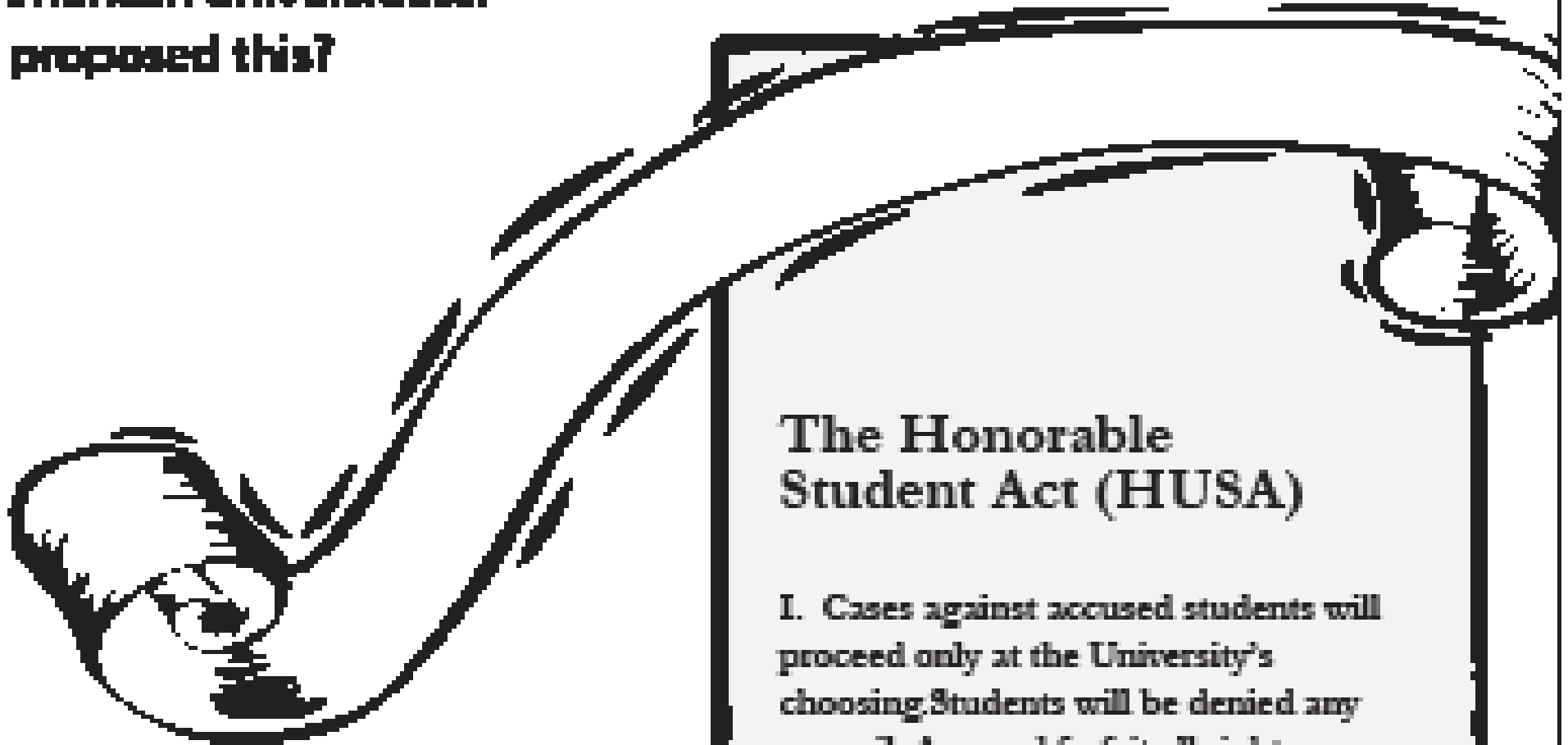
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amount of financial aid needed due to the addition of health insurance costs, the state will not be increasing the amount of financial aid that they will be giving out to universities.

Jernigan does assure that the financial aid department is attempting to find full coverage for the insurance, but there is no guarantee.

Currently, financial aid does not cover the voluntary insurance that ECU offers. When the insurance becomes mandatory, though, students can receive financial aid in order to cover the costs. The only downside to the addition of health insurance to student's financial aid is that it will only increase the ever-rising amount of debt that college students are incurring.

As for student awareness in the matter, SGA President Bradley Congleton states that because the implementation of the hard waiver is still a year off, the SGA has not yet begun any mass marketing campaigns to make students more aware of the upcoming hard waiver. They will begin to do so around the beginning of the spring semester in order to make those students who plan on returning for the next academic year more knowledgeable about the issue.

"On ECU's campus, we've been able to be very vocal about what we would like to see done here," said Congleton.

Congleton states that he has had meetings with Chancellor Steve Ballard, who decided to put off the implementation of hard waiver insurance in 2009 in order to procure more input from students.

Last year, town hall meetings were held on ECU's campus to answer questions that students' had regarding the hard waiver insurance when it was expected to begin at the start of the fall 2009 semester. Jernigan says that the people who took issue against the mandatory health insurance were usually students who were already covered but did not like the idea of forcing other students to have insurance.

Students without health insurance, though, seemed to be more in favor of the new plan. Jernigan states, "It really allows the people without insurance to be on an even playing field with those who already have insurance."

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My jeep has a big "TAKE YOUR TOP OFF" decal on it. I never thought girls would actually do it, but it is ECU after all...

All I see when I look at my Anthropology professor is MOUSTACHE.

To the guy who refused to have sex with my slutty roomie without a condom: Good for you! She would have tried to get pregnant, just like she did with the guy before you.

The University Park bus stop is such BS. You live a block away from campus. Stop being lazy and walk.

RUSH THETA CHI!!! DO IT!!!

To the girl on Friday that asked the ALE to taze her instead of giving her a ticket — will you marry me?

In the girls bathroom stall on the second floor of the communications building it says, "11/21/87- I'm still drunk from last night." Pirates keep on partyin'!

Here's to the stork that brings the good babies; Here's to the raven that brings the bad babies; and here's to the swallow that brings no babies! Couples in class make me wanna yack!!!

Why do I have to pay for an instructor who can't teach? Is ECU just hiring random people off the streets?

Does anyone know where my roommate and I can get a bumper sticker that says, "My other ride is your dad"?

People being loud in the library makes me wanna yell at them even louder like that loud girl in the "All That" Show... THIS IS A LIBRARY!!! (By the way, I'm writing this from the library.)

To the girl who laughed about deformed babies in Psych on Thursday, you're ignorant and really lucky I'm a nice person.

I'm starting a foundation for my boob job. Please feel free to contribute.

I barely talk to other guys because all I can think about is a guy who has probably already forgotten that I exist. Sad, I know.

I wish my roommate would move out so that I don't have to.

Don't you love how half the computers in the Mendenhall computer lab don't work?

If ECU wants to go green why do they leave the stadium lights on every night?

You don't sound smarter when you repeat to yourself what the teacher just said as if you are the only one that knows the answer. It's extremely annoying and I just want to turn around and smack you every time you talk.

I am not motivated to do the work for my online classes. I am pretty sure no one is. If everybody knows this, then why do we have them?

Pulling all nighters for a week straight during recruitment. Totally worth it. YAY new pledge classes!!!

Hey, "radical republican" guy on the NCC bus: You're hot wanna talk politics?

To the two guys in my CDFR 2001 class: Shut up. If all you want to do is chit chat and laugh like little sissies, the door is to your right. Quit flirting with each other.

All the other buses have perfect timing. Why is it that bus 401 purple is the only bus with an effed up route? Thanks a lot! Not.

To my Abnormal Psych instructor: You're a nice and intellectual guy and all... but could you at least make ABNORMAL psychology a little more interesting?

OMG!!! Biology exam this Friday and I haven't learned crap!

I need some sleep, but I have to make great grades this semester.... looks like I am going to be tired all semester :(

Note to Guys: Most girls hate Clingy boys... so stop calling every 5 minutes!

I hate eating alone! Sit with me! I eat at Wright Plaza starting just after 11:50 Monday- Thursday and I usually have leftover pasta in a tub-a-ware container that I microwave there.

I'm pretending this is post secret. I only tell you I'm over you so that we can hangout again. I miss you.

I was sick the other day so I was sniffing and rubbing my nose a lot during class. The guy sitting next to me, in all seriousness, asked if I was on coke. Welcome to ECU.

You know you're an idiot when you walk into an 8 a.m. class an hour late and sit down thinking your 5 minutes early to a 9 a.m. on a TUESDAY/ THURSDAY class.

Why is my Lit teacher so obsessed with SEX? I mean really I don't care if you like it with the lights on or off!



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## Meet my new roommate, Lucifer

**Samantha Hughes**  
OPINION COLUMNIST



Almost everyone has a roommate horror story to tell, from the total slob to the overly popular, friendly types who bring home a different "friend" every night.

ECU has an archaic pattern of pairing roommates: unless you specifically request a certain person to be your roomie, you're going to be stuck with a random person, regardless of compatibility.

When I moved into my first dorm, the only information I got about the person I was going to be living in close quarters with was her name, phone number and home address. Facebook helped me discern the rest.

I got lucky with my roommate that semester — we were rarely in the room at the same time and she moved out shortly into the semester. After her departure, I tried every method possible to prevent getting another roommate. When a prospective roommate would knock on the door, I would think of ways to discourage them from moving in.

However, I did spend a lot of time in my close friend's room, where she had what could only be considered the epitome of a roommate from hell.

She had a voluntarily-untreated case of bipolar disorder. And while the lack of treatment was her choice, it negatively impacted my friend, who had to ride the waves of highs and lows, all with a complete stranger.

If her roommate had an extreme low, my friend was stuck living in the atmosphere of depression. Or if the roommate suddenly got very angry, guess who was nearby to lash out at?

She would later rant to me about how she wished in the stark e-mail from campus living it had somewhere said that her room-

mate had a condition that could change her living situation.

This, I feel, is a good point. While I do not feel like any discrimination is necessary, a nice heads up would have been useful. The option to get another room or prepare yourself for a special-needs roommate would be optimal.

I do not feel like a person should find out about a roommate with something such as bipolar disorder, slight autism or any number of things, the day they move in together.

Even a simple roommate survey would eliminate some of the tension that people feel with a mismatched roommate.

The survey could be done on OneStop, just like the Student Opinion of Instruction Survey. It would take minimal time and would eliminate the drama and hassle of having a complete opposite living less than 10 feet away from you. Simple facts, like how tidy or messy a person is or how much time they spend watching television, could encourage a stronger bond.

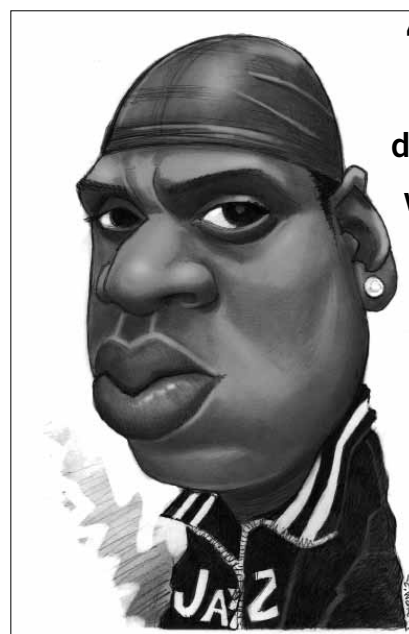
I, for instance, don't watch television and tend to go overboard with the air fresheners. For someone who likes to listen to the TV as they study and leave their clothes on the ground for days, I would be a terror to live with. I would also be unhappy with my randomly selected roommate, who has no similar interests or habits.

When I moved off campus, the roommate survey that I filled out took me all of 10 minutes, because it was a personal assessment. Simple questions about how much I clean, if I party or if I cook were all then matched to a person with similar or identical answers.

I now have a nearly perfect roommate, who moved in with her own half gallon bottle of Febreze. It's a match made in heaven.

I can't say the same for those people that just moved into the dorms and discovered they have their complete opposite as a roommate.

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"I will not lose, for even in defeat, there's a valuable lesson learned, so it evens up for me."

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## A new season for our 'guilty' pleasures

**Stephanie Fu**  
OPINION COLUMNIST



The days after a juicy "Desperate Housewives" episode or a breathtaking new "Grey's Anatomy," devoted fans have a "can you believe what happened" conversation. But have you ever experienced the buzz kill of someone saying, "Oh, I don't watch TV?"

Depending on the tone in which it is said, this statement can be slightly obnoxious and extremely annoying.

One of the main points of television is to entertain. Yes, this great invention has contributed to both areas of communication and media, but so many of us can find instances in TV that we feel relates to our own life.

And for those that bash shows like "The Hills" and "Greek," perhaps they should think twice.

In the new season of "Greek," several clips are played to preview what will be happening in the show for the next several episodes.

The character named Casey is shown quoting to her father, "College ... a lot of drama."

The common denominator for all of these "guilty pleasure" shows is that they all contain a lot of drama. Whether it is drama that is completely pointless and we love to laugh at it or if it is serious drama like a cheating significant other, it is addicting.

And perhaps the addicting ingredient to all this drama is how it can sometimes be all too reflective of our own lives.

We all go through days when we're just in an irritable mood and anything can set us off, so is it all too unbelievable that a huge dispute can be dragged out from your roommate forgetting to take out the trash? Or is it too impossible that real feelings can be hurt if someone dumps her best friend and those who care about her for a sleazy, scheming boyfriend?

Either way, these shows that some are so willing to bash for their irrelevance and pointlessness actually have a real way of affecting the lives of others.

In all social situations there are certain dynamics that will always remain.

There will always be the Heidi of the group who is dramatic and never can be completely trusted. There will always be the Chuck of the group who can be extremely selfish but deep down has his shining moments of always looking out for his closest friends. And there will

always be the Cappy of the group who is crazy and fun, yet at the same time thoughtful and supportive.

However, the purpose of these shows, which is so often the blunt of some peoples' jokes, is to teach us how to handle dramatic situations in our own lives.

Remember when we were little and we used to hear stories like "Little Red Riding Hood?" Of course, it was not written with a Pulitzer Prize worth writing voice or life changing imagery, but it taught us the everlasting value of the advice: never to talk too much to strangers.

So just like these bedtime stories, that have a moral to their story, although not always extremely explicit, there is still something to learn from these dramatic shows. Whether it is bluntly stated with the sultry voice of the gossip girl or if it is implied by the way some of the characters react to situations which makes a light bulb turn on in our heads or completely disgusts us because we know that is exactly the wrong way for us to handle a similar situation.

By watching the examples set by the overly dramatic characters, we learn that perhaps we should resist giving into our own dramatics and learn from the mistakes of the characters.

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 20) Authority figures may now ask for extra input, creativity or assistance. Offer your skills but avoid criticizing the basic concepts of key projects. Over the next few days officials will be sensitive to subtle issues of leadership and group performance.

**TAURUS** (April 21-May 20) Rental agreements, property contracts and long-term finances are highlighted this week. Public discussions will facilitate family agreement and increase home security. Provide clarity, revised plans and new strategies. Loved ones are open to your suggestions.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21) Social charisma and workplace appreciation is on the rise this week. Friends, colleagues and new business officials may now search out your advice concerning group events, team leadership or short-term contracts. Offer predictable responses.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) Loved ones are now ready to address complex home concerns. Family planning or draining emotional triangles may be a central theme. Use this time to encourage discussion. At present, strained relationships will require consistent public attention.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Several weeks of slow home progress will now fade. Relatives or friends may soon push for greater involvement in family decisions. Pay special attention to issues of social planning and privacy. At present loved ones may need to feel validated by the group.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Younger colleagues may this week challenge authority or request special assignments. Social and workplace differences are best left in the past. Avoid acting as mediator, if possible. Before next week underlying tensions and creative proposals are unpredictable.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Over the next few days many Librans will receive a rare glimpse into the future of key relationships. Long-term planning, romantic promises and shared social values are all accentuated. Discuss all insights or impressions with loved ones. Detailed agreement is possible.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Romantic flirtation is now a strong theme. New friends or potential lovers will no longer avoid social invitations or physical attraction. Provide honest observations and clear expectations. Dates, times and schedules need to be publicly discussed.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Creative workplace suggestions will this week trigger fast progress and detailed negotiations. Several weeks of low ambition or vague financial promises are no longer valid. Use this time to establish an improved business role. Key officials will provide new pathways to success.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Delicate group debate or unclear instructions from authority are not easily resolved this week. Encourage patience and find positive ways to share social bonds. Co-workers will study your actions for guidance.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) New friends or colleagues search out your approval and emotional expertise. Complex team assignments or strained workplace relations are accentuated. Stay focused and ask for clear statements of intention. Social sensitivity is now vital for group success.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) Emotional vitality and physical fitness are now appealing. Many Pisceans will soon improve health regimes, sleep patterns or daily routines. Loved ones will be supportive. Use this time to resolve ongoing mood swings or social disappointments.



## Pirates & Salty Wenches

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# Ms. Communal Mattress

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In almost every group of friends, there is "that girl" -- the one who seems to find herself in a different guy's bed each night.

It's almost like she stalks the group looking for her next victim, because she has grown bored with the other five guys she has already sampled.

She's not hard to find either. More than likely she is flirting relentlessly with anything that has a penis or she is doing her best to keep the spotlight on her -- perhaps she feels the need to show all the gentlemen that she has amazing pole dancing skills.

Outwardly it appears that she is well-loved by every man in the group, and understandably so! They know that based on her previous performances, she will be pleasing the peen of one of the group members before the night is out.

And in her mind, she is the perfect guy's girl. She likes to have sex with no strings attached and she couldn't possibly be doing anything wrong because she knows all the guys she hooks up with.

But the sad truth is, she is lying to herself.

She neglects to see that no one takes her seriously and, worse yet, no one respects her.

Regardless of whether they want to admit it, guys gossip -- and sometimes they are worse than females, especially if the topic at hand is who's doing whom. So it goes without saying that if she slept with Tommy last weekend and Dan the next, the two will compare notes. And there is a good chance that those notes will be shared with the other men in their circle. This automatically causes the rest of the group to

either become interested in sleeping with her or adding her to their not-to-do list for one simple reason -- she has been labeled as a communal mattress.

Not only does she lose the respect of the men, but the ladies aren't too fond of her either.

To females, a woman with a free vagina is a threat. She makes things harder for those of us who aren't trying to make a public mockery of ourselves and miss out on snagging the guys that we want. If a man doesn't have to put in any work with Ms. Communal Mattress in order to get the carnal satisfaction he desires, why would he put in the work with a woman he knows is trying to have something more than the physical? A lot of the times, he won't.

And she's despised even more by every woman who dates one of the guys, because the last thing a girlfriend wants to see is a repeat offender -- what if she tries to seduce her man?

So by being "friendly" and fun, which is all she is in her mind, she has effectively gained the reputation of being a slut -- a title that is hard to lose without having to find a whole new group of friends altogether.

Being that I have been on both sides of the fence, I can't completely condemn this kind of female.

When a young woman first comes to college, all she wants is to become accepted. So it's easy for her to pick up the bad habit of sleeping around if it appears to gain her praise and popularity. She's so worried about being liked that she doesn't even realize that she is damaging her reputation and completely devaluing herself.

To her, it seems like she's doing all the right things because all her new male friends want her around. It makes her feel special.

But she isn't special, and when all is said and done and she doesn't get a call to hang out again until there is another party and another opportunity for her to sleep with one of her "friends," she'll finally start to see that she isn't special in the way that she would like.

And once she has become tarnished by the realization that no one really likes her for who she is but merely for what her vagina does, she will tend to detach herself from the emotions and continue on the harlot path as if it were business as usual.

It's truly a terrible cycle and I understand having an itch that needs to be scratched, and I understand that you may not want to be in a relationship, so the only way to scratch that itch is by jumping in the sack with a buddy.

But that doesn't condone making guest appearances in the bed of each roommate, frat brother, football player, etc.

Instead of pursuing anyone who will give you enough attention to spread your legs, just stick to someone in particular -- which can get very convoluted if one tries to change it from being casual, but it's better than sleeping around and later finding out that you're referred to as the group skank. In hindsight, you'll see that it would have been easier having awkward run-ins with one person rather than every male in your circle of friends.

So keep in mind, when you receive that text that says, "It's not a party unless you're here," ask yourself why? Because more than likely, if you've humped a few of his friends, it isn't you who is making the party, it's your vagina.

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

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An estimated 80,000,000 Hershey's Kisses are wrapped each day, using enough aluminum foil to cover over 50 acres of space.

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The color of an egg's yolk varies depending on the hens diet. If you add artificial coloring to their food they will lay eggs with varicolored yolks.

45 percent of every dollar bill you have ever owned has been in an exotic dancer's G-string.

The Greek name for hippopotamus is "water horse."

To prolong the life of freshly cut flowers add a spoonful of sugar to the vase.

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Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.

On average, 100 people choke to death on ball-point pens every year.

The highest wind speed ever recorded on earth was 231 miles per hour.

The WD in WD-40 stands for Water Displacer.

93 percent of all greeting cards are purchased by women.

A person uses approximately fifty-seven sheets of toilet paper each day.

# FEATURES

## ECU Alum battles to save F.A.C.E.S.

Local nightclub  
F.A.C.E.S. Bar and  
Lounge may be  
permanently closed

**Veronica Carrington**  
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Far from the busy streets of downtown Greenville, another local haven, F.A.C.E.S. Bar and Lounge, is fighting for the right to continue to provide an alternative spot for students and citizens alike. The 10th Street Nightclub will no longer be allowed to operate after the Board of Adjustment, the entity responsible for controlling business practices, unanimously voted to rescind the special use permit issued in Dec. 2007.

This decision comes from a long battle fought between F.A.C.E.S., the Board of Adjustment and the Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association; Colonial Heights neighborhood is located no more than three blocks from the club, across a four-lane street.

The issues with the nightclub started even prior to the opening of its doors; Kevin Faison, an ECU alumni and the club owner, has been dealing with the neighborhood association, Greenville police and the Board of Adjustment for over two years. Complaints range from litter and public nuisance all the way up to 26 different noise violations; however, only four of which were actually substantiated.

The residents of Colonial Heights were informed of the clubs coming presence back in 2007 and have been fighting for their right to peace since that time, citing that a nightclub would bring down the property value of that area, increase the crime rate and spawn numerous drunk drivers who would litter the neighborhood with garbage.

However, the location in



Local nightclub located on 10th Street may be shut down in part due to complaints from nearby residents, despite popularity.

which F.A.C.E.S. is leased is zoned specifically for commercial use.

At Faison's initial special use permit review on July 24, 2008, the Board of Adjustment took no action due to a lack of infractions being committed since the opening of the establishment. However, at the second special use permit hearing, the Board of Adjustment imposed regulations that stemmed from numerous complaints from Colonial Heights residents.

The Board conditionally granted F.A.C.E.S. an additional six months to hold the special permit as well as requiring the club to step up security measures and keep all amplified sounds to a minimum. Faison complied with the regulations by reading his own noise levels with a decibel reader, hiring an outside security company and taking on additional in-club security staff.

Nevertheless, Faison has continuously been fighting for his right to be respected as a minority owned establishment.

"With Phoenix you have the 18-and-up crowd so it has become a place for younger students to go and have a good time, F.A.C.E.S. provides a more low-key environment for older students as well as the citizens of Greenville," Faison stated.

Providing a safe and community-oriented environment has been in Faison's plan from the beginning.

By donating money to numerous National Panhellenic Council fraternities and sororities, holding canned food drives to feed the needy, participating in Toys for Tots and having a car wash for an associate who needed a location to raise money for a charity, F.A.C.E.S. and Faison have gone

above and beyond the typical call of nightclubs.

For the Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association however, this is not enough.

In her interview with the Daily Reflector, Colonial Heights resident Gertie Nichols stated, "We're too old for this. I've been so deprived of my sleep and so stressed out, I feared I was going to have a heart attack."

Nichols is a Jefferson Street resident and her home is located over four blocks across the street from the club.

The Board of Adjustment cited detriment to public welfare and public nuisance as their reasoning for closing the club.

However, the fight is far from over.

Faison plans to appeal the decision set forth by the board as soon as possible. Faison feels

that if his establishment remains closed it could lead to a snowball effect for other minority-owned establishments.

Susan Duffy, a senior special education major and former employee of the nightclub, deems all of the uproar regarding F.A.C.E.S. a slightly racial issue.

"The neighborhood is predominantly white. It just seems like everyone is complaining because it is a black-owned business. You can't hear the noise if you are even standing across the street," Duffy stated.

Numerous students have taken the issue to heart and have even created a save F.A.C.E.S. Facebook group and are starting a petition to keep the club open.

F.A.C.E.S. is also located near

F.A.C.E.S. page A7

## ECU Officer hopes to raise money to attend C.O.P.S walk

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Each year, between 140 and 160 officers are killed in the line of duty, leaving behind their friends and family to cope with the loss. For this very reason, ECU nursing student Samantha Murray and ECU police officer Chad Edwards will be hosting a fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 19 at the Campus Store on 10th Street. All proceeds from this event will be used to send Edwards to the Concerns of Police Survivors (also known as C.O.P.S) walk, which takes place in Washington, D.C. from Oct. 10-11. Each participant of the walk is required to raise at least \$1,000 prior to the walk in order to reach the organization's goal of \$200,000. All proceeds from the event taking place in Washington, D.C. will be used to help families suffering from the loss of a family member who was killed in the line of duty rebuild their lives.

Edwards said he chose to participate in the yearly C.O.P.S walk this year "because, not only of the increasing number of line-of-duty deaths in North Carolina, but having the chance to get to know some of the families personally [who have suffered a loss]."

### PIRATE EATS

**Alexandra O'Halloran**  
FEATURES WRITER

As I walked into Armadillo Grill, a new restaurant at 114 E. 5th Street that opened in mid-August, a large sign with the word "Stop" written in bold letters caught my eye. At Armadillo Grill, there is a unique way of ordering. The sign explains that customers need to turn to menu pads and write their own orders before handing the order to the cashier, who will ring them up. Once the meal is paid for, it is just a matter of minutes before a man at a microphone will yell the customer's name whose order is up. The idea of the restaurant is to have very quick service, without being classified as fast food. The food is Tex-Mex, with many options of tacos, burritos, chili and enchiladas, and it is well priced as many of the items range from about \$2 to \$7.

Creed Spriggs, one of the owners of the Armadillo Grill restaurants, said he and his co-owner, Ben Gates, decided

Edwards will be walking in memory of officers like Officer Murray, who was killed on May 15 of this year when his car hydroplaned off the road. Murray was responding to a breaking and entering call when the accident occurred. Officer Murray is the father of Samantha Murray, who is helping host the event.

Edwards said he decided to reach out to Samantha Murray and her family after he realized Officer Murray was a 28-year law enforcement veteran, the same as Edward's own father. "I just could not stop thinking about what she and her sister must be going through and decided I needed to get involved in helping families like theirs. See, my father is a motorcycle police officer and my little brother is a state trooper. Until that day, I never really thought about losing one of them," said Edwards.

Edwards hopes to raise at least \$1,000 this Saturday but added that he would love to raise "twice that amount" to help families currently suffering from a loss.

Murray also hopes to raise a significant amount after C.O.P.S helped her after her father's accident.

"I feel compelled to reach out to this organization [C.O.P.S] after

they reached out to my family in a time of need. They provided my little sister and I both scholarships to attend school and provided support to my mom, my sister and I during the days following my dad's death," claimed Murray. She went on to add she wanted to help Edwards raise the money to attend the C.O.P.S walk because "he attended my dad's funeral, not because he knew me or my family, but because there is a brotherhood among all police officers. He took the time to e-mail me and told me that if I ever needed anything at school, the ECU law enforcement family will always be there to help me."

Murray also added that her friends from home, her sorority sisters of Epsilon Sigma Alpha and many of the police officers from ECU would be participating in the event on Saturday.

Murray concluded by saying, "I never thought I would have to experience losing my dad at such a young age and especially so tragically, but it's organizations like C.O.P.S who make it a little bit better by just doing what they do to help."

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IMAGE CONTRIBUTED BY CHAD EDWARDS

Chad Edwards and his team walk in memory of fallen officers.

## Armadillo Grill brings a touch of Texas to Greenville

**Alexandra O'Halloran**  
FEATURES WRITER

to open a Tex-Mex restaurant because they simply liked the taste of the food. He said they wanted to bring the food to North Carolina, so they did, and eventually the restaurant locations expanded.

The restaurant is also unique because of the way they prepare food. There are no freezers -- the meat is hand trimmed and marinated in a secret sauce and the meals and tortillas are made to order. According to Gary Harrison, director of operations for Armadillo Grill, a common saying at the restaurant is, "The only thing frozen is our margaritas" because the food is made fresh for each customer.

Harrison noted that the restaurants are usually in college locations because they get good business, but he also commented that what the restaurant is aiming for is to appeal to college students and families. "We don't survive on just college students," he said. "We survive on everyone."

That being said, the restaur-



Students Dustin Daniels (senior), Troy Brolin (sophomore), Johnny Simmerman (senior), and Jae Chu (senior) enjoy dinner at Armadillo Grill.

There are multiple television screens, indoor and outdoor dining which can seat about 150 people, an ECU banner, the food is filling and of course, the location is a convenient five-minute walk from campus or an easy phone call away for fast take-out.

This colorful and quick new restaurant is sure to be a great place to dine for lunch, dinner

and sports games with college students and families able to feel comfortable in the same setting. Armadillo Grill is open at 11 a.m. throughout the week. For more information, check out its Web site at [armadillogrill.com](http://armadillogrill.com) or call 252-364-8926.

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## F.A.C.E.S continued from A6

two additional apartment complexes -- neither complex, both closer than Colonial Heights, have complained.

Faison is trying to remain neutral regarding the issue of race and strives to keep the name of the club unsullied in the community. His support of the Greenville Police Department has remained unwavering through this whole matter.

"They are fielding all of the noise

complaint calls, and when they do come to the club and nothing is wrong, they are extremely nice about it," Faison states.

Out of nine incident reports accessed by The East Carolinian, only one was substantiated as an actual noise violation and Gertie Nichols herself reported four of the nine incidents.

The issue escalated to the point of Faison receiving a death threat

from a resident of Colonial Heights.

The unidentified woman stated to Faison, "If you don't turn that music down I'm going to come to the club and shoot you."

This threat is just one of many that Faison has received regarding this issue. Faison hopes that everything can be resolved peaceably.

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## Pirate Briefs



## Keys to the Game

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ECU

## Stretch the field:

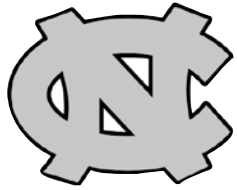
The Pirates offense has looked anemic in their first two games. If ECU wants to change their luck they are going to have to find a way to spread the defense out and stretch the field. Patrick Pinkney and Co. need to establish a balance of running and passing while not allowing the Tar Heels defense to shut down one facet of the offense.

## Play Two Halves:

ECU has only managed to score two points in the second half this season. The Pirates need to put together two halves versus the Tar Heels if they want to pick up a victory in this in-state battle.

## Pressure the QB:

Last week West Virginia's quarterback Jarrett Brown was able to elude the Pirates defensive line. This week the Pirates matchup with a less mobile T.J. Yates and it is crucial that the Pirates are constantly in his face forcing him to make bad decisions.



## Stop the run:

The Pirates have proven to be a run first team in their first two games of the 2009 season. If the Tar Heels can stop the Pirates from having a successful day on the ground this could mean a big day for the home team.

## Establish the run:

Butch Davis's team has shown to have similar offensive woes as the Pirates thus far. Last week UNC only managed to score 12 points in their two point victory over UCONN. If they are going to be successful offensively, establishing the run will play a big role in that.

## Win turnover battle:

Every game hinges on which team turns the ball over less. UNC quarterback T.J. Yates has already thrown four interceptions and the success of the Tar Heels lies on him controlling the ball.

## They said it...

"I'm excited to have the opportunity to play this game. I understand the significance, magnitude and history of this series. Not just on the football field, either. It extends to the way this university has been developed. I know there are a lot of things that makes this a huge rivalry game. I know, and our players know, the importance of this game." -ECU head coach Skip Holtz

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TEC Pick 'Em: Members of staff offer predictions on the week's biggest games.



When the two teams last met, ECU triumphed late over North Carolina on a Ben Hartman 39-yard field goal to give the Pirates a 34-31 victory. This week the teams will meet in Chapel Hill where ECU has only won once (1975).

# Rivalry Renewed

ECU-UNC set to square off for first time since 2007 Pirate victory

John Gage  
STAFF WRITER

The eyes of football fans in the state of North Carolina will be trained on Chapel Hill this Saturday, as ECU travels to Kenan Stadium to take on UNC at noon.

The Tar Heels (2-0), who are currently ranked No. 24 in the nation, are coming off a 12-10 victory over Connecticut last Saturday.

ECU (1-1) is looking to rebound after suffering their first loss of the season, 35-20, at the hands of West Virginia.

The popular in-state rivalry will be renewed after taking a year off the previous season. The last time the two teams met, the Pirates took home the victory 34-31, on a last-second Ben Hartman field goal.

The proximity between the two teams makes this a much-anticipated non-conference game for fans and players of both teams.

"A lot of people around here mark this game on their calendar," senior safety Van Eskridge said. "There is a lot of pride on the line in this game."

Oddly enough, ECU and UNC are two very similar teams. Both teams suffered through sub-par seasons in the past and have experienced a resurgence in their respective programs

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through the hiring of their current head coaches, Skip Holtz and Butch Davis. Both teams also possess respected defenses and offenses that are looking to find a rhythm.

ECU's offense is searching for a spark. They've yet to score in the second half this season, and the passing game has been inconsistent.

The Pirates will also potentially be without starting running back Dominique Lindsay, who injured his shoulder in the West Virginia game.

Perhaps the spark this week-

end can come from Dwayne Harris, a multi-talented receiver who is capable of breaking big plays. Jamar Bryant is another big play threat capable of stretching the defense.

The bulk of the carries will likely go to Brandon Jackson, who has shown flashes of brilliance in part-time use in the first two games.

The biggest question on offense right now is how well the line can protect Patrick Pinkney. He was pressured relentlessly last week against the Mountaineers and the amount of time he

gets in the pocket will certainly be a huge factor.

The offense will face a difficult task in trying to move the ball on the Tar Heel defense, arguably one of the best in the nation.

"They are very talented and well-coached," offensive coordinator Todd Fitch said. The Tar Heels defensive line is their strongest unit, featuring monster tackle Marvin Austin and highly talented ends Robert Quinn and Quenton Coples. They have completely shut down the run this season, allowing a measly 1.7 yards per carry. "Nobody's been able to block them," co-offensive coordinator and offensive line coach Steve

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## TEC Pick 'em: Week 3

Jared Jackson, Sports Editor  
Last Week: 9-1; Overall: 15-5

No. 24 UNC over ECU  
No. 20 Miami over No. 14 Georgia Tech  
Florida State over No. 7 BYU  
No. 13 Virginia Tech over No. 19 Nebraska  
Oregon over No. 18 Utah  
No. 17 Cincinnati over Oregon State  
Southern Miss over Virginia  
Kentucky over Louisville  
West Virginia over Auburn  
Notre Dame over Michigan State

Jeffrey Jones, Office Manager  
Last Week: 7-3; Overall: 14-6

No. 24 UNC over ECU  
No. 20 Miami over No. 14 Georgia Tech  
No. 7 BYU over Florida State  
No. 13 Virginia Tech over No. 19 Nebraska  
No. 18 Utah over Oregon  
No. 17 Cincinnati over Oregon State  
Southern Miss over Virginia  
Kentucky over Louisville  
Auburn over West Virginia  
Notre Dame over Michigan State

Katelyn Crouse, Editor-in-Chief  
Last Week: 6-4; Overall: 12-8

ECU over No. 24 UNC  
No. 14 Georgia Tech over No. 20 Miami  
No. 7 BYU over Florida State  
No. 19 Nebraska over No. 13 Virginia Tech  
No. 18 Utah over Oregon  
No. 17 Cincinnati over Oregon State  
Virginia over Southern Miss  
Kentucky over Louisville  
Auburn over West Virginia

Hart Holloman, Senior Sports Writer  
Last Week: 7-3; Overall: 15-5

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No. 14 Georgia Tech over No. 20 Miami  
No. 7 BYU over Florida State  
No. 13 Virginia Tech over No. 19 Nebraska  
No. 18 Utah over Oregon  
Oregon State over No. 17 Cincinnati  
Southern Miss over Virginia  
Louisville over Kentucky  
West Virginia over Auburn  
Notre Dame over Michigan State

Michael Perry, Assistant Sports Editor  
Last Week: 6-4; Overall: 11-9

ECU over No. 24 UNC  
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No. 7 BYU over Florida State  
No. 19 Nebraska over No. 13 Virginia Tech  
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Oregon State over No. 17 Cincinnati  
Southern Miss over Virginia  
Kentucky over Louisville  
West Virginia over Auburn  
Notre Dame over Michigan State

Addison Harvey, Sports Writer  
Last Week: 7-3; Overall: 13-7

ECU over No. 24 UNC  
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John Gage, Sports Writer  
Last Week: 6-4; Overall: 13-7

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Alex Serkes, Sports Writer  
Last Week: 8-2; Overall: 12-8

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Senior quarterback Patrick Pinkney had a career-day when the Pirates last took on North Carolina in 2007. For the game, Pinkney threw for 406 yards and three touchdowns.

## Pinkney looks for repeat performance against UNC

Hart Holloman  
SENIOR WRITER

Watching Patrick Pinkney practice, it's plain to see how determined he is to make the most out of the sixth year of eligibility granted to him by the NCAA.

He runs through plays and drills with an extra bounce in his step like a player who realizes not only the rarity of his situation, but is also driven by the opportunity to maximize his potential and as he puts it, "Take my game to another level."

While Pinkney and the Pirate offense has struggled in the second half each of the past two weeks, ECU offensive coordinator Todd Fitch can't say enough about what Pinkney brings to the table, especially in terms of his leadership.

"[Pinkney] gives us a sort of security blanket, and a lot of familiarity with our leader," Todd Fitch said. "He's a guy that's been through a lot of big games for us, and I think he gives a lot of security to our guys when

they look around and see a guy under center who's been there before."

Pinkney echoed that observation by saying, "I really wanted to work on becoming a more vocal leader both on and off the field. It's important for me with the experience I have to be a leader on this team."

Compliments about his on-field improvement from last season weren't hard to come by either.

"Obviously with another year of experience he has a better grasp of the offense overall," Fitch said. "Every year, you get more confident and he's seeing things clearer, getting the ball out of his hand quicker and the game has slowed down for him."

With all this talk of improvement from a team that won its first Conference USA title last season, expectations from fans are as high as they have been in years. The coaches and players have equaled if not surpassed those expectations with their own.

Said Fitch about what he expects when his offensive unit hits the field, "We expect to score every time we touch the ball. That's the goal."

But so far that hasn't been the case for the Pirates who looked superb against Appalachian State and West Virginia in the first half of each game, scoring 47 points combined while only being able to muster out two points in the second half so far this season.

Being the leader he is, Pinkney has taken the blame upon his shoulders.

"That's part of playing the quarterback position," Pinkney said about criticism of his performance so far this season. "We lost games last year but at the same time I can't worry about what outsiders say, I have to keep working hard and getting better each week."

So far on the season, Pinkney completed 28-of-66 passes with

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Shankweiler said.

The Tar Heel linebackers are solid as well, with junior tackling machine Quan Sturdivant manning the middle. The secondary is equally stout. In fact, there doesn't appear to be much of a weakness, if any, in the UNC defense.

"They get up field and create penetration," Fitch said of the Tar Heel defense. "They simply stop people behind the chains."

ECU's coaches feel that their best chance to combat the defense is to use the Tar Heels' ample speed against them.

"We've got to keep them off-balanced," said Shankweiler. "That is the key to the game for our offense."

The Tar Heel offense does not possess the experience or depth that its defense does, but it is not short on talent.

T.J. Yates is a solid, but inconsistent quarterback with the potential to be very productive. The receivers and the offensive line are talented, but very young. Both units are still going through some growing pains, as the new starters are adjusting to full-time roles.

Shaun Draughn is a talented running back who rushed for 118 yards in the season opener against The Citadel.

East Carolina's defense has been something of an enigma so far this season. Expected by many to be one the greatest Pirate

defenses to ever take the field, they have shown both moments of dominance and severe lapses in awareness, giving up several big plays to the WVU offense last week.

The defensive line, considered to be one of the best in the conference, has played fairly well, but still has not put as much pressure on the quarterback as expected. This week the line will have to get to the quarterback, and actually bring him down, in order to take some pressure off the secondary, which got completely dominated by the Mountaineer's passing attack.

The absence of injured corner Emanuel Davis and safety Levin Neal hurt, but with both potentially returning to the lineup this week, the secondary could once again become a strong point for the Pirate defense.

With two strong defenses and inconsistent offenses, Saturday's game has all the makings of a low-scoring defensive slugfest.

With bragging rights on the line, fans of either school probably wouldn't want it any other way.

"We just want to go out there Saturday and take care of business," Eskridge said. "We want to be able to call ourselves the best in the state."

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two touchdowns and three interceptions to boot.

While his numbers so far this season certainly aren't that of Pinkney's usual, ECU head coach Skip Holtz doesn't believe the almost nonexistent second half Pirate offense is all his starting quarterback's fault, but admits he has thought about other options at the position.

"Patrick is going to take the brunt of it when the offense is not going well and a lot of the credit when the offense is doing well," Holtz said. "I don't think this is all Patrick. But it's something we've considered and talked about (playing other quarterbacks)."

If there's one thing going for Pinkney this week, it's the stat line of his prior performance against North Carolina in a 2007 34-31 Pirate victory.

In his first career start, Pinkney threw for 406 yards and three touchdowns on 31-of-41 passing.

This week, Pinkney will try to channel momentum from his best statistical performance, albeit two years ago, and use it to his advantage.

"You have to have confidence," Pinkney said. "They have a great team, they're playing at home, so I guess I'm going to have to be perfect. I have to just focus on my job."

Pinkney and the Pirate offense will try to put a complete game together this Saturday when ECU travels to Chapel Hill to face UNC. Kickoff is set for noon.

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**Last Week: 7-3; Overall: 11-9**

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