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ELECTIONS

City Council Elections: Challengers



CONTRIBUTED BY MINNIE JOHNSON-ANDERSON

Mayoral Candidate
Minnie Johnson-Anderson

Occupation: Retired Educator, Radio Talk Show Host, Author
Age: 64

Platform
-Provide a high quality of city services to all citizens
-Create a comprehensive plan for more trails and bicycle paths. We need a long-range plan to connect the east and west.

-Making sure that Greenville is fiscally sound and prudent when it comes to spending the taxpayer's money. We need to plan for the impact of having roads around our city.

-Pledge that all planning will reflect the priorities of a comprehensive plan for a sustainable Greenville.

-Crime will be reduced with a partnership with the police and residents and a Public Safety Commission with representatives from each district.

-Bringing businesses and industries with benefits back to the Greenville area.

-Implement policies to buy local and support local growers. Assist local market development for Greenville made and grown products.

"I am a leader with a proven record of 12 years in Greenville appointed to boards and commissions. I was chairperson of the Redevelopment Commission. I will have an Open Door policy with no appointment needed when I am Mayor of Greenville."



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At-Large Candidate
Zeke Jackson

Occupation: Middle school science teacher and incumbent Soil and Water Conservation Supervisor for Pitt County Government.
Age: 27

Platform
-Oppose ordinances aimed at downtown clubs and bars
-Oppose \$42 dollar per month rent tax

-Will bring back parking on east side of ECU campus creating hundreds of new parking spaces.

-Will work to bring city bus service to areas not served by ECU buses.

-Will work to match unmet needs with unused resources creating hundreds of jobs. This will be done by supporting a farmer's market, micro farms, an energy efficiency upgrade program for homeowners and a micro loan program for entrepreneurs.

-Will bring efficiency to City Government by implementing a four-day workweek.

"Students need a voice on the city council, someone that can advocate for their values. I will be that voice on the council."

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Representatives from Student Health Services explain the 'Guess Who's Got it Campaign' to a passing student near the mall on its launch, Sept. 14. Since then, SHS has tested over the amount of students the grant provided for.

Student Health wraps up STD campaign

Emily Cunningham
STAFF WRITER

The "Guess Who's Got It" Campaign, started by the Student Health Center to offer free chlamydia testing to students, ended earlier than expected this year.

The free testing began on Sept. 14 and was scheduled to run until Oct. 9, but was cut short due to the number of students tested exceeding the amount that the SHC was permitted to test.

This is the third year that

the SHC has participated in the "Guess Who's Got It" campaign, but the first year that they have had to end it sooner than expected.

Jennie Grimes said, the laboratory supervisor at SHC, the grant only allotted for 50 students to be tested at each university that was involved in the chlamydia screening, and ECU exceeded that amount by testing 70 students.

The free testing was made possible by the Genzyme Corporation who provided all partici-

pating North Carolina universities with the necessary supplies needed to administer the test.

Grimes said the purpose of the study is to track STDs on college campuses. She also says that the study is interested in seeing if people who were tested for chlamydia were also tested for HIV.

Jolene Jernigan, director of the Student Health Center, said when students were tested for chlamydia, they were also given

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Election coverage:



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Zeke Jackson, candidate for the at-large city council seat, and Matt Smith, District 4 candidate, say they hope to give students a voice on city council.

City council candidates present their stances

Robert Creech
STAFF WRITER

A councilman debate-forum was hosted on campus this past Tuesday by the ECU College Libertarians, which posed questions to candidates running for election in the mayoral race in Districts 3 and 4 as well as the at-large seat.

The candidates responded to questions chosen by the College Libertarians, as well as the audience regarding the future of downtown, changes that could be made to make the city more energy and cost efficient and measures that could be made to prevent crime.

The forum was attended

by Mayor Pat Dunn, her opponent Minnie Johnson-Anderson, Calvin Mercer and Matt Smith from the District 4, Howard Stearn and Marion Blackburn from the District 3 and Zeke Jackson who is running at-large.

The issue that received the most amount of time at the debate forum was the future of Greenville's clubs and bars in the downtown area and three ordinances currently being discussed by the city council. Collectively they would require bar owners to hire off-duty police officers for security, require background checks on club bouncers and would prevent new bars or clubs from opening

within 500 feet of an existing bar.

"No one wants to shut down the bars," Dunn said. But she also added regarding whether the city has acted too swiftly in their debates over downtown, "We are trying to do this in a thoughtful, deliberate way ... We have not moved [too] fast." Mayor Dunn also emphasized that none of the controversial measures have been enacted yet and that they are currently still being discussed.

Mercer was equally adamant. "I am not trying to close downtown," Mercer said. Mercer claims

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Faculty recognized for excellence

TEC speaks to Governor's Award nominees

Heather Dinwiddie
STAFF WRITER

The university has named teaching award nominees for the 2009-2010 school year.

Some of the nominees are professor Festus Eribo and assistant professor Todd Fraley, who were nominated for the Board of Governors Teaching Award. Professor Pamela Hopkins and professor Eric Shouse have been nominated for the Alumni Award for Teaching Excellence.

With these awards, the professors will be recognized by their fellow faculty members for their hard work. Each nominee was happy to learn that he or she was chosen for the nomination.

"It is a lovely feeling to think that someone feels that I am qualified to be nominated for this award," said Hopkins, who teaches Public Speaking and Business and Professional Communication. She was also nominated for this award in 2007.

Fraley said, "It is a pretty good feeling. It is nice to be recognized by your colleagues for your efforts in the classroom." Fraley teaches in addition to being the internship coordinator for the School of Communication.

"I feel humbled by it; it was something I didn't expect," said Eribo. "Actually, I resisted it but they kept asking and I accepted it 24 hours before the deadline."

According to ECU's Web site, the Board of Governors Teaching Award nominees must be full-time faculty members at the university and have been there for three or more years. They must be teaching during the school year for which they are nominated and have not won the award within the past four years.

Past winners for the alumni award include Laura Prividera of the School of Communication and Karen Vail-Smith of the Department of Health Education and Promotion in 2007.

"I think it tells me that teaching is very important. The university is interested in excellence and teaching and also encouraging that excellence," said Eribo.

The professors were informed of their nomination between late August to mid-September, but the winner will not be announced until April 2010.

"I think the award will simply confirm that research and teaching are important in the classroom. I bring my research into the classroom," said Eribo. Eribo has been with ECU for 20 years and also taught in his home country of Nigeria and in Russia.

Shouse has something else in mind that he thinks the award will help him accomplish: "My ultimate plan of world domination," said Shouse jokingly.

Accomplishing these goals does not come without inspira-

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Bottle disposal ban began this month

Staff Reports

October 1, a bill banning disposal of plastic bottles in North Carolina went into effect. The two-page bill also prohibits disposal of aluminum cans, scrap tires and motor oil filters in landfills.

According to the N.C. Division of Pollution Prevention and Environmental Assistance, because more than 14,000 people are employed in the recycling industry in North Carolina, recycling conserves energy and

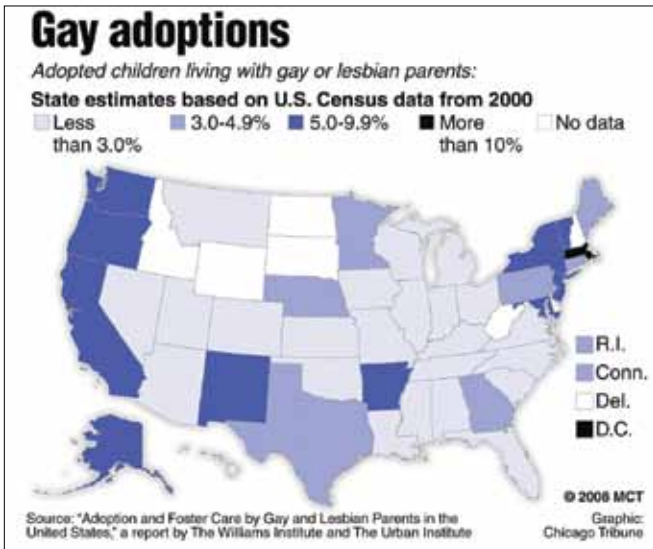
resources and creates jobs.

Number 1 and number 2 plastic bottles along with aluminum and glass drinking containers are all acceptable for recycling at ECU. Recycling bin sites are located throughout campus.

Detailed information on recycling at ECU can be found on the Recycling Services Web site at www.ecu.edu/campus_operations/facilities/rsrecycling.cfm.

To find the nearest location, contact Recycling Coordinator Terry Little at 252-328-2892.

Study finds no differences in same-sex households



Tucker Middleton
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

A recent study conducted by two ECU professors concluded that adopted children being raised by homosexual parents were no more at risk for developing emotional and behavioral problems than children being raised by heterosexual adoptive parents.

Paige Averett and Blace Nalavany, assistant professors of social work at ECU, and Scott Ryan, dean of the University of Texas School of Social Work, analyzed responses from standardized surveys of adolescent behavior and emotional well-being to look for discrepancies between the childhood wellness outcomes of adoptions by heterosexual and

homosexual couples.

Survey questions dealt with matters of family dynamics, pre-adoptive maltreatment history and behavioral and emotional issues such as presence of aggressive behavior or depression in adopted children.

The study sample included 155 gay and lesbian couples taken from a voluntary national sample and 1,229 heterosexual couples from the Florida adoption system — the only state adoption system requiring potential adoptive parents to disclose their sexual orientation.

Researcher Averett said the presence of psychological problems addressed in the study was no higher in households with

same-sex parents.

"Sexual orientation was not significant," said Averett. "It did not show a difference in terms of child emotional and behavioral outcomes."

Averett said though the study did not find a link between emotional problems and the sexuality of adoptive parents, correlations were found between emotional problems of children and other family factors.

Averett said "overall family functioning" seemed to be the predominant factor in whether or not children had or developed behavioral and emotional problems.

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CONTRIBUTED BY KANDIE SMITH

**District 1
Kandie Smith**

Occupation: Director of Residential Services at Restart Behavioral Health Company
Age: 39

Platform

- To address issues of crime and increase safety — making neighborhoods safe
- Revitalizing neighborhood business districts and facilitating economic recovery
- An actual effective inclusive community — promoting policies that unite not divide and to increase citizen participation

"My desire to run for this office is based on my concerns regarding the youth, families and area neighborhoods. I want to bring a neighborhood voice to city council.

I will base decisions on real data, not mere opinion. It is time for renewal because we cannot continue to face the new challenges and demands with the same old ways of doing business. I am mindful of the importance of taking the necessary steps to provoke positive actions and solutions at the local level.

I pledge to honor effective outcomes of renewal and to build a more inclusive community. I believe that it takes each of our citizens to build a community that is filled with strength, unity, and compassion towards all. "With Kandie We Can Do More."



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**District 4
Matt Smith**

Occupation: Student
Age: 22

Platform

- Keeping intact our vibrant, safe and fun downtown nightlife.
- Shoring up our local economy and creating job opportunities.
- Promoting energy efficiency issues throughout the city.
- Reducing crime by actually addressing the root issues that cause it. Namely, poverty and lack of education.
- Involving young people with all levels of municipal government and continuously advocating for fair treatment for the young in our community.

"I will bring fresh leadership with forward-thinking, action-oriented ideas and solutions to our local government."

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the city needs to set a good policy and have it implemented by professionals and, regarding the current crime prevention situation, that "we [the City Council] have given this [police] chief everything he has asked for."

In his opening statements, Mercer said that "lies and misinformation are being spread about me" regarding his position on the downtown ordinances.

O t h e r s d i s a g r e e d . "What we need are better lights [in the downtown area]," said Smith, a senior at ECU, who insisted that what has caused the recent uproar around the downtown area was a "random act of violence ... [that] the only thing we can really hope is that it is prosecuted successfully."

Smith said he was the only candidate who offered the "straight

unvarnished truth" on the issue. "\$43,000 [to pay for security, one of the proposed ordinances] would put a small business out," said Jackson. Jackson also said that this could potentially close all of downtown.

Johnson-Anderson only supported the ordinance requiring background checks on bouncers and said when it comes to crime prevention, "The police cannot do it all ... We need a public safety commission."

"Each of these ordinances have problems," Blackburn said, who only supports the ordinance requiring background checks on bouncers. "It's not how many bars we have but how safe they are," she said. Stearn was also in opposition to the requirement of having off-duty

police officers in bars. But he called requiring background checks on bouncers a "good idea." Regarding crime prevention in general, Stearn said he supported putting more "boots on the ground" and installing lights and video cameras on tops of buildings, adding, "One person can watch 20 cameras."

Another major issue discussed was ways in which the city can save money and become more efficient in the future.

"This budget is really heavy ... and it's heavy because it's full of pork," Smith said. Smith, along with Jackson, proposed a four-day, 10-hour workweek for many city employees and buildings, which they said would save both the city as well as its employees on transportation costs.

Stearn also said he supported

hiring a new grant writer and performing a cost-benefit analysis on the city because "the city has no idea how much it cost to put a pipe in the ground. I do."

The incumbents concentrated more on their accomplishments. Mercer emphasized that the city has had no tax increases and no cuts in services during the past year, and they have done this by halting pay increases.

Mayor Dunn also emphasized that over the past year, the city has not cut salaries.

And another major issue emphasized with the ECU campus. Blackburn suggested that campus-city relations could easily be improved. "I propose town hall meetings on campus," she said. Blackburn

said they would be held once or twice a year, which would give an opportunity for students to easily get involved with the city council.

Mercer said he was not opposed to the idea. Johnson-Anderson said that she would hold open office hours as mayor to give anyone an opportunity to come in and speak to her without an appointment.

Before the evening was over, one voter made up his mind.

After Jackson said that he would make city council meetings go by faster, Mercer yelled, "I'm voting for that guy."

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the option of being tested for syphilis or HIV. Jernigan said most students opted to be tested for HIV over syphilis, which may be cost-related since the syphilis test is \$10 and HIV testing is free.

According to GuessWhosGotIt.com, people ages 15-25 are the most likely to contract chlamydia. Grimes emphasized the fact that chlamydia testing is especially pertinent because it may or may not be symptomatic.

The Web site said, "Approximately 75 percent of women and half of men do not experience any symptoms." The Web site does state, "Patients that do experience symptoms may have an abnormal discharge from the vagina or penis and/or pain while urinating."

Grimes said that this is a new form of chlamydia testing and it can be done by a simple urine test. This specific form of testing amplifies the nucleic acid and allows it to be caught in the urine in order to test whether someone has chlamydia or not.

According to Grimes, the test samples were sent to Raleigh and students received their results in about a week.

The SHC advertised the free testing prior to its start by placing posters around campus and setting up tables in front of Dowdy Student Stores.

Grimes said they are interested in participating in the "Guess Who's Got It" campaign again because they want to participate in anything that can be free to students.

Students can still receive chlamydia testing at the SHC through Lab Corp for \$34 and the SHC regularly provides free HIV testing.

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tion.

"Honestly, I have always looked up to my father as my professional role model. He is an Episcopal priest and the best public speaker and administrator I know," said Hopkins.

Fraleay credits family for inspiration.

"My family inspires me every day. My parents, siblings, wife and kids. My students are also very inspiring because of their passion and energy," said Fraleay.

With their inspiration, the

educators want to leave an impact on their students,

"I hated education until I got to college. I was a C student in high school because I was bored. Then, I took classes in college where I was able to be creative and learning became fun and that's what I want to give back. There's something more interesting than the facts," said Shouse.

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Factors putting children most at risk for developing psychological problems included adoptive parents' unease or dissatisfaction with the adoption process and the adopted child's history of previous sexual abuse — something Averett noted as being a primary determinant of whether or not children will develop behavioral or emotional issues in the future.

"Kids who've been abused

tend to have a hard time in functioning," she said.

Averett, Nalavany and Ryan's study will be published in the upcoming edition of Adoption Quarterly.

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Dear guy with cane in my international business class, Do you really have to say something every time the professor does? STFU!!

I really wish my suite mate would learn to cover her mouth and not spread her germs all over everything we share in the house, because right now is not a good time for me to be sick.

If someone found a silver necklace that had a cross charm attached with a purple stone in the center, found at the REC center, could you please find a way to return it to me? You can keep the chain. I just want the charm back. No questions will be asked. Thank you.

To my FORL 2600 teacher: This is a sophomore level course, not a senior level course. I have other classes. It's a humanities credit, not a core class. Life isn't that serious.

I always wanted my life to be like Mortal Kombat.

Dear neighbor, Sounds like you enjoy your once a week sex but is it really necessary for you to get loud of enough to wake me up in the middle of the night, please just keep it down. Thanks!

LETS GO PIRATES!!

Why do all the freshmen girls walk around like they are all hot stuff? Hate to tell ya, but your not....

My heart is purple and gold, I'm a pirate down in my soul.

You remember Furby's?

Why have I never met any of the students who are always on the "Pirate Profiles" section of the ECU website?

I finally got the nerve to talk to this chick. Only to find it looks like she gave two water balloons a headlock under each arm. Straight fat kid sweat.

I need a camera crew when I go out because I can never remember anything!!

I blame my failing grades on the fact that there are no hot guys in any of my classes this semester. How else am I supposed to motivate myself to go to class?

To the guy who's tail light I broke this weekend: You were illegally parked anyways.

I need to go to the library to study, but I have the worst gas this morning. I don't know if I should force everyone else to experience it, or god forbid, have to pollute a student study room.

The reason my penis was so small is because your FUMPA is so large.

Roommate, no one cares what you are talking about. You are annoying the heck out of all of us. You need to get off your high horse and stop acting like you run this apartment because you DON'T!!

To the person who talked about the football buttons this is for you: The reason the Student Store does not have buttons is because of the budgets cuts, so blame the economy, not the Student Store. They are at the store for every home game, but because of this cut, they did away with the away games buttons.

To the person driving around NCC at 2 a.m. squealing your tires: You ruined my dream with Selma Hayek, I hate you.

Stop saying "UM" in your presentations - you're a COMM major! Learn how to speak!

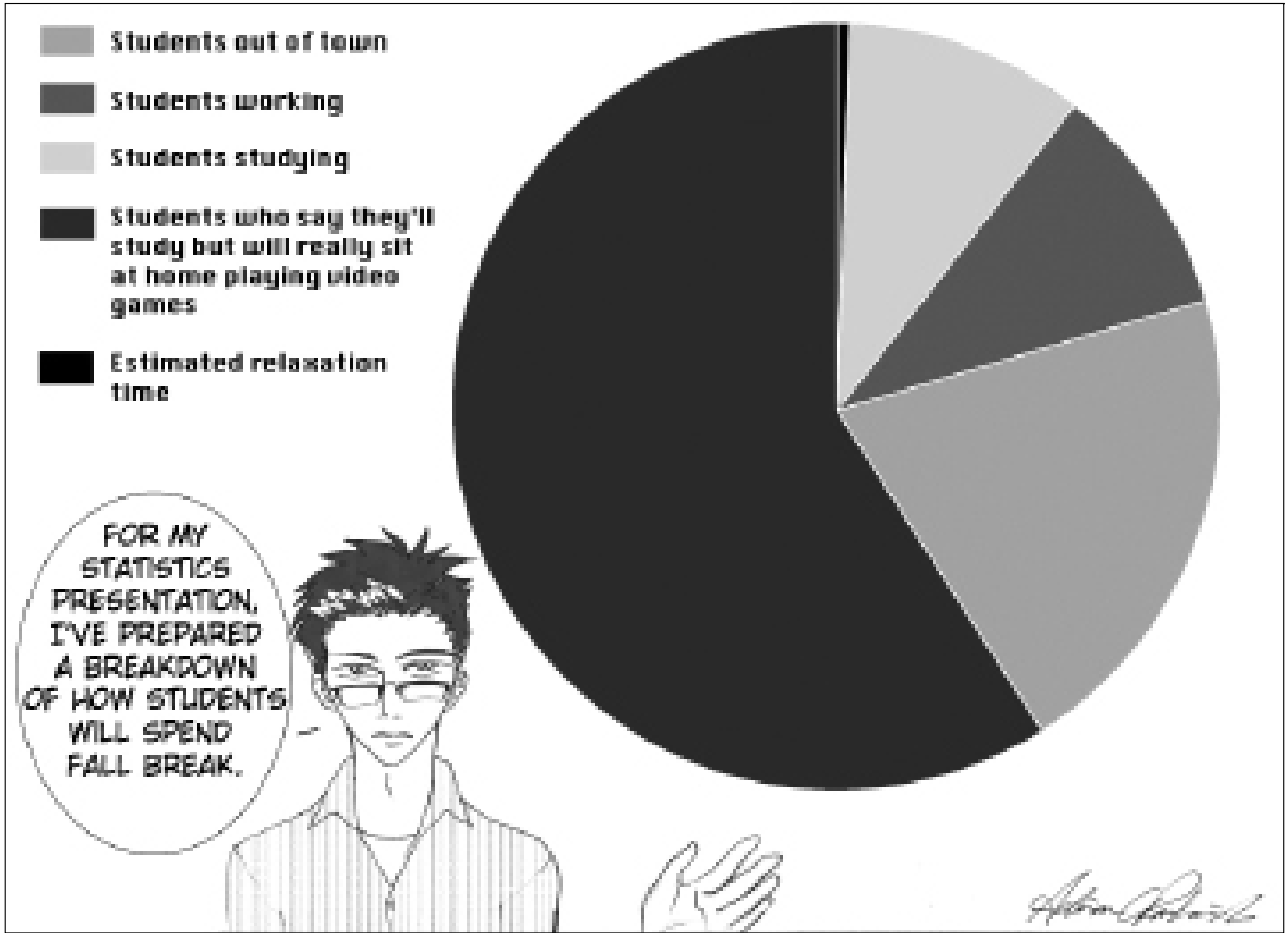
I pay for college, I pay the professor's salary, therefore, shouldn't I control what days I have to come to class, not a stupid attendance policy?

I love Fall Break, not because it's a break from school, but because my roomie always leaves town and I can throw parties in her absence!

Dear ECU, please turn off the A/C in Bate! I'm tired off my classmates hacking coughs and frigid complaints!

My friend goes through so many guys I have stopped even pretending I'm happy for her when she tells me she has another boyfriend.

OPINION



"19 percent of doctors say that they'd be able to give their patients a lethal injection. But they also went on to say that the patient would have to be really, really behind on payments."

JAY LENO

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Dear Editor,

It has been over a year now since the ECU West Virginia football game. On September 6th, 2008 ECU defeated West Virginia. After the game several fans ran on to the field, and some were assaulted by police officers, which was later seen on ESPN and YouTube. My son was not on the field, because he was in the emergency room at Pitt County Hospital. He was there for approximately 5 hours. He was assaulted at the pirate gate by several ECU police officers, and was then arrested. The reason I am writing this letter is for help. There were witnesses to this incident. There were actual comments in the Pirate rants the following week, about a guy being beaten and his wrists almost being broken. There was also a comment about the frustration for pirate club members not being permitted to their seats even though they had purchased tickets. I could go on about the facts as I know them, but that is not the purpose of this letter. I am looking for witnesses who saw what happened on Sept. 6th 2008 at the pirate gate. My husband and I have done endless research on the subject of police brutality on college campuses and unfortunately it happens more than we can believe. We don't want this to happen to anyone else, and we are trying to do what we can to see that it doesn't. If you were there and saw what happened please contact me.

Thank you,

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Pirates ranting

Stephanie Fu
OPINION COLUMNIST

For as long as I can remember, the Pirate Rants have been a huge popularity around campus. And time and time again, as I look around my classes, students are pretending to take notes but right beside their notebook is the paper folded perfectly so that they can read these rants.

A similar sensational Web site has begun to erupt in a frenzy called TFLN. The acronym stands for "Text from Last Night." It is a Web site where people can post texts that they have received that they think are worthy of sharing.

I began reading the list to see what all of the hype was about and it gave me the same feeling of reading Pirate Rants. Some of the texts shared were

disgusting and I could live without having read them, some were cute and romantic, some were interestingly factual and others were simply hilarious.

Personally, I think that Pirate Rants are incredible. I know other people who go to different universities and ask to see the Pirate Rants when they see a copy of The East Carolinian in my apartment or even randomly ask me on the phone if there was a particularly shocking or funny rant that week.

At the same time, as many fans as there are of this section, I know there are some that disapprove with the bluntness and candid style of the rants.

I do agree that a student-run newspaper is a reflection of the university and that there is a diverse audience that reads the paper, like professors, parents and other students. However, I think one section that is dedicated to complete freedom and isn't so structured and professional is what makes a university newspaper unique.

The freedom of speech for students has been a battle that originated many years ago. A very important case that is a major part in protecting students' rights is the Tinker case in 1965 that protected students' rights to protest the Vietnam War by wearing black colored bands. While freedom of speech is a right for everyone, it is important to remember the consequences.

Anything you say has the potential to offend someone else, in which case you will have to reap the consequences of how others view you, which is why I think the saying, "Mean what you say," is vital.

With an increase in Internet blogs and programs like Twitter, people can exercise their right to freedom of speech. And as long as everything stays anonymous in our very own Pirate Rants so that some of the consequences of speaking out will be prevented, I think this is a great section of the newspaper because it gives ownership to all of the students in Pirate Nation.

Where is the support?

Samantha Hughes
OPINION COLUMNIST

Alcoholism is a tough thing to think about.

Most people even know someone that has a drinking problem and usually when the visual of an alcoholic comes to mind, it's an older person.

However, alcoholism can happen to anyone, young or old. Just because you're young and in the prime of your life doesn't mean that you're immune to addiction.

Everyone has known that person who drinks a little too much and just a little too frequently. They stumble home with the help of a friend and rely heavily on a buddy to watch out for them.

It's almost like watching a

car crash in slow motion. You see what's happening but feel completely powerless to stop it.

ECU has a reputation for being a "party school." The truth is, almost every school has a "partying problem." It is not an issue unique to ECU and is therefore not an oddity. Every school in the country probably has the same amount of people going out on Fridays.

We are unique in one aspect of this, though: ECU doesn't have a support group for alcoholics.

Alcoholics Anonymous is "a group of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other, so that they may solve their problem and help others recover from alcoholism." It is the most heard of support group and is very effective in its methods. Many people find the nonjudgmental friendship and support very therapeutic and motivational.

Greenville has several AA groups, but none are geared specifically toward students.

Alcoholism does not discriminate against an age group. It is a prevalent problem among young adults.

For young adults who realize they have a problem, especially those on ECU's campus, there is nowhere to turn to. A simple search of the ECU Web site and system shows no evidence of an alcoholic support group, something that could improve the quality of life for a large group of people.

Support from friends and family is essential, of course, but having a support group consisting of peers with similar troubles is also critical. Sitting in a group of older people with the same problem is embarrassing to a younger person.

This is why it's important to have a support group available for college students specifically.

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ARIES (March 21-April 20) Love relationships this week may experience a brief but intense phase of family negotiation or revised home planning. Romantic partners and long-term friends require concrete promises and increased security. Respond quickly to sudden outbursts or fast social questions. Obvious decisions are needed.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20) New debt and unexpected financial complications may this week be unavoidable. Many Taureans will now find it necessary to evaluate or change daily spending habits. Money strain will be short-lived, so not to worry. Do, however, make special arrangements for long-term contracts and predictable payments.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) Minor family disputes are easily settled this week. Over the next five days loved ones may express regrets concerning their recent behaviors or home expectations. Offer a new perspective. At present, friends and relatives are open to positive suggestions and creative solutions. Plan shared events and new routines, if possible.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Business alliances and workplace promises are temporarily unreliable. Before Thursday expect co-workers to present unrealistic deadlines or vague commitments. Rely on independent judgments. This is not the right time to defer to the attitudes or values of the group.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Work assignments will this week require added concentration and emotional resolve. Team leaders are now motivated to increase productivity or review controversial policies. In the coming weeks new business partnerships will work to your advantage: expect sudden promotions and rare corporate permissions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Family finances now demand consistent attention. Younger relatives may this week feel unusually pressured by reoccurring debt or unpaid bills. Be supportive but encourage a quick response. In the coming weeks outstanding business or money obligations will need to be promptly and permanently settled. Ask for detailed records.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Friends or relatives will this week react strongly to social proposals or changing home routines. Emotional expectations in close relationships are now high: expect loved ones to openly contemplate unresolved romantic conflicts or press for added family support. Stay balanced. Your intuition and guidance are needed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Over the next three days new romantic overtures will captivate attention. For many Scorpios a recent phase of slow progress in key relationships now fades. Watch for loved ones and potential friends to soon demand added time, loyalty and emotional understanding. Clearly define all long-term expectations and family goals: firm boundaries will prove helpful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Workplace flirtations are engaging and unpredictable this week. Social confidence will steadily increase in the coming weeks. Make sure potential friends and lovers understand your ongoing needs. After Wednesday new invitations may create temporary workplace or social tensions. Ask for extra time: friends and colleagues now need to examine their own past behaviors.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Before mid-week a close friend or family member may require delicate advice. Disrupted friendships, broken romantic promises or recently disputed social ethics may be a strong concern. Offer your own past experience as guidance. Loved ones now need to feel understood and emotionally included.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Sensuality and romantic promises are a powerful distraction this week. Previously stalled relationships will now move rapidly forward. Watch for lovers or long-term friends to rekindled lost feelings of attraction or ask for increased family involvement. A new era of emotional acceptance is now due. Stay alert.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Home commitments now intensify. Over the next few days expect loved ones to propose unusual changes to living arrangements, group planning or daily social habits. Follow your instincts and opt for reliable patterns. At present, friends or lovers may feel a powerful need to expand emotional bonds.



Pirates & Salty Wenches

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Break up season

Vivian Stockton
SEX AND RELATIONSHIP COLUMNIST

'Tis the season to break up. It seems that everywhere I turn one of my friends is talking about ending his relationship or has done so. Every fall since I have been here I have watched couples come back from summer break and as the colder weather approaches their relationships dissolve.

I assume this trend is attributed to the influx of new students and our increasing workloads - it just becomes too difficult to add a boyfriend or girlfriend to your list of things to do. When you're stressed to the max it becomes very hard to want to consider the feelings of another person, especially when that other person complains about how you aren't around enough or how you're not doing something else right.

Or maybe the relationship has merely lost its luster and there is just no saving it.

And while there is no easy way to break up, both parties should do their best to facilitate the process as much as possible.

The person who wants to end the relationship should just do it and get it over with. No one wants to hear the classic "I've been thinking about this for a long time." Why didn't you just say something before? Why watch your partner make plans that involve your future together when you're thinking of 50 ways to lose your lover?

If you're unhappy, you're probably not going to wake up one morning and have all your worries

disappear. So as you're moving through each day treating your partner differently than you used to but trying to pretend like nothing is the matter, trust me, he can tell the difference and he knows something is up. By prolonging the break up you're just stringing your significant "bother" along and cheating him out of finding someone who will appreciate him.

You can't worry about hurting someone's feelings. If you do this, more than likely you will end up hurting them more.

You also need to do your best to be tactful about it. No one wants to be broken up with via text message, Facebook message or phone call. Have the courtesy to sit the person down and explain that it isn't working. At least that way the person that you are breaking up with will have to respect you for being honest and straightforward, even if he can no longer stand to see you.

For the unfortunate soul who is caught off guard by his partner wanting to end the relationship, you have to keep it together.

It is true that we all fall into the crazy gap at one point in time, but how does this benefit you? When you've been broken up with what do you gain from freaking out? As far as I can see you're just reaffirming your former lover's opinion that the relationship was no good.

We all cry, and that's okay. But you don't need to scream and yell and sob and beg. If you do this the last memory of your relationship has you looking like a desperate

ogre, which will not be a fond memory for the leaving party. Desperation is in no way attractive or desirable and does nothing more than turn someone off.

You shouldn't try to trap someone. The "I'm coming over" trick is the worst! Why come over? The person if trying to break up with you! True, you may not agree with what's happening and you may want your voice to be heard, but when one person has it in his mind that he wants to leave a relationship, coming over is not going to prevent that from happening - you coming over may prolong the break up, but the end is inevitable.

You might think you have the best relationship in the world and you might think that your partner is only going through a rough time and he really wants to be with you, so making the break up as easy as possible could potentially help you out. I know I wouldn't consider getting back together with someone who flipped out and went crazy, but there is a chance that I could see the error of my ways and consider being with someone who was willing to let me have my space.

You just have to ask yourself, whether you're the one severing the ties or the one being cut, does prolonging the break up or getting over-the-top upset about it make it any better? Someone else will come along and you will be happy again.

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2,000 pounds of space dust and other space debris fall on the earth every day.

At latitude 60 degrees south you can sail all the way around the world.

A flea can jump 350 times its body length.

Cat urine glows under a black light.

A cockroach will live nine days without its head before it starves to death.

A black widow spider kills its mate when they are done.

A gorilla's penis is 1/3 the length of that of a humans.

Butterflies taste with their feet.

99 percent of the solar system mass is concentrated in the sun.

Some lions mate over 50 times a day.

A quarter of Russia is covered by forest.

A sizable oak tree, during the typical growing season, gives off 28,000 gallons of moisture.

American astronauts must be under 6 feet.

Angel Falls in Venezuela is the world's highest waterfall at 3,212 feet.

Antarctica has no native population.

Antarctica is the only continent that does not have land areas below sea level.

Australia is the richest source of mineral sands in the world.

You're born with 300 bones, but when you get to be an adult, you only have 206.

Every person has a unique tongue print.

Your ribs move about 5 million times a year, every time you breathe.

Even if you cut off a cockroach's head, it can live for several weeks.

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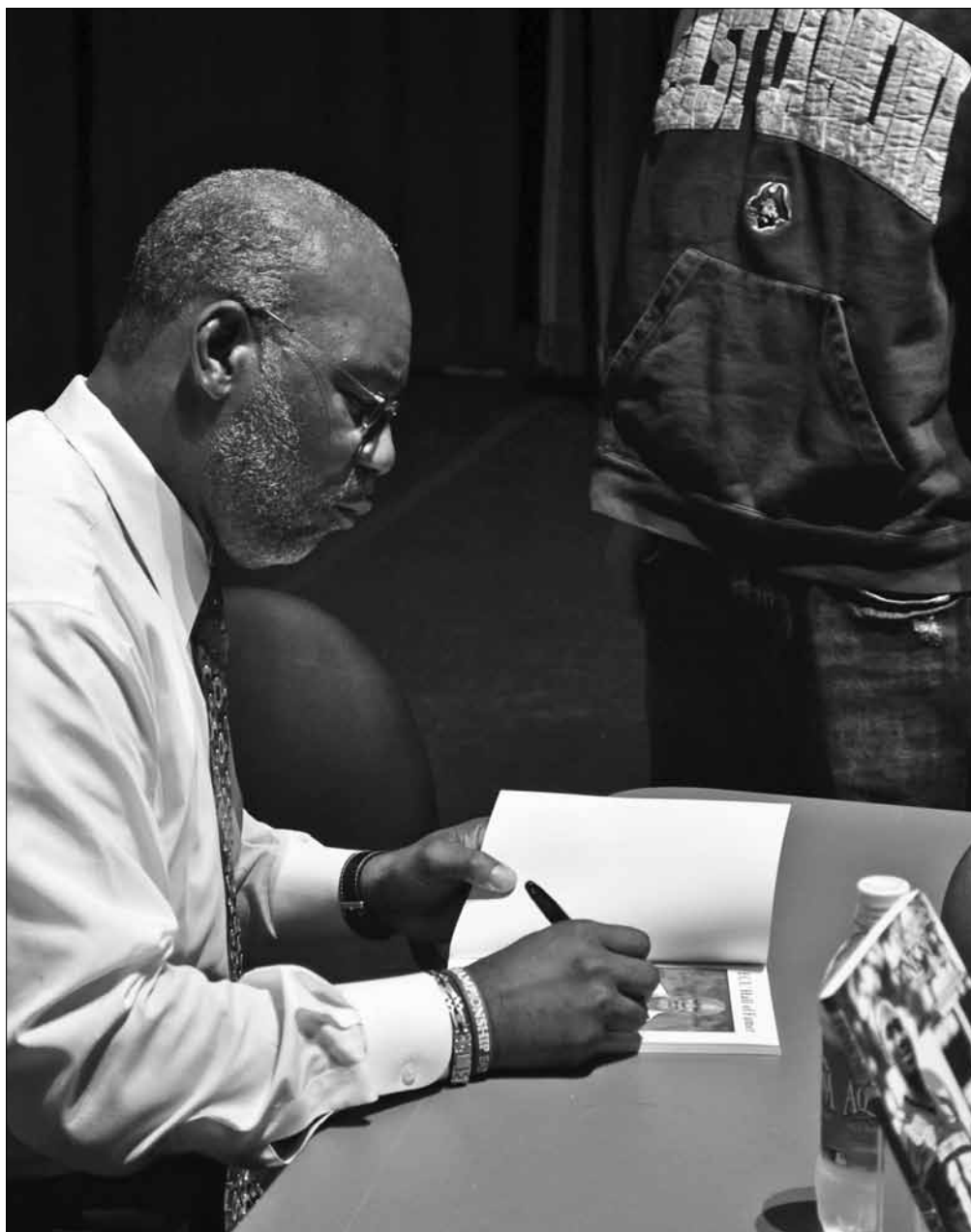
Women wishing to enter Canada to work as strippers must provide naked photos of themselves to qualify for a visa.

In 2004, The Japanese Ice Cream Association promoted "raw horse flesh" ice cream in hopes that it would boost the popularity of ice cream.

The U.S. military's dried food rations can be re-hydrated with urine.

FEATURES

'Pass It On' book review



Reggie Pinkney at his book signing for "Pass it On" in Hendrix Theatre on October 6, 2009.

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Brad Teague
STAFF WRITER

ECU Hall of Famer Reggie Pinkney is the author of "Pass It On," a "playbook for cultivating successful children in the game of life." A short read, the book deals with developing success within yourself, and especially children.

Pinkney, currently an elementary school principal, stresses the importance of goal setting, praise, education, and family and faith values. The book holds several anecdotes that help him convey his message.

The book is only 108 pages, with very large print and about 13 pages of photographs of Pinkney's family, schooling and successes. It is an incredibly easy read; however, the organization of ideas and paragraphs makes it more difficult to follow.

The constant mention of his successful sons (such as ECU football quarterback, Patrick Pinkney) is also very evident -- to the point where this reader simply skimmed the paragraphs that repeated what had already been said.

However, the main message of the book is a positive and important one.

Success is very much achievable by all; all it takes is a little motivation and encouragement. This is an incredibly vital thing to remember when dealing with children, as Pinkney writes.

"I enjoyed the book, but it's safe to say one could read it in less than an hour, so it's good for those

students on a tight schedule," said senior Reggie Smith.

On Tuesday, Reggie Pinkney spoke in Hendrix Theater to a large crowd about his book and his life, in conjunction with Student Government Association Code of Conduct Week.

Pinkney's speech moved the majority of the audience and he received a partial standing ovation at his conclusion. He focused on the importance of educational and family values to the attendees -- most of whom were ECU students.

Pinkney asked the audience, "What is your legacy?" and "What do you want to be remembered for?" to which he responded, "For me, it is to serve other people, and to help other people." He also answered a few questions from students and faculty members concerning the writing of his book and his career.

Freshman Taylor Ridgeway commented on the event saying, "I liked how he was positive and wanted to reach out to everyone. It was very inspirational because he put his experience into the book."

Freshman John Pinsky felt the speech was beneficial as well: "I thought it was a great speech with lots of life lessons that are good for growing up."

Pinkney's visit to ECU was quite an event that meant a lot to several students, faculty, and community members.

The book can be found on sale at UBE for \$16.99 and could be featured at Dowdy's Christmas book sale at the end of the semester.

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Swash Improv performs around Greenville

Katie Taylor
STAFF WRITER

Making people laugh is the business of ECU's Swash Improv troupe. With 20 live comedy shows in Greenville planned for this academic year, as well as auditions to become improv comedians, Swash is making sure that laughter will be readily available year-round for the Pirate community.

"The Swash Improv is a short form improv troupe," said Richard Palmer. Palmer is the captain of Swash Improv and has been involved with the program since November 2003. "Short form is a series of 3 to 5 minute scenes within organized games. The show 'Whose Line Is It Anyway?' is the most recognized short form improv."

"We stick to short form improv," said Palmer. "Although, some members are involved in 'Seriously Clowning,' a sketch and stand-up comedy group. We have several types of games. Some are simple two-person scene games. For example, in 'Blind Line,' two performers start a normal scene after they are given slips of paper with quotes written down by the audience. Anytime within the scene, they can reach into their pocket, say a given line

and then justify what they just said to continue the scene. We have guessing games like 'Crime Story,' where one Swash-chuckler is placed in an interrogation scene with two other team members as the police."

The term "Swash" is a short for "Swash-chuckler," a fitting play on the word "Swashbuckler" for a comedic troupe of ECU Pirate students and alumni.

Swash was founded on Aug. 23, 2002 by ECU alumni Corey Brown. Brown has since gone on to be a part of New York City's Upright Citizen's Brigade.

Today, Swash has 10 members. Swash also parents an improv training troupe called Swish Improv. Swish currently has four members and is also known as "the incubator troupe" that leads comedians up to becoming full-fledged members of the Swash team.

"What's great about Swash is how a diverse group of students can come together to participate and educate themselves about a relatively young art form," said Palmer. "[That art form] is now a staple for a number of highly successful actors, writers and comedians. Our slogan is pretty sweet, too: 'The Swash Improv; A rare medium well done.'"

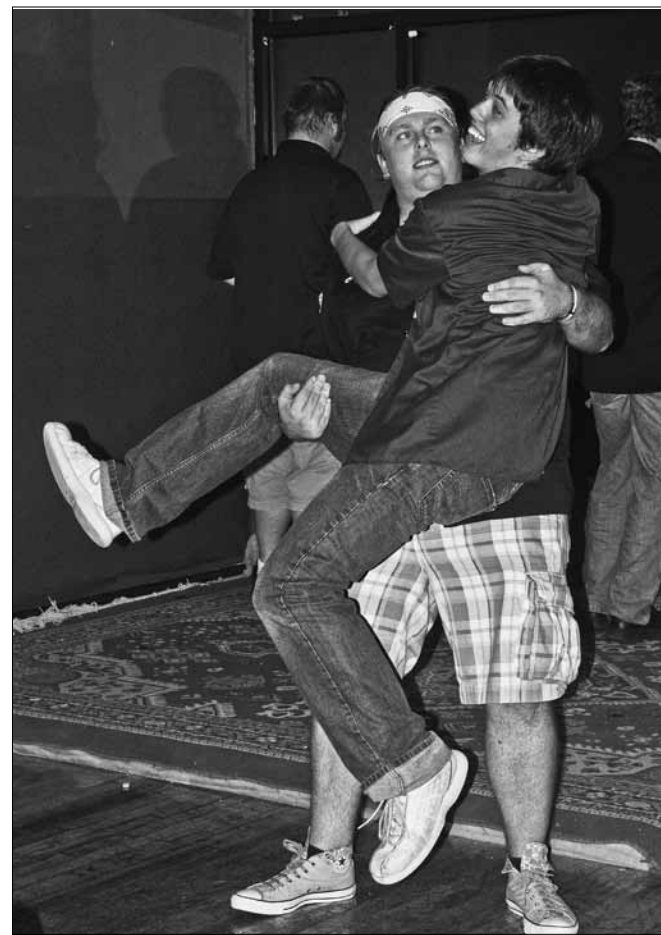
For Swash member Rob

Breiner, being involved in the troupe has been both fun and a positive learning experience. "I've made great friends [through Swash]," said Breiner. "It's tremendous fun watching rehearsals and shows, and I'm always learning something new from the group and building on all the basic skills I've already picked up." Breiner, a journalism major, has been a member of Swash for two years.

Fellow Swash member and former Swish captain Jimmy Galloway shares Palmer and Breiner's passion for the improv troupe. "I enjoy working with my fellow improvisers," said Galloway. "The 'group mind' we develop in rehearsal and during shows makes every scene a new experience."

"We ourselves are surprised sometimes at where our scenes end up. Also, I love performing and making people laugh, and that's something Swash does at every show."

The troupe has planned 20 shows in Greenville for the 2009-2010 academic year. A series of upcoming Swash performances will be held at The Topsy Teapot on Evans Street on Oct. 6 and 27, Nov. 3 and 17 and Dec. 8. Admission to these shows will be \$3 per person.



Chris Timmons (left) and Matthew Batisse (right), members of The Swash improv group, performed Tuesday night at The Topsy Teapot.

PIRATE EATS

Ham's gets a new menu for fall

Alexandra O'Halloran
STAFF WRITER

Ham's, a college restaurant staple in Greenville, has a new menu for fall 2009. I discovered that the menu still has many of the basic items that college students love, but also incorporates some new items as well as brings back old popular items.

For the starters on the menu, some of the favorites, such as homemade chips and Thumbs and Toes, have stayed. However, the restaurant did away with the fried mushrooms to bring back onion rings, a classic favorite. They also did away with buffalo shrimp and added sliders instead. Ham's also got rid of some more summery items, such as the chef salad and the garden salad. As far as entrees go, the grilled chicken skillet, the Hawaiian sirloin, the steak and rib combo, the rib and shrimp combo, baked spaghetti,

the fried chicken sandwich and the beef wrap are not a part of the fall menu.

However, while many items are gone for the season, I was pleased to see that items like the Rodeo Burger and the Two Car Burger have been added. As well as a rib combo with a crab cake, a crab cake plate and a crab cake sandwich.

Warren Robertson, general manager for the Greenville Ham's, said a lot of the reason for a change in the menu is so that food can be made fresh every day and the restaurant can rotate items. He said the restaurant has a deal on crabmeat currently, which allows the restaurant to serve more items containing fresh crab.

The menu is generally very extensive and continues to have many options, but Robertson also noted that making a more manageable menu for the kitchen staff helps guarantee a fresh product.

Not only did the food menu change, but the beer list for people of age changed as well. There are still the full times beers, which include Sunset Lager, Ocracoke American Wheat and Peg Leg Pale Ale, but new seasonal beers have been introduced. The seasonal beers include Double Peg Leg Imperial I.P.A., J. Allyn's Robust Porter, Tiki's California Gold, C. Brown's Pumpkin Ale and in October the Oktoberfest beer will be added.

Ham's still has the same laid-back atmosphere and fun college hangout feel, but now it has a new fall menu to give people the opportunity to sample some new things and receive the freshest food they possibly can.

In the spring, the menu will change again, as it changes every fall and spring season. College students and families who come to enjoy good basic food and watch a game or just have a casual



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Ham's, located on Evans St., recently released their new fall menu.

meal with friends will have a new opportunity to eat some of their old favorites, as well as indulge in some new fresh items.

To find out more information about the Greenville Ham's, call 252-830-2730 or go to

Hamsrestaurants.com to find out about the Greenville location as well as other locations.

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**Establish the run:**

The Pirates have established successful running games in all three of their wins this season. If ECU can come out and get a solid rushing attack started with Dominique Lindsay and Brandon Jackson, then the Pirates should be in good shape.

Pressure Bo Levi Mitchell:

The SMU starting quarterback is currently second in Conference USA in total offense. ECU's defensive line and linebackers have to pressure Mitchell so that he does not have time to pick apart the Pirates' defense.

Avoid giving up big plays:

The Pirates' defense was susceptible to giving up the deep ball in their two non-conference losses. SMU's high-powered offense, that likes to throw the ball all over the field, may cause problems for the Pirates.

**Force turnovers:**

The Pirates were able to hold on to the ball versus Marshall, only turning it over one time. If the Mustangs are going to defeat ECU, they need to force Patrick Pinkney to make bad decisions and create turnovers.

Stretch the field:

SMU head coach June Jones is known for having high-powered offenses that spread the field. The Mustangs must keep this tradition going on Saturday if they are going to pull off the victory.

Give Bo Levi Mitchell time:

This is the biggest matchup of this key C-USA game. The Mustangs' quarterback is their key player on offense and if the Pirates are going to slow SMU's offense down they need to pressure Mitchell. If he has time to make decisions and distribute the ball it may be a long day for the Pirates.

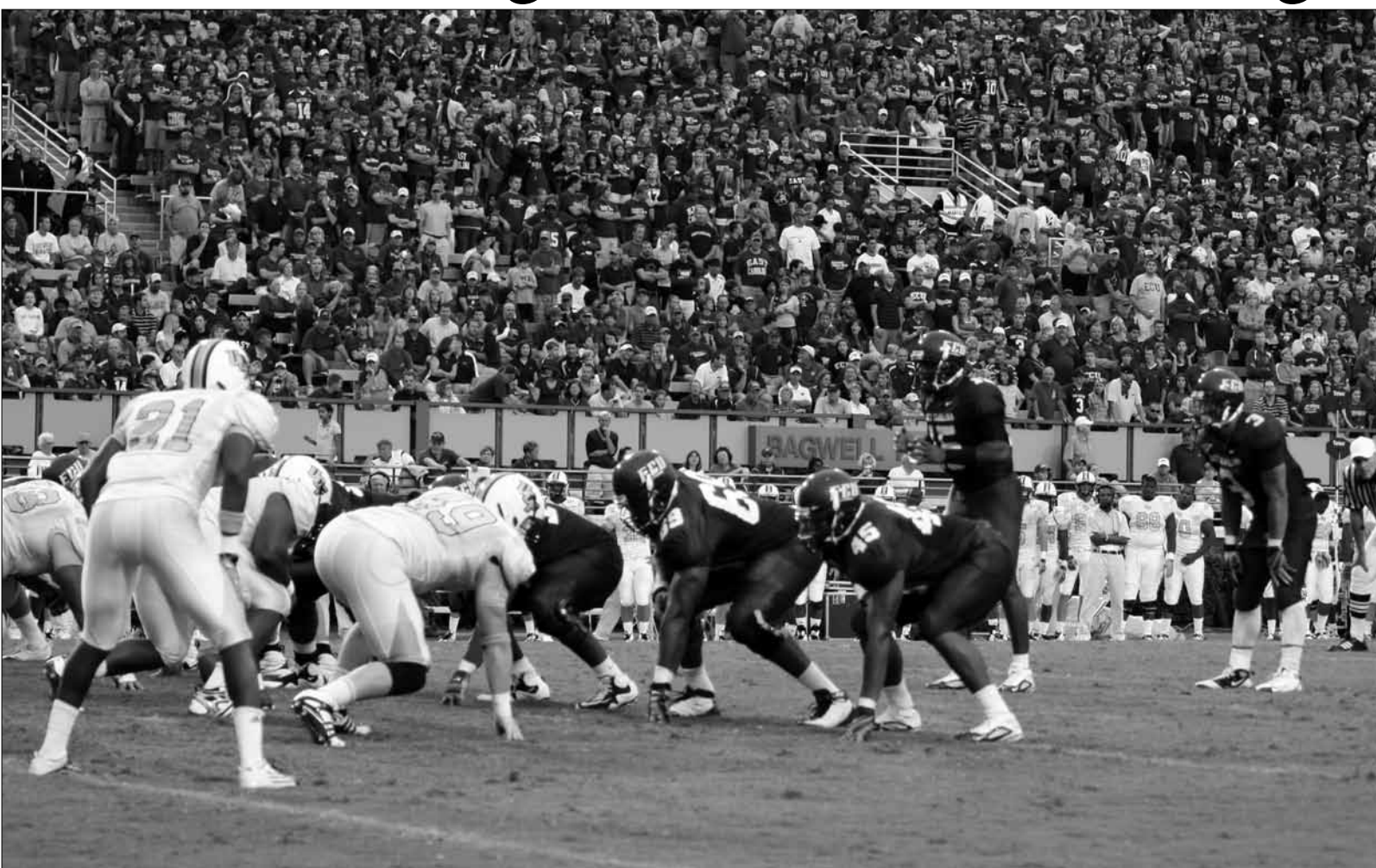
Edwards named to CAA Anniversary Team

Former ECU forward Theodore "Blue" Edwards has been named to the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Men's Basketball Silver Anniversary Team as selected by a panel of current and former head coaches in the conference.

Edwards was named 1988-89 CAA Player-of-the-Year with a league-leading scoring average of 26.7 points per game, the fifth-highest average in the nation that season. At the end of the season, Edwards was taken by the Utah Jazz as the 21st pick of the National Basketball Association (NBA) Draft.

During his two-year playing career, Edwards rewrote the ECU record book, putting his name in virtually every category. He finished his Pirate career eighth in career points, first in career field goal percentage, sixth in career field goals made, 10th in career free throw percentage, seventh in career free throws made, third in career steals, tied for seventh in career blocked shots and eighth in career assists. For his career he averaged 20.7 points and 6.3 rebounds per game.

Pirates looking to tame the Mustangs



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When ECU travels to Dallas, Texas this Saturday for a showdown with SMU, the Pirate offense will be looking to match the Mustangs score for score in what should be an offensive battle.

ECU set to face SMU for first time since 2006

Alex Serkes
STAFF WRITER

This Saturday under the bright lights of Gerald Ford Stadium, in the blistering Texas heat, Skip Holtz and his Pirates will take on June Jones and the Southern Methodist Mustangs in what promises to be a thrilling, high-scoring shootout in Dallas.

Fresh off two straight victories, ECU (3-2, 2-0 C-USA) will enter into battle with a lot of momentum, and to make matters even better, it's their first night game of the season.

"Being a night game, it's going to be a lively situation. It'll be a great atmosphere," Holtz

said on playing a night game at SMU.

The Pirates got off to a bit of a shaky start in the 2009 season, winning in less than spectacular fashion to an FCS team in Appalachian State and followed that up with two losses to West Virginia and North Carolina on the road.

Nonetheless, ECU has bounced back to win two big conference games against UCF and Marshall to take control of the Conference USA East Division.

The Mustangs (2-2, 1-0 C-USA) have had similar steps of faith this season, keeping their fans on the edge of their seats with two slim margin wins against Stephen F. Austin State University and UAB while dropping contests to Washington State and No. 10 TCU.

However, based on last year's standards, SMU's start is a vast improvement from last year's horrendous season when the Mustangs won only one game.

Last season marked the beginning of Jones' tenure, who was coming off a Sugar Bowl appearance with Colt Brennan and the University of Hawaii along with his newly incorporated spread run-n-gun offense. Although, upon his arrival, he seemed more like a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde of backs, gaining 158 yards on 19 carries one week and 26 yards on 13 carries the next.

Another main concern for the SMU rushing attack is that it averages a poor 83.5 yards a game (put up negative 18 yards last week against TCU).

So, one can simply do the

offense.

The Mustangs are putting up huge numbers indeed as they rank second in C-USA in passing offense.

But in order to have a successful passing game, a solid running threat must be unveiled. So what about the running game?

SMU has a very explosive runner in junior Shawnbrey McNeal, a transfer from Miami. Although, upon his arrival, he seemed more like a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde of backs, gaining 158 yards on 19 carries one week and 26 yards on 13 carries the next.

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So, one can simply do the

math; stop the pass, win the game.

Enter C.J. Wilson, the Pirates' senior captain defensive end who led the team in sacks and tackles for the loss in the 2008 season.

When asked what his defensive unit could do to help put the quarterback Mitchell on his back, Wilson replied by saying, "(We'll) do what we do, pressure the quarterback, play the game and don't let it play us."

With the spread style formation SMU runs, tight ends flanking the offensive tackles will be non-existent, leaving the corners and gaps open for the taking.

If Wilson and the front four on the defensive line can jump the snap and put pressure on the line, SMU will have absolutely

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Defensive back's Van Eskridge (No.4) and Emanuel Davis (No.38) prepare to defend a pass in a 19-14 ECU victory over UCF two weeks ago.

Help Wanted

John Gage
STAFF WRITER

Have you ever watched the ECU football team run onto the field amid all the smoke and Hendrix music and wished that you could be down there in the middle of it?

Well, here's your chance.

The Pirates' defense has been having some trouble keeping other offenses from completing passes and could use your help.

The first question you may have is, "What kind of experience do I need?"

Ever played monkey in the middle?

If you can understand this concept of getting in between the passer and the receiver, then you would be a welcome addition to this defense.

You may not get to apply this principle much in our scheme, but it is certainly a good piece of knowledge to have.

Now if your area of expertise happens to be in grabbing interceptions or making big hits, then I am afraid this position is not for you.

See, ECU is already stockpiled with players who know how to do that.

No, what the Pirates are looking for is someone who possesses the ability to stick with a receiver or a tight end as he goes through his routes on a consistent basis.

ECU realizes with the current schemes we maintain this will be somewhat hard to do, but for the most part, we have a lot of confidence in what we do.

The Pirates rarely give up a big play (only two or three per game) and the opposing quarterback's accuracy is never 100 percent, which means we must be doing something right. Right?

Anyway, if ECU is ever going to get to where we want to be as a defense, we are going to need someone who can lock down in pass coverage.

Let me walk you through the Pirates' current pass coverage strategy so those of you that are interested can get a small grasp of what we try to do here.

First, you line up 20 yards off of the receiver that you are assigned to cover.

Once the ball is snapped, you must immediately backpedal to create even more space between you and the receiver.

When the ball is in the air,

ECU swimming looking to build upon record-breaking season

Jared Jackson
SPORTS EDITOR

It's no secret that the ECU swimming and diving program has a strong history of tradition and excellence, but after a record-breaking season last year, head coach Rick Kobe and company are looking to build upon unparalleled success.

After posting a combined 18-2-1 record last season, along with setting 25 varsity records, 69 All-Time Top 10 performances, 17 All-Conference Performances, 38 individual Top eight finishes and five ECU freshmen records at the Conference USA Championships, most would believe that the Pirates would be headed toward rebuilding.

Couple that with the fact that Kobe lost 14 combined members of his team to graduation last year and one would instantly believe the Pirates were in store for a down season.

But not coach Kobe. "We're going to be very strong this year, even with all those kids that graduated last year," Kobe said, who is heading into his 28th year at the helm of the program.

A key to building upon the success of last season, which included third and fourth places finishes for the men and women's programs at the C-USA championships, is bringing in strong recruiting classes each year. "We lost a lot of talent, but we brought in a lot of talent," Kobe said. "Typically we hope our freshman class is our most talented group because if you bring in a fast class every year, that puts pressure on the class that's coming in behind it."

"Unlike some sports where you redshirt and you kind of feel your way into it. They're (the freshmen) ready to go."

For Kobe, getting the best talent every year has become a pretty simple art giving the decades-long strong foundation of the program.



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After a record-breaking season last year, upperclassmen like junior Stephanie Harper are hoping to duplicate their success.

"The neat thing about swimming and diving here is that when we recruit kids, they know it's a really, really good program," Kobe said. You know we've won a championship in every conference we've been in; we've been in three since I've been here."

The swimming team will face immediate stiff competition today when the Pirates face North Carolina at the Minges Aquatic Center at 6 p.m.

The men's team will be anchored by seniors Blake Briese, Jason Guzewich, Jeffrey Miller and Jarrod Underwood.

Last weekend, the 200-yard medley relay team of Miles Maximini, Roman Sandler, Andrew Stoker and Guzewich set an ECU record when they finished with a time of 1:35.79

at the annual Purple-Gold meet. Stoker also set an individual record with a time of 50.49 in the 100-yard butterfly.

Junior Thiago Cavalcanti set a pair of meet records in the 500 (4:39.52) and 1,000-yard freestyle (9:33.17) at the meet.

According to Kobe, his team doesn't have any real noticeable weakness, while depth is the key strength to both squads.

"Our strength is that we don't lack depth," Kobe said. "We don't really have a real weakness in any of the events."

For the women, Kobe has mentioned that senior Rachel Blue is the undistinguished leader this season.

Also forming a solid core of senior leadership is Jackie Jones and Katlin Potts.

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no time to get rid of the ball. Unfortunately for the Pirates, getting rid of the ball quickly, efficiently and safely is one thing any June Jones gun-slinging offense is good at. There's no question that the SMU offense will put points on the board this Saturday, but it will be up to the defense to maintain it. Fortunately for ECU quarterback Patrick Pinkney and the Pirates, SMU boasts one of the worst defenses in the country, giving up roughly 31 points per game. Confident much? "Have to be," Pinkney said. "Especially on the road and going into a conference game. We feel good and the offense will do its job." Going up against a defense

this ghastly, breakout games from quarterback Patrick Pinkney along with playmaking skill players Dwayne Harris and Brandon Jackson could possibly be seen Saturday. All three have had stellar seasons so far but have yet to go off for big games consistently. Pinkney has yet to throw a 300-yard game, Harris has only one game of 100 yards receiving or more and Jackson has not been able to eclipse the century mark on the ground. "Any week can be a breakout week," Pinkney said. "But it takes 11 to win; it's not a two or three man show." Indeed the six-year senior from Fayetteville, N.C., is correct, the key to the game this week will

be the team molding together as a unit to take down the stud passing game of SMU, and with the leadership Pinkney poses, this shouldn't be a problem. One last key factor for the Pirates will be third down conversions. So far on the season, the Pirates are 34 for 76 on third down, which is less than 50 percent. If the defense can stop the high-powered spread offense of SMU and the offense can take advantage of a weak defense, the Pirates will be able to notch another important C-USA victory. This writer can be contacted at sports@theeastcarolinian.com.

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"We have an extremely talented class of freshmen stepping on the blocks with us this year," Blue said. "The upperclassmen are coming off a record-breaking season from 2008 and we're looking to keep that momentum rolling."

While having to deal with high standards every year is nothing new for the Pirates, the expectations set by Kobe are reasonable. "Our expectations are always very simple," Kobe said. "We just want everyone to reach their

potential and that's all you can ask for. If we reach our potential, we are going to do as good as we could have done." This writer can be contacted at

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you are to patiently wait for the opposing receiver to catch and secure the ball. (You may want to bring a crossword puzzle or Sudoku to work on during times like these.) Once you are absolutely sure the pass has been completed, you are then allowed to neatly bring the player to the ground. Under no circumstances are you to ever attempt to step in front of the ball in this situation. ECU wouldn't want the other team to think we're rude. And don't even get me started on the perks of coming to play for the Pirates. You get to travel to exotic locations like Dallas, Memphis, the Kinston Airport and Tulsa. There is also the possibility of getting to be part of our program for up to six years (trust me, it's happened). Heck, by that time, Conference

USA will probably have members from California, North Dakota and Belarus. You may be curious as to why ECU would be willing to take applicants at this time. You may even think that the Pirates don't need any help at all. ECU has tallied six interceptions in the past two games right? Well, it turns out that the Pirates have faced two quarterbacks the past two weeks that couldn't throw for 300 yards in a middle school game. I mean come on, Stevie Wonder could have pointed out to Ray Charles where Central Florida's quarterback was going to throw. In the weeks that ECU played UNC and West Virginia, the Pirates gave up a combined 619 yards passing. Not to mention, their quarterbacks were more accurate than

a sniper on ADHD medication, completing 78 percent of their passes. ECU has decided that if we are ever going to repeat as C-USA champions, we need somebody, anybody, who can help us prevent the constant flow of completions that come our way every Saturday. Maybe that somebody is you. If this opportunity sounds intriguing to you, do not hesitate. Come be a part of a defense that can be one of the best in the conference with your help. Anyone interested can contact any member of the staff prior to this week's game at SMU. Be sure to hurry because unlike our coverage, this position opening will be closing fast. This writer can be contacted at sports@theeastcarolinian.com.



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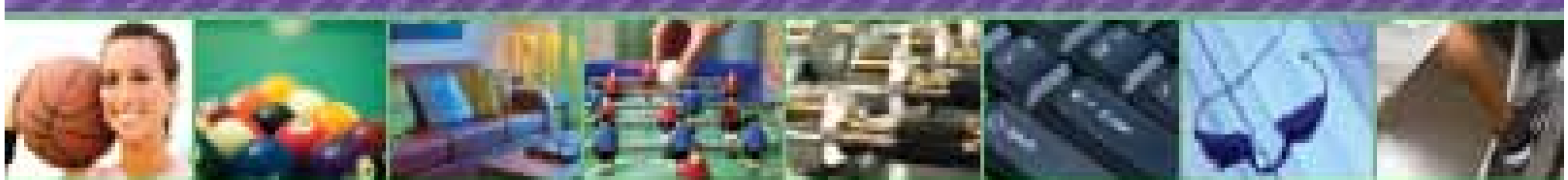
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