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BRIEFS

Kaplan offers free practice test

Staff Reports

Students are given a remarkable opportunity to take a free Kaplan test on Saturday, Feb. 13.

Karen Floyd Pearce of the Pre Professional Advising Center said, "It is a great chance to see where [students] stand without taking the one that counts!"

The following tests will be offered: DAT, GRE, LSAT, NCLEX, MCAT, OAT and PCAT.

To sign up, students can call 1-800-KAP-TEST or go online to kaptest.com and search by area code for the tests offered at ECU.

While they host this event once every semester, students are encouraged to get on top of their career plans and try taking a test.

"It's such a great opportunity," Pearce said.

Test scores will be given back in Wright Plaza on Feb. 18.

Tutoring Center helps students with foreign language

Staff Reports

While most students are familiar with the services offered by the Pirate Tutoring Center, such as aid in study skills and with foundation-level classes such as Biology, Math 1065 and Psychology.

In addition, the center offers students with help in foreign language classes. While they have always had tutors for Spanish, German and French, they have recently added a few Japanese tutors for those struggling with the language.

As a side note, the center would like to ask students interested in coming in for either Japanese or German to call ahead of time. As the number of tutors available for these languages is limited, they would like to ensure someone will be there.

The tutors meet Tuesday and Wednesday from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on the first floor of Joyner Library.

Worldwide flash drive recall

Staff Reports

Due to a flaw that could allow hackers to easily gain access to information contained within, some USB memory sticks have been recalled.

The drives that are at risk use built-in hardware encryption that has been broken.

Vendors issuing recalls include Kingston, SanDisk and Verbatim.

Vendors recommend that you install a software update file or return the flash drive for a replacement.

Before sending a flash drive back for a replacement, delete all data and sanitize the drive. Those unsure of how to sanitize their drive should visit ITC's Walk-In IT Help Desk in Austin 103, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to use disk-sanitizing software on a self-service computer station.

Also available is the ECU IT Help Desk at 252-328-9866 to schedule an appointment concerning alternative drive-sanitizing software.

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Obama adviser inspires ECU leadership

Tucker Middleton
STAFF WRITER

Betsy Myers is a woman who commands attention. On Tuesday, she sought to inspire that same leadership quality in ECU students.

The event took place at 3 p.m. in Wright Auditorium. Students, community members and university leaders filled the rows to gain some insight into what it takes to succeed in modern public life. Myers is well equipped to deliver such insight; she most recently served as chief operating officer of Barack Obama's presidential campaign.

UNC system president Erskine Bowles introduced Myers at his own request. Myers and Bowles worked together during the Clinton administration — Myers as an adviser on women's issues, Bowles as chief of staff. Bowles said that he had a deep personal friendship with Myers that has flourished over the 17 years since they first met. Her role as a leader for women's issues during the Clinton administration helped pave the way for major reforms, and her hard work and well-deserved accomplishments have earned Bowles's gratitude and respect.

Though the program was sponsored by the College of Business, Myers opened her speech by attributing one of the best examples of success not to a corporate leader, but rather her recent boss, whose leadership excellence got him the world's most coveted job.

She cited Obama as a great



Betsy Myers lectures eager emerging leaders.

inspiration in his leadership qualities. Regardless of political persuasion, Myers said it is important to recognize that Obama reinvented leadership with his "low drama," record-breaking campaign. An important lesson can be learned from a president who managed to raise over \$100 million in the first year of his campaign, compared

to Bill Clinton's seemingly modest \$3 million in his own first year on the road.

Obama connected with aver-

age people better than candidates before him. When meeting with a group of students, Obama didn't banter on and on about his accomplishments or offer them empty thanks; instead, he told them about a time when his leadership qualities were at an all-time low. He had just lost a congressional campaign, his wife was angry with him and he had lost so much money that his credit card bounced when he tried to make a purchase.

shortcomings. These things, though simple, make up a winning approach in leadership, according to Myers.

"Leadership is about self-knowledge," she told the audience.

For college students with lives far from what Obama and Clinton are living, Myers takes a more practical approach. Simply having a degree doesn't automatically make you a leader, Myers said. It takes someone with genuine interest in people to succeed — someone who can take what they



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Obama cared about people, respected those who worked for him and understood his own

learn from others and formulate

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Experts urge students to get H1N1 vaccine

Cassie McLean
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

On Tuesday, the College Media Network hosted a conference in which experts from both the White House and the Centers for Disease Control spoke about the importance of students, particularly college-aged, getting vaccinated.

Jason Rzepka, MTV Public Affairs vice president, opened the meeting saying that there was heavy interest in this strain from the college community and that experts wanted to "combat [any] misconceptions about vaccines."

Kathleen Sebelius, Health and Human Services secretary from the White House, said that the flu we are currently faced with, H1N1, is "a different flu." In particular, it is a young person's flu and has hit those under 24 "unusually hard." While most strains of the flu target those with weakened or compromised immune systems, this flu seems to put those in jeopardy who are simply young, she explained.

In 2009, people within the ages of 18 to 24 were six times more likely to be hospitalized than with other flues. While 6 million Americans are now vaccinated, many people are still at risk. Nine states reported regional flu activity.

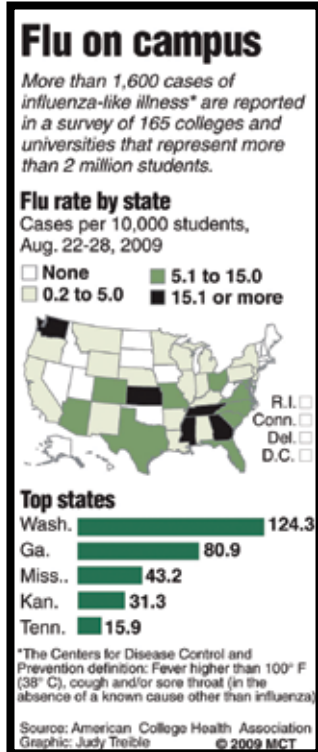
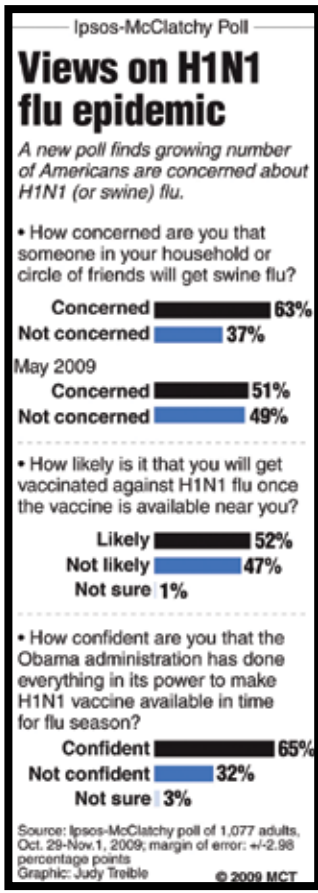
While vaccines were, at first, difficult to get a hold of, there are now millions available and citizens should have no problem receiving one. The vaccine can be received in either shot or nasal mist form and continues to be a safe, effective match for this virus. For those worried about the vaccine, Sebelius clarified that it was made in the same way as previous vaccinations.

While some students feel the worst is behind them, experts wanted to remind them not to forget history. In the 1950s, cases of influenza dropped significantly in January and citizens stopped receiving vaccines. When the virus reappeared in February, hospitalizations and deaths shot up.

Dr. Stephen Redd, Director of the Influenza Unit at the Center of Disease Control, said that one in four children have been infected and that this strain can be very severe as it is still circulating.

"This widespread susceptibility is a symptom of a pandemic," he said, adding that another distinguishing characteristic of a pandemic is its unpredictable nature.

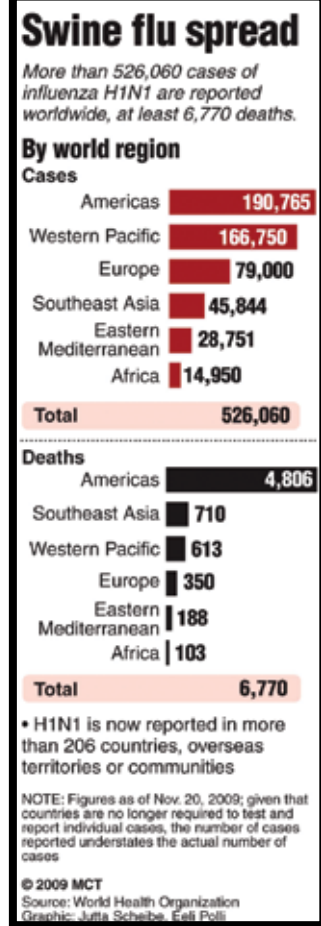
Dr. Redd concluded by



describing this vaccine as "a life-saving intervention."

Students can log onto flu.gov and access the Flu Vaccine Locator. By entering their zip codes, it is a fast and convenient way to find local places administering the vaccination.

"Vaccines are one of the best



things to come to from the 20th and 21st century," Sebelius said, adding, "It doesn't just keep you healthy but protects those around you, too."

Luke Duvall, a high school athlete from Arkansas whose case was heard around the world on "60 Minutes," could not be more remorseful about not receiving a vaccine. Because his community had a small supply, he was ineligible to receive a vaccination without any high-risk conditions.

Luke came down with H1N1,

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REBECCA HARTMAN

ROTC presented the Red Cross with a check for Haiti relief Wednesday afternoon.

Air Force ROTC lends a hand to Haiti

Heather Dinwiddie
STAFF WRITER

After the massive earthquake left Haiti devastated, many Americans across the country immediately came up with ways to send help. ECU senior Danielle Daley and her fellow ROTC members are some of those Americans.

Wednesday, Daley and the rest of the Air Force ROTC detachment 600 presented the American Red Cross with a check for \$1,000. The event occurred just outside of Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

Setting the deadline for Monday, Jan. 25, the ROTC members wanted to help the victims of the earthquake as much as they could.

"We heard about the earthquake on TV and talked to our cadet wing commander, Terrance Raby," said Daley. "We had a meeting and decided we wanted to donate collectively \$1,000. We told our Padres, the military instructors, about it and they were very supportive."

With Daley, six members including Patricia Sergey, Kim-

berly Thomas, Robert Lord, Stephen Eskesen, William Balance and Karen Rhem and 75 cadets, raised the money for Haiti. They began two weeks ago.

"We just asked our cadets to donate money, however much they wanted, and had a box set up to where they could drop off

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BRIEFS

Toyota recalls popular car models

Staff Reports

Toyota has halted production on eight models of cars, including the popular Camry, Corolla and Highlander models. The decision to recall was made after a design flaw was discovered in the acceleration pedal, a defect that may be responsible for recent crashes—some of them fatal.

The accelerator design flaw, which the automaker describes as "rare," results in the acceleration pedal getting stuck and the car unexpectedly and unintentionally speeding up.

This could be a disastrous turn of events for Toyota aside from the direct financial hit that results from a recall. The Japanese automaker is known for producing quality, reliable cars. By recalling the products, they are attempting to restore the trust and confidence they receive from consumers. The New York Times reports the company's stock fell 3.4 percent Wednesday on the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

The recall, combined with cars recalled in November for a similar problem, has affected 4.8 million vehicles, including 1 million models sold in 2009.

CHECK YOUR

PULSE

Thursday,
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Searching for ECU stars

Staff Reports

Students with talent: this is your calling! The Weeks of Welcome program is having rehearsals on Sunday, Jan. 31 from 12 to 2 p.m. at the Hendrix Theater in order to choose participants in a vocal performance later that evening.

The vocal performance will take place at 7 p.m. in the Hendrix Theater in Mendenhall Student Center following an afternoon of rehearsals.

Applications for the event can be found online at www.ecu.edu/turnerla@ecu.edu. While the tentative application due date was Jan. 23, those running the program say they will gladly accept walk-ins.

After the evening performance, first, second and third place posi-

tions will be judged and chosen. Monetary prizes are given to all three winners. Judges will select top performers, but the winner and runners-up will be chosen by audience applause.

With 12 performers already signed up to rehearse, the event should make a wonderful performance for those interested in an evening of entertainment. The show, expected to last an hour and a half, starts at 7 p.m. and is free to the public audience.

Lathan E. Turner, director of this program, explained that while Weeks of Welcome is primarily a series of fall events, they have decided to conduct a "scaled-back version" in the spring for transfer, new and returning students to get a taste of the extracurricular activities

on campus.

Thus far, several of the participants will be returning artists from the fall's performance. Just some of the tracks currently being prepared for the event include those by Carrie Underwood, Patsy Cline, David Cook as well as gospel and even some original songs.

The judges ask that recorded music is instrumental, adding that singing over another vocal performance is not allowed. Interested contestants should bring their music on a labeled CD or a reliable, charged iPod. Please limit songs to five minutes and, as a reminder, performances must be done solo. All genres of performance must be vocal presentations.

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Jerry Rossi of TJX Companies encountered one of his employees who was wearing sunglasses indoors. When he asked her why she was wearing the glasses and asked her to take them off, he found that she had two black eyes. This opened his eyes to domestic abuse and caused him to take action. He instituted changes in company policy to defend against domestic abuse — improving relations with both his employees and the corporate world.

In a world where it may seem like companies are trying to make money by compromising workers' rights, Myers said it was most important to care about your employees. "Bottom line of leadership: people matter." This bottom line worked for Rossi and it worked for Obama.

Myers put it in business terms for those less swayed by anecdotes: Disengaged workers lead to a loss of productivity, which leads to loss of money. The main reason most workers become disengaged is because of an unfavorable relationship with their boss. By simply keeping workers happy and engaged, bosses can maximize profit. Being an effective leader is essentially nothing more than treating your followers like your best assets.

Myers's "Leadership and the Moments that Matter" lecture was part of the Cunanan Leadership Speaker Series put on by the ECU College of Business.

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which led to severe pneumonia in both lungs, common in flu patients. He spent 17 days on a ventilator while in an induced medical coma. When he awoke, he had lost a quarter of his body weight and had to spend another 17 days in the Arkansas Children's Hospital rehab unit.

"It was so frustrating to see everything that had been taken from me," he said of having to relearn how to eat, drink, walk

and talk.

Appalled that a virus could damage him so drastically, Luke says he is now a spokesperson to ensure everyone gets a vaccine.

"I don't want anyone else to go through what I went through," he said.

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Obama tackles bioterrorism

Associated Press

The White House says President Barack Obama intends to announce a new plan to respond faster and better to bioterrorism attacks and public health threats.

A White House spokesman said Obama will direct government leaders to rethink plans for medical countermeasures so that quick, reliable and affordable antidotes will be available during a public health emergency.

Obama will announce the plan in his State of the Union address to the nation Wednesday evening.

In November, the Obama administration rolled out a plan to counter deadly biological threats, such as the deliberate release of anthrax or the smallpox virus.

The government has been criticized because the country ran out of vaccines for the deadly swine flu in 2009.

The United States isn't prepared for a biological terrorist attack, a

congressionally mandated panel said in a report released Tuesday.

The Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation gave the Obama administration a failing grade for its efforts to prepare for and respond to a biological attack, such as the release of deadly viruses or bacteria.

"Nearly a decade after Sept. 11, 2001 ... and one month after the Christmas Day bombing attempt, the United States is failing to address several urgent threats, especially bioterrorism," said former Sen. Bob Graham, chairman of the commission. "Each of the last three administrations has been slow to recognize and respond to the bioterrorism. But we no longer have the luxury of a slow learning curve, when we know al-Qaida is interested in bioweapons."

Retired Air Force Col. Randy Larsen, the commission's executive director, said the poor preparation for the swine flu epidemic in 2009 is proof that the country is not

positioned to respond to something more serious. Larsen pointed to the early shortage of H1N1 vaccine despite a six-month warning from health officials that the disease would be potentially deadly.

No one in the Obama administration has taken the lead for protecting the country against bioterrorism, Larsen said.

"Especially troubling is the lack of priority given to the development of medical countermeasures — the vaccines and medicines that would be required to mitigate the consequences of an attack," the report said.

The report recommended five steps the government should take to deal with the threat of bioterrorism:

- Conduct a comprehensive review of the domestic program to secure dangerous pathogens.
- Develop a national strategy for advancing the ability to con-

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North Korea resumes firing amid tension

Associated Press

An official says that North Korea has resumed firing artillery near its disputed western sea border with South Korea.

An official at the Joint Chiefs of Staff says that North Korea fired several rounds of artillery toward the border early Thursday, and the shells are believed to have landed in North Korean waters.

He spoke on condition of anonymity citing department policy.

North Korea fired dozens of artillery shells toward its disputed sea border with South Korea on Wednesday, apparently to emphasize that the peninsula remains a war zone and push for a treaty to formally end the Korean War — a key demand of the nuclear-armed North.

South Korea immediately responded Wednesday with 100 warning shots from a marine base nearby after the North fired about 30 artillery rounds into the sea from its western coast in the morning, according to the South's Defense Ministry and Joint Chiefs of Staff.

No casualties or damage were reported, as the North's volleys

landed in its own waters while the South fired into the air, the officials said.

It was the first exchange of fire between the two Koreas since a naval skirmish in November that killed one North Korean sailor and wounded three others. Wednesday's volleys by the North appeared aimed at raising tensions, and the likelihood of wider fighting seemed dim as long as the two sides show restraint.

The North resumed firing later Wednesday but the South didn't respond after issuing two warning broadcasts, two ministry and JCS officials said on condition of anonymity because of department policy.

South Korea's Yonhap news agency reported that the North is believed to have fired a total of about 100 artillery rounds throughout the day.

The North's military said in a statement later Wednesday that it had fired artillery off its coast as part of an annual military drill and would continue doing so.

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duct forensic analyses of bioterror attacks.

—Tighten government oversight of laboratories that deal with dangerous pathogens.

—Promote a culture of security awareness among scientists.

—Enhance the nation's rapid response plan to prevent biological attacks from inflicting mass casualties.

The commission was formed by Congress to evaluate the government's readiness for a terror attack involving weapons of mass destruction. Its report follows a study released Monday that warned that al-Qaida is still pursuing technology to conduct a biological, chemical or even nuclear attack against the United States.

That study, released by Harvard University's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, said al-Qaida's "top WMD priority has been to acquire nuclear and strategic biological weapons."

NC man dies after deputy zaps him

Associated Press

A North Carolina man whose family said he had a heart condition has died after being zapped with a stun gun by a sheriff's deputy.

Multiple media outlets reported that Joe Spruill Jr. died early Wednesday during the confronta-

tion outside Goldsboro. The State Bureau of Investigation was looking into the fatal encounter.

Wayne County Sheriff's Capt. Tom Effler says Deputy Martin McAlduff responded to a report of a fight at a road intersection. McAlduff and another deputy said Spruill began throwing things at

them and resisted when they tried to arrest him for disorderly conduct.

Spruill's father said his son was hospitalized last month for heart problems. Joe Spruill Sr. said his son was still on medication for his condition.

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Student Homecoming Chair

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- Oversee eight(8) subcommittees
- Manage a \$30,000 budget and process expenditures in a timely fashion
- Chair all student Homecoming bi-weekly (Spring) and weekly Fall meetings

To apply for the position, all applicants must:

- Be a full-time student in good standing with the University
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
- Have a class standing of sophomore or higher

This is a paid student position. All applicants must fill out a student homecoming chair application.

Applications can be picked up at the Mendenhall Student Center in the Student Activities/Organizations Space, or by emailing Emily Agler, Homecoming Advisor, at aglere@ecu.edu. All applicants must be submitted to Emily Agler no later than February 5, 2010.

The East Carolinian does not endorse statements made in Pirate Rants. Questions regarding Rants can be directed to Katelyn Crouse, Editor in Chief, at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com. Log onto theeastcarolinian.com to submit a Rant of your own.

Great...I am so self-conscious now because I do not want to end up as a pirate rant.

Did the kid I slept this weekend really try to pass off as being Skip Holtz's son?? Guess it worked!

Leggings are NOT NOT NOT pants!

P.S. No girl can pull it off, so to all of the girls who think you look good and that people only dislike them because they can't pull it off themselves you are so very wrong.

Maybe if you quit paying attention to the other people in your English class, you would pay attention enough to know you're supposed to write "To" instead of "Two." You're not four anymore sweetie.

To the people who get on the bus at Christenbury just to get right back off at the library: You are the reason America is so fat! Walk your lazy butts over there for a change!

Ladies, please stop whining about Valentine's Day - it's not even February yet.

The party don't start 'til I walk in... :)

Just so you know - drinking so much you can barely stand up isn't cool. It's called alcoholism.

To the hot guy that I work with on campus: Let's dump our significant others and date each other!

Why is it that when I give you a second chance it's okay, but when I ask for one you say no? Lame.

The toilets in Belk are so powerful!!! I try to wipe and as it flushes I get all wet.

I believe a lot of the students here have Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) because they don't like too happy heading to class in the cold.

The only reason I don't wish you were dead is because you'd get attention from my boyfriend for it, and your slut self is already getting enough of that.

To the four 6-foot tall guys in my 3:30 Psych. Class: Stop sitting in the second row. I would prefer to see the board and not the back of your head.

To the two girls walking to the gym while discussing why they didn't have any fat friends: Although your conversation was slightly awful, it was "Mean Girls" style hilarious.

Workplace drama is dumb.

To the naive, narrow-minded student who bashed music majors: We're not just here to "play pretty music", we're here to make an impact on the world just as much as you. So don't diss the music EDUCATION, music THERAPY, and music PERFORMANCE majors out there, we're not all alike.

My dog ate my last condom.

I realize you're trying to be energy conscious, but how bout you check and make sure there's no one else in the bathroom before you turn off the light?

Hi suitemate, it would be wonderful if you learned how to flush a toilet. I promise it's not a hard concept.

I'm so tired of hearing you talk about how you hate you're a**, but you have no problem walking around with leggings on with a hole right in the middle of you're a**! Looks like you're showing off!

The checkout lady at Dowdy just asked me if I wanted a cigarette. She meant to say receipt. I love ECU!

To the girl on the mall who pulled out her Bible and called "Brother" Ross out for contradicting himself: Get it girl.

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OPINION

The woes and throes of walking on campus



Ben Cochran
OPINION COLUMNIST

"Would you like to join a fraternity," posed the questioner, as I was in mid-stride. The words struck me without registering any meaning. I was too intent on making up lost time, having just laboriously circumnavigated an uproarious gathering of freshmen girls. The inconvenience could have been forgivable if the occasion for such an impediment hadn't been the recap of last weekend's lurid love-making sessions. Some things you just don't want to overhear.

Before that brush with the buxom blonde and her sultry disclosure, I had the unenviable task of diverting from my chosen course to accommodate for the wayward wanderings of some self-involved, multi-tasking cell phone user. Utterly oblivious to the fact that she was congesting a major pedestrian thoroughfare, she was droning on about how she was going to move to New York after the completion of her degree in apparel merchandising, or some such nonsense. With her erratic meandering and provocative egocentrism, are there any takers on how long she'd last before being trampled underfoot by those unyielding Yankees?

These are not isolated incidents. Every day, I encounter a barrage of obstacles that make

walking on campus significantly more frustrating than it should be. Bikers, skateboarders and joggers weave their way through the rest of us as if we were a moving slalom course for their entertainment. Getting boxed-in behind hand-holding couples causes involuntary twitching as I silently curse love and its resulting PDAs. Sometimes I'm tempted to bust through their interlocking fingers a la Red Rover style, circa third grade. Every day, there is a new gauntlet of petitioners that one must brave to make it past Wright Place unscathed. And what's with the ECU Facilities vehicles? They always seem to be precariously parked, goading me to add yet another 15 unnecessary steps to my journey as I gnash my teeth throughout the agitating ordeal.

But then there are the worst offenders yet: those who can't seem to walk in a straight line. Texting is almost always the culprit. Granted, it's a challenge when the state patrol officer asks you to do it on the side of the highway at 2 a.m. with all your friends laughing at you from the safety of your car. But if you're still struggling with such a simple feat at 10 a.m. on a Tuesday (sobriety presumed), then you have absolutely no business on a college campus. Instead of a Scholastic Aptitude Test, perhaps you should have been administered a Satisfactory Ambulation Test as part of your admission requirements. The shortest distance between two points is a straight line. So if you're not going to walk in an efficient manner, sit down somewhere during the 10

minute interlude between classes so the rest of us can get to our destination.

The situation is so bad that if a fire broke out in the Science and Tech building, I would merely retrieve my hip flask (don't act like you've never taken one to class before), find peace amidst the chaos and resign myself to a slow and painful death. Even under dire emergencies, my faith in the ability of students to swiftly navigate that narrow stairwell is waning at best. Who's the fire marshal that signed off on that design? It probably would have been fine except he forgot that it would be ECU students descending those steps. Perhaps he should have spent some time observing how we, as a group, tend to move with the fluidity of pigeon excrement weeping off the hood of a car on a hot day.

I get wound excruciatingly tight when others restrain my progress. So my animosity toward pesky pledge recruiters is greater than that of Ronnie's toward The Situation (for the record, Jersey Shore sucks infected polar bear rectum). So no, I bloody well don't want to join the fraternity. I want to be able to walk—unimpeded, unsolicited, unfettered and undeterred. I was ready to snap and throw a first-rate con-ception fit. But with the greatest of painstaking efforts and with all the affectation I could muster, I was able to turn my head, feign politeness and respond with a simple, "No, thank you."

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Realizing the party is over



Mary Dixon
OPINION COLUMNIST

In college, life is seemingly one big party. And really, it is. Your only real responsibility is school, and maybe an easy part-time job. But other than that, you're free.

For a while, that is. I guess I should correct myself and say that your first half of college is like that. The second half is when life slowly starts getting real. Your pending college loans are looming in the not-so-distant future, and at this point you've somehow managed to get a credit card. How did that work out for you? So you're busting tail trying to take care of all of these bills, worried about what kind of job you'll actually get to pay everything completely off and still have enough money to live. This is the stage in college that I want to refer to as the brutal half of college. This is when you need to kiss your hard partying ways goodbye and never look back.

Having a drink with friends to celebrate an accomplishment is an acceptable outing. But going to the bar five nights out of the week

is a little extreme when you really need to start focusing on the future. Wednesday is the new Thursday. Thursday is "Thirsty Thursday." Friday is the start of the weekend. Saturday is the end of the weekend. Sunday the game is on. Between pre-gaming from 7 to 10 and staying out until 2, waking up hung over at 3 and getting up at 5, when are you going to get anything done?

It's not your fault, though, because college students are conditioned these days to think that you're not socially acceptable if you don't get wasted every other night. Social organizations like fraternities and sororities base many of their social events around drinking, causing entire groups of college students to think that the only social activity revolves around alcohol. Around 93 percent of Greeks admitted to drinking alcohol on a regular basis.

From the time you were a baby freshman, one goal has been sought after and conquered time and time again: to get wasted. In fact, from the time you begin college until the end of the first full year, one-third of freshmen increase their drinking significantly. However, partying is most convenient as a younger college student, due to easier classes and a laxer schedule. But beware little ones: one in four freshmen students never come back after that first year.

So after you've actually made it through the first year of college, that's when you need to learn to appreciate your weekends. Go out. Have a great time with your friends. That's what you do in college. But limit it to the weekends. Who became a better person from being hung over in class? When you are actually forced to pay off your student loans, I'm willing to bet the bank isn't going to accept the excuse, "Well, you see, I was hung over those semesters, so I never really got your money's worth on those... or mine for that matter," when you are stuck at a second-rate job and unable to pay that 30K off.

Don't ruin your life for parties and alcohol. The only person you are going to hurt is yourself. Learn when it's time to grow up. Enjoy being social, make friends and have a great time in college, but don't turn into the pathetic 20-something-year-old who all of the younger kids give awkward glances to and whisper to their friends, "Isn't that guy a little old to still be doing the college thing?"

Do you want to end up as someone who came to ECU for an education but only left with a problem?

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"One thing will not change -- we will be going out to win."

DAVID BECKHAM

Chocolate makes the world go 'round



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A couple friends of mine were talking the other day about those tiny morsels of sweetness that are passed around on Halloween, at Christmas and especially on Valentine's Day. One friend told me that her mother tells her that chocolate fixes everything broken inside of someone. My other friend says that he thinks the myth of chocolate healing is complete nonsense. He says that they are just euphemisms to "fill the void" when a girl is depressed or lonely.

This made me think about everyone's obsession with chocolate in general. I do agree that it seems to be a mostly female obsession, until it is on a female and then might attract some attention from the males. But, it seems to be that this common belief of chocolate's "healing powers" is not so fabricated after all.

Chocolate has many health benefits when eaten in moderation and not corrupted to a complete caramel, nutty, sugar-frosting clump. Of course, chocolate in its purest form is the healthiest, but studies have shown that cocoa or dark chocolates help the body's circulatory system. Dark chocolate has a substance called epicatechin that works like antioxidants to reduce blood pressure and increase the blood flow. However, nutritionists have warned that when chocolate is mixed with milk or other sweeteners, this can actually reverse the health benefits of the antioxidants in the chocolate. Chocolate also has certain alkaloids that have a direct effect on the mind and the body. These alkaloids are linked to serotonin levels in the brain. As the intake of chocolate increases, the serotonin level in the brain increases as well, which makes people generally happier or in a more pleasant mood.

This sweet treat was said to have been found by the Aztecs and can be geographically

located in the Mesoamerican area. Over the summer, the Museum of Natural Sciences in Raleigh hosted a special exhibit that showed the history of chocolate, how it is made and the kinds of jobs that the entire industry produces. Since the days of plain cocoa powder, people from all over the world have changed chocolate to their liking in a liquid form for fondue, in the shape of little eggs or bunnies and in the shape of little hearts.

These little hearts bring me to the topic of the holiday coming up in a few weeks. Remember those times in elementary school when everyone would make envelopes or their own paper mailboxes and drop of little pieces of chocolate or candy and a little note inside? As we grew older, this holiday grew into that special someone dropping off a box of chocolate and a bouquet of flowers. Those who are single still get together with their friends and soothe themselves with their own box of chocolates.

Whether or not this actually works, the bottom line is that chocolate makes almost everyone happy! Admit it, boys, once in a while when you're having a bad day, you wouldn't turn down a little chocolate kiss or peanut butter cup.

The community seems to be picking up on the chocolate craze at this time of year, as well. Step into Merle Norman Spa on Arlington and see their current special of body massages with chocolate lathered upon you, or chocolate therapies with melted chocolate facials. Or come into Winslow's Tavern and enjoy a chocolate martini.

Chocolate is the new addiction that has been the most tantalizing creation for years but is brought back into our lives especially around this upcoming holiday. So grab a piece of chocolate, enjoy and by your fifth piece remember the health benefits of pure chocolate and convince yourself that beneath all that peanut butter, caramel or fluffy center, at least you're letting your brain get some happy serotonin!

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ARIES Romantic invitations, suggestive comments and sensuality are difficult to resist. Many Aries natives will now enjoy a sudden increase in vitality, fitness and emotional wealth.

Avoid, however, becoming permanently distracted by short-term flirtations. Loved ones will soon ask for renewed promises and new devotion.

TAURUS Social timing and group sensitivity are now important to the success of long-term friendships. Early this week someone close may need help to resolve painful memories or move forward in new relationships. Encourage public optimism, fresh ideals and belonging. Moodiness or lingering moments of self-doubt will soon vanish.

GEMINI Love relationships will require your full devotion this week. New romantic partners or potential lovers now need to witness your social enthusiasm and mental charm. Introduce unique leisure activities, express previously hidden attractions or offer unexpected invitations. Intriguing emotional overtures will not go unnoticed.

CANCER Last minute invitations are rewarding this week. Recently reluctant friends provide new social outlets. Explore all activities, suggestions and relationships. Many Cancerians will now end almost four weeks of inward thought or private reflection. Allow outdated social or group restrictions to fade. Fresh activities will be pleasing.

LEO Career planning demands bold public discussion. After Monday expect romantic partners or relatives to press for final answers, defined goals or new business promises. Set firm boundaries and avoid rushed decisions. Consistent dedication to established ideals will ensure lasting success. Go slow and clarify all expectations.

VIRGO Job restrictions and minor tensions between colleagues will be strongly felt this week. If possible, avoid emotional risk in the workplace. Key officials will not offer clear instructions or reassuring words. Wednesday through Saturday a trusted friend or relative may review past experiences or examine yesterday's promises. Maintain a cheerful attitude and wait for obvious breakthroughs.

LIBRA Family routines will this week be quickly disrupted by last minute group plans. Close friends or colleagues may now advocate unique social gatherings, new entertainment and rare artistic pursuits. All are positive but also time consuming. Proposals and new financial discussions. Bosses will offer little warning: stay alert.

SCORPIO Silly antics between friends are amusing this week but also easily misinterpreted. After Tuesday loved ones and potential romantic partners are highly sensitive to feelings of social exclusion. Make sure invitations or creative activities include everyone. This is not the right time to ignore minor jealousies or private resentments.

SAGITTARIUS Business demands are now increasing. Before mid-week expect recently silent or withdrawn managers to introduce rare policy changes or revised procedures. New methods, ironically, will likely trigger unnecessary confusion. Remain quietly detached and avoid public debate. The need for public respect will be deeply felt this week.

CAPRICORN Before Wednesday expect a close friend to ask for controversial advice or emotional support. Marital disputes or ongoing family triangles may now be unusually stressful. Offer kind words and concrete suggestions. Your attention to small details and practical wisdom will help clarify difficult relationships. Take time to consider all options.

AQUARIUS Property agreements may now be cancelled or thoroughly redefined. Financial promises, delayed payments and public accountability may all be key factors. After Tuesday ask loved ones for assistance or advice. Practical discussions between trusted friends or close relatives may present unique solutions. Don't be shy.

PISCES Older managers and officials will this week provide constructive criticism. Wait for further information, however, before offering an extra effort. Private politics and policy change may be an ongoing theme over the next three weeks. Remain quietly detached and watch for obvious improvements.

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Pirates & Salty Wenches



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Cat and mouse

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The other day, I was discussing with my friend, Justin, about how he is tired of girls who say they want to hang out, don't call like they said they would and then make lame excuses about why they didn't call. He was explaining to me that he wished he could find a girl who could just be real with her intentions – if you're interested, let it be known, but don't toy with someone and give false hope.

This got me thinking about all the times I told a guy I would call and I didn't. There are two main reasons why I did this – either I was nicely trying to blow him off without hurting his feelings, or I was nervous and worried about coming on too strong.

Neither of these excuses is very good. Put the shoe on the other foot and ask yourself, "Do I enjoy sitting by my phone all day anticipating a call?" Probably not, which means that the person you never called isn't very pleased that he sat around waiting all day.

If your reason for not calling is because you didn't want to hurt his feelings by saying no, stop it. Just be honest – at least in a round-about way. You don't have to say that you find him irritating, but tell him that you have something else going on. At least then he won't be waiting for you, because

you never know – he might have cleared his schedule so he could hang out with you.

Now, if your reason for not calling is because you think you might really like him and you don't want to come on too strong, you're just being silly. I'm sure you have friends of the opposite sex that you don't think twice about calling, so think of it that way. You may not know if he likes you, but since when was it a crime to call a friend – especially when you said you would? And how will you ever find out if he is interested in you if you don't hang out with him?

There have been so many times that I was afraid of seeming weird for being the one to call, so if you're like me, you can always use the line – "I think it's the guy's job to call." Chivalry is not dead, no matter how many people want to say it is. So if you're nervous, put the ball in his court. The only downfall with this is you lose control and now you're the one waiting around. I can't tell you how many occasions I have driven myself crazy hoping that every time my phone went off that it was the object of my affection calling me.

If you want to play it safe, text. That way you don't have to feel awkward, but you're still showing interest in him. But then you face another waiting game if he isn't near his phone. You'll find yourself

asking, "Is he busy?"; "Is he ignoring me?"; "Did he get my text?"

The important thing to remember here is not to blow up his phone – appearing overzealous is a good way to seem desperate, and no one likes desperation.

And every once in a while the lame excuse as to why you didn't call to hang out was true. And when that happens, instead of making the person wait around for you all day, why not let him know that something came up? It's really an issue of common courtesy, and if he's put it out there that he wants to hang out, I'd think it's safe to say he's wanting you to call him.

I know it sounds like I've been speaking to women this whole time, but fellas, this goes for you, too. Don't tell a woman you're going to call so the two of you can hang out if you have no intention of following through. Pussy-footing around is not the way to go. By not calling, you appear unreliable and flaky, and that's a strike on your record before you even really start.

Basically, just be real. We're all adults here and rejection is something in life that we all have to learn to deal with, so don't be afraid to put yourself out there – otherwise, you may really be missing out.

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The Did You Know's came from the book "The Book Of Useless Information by Noel Botham & The Useless Information Society

Wilma Flintstone's maiden name was Wilma Slaghoopal and Betty Rubble's was Betty Jean McBricker.

The movie playing at the drive-in at the beginning of "The Flintstones" is called "The Monster."

On "The Jetsons," Jane is 33 years old and her daughter Judy is 18.

Pokémon stands for pocket monster.

Rocky Raccoon lives in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

The most common set of initials for Superman's friends and enemies is L.L.

The Simpsons live at 742 Evergreen Terrace, Springfield. The Munsters live at 1313 Mockingbird Lane, Mockingbird Heights. The Flintstones live at 39 Stone Canyon Way, Bedrock.

Tony the Tiger was voiced by Thurl Ravenscroft.

Scooby-Doo's real first name is Scoobert. Shaggy's real name is Norville. Casey Kasem was the voice of Shaggy.

The Simpsons is the longest-running animated series on TV.

Matt Groening, creator of "The Simpsons," incorporated his initials into the drawing of Homer. M is his hair, and G is his ear.

Patty and Selma smoke Laramie brand cigarettes.

"Peanuts" is the world's most read comic strip.

Charlie Brown's father is a barber.

Lucy and Linus have another little brother named Rerun. He sometimes plays left field on Charlie Brown's baseball team – when he can find it!

Elsie Crisler Segar created the comic strip character Popeye in 1919.

After the Popeye comic strip started in 1931, spinach consumption went up by 33 percent in the United States.

Popeye is 5 feet 6 inches tall. He has an anchor tattooed on his arm.

Popeye's adopted son is named Swee'pea.

Bugs Bunny first said, "What's up, doc?" in the 1940 cartoon "A Wild Horse."

The Looney Tunes theme song is actually called "The Merry-Go-Round Is Broken Down."

Tweety used to be a baby bird without feathers until the censors decided he looked naked.

Walt Disney named Mickey Mouse after Mickey Rooney, whose mother he dated for some time. Walt Disney originally supplied the voice for Mickey Mouse.

Mickey Mouse is known as "Topolino" in Italy. He was the first nonhuman to win an Oscar. His birthday is Nov. 18.

Mickey Mouse's ears are always turned to the front, no matter which direction his head is pointing.

There are more than 100 chemicals in one cup of coffee.

Orchids are grown from seeds so small it would take 30,000 to weigh as much as one grain of wheat.

The average life of a nuclear plant is 40 years.

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ECU dance department prepares for annual concert

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For more than 25 years, the ECU School of Theatre and Dance has put on a large, annual dance concert for the public and plans to continue the tradition. This year's production, Dance 2010, is the dance department's main-stage show, and is the biggest dance concert the department puts out each year.

"Dance 2010 offers an eclectic mix of styles and genres," says dance professor Teal Darkenwald. Tap, jazz, modern and ballet are the styles used in the dance pieces, and ethnic forms are integrated into some of the pieces, such as Indian and Bhutto dancing. "There is a lot of contrast, even with the genres," Darkenwald said. "That is really the strongest part of the dance department: that students are able to do a wide variety of styles."

Each of the pieces is choreographed by an ECU dance professor and another is done by a guest artist. The special guest artist is Lane Alexander, a tap master teacher from the Chicago area. He is the co-founder of the Chicago Human Rhythm Project and has been its director for 20 years. He has performed for over 30 years in concert stage, musical theatre, television and film. Alexander has toured nationally and performed as a soloist, principal and featured guest artist in appearances throughout Canada, the United States, China and the first tap performance ever at the prestigious Spoleto Festival in Italy. He currently teaches at the Tap Studio in Chicago and has taught at several other studios and universities.

"He is very unique because he ranges from classical tap to

The School of Theatre and Dance introduce "Dance 2010," which opens this Thursday night at 8pm in McGinnis Theatre.

contemporary rhythm tap and body percussion," observes Darkenwald. The main-stage dance concerts always have a guest choreographer, and the style in which the guest specializes rotates each year.

Dance 2010 has around 50 student dancers, many of them in more than one piece. These dancers have put long hours of rehearsal time into this show. Most pieces met three times a week for two hours at a time at the beginning of the process and now all of the dancers are rehearsing for several hours each night in preparation for the show.

Auditions were held last October for this show and the dancers have been rehearsing ever since. The choreographers have been

thinking of their pieces for some time, and most were inspired by something, such as a conductor, a historical figure or even just a song.

The dance department will host six other dance concerts each year, including Senior Choreography, the Scholarship Gala, Random Acts and several ensembles that are performed in a studio theater. The department rehearses at least two different concerts at one time. The school has also been invited, several times, to participate in the American College Dance Festival, which is a regional conference for college-level dance schools. The dance department also houses approximately 120 dance performance and dance education majors who all perform and work with these dance

concerts.

"There is not really another school in the state that really trains their dancers like we do. [They're] able to do many different styles, which gives them an advantage," said Darkenwald.

Tickets for this show are available online at www.ECARTS.com or in the Messick Building Box Office (across from Austin Building and to the right of Wright Plaza). Tickets for ECU students are \$8 and \$12 for the general public. All tickets are \$12 at the door. Dance 2010 is part of the ECU/Loessin Playhouse.

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An exciting fusion of comedy and magic comes to ECU with Norman Ng

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For fans of magic shows as well as comedy, Hendrix Theatre will be the place to be on Tuesday, Feb. 2. "The Norman Magic Experience" will be coming to ECU, courtesy of the Student Activities Board (SAB).

"The Norman Magic Experience" is widely recognized with over 500,000 people already having seen the show. Norman Ng, the star of the show, has performed all over the nation, not only on college campuses, but at the New York Hilton Hotel and the world-renowned Magic Castle in Hollywood, Calif., as well.

Norman Ng has been performing his unique magic show, which combines comedy and audience participation along with magic, for over 17 years. During this time, Ng has won many esteemed awards and received a great deal of recognition. According to his Web site, Normanmagic.com, Ng has won the "1st place medal at the prestigious Tannen's Magic Academy," which is a nationally recognized magic award, as well as "voted to be a finalist in the Society of American Magicians Centennial Stage Competition held in New York City."

Ng's show is known for being

filled with an enormous amount of participation from the audience. According to his Web site, Ng "views his show as a conversation with an audience rather than a performance for them. He involves the audience in ways no other performer does."

The Web site goes on to add, Ng "gets the audience to react in ways they never thought they could. He swings stuff, smashes stuff, and makes hundreds of people suspend their disbelief with every show."

This semester, SAB has been working very diligently to find entertainment that students will enjoy. The selection of Norman Ng was no different. "Last semester, one of my committee members was asked to travel to the National Association of Campus Activities (NACA) Regionals in Winston Salem, N.C., where acts from all over come together and try to persuade those students representing their university or college to why they should bring them to perform/entertain their campus. Norman the Magician just so happened to be there along with a large chunk of other performers we have had come and are coming later in the year," said Jonathan Butler, SAB's entertainment chair. After the visit to the NACA

regionals, Butler and the rest of the entertainment committee met and discussed ideas for upcoming acts. After watching several of Ng's performances on YouTube and comparing him to other possible magicians, the group decided Ng would be the perfect choice to come to ECU.

However, making decisions on entertainment choices are not always easy. "We spend a lot of time thinking of pros and cons to why certain acts should come to our campus and if students would enjoy them," said Butler. He also added that it is strongly encouraged that students join SAB so that "we have a better cast to assemble events for the campus entertainment sack."

Regardless, SAB is seemingly doing very well making entertainment decisions thus far, considering that Ng is known for being a real crowd-pleaser. In fact, Ng has even been known to give out cash prizes during his show. "Norman's show includes at least one trick involving money. In the past, participants who took part in this trick have got to keep the money," said Jacob Tidwell, assistant director for Student Activities. For this trick as well as all others requiring audience participation, Ng will randomly select volunteers from



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the audience.

For those hoping to catch "The Norman Magic Experience," it will take place in Hendrix Theater from 8-9:15 p.m. on Feb. 2.

Students are allowed to bring one guest, space permitting.

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PIRATE EATS

Newly opened Mexican restaurant Plaza Azteca proves to be the best

5 stars
Ethan Anderson
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I recently tried out the Plaza Azteca Mexican Restaurant at 400 Greenville Blvd. SW and I would definitely say similar restaurants like Mazatlan and Mi Cabaña need to look out for their new competition.

The Plaza Azteca location has housed a number of different restaurants in the past, including various types of steak houses and other similar establishments. I truly believe that this place has what it takes to stay in business. The inside boasts a very spacious, clean environment. The high ceilings and the dark woods give the restaurant a very unique and authentic atmosphere. Unsurprisingly enough, Plaza Azteca could still find space

on their wall to make room for the huge neon sign of Petey the Pirate, clearly identifying their pride for the ECU Pirates.

Furthermore, their service was excellent. I had dinner with three other friends and we all received our meals in impeccable timing. I never found myself waiting for a refill or wondering why our server had not checked on us.

I personally recommend the Texas fajitas. This dish was a little over \$10, but it is well worth every penny. It comes with a huge plate of chicken, shrimp, steak, grilled onions and peppers. It was also served with a side of flour or corn tortillas, rice, beans and pico de gallo. With all of that food, I of course had a to-go plate that was big enough to be eaten and still have

even more leftovers.

Plaza Azteca also has a wide range of combination dinners and smaller dishes, if that is your preference. They serve typical quesadilla, burrito and fajita dishes at fair prices. If you are like my friends and you base a "Mexican restaurant" mostly on its ability to provide the best chips and salsa as possible, then I suggest you at least try out the Plaza Azteca.

This is definitely a place to try out with your friends or family. Everyone can find something that is tasty and affordable on the menu. It is very comfortable and pleasant, and the meal can be enjoyed to the soft undertones of authentic Mexican music. The restaurant isn't too far down Greenville Boulevard and is convenient to students with some sort of transportation.



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Pirates gear up for a great debate

ECU's Debate team takes on rival colleges

Veronica Carrington
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Competitive debate is an organized activity with teams competing at the local, national and international level. Debate teams are popular in universities and high schools all around the world.

A rule-based competitive debate is almost always used in high schools and colleges. Moreover, it takes the form of a debate contest with specific rules and may be presided over by one or even multiple judges. Each side attempts to win the debate by following the explicit rules. Often teams attempt to win by bending the rules or by using some rules to break other rules within contest limitations.

In debate, each team is either in favor of or opposed to a statement or proposition. Regardless of each side's stance on an issue, they must seek to prove their point unless in some cases the statement or proposition holds no true resolution or outcome.

For Thomas Duffy and the ECU Debate Team, the opportunity to enjoy the rush of a great debate is close at hand.

This semester, the ECU Debate Team will have the opportunity to

compete against prestigious universities such as Dartmouth, Georgetown, Northwestern and Harvard, all of which are known for their debating prowess. ECU's team will seek to hold its own against these well-known universities.

However, sophomore political science major Duffy started the team because he felt the need to bring leadership back into the forefront of classroom competition. Often leadership is only recognized on the athletic field; therefore, Duffy seeks to change the perception of strong leadership and bring it to the classrooms of ECU's campus. The team focuses on leadership skills, legitimacy and recruitment at this time in order to build a stronger and even more competent member base.

The team visits different universities in the United States and represents ECU in the best way possible: through informed and precise debate. Debating, however, is not only about the argument process; it is also about the diction and delivery of the argument.

At an average debate, there are 25 different schools, and at larger events there are hundreds of schools from all over the United States that participate in various categories. International issues, the war on

terror, global economy and interaction between the European Union and Africa, are a few of the many topics covered in debates. Duffy said, "The whole point of debate is to be informed of everything. The idea is to find the best solution to the problems and create better leaders for the future."

The team is in the process of becoming a new student organization on campus and Duffy and the rest of the team are setting in motion the wheels of debate that will hopefully lead to an additional influx of debating members.

This is not ECU's first debate team, however. The earliest team known was in the 1970s. The team traveled up and down the East Coast participating in debate tournaments on topics of national significance. Alumni Pirates of the 1970s Debate Team traveled to places such as New York, Chicago, Miami and New Orleans.

It is no doubt the newest team founded by Duffy will attempt to forge a path of successful triumphs over the coming months. The major goal of debate is to develop one's ability to play from either an opposing or supporting position with ease. Inexperienced debaters find some propositions easier to



Freshman Salem Shaheen, along with sophomores Thomas Duffy, Jessica Lewis, and Jamie Lynn Maniscalco attend a debate team meeting Wednesday.

defend or to destroy than others; however, to debaters with extensive experience, any proposition can be defended or destroyed in a relatively short amount of time

Debate is most recognizable in

the courtroom where lawyers argue forcefully on behalf of their client, even if the evidence is against them. Debate is not about mindless argument; rather, it is the systematic analyzing of both sides of a topic. For

ECU's Debating Pirates, it is sure to be a strong run of stimulating conversation and rousing debates.

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'Jersey Shore' star, Jenni "J Woww" Farley, wants to go to Vegas for second season of show

Luis Arroyave
(MCT)

I know "Jersey Shore" cast members are notorious for saying the unexpected, but I still wasn't prepared for the line the hard-partying J-Woww dropped on me around 2 a.m. Sunday as we sat at a table at RiNo nightclub.

"I'm not drinking tonight," J-Woww said with pride.

The MTV reality television star, whose real name is Jenni Farley, told me she's been taking

a break from alcohol and hitting the gym more often. Apparently, this approach has gotten her through numerous club and media appearances.

In the past 10 days, J-Woww and her castmates filmed an MTV commercial in Venice Beach, Calif., they were guests on the "Rachael Ray" show in New York and they were forced to leave a New Jersey nightclub appearance because the venue couldn't control the larger-than-expected crowd.

"I don't know another reality



show that has had this sort of impact," J-Woww said. "Maybe 'The Osbournes'?"

What's been the highlight of "Jersey Shore"-mania?

"Celebs coming up to us. Leonardo DiCaprio came up to us and said 'GTL for life,'" she said — a reference to The Situation's "Gym, tan, laundry" mantra.

J-Woww plans to use her fame to launch a fashion line, which she describes as "Affliction for women." She is designing the patterns herself

(according to her Web site, she studied graphic design in college) and said she hopes to launch the line in the summer.

But J-Woww isn't just thinking about designing clothes these days. She's also thinking about taking them off.

"I would love to do Playboy," said JWoww, who claimed in an interview with Us Weekly that the men's magazine made her an offer to pose. "But right now I'm crossing my fingers for a second season of the show. Personally, I'd like to see us all go to Vegas."

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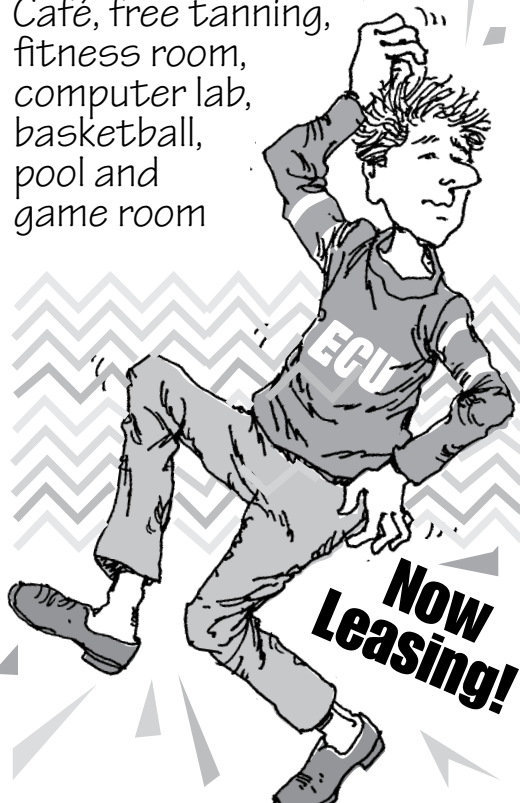
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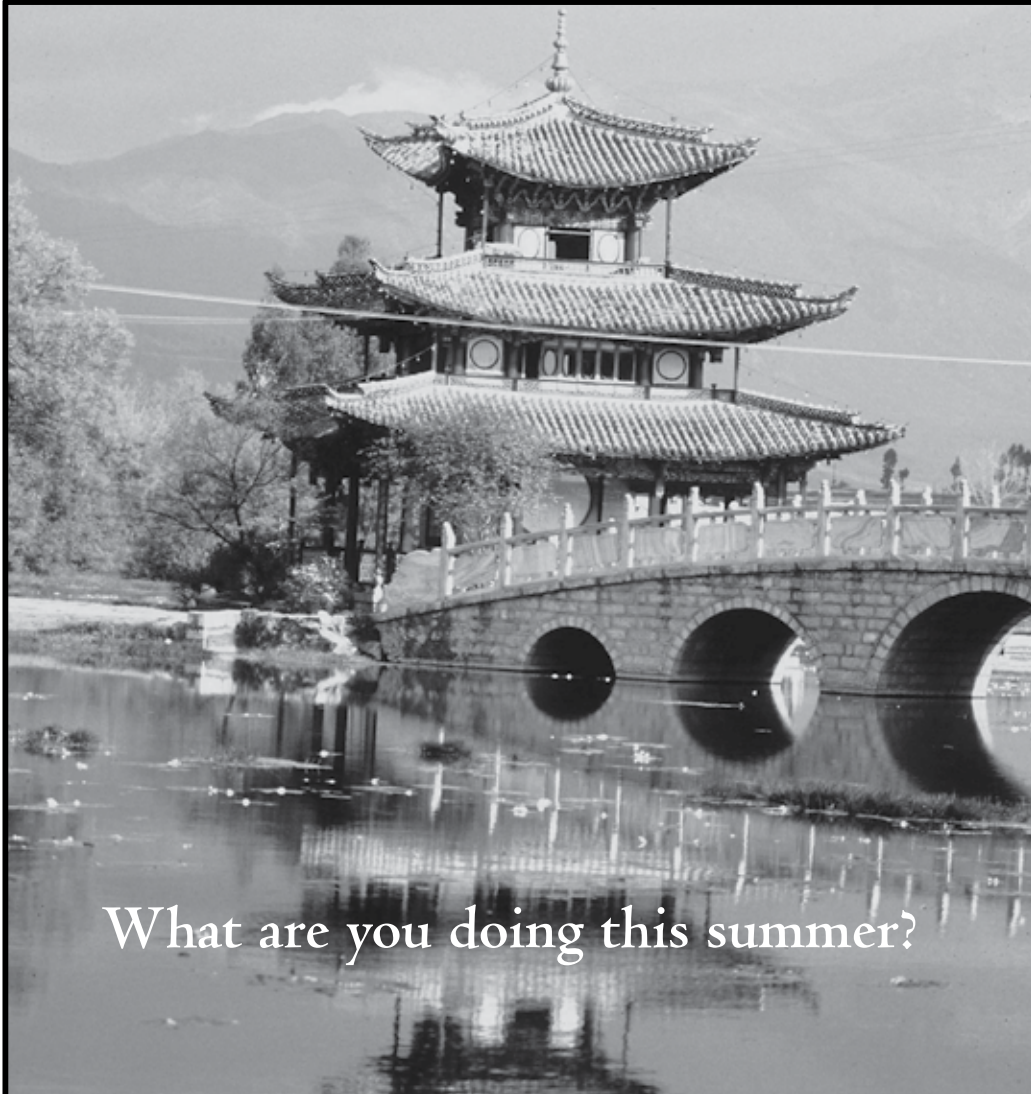
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Staff Reports

Roller named sixth-best collegiate player

ECU senior DH/1B Kyle Roller has been tabbed as the sixth-best player in college baseball according to TheCollegeBaseballBlog.com in their Top 100 collegiate players for the 2010 season.

Roller, a 2009 first-team All-America selection by the America Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) and Ping!Baseball, batted .366 (86-for-256) with 16 home runs and 75 RBI as the Pirates' designated hitter. The Rockingham, N.C., native ranked among the national leaders hit by pitches (fourth), RBI (23rd), total bases (79th), home runs (80th) and hits (98th) after earning first-team All-Conference USA and NCAA Greenville Regional All-Tournament honors.

During a five-game stretch from March 17-22, Roller batted .591 (13-for-22) with four homers, 15 RBI, two walks and plunked five times on his way to National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) Pro-Line Athletic National Player-of-the-Week honors.

Roller also added Conference USA Hitter-of-the-Week, College Baseball Foundation Diamond Sports National All-Star Lineup and CollegeBaseballInsider.com Central Regional Player-of-the-Week honors after his offensive display during the Pirates' 5-0 week.

During the summer, Roller earned regular season and tournament MVP honors in the prestigious Cape Cod Baseball League (CCBL) after helping the Bourne Braves to their first ever CCBL Championship.

Track and Field has impressive showing at UNC

The ECU track and field teams continued to develop Saturday, taking part in the UNC Classic at the Eddie Smith Field House. Freshman Tynita Butts won her third and fourth events of the year, capturing the long jump and high jump, while 11 athletes set career-best times or marks.

Tanisha Glover recorded 16th-place finishes in both the preliminaries and finals of the 60-meter dash, turning in times of 7.90 and 8.14, respectively. Tiffany Harris then took second in the 400-meter dash with a personal-best 57.70. Another rookie, Brooke Kott, continued her strong season by taking seventh in the 800-meter run by clocking in at 2:20.53. In the longer distances, Samantha Lichtner collected a third-place result in the mile run, finishing the race in 5:04.25. Then, Tara Wilson ended the 3,000-meter run in second, checking in with a career-best time of 10:16.51. Additionally, the 4x400 relay team notched its second-best time of the year, placing second at 4:01.48. As for the field events, Butts won the aforementioned long and high jump events with marks of 1.73 and 6.00, respectively. Valeria Moore also showed well in the high jump, recording 1.58, good for seventh place. Donisha Brown then came in 10th in the weight throw with a mark of 14.88. Antonia Marshall ran a pair of 6.98s to place 18th and ninth in the prelims and finals of the 60-meter dash, while Ron Wright turned in his second top-10 placement of the season in the 400-meter dash, finishing in 50.59. Grant Burress participated in the 3,000-meter run for the first time this year, completing the race with a time of 8:57.96 and taking ninth.

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Club ice hockey suffers setbacks in first ever Pennsylvania road swing



The ECU club ice hockey team tries to score in a game earlier this season.

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ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

On its first ever Pennsylvania road trip, the ECU club ice hockey team dropped three-straight close games to their northern foes.

The Pirates (11-8-1) embarked on the trip riding high off their win in the Stephen Russell Memorial Tournament but fell short due to late rallies by some of the American Collegiate Hockey Associations' best teams.

ECU lost 4-3 to Robert Morris, 6-4 to California University of Pennsylvania and 3-2 to St. Vincent.

"It was a little bit disappointing because we played well," ECU captain Sean Burns said. "Every game we had the game in our hands and it just

slipped away from us."

In their opening bout Thursday night against No. 3 Robert Morris (ACHA Div. III Atlantic), the Pirates controlled the puck from the get-go and outshot Robert Morris, 33-23, but fell victim to a badly timed penalty.

"It was a very good game; there were only six penalties," ECU head coach Mike Markham said. "We had one ill-timed penalty and we lose 4-3."

Following their Thursday night loss in Pittsburgh, the Pirates traveled to California, Pa., to face off with No. 1 Cal University of Pa. (ACHA Div. III Atlantic).

ECU gave the Vulcans a scare as the game was tied up in the second period at three apiece, but bad timing with penalties continued to plague

the Pirates.

The Pirates once again found themselves in trouble on the penalty kill as they let two late power play goals through as the undefeated Cal U of Pa. went on to pull out the 6-4 win over the Pirates.

"This (road trip) proves to the team that we can hang with anyone," ECU netminder Matt Dalgetty said. "This shows that when it comes to Nationals, if they're the best and we can be tied with them, then we can beat anyone."

Finishing up the trip in Latrobe, Pa., against St. Vincent, the Pirates continued their streak of good hockey laced with unfortunate penalties as they dropped their third and final game, 3-2.

Early on in the match, ECU lost goal-scoring winger Dave

"Cheese" Orlando in the first period to a concussion.

Despite the losses, the Pirates are proud of their effort and ready to return to conference play.

The trip "set a benchmark of where we want to be," Burns said. "We know where we need to be to be with the best teams in the country."

This weekend, the Pirates will return home to Greenville for their first home game of the second half of the season.

Back at home, ECU's first home tilt will be against conference rival Christopher Newport.

The Pirates and the Captains are sure to produce an exciting and physical game as the two teams share understanding of bad blood.

"It's going to be a good

game. It's always physical with those guys," Burns said. "It's one of the most heated rivalries we've got; it should be a fun game to watch and play."

In their last contest, the Pirates won a close 6-5 game on the road at CNU, but ECU is confident in the improvement its program has seen.

"We are a completely different team than we were, chemistry-wise and player-wise," Markham said. "Should prove to be a very interesting game and but we need to win it."

ECU will square off with Blue Ridge Hockey Conference foe CNU Saturday Jan. 30 at 4 p.m. at Bladez on Ice.

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Spivey's play a critical reason behind Lady Pirates' success

Stephen McNulty

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The ECU women's basketball team is off to one of its best starts in program history this season and much of the credit can be attributed to the excellent play of junior guard Allison Spivey.

The Asheboro native is having a stellar season, averaging over 11 points per game while starting all 19 games this season. Spivey has also continued her sharp shooting from beyond the arc, hitting 46 percent of her 3s and currently sits 10th of all-time in 3-pointers made in the Lady Pirates program.

"I think one thing about Allison is that she brings it every day, in practice and in the game. [Spivey] has really improved a lot since she came here and she's a really smart player as well," ECU head coach Sharon Baldwin-Tener said about her veteran guard.

Spivey sprinted out of the gates starting the season with a career-best 25 points against Charlotte in the team's first contest. The junior continued to excel, leading the team in points six more times thus far, including a 23-point performance in an overtime victory over Houston.

After losing last season's top two scorers, Spivey knew there would be more demanded from her.

"We knew we would have to find points somewhere," Spivey said. "Last year they were on the floor with Jasmine [Young] and LaCoya [Terry], but this year they are being more distributed and falling my way."

Spivey also understands the responsibility that she has as one of the only two upperclassmen to see significant playing time.

"I feel like with some of the games that we lost, both of us

can take a lot of responsibility for them ... just emotion and getting everyone ready for those games had lacked on our part, and it reflects on us as leaders," Spivey stated.

However, at 15-4 on the season, coach Baldwin-Tener believes there is little that can be said to belittle the leadership of Spivey and fellow junior Kim Gay.

"Both of them lead by example ... I think that they're doing a pretty good job trying to keep people focused on what it is we need to do," Baldwin-Tener said.

Other players appreciate the elevated play of Spivey, specifically co-captain Kim Gay.

"We definitely play well together and she looks for me on the floor," Gay said. "Also, she's a shooter, she can shoot it ... which really opens it up for me down low."

In return, the humble shooter gives plenty of credit to her teammates for her success.

"Ashley [Clarke] does a great job of distributing the ball and Chareya [Smith] scoring inside has really helped get me opportunities," Spivey said.

Spivey also keeps her own personal blog on ecupirates.com entitled "Alli-Oop." Here, Spivey talks directly to the fans, telling them of her experiences during the season. The Lady Pirate also shares with her fans her strong faith, ending each post with "Have a blessed weekend."

Spivey is not afraid to wear her beliefs on her back either. During each game she wears a tank top under her jersey that reads, "I play for an audience of one."

"The audience of one is the Lord above and I thank Him for my strength and He's the reason



Junior Pirate guard Allison Spivey has had a career year for the Pirates thus far this season.

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Top five reasons to tune in to the NFL Pro Bowl

OPINION



Addison Harvey

STAFF WRITER

With the New Orleans Saints and Indianapolis Colts having clinched Super Bowl berths, football fans all across the world will now resort to watching the Pro Bowl this Sunday.

In trying to make the game more meaningful, the NFL powers have moved the game a week prior to the Super Bowl as well as changed its location to Miami (where this year's Super Bowl will be played).

Here are five reasons to check out this All-Star battle.



ECU alum Chris Johnson is a Pro Bowl selection after rushing for 2,006 yard this past season.



ECU alum David Garrard is a Pro Bowl selection after filling in a vacated spot.

5. People are still in the mood for football:

The NFL has struggled to find an appropriate date for its All-Star Game. Every other sport can manage to hold its All-Star Game in the middle of the season and give the players a break from the rigors of the season.

The best idea may be to give the NFL players a two-week break where the players that are invited to the Pro Bowl play on the first Sunday and get the second week-end off.

This would elongate the season by two weeks and could prevent players from skipping out on the game because of "injuries."

For now, though, the NFL powers have decided to test a new version of the Pro Bowl in a convenient site -- Miami instead of Hawaii -- and play the week before the Super Bowl.

This should generate more excitement because everyone is still talking about football in anticipation of the Super Bowl.

If this Pro Bowl format works out and ratings increase, no one will be happier than NFL commissioner Roger Goodell who has had to field complaints about the Pro Bowl since he was put in office.

4. Miami:

Ever since I can remember, the Pro Bowl has been held in Hawaii. So, the fact that this year's game is in Miami has generated enough intrigue for me to tune in.

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2. Watch the AFC and NFC defense:

While most people are not

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I am out here." Spivey explained. Allison Spivey and the Lady Pirates continue playing against the league, leading UAB Blaz-

ers tonight at 7 p.m. at Minges Coliseum. After two consecutive conference losses, this may be the biggest game of the season thus far.

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intrigued by the Pro Bowl because it lacks actual Pro Bowl-worthy players, this year's game will be highlighted by great defensive players.

The AFC is led by shutdown defensive back Darrelle Revis and AFC sack leader Elvis Dumervil, while the NFC defense has a lethal defensive line with Jared Allen and DeMarcus Ware.

It is a noteworthy complaint that stars such as Tom Brady, Brett Favre, Larry Fitzgerald and Sidney Rice have decided to skip

the Pro Bowl because of injuries, but this should not stop viewers from enjoying the great defense that should be displayed.

1. Watch Johnson and Garrard:

This year's version of the Pro Bowl features two ECU alums.

David Garrard and Chris Johnson have both been selected to participate in Sunday's event on the AFC team.

While Johnson was selected

as a starter, Garrard was added late since Peyton Manning was forced to sit out because of his team's Super Bowl berth.

This will be the first time in ECU history that two former Pirate football players are participating in the Pro Bowl, so this should be enough of a reason for all current and former Pirates to tune in and support Garrard and Johnson lead the AFC.

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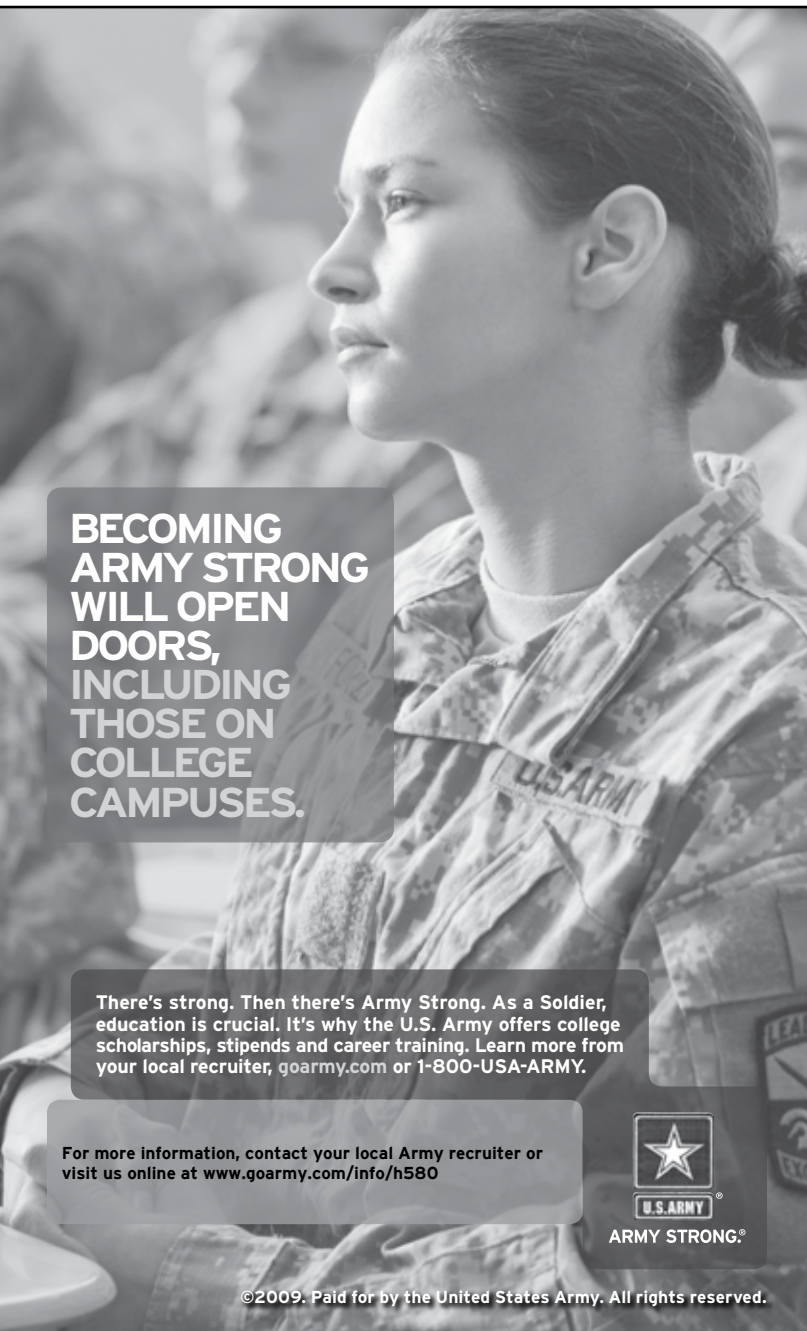
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Duplexes 2BR/1BA near ECU. Duplex located at 400 Maple Street includes all appliances. \$625/month. Another duplex located at 112-B N. Jarvis Street: \$360/month. Available now! Call 252-902-9686.

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Are you looking for a rewarding part-time job? Are you a people person that can work well with others and are detailed oriented? If so, a position as a student-advertising representative may be right for you. TEC ad department is looking for go-getters who are interested in selling ads for the campus newspaper. No experience necessary, we will train. Must have a 2.25 or higher GPA and your own transportation. Call Christina (Student Ad Manager) at 252.328.9277 for more information or email tecads@ecu.edu and ask for an application.

Greenville Recreation & Parks Department is recruiting part-time youth soccer coaches/referees for our upcoming indoor soccer program. Applicants must possess a good knowledge of soccer skills and have the ability and patience to work with youth. Applicants must be able to coach young people ages 12-18 in soccer fundamentals. Hours are from 6:45pm to 10:00 pm, Monday - Thursday. Flexible hours according to class sched-

ules. This program will run from March 9 to mid May. Salaries start at \$7.25 per hour. Apply online at www.greenvillenc.gov. For more information, please contact the Elm Street Office at 329-4650, Monday through Friday, 2 pm until 7 pm.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wish Granting Volunteers are needed for the local Make-A-Wish Foundation! Volunteers will visit children with life-threatening medical conditions and their families, and will see the impact a wish can make on these children! For more info, contact Lisa at 919-821-7111 or lbrinkerhoff@eastncwish.org.

The ECU English Department presents the 7th annual TESOL/ Applied Linguistics Graduate Students (TALGS) Conference on February 20th in the Bate Building. Featuring presentations and workshops. Pre-registration: February 1st.

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