

## INSIDE

**OPINION:** To the girl who just WIPED DOWN the keyboard in the computer lab with a smelly sanitary wipe: Wow. **A4**

**FEATURES:** The Vagina Monologues is playing in Hendrix Theatre starting Sunday night. Find out more in features. **A6**

**SPORTS:** Want to know more about the ace pitchers of the ECU baseball and softball team? Turn to sports learn more about both. **A8**

## BRIEFS

### Hatteras ferry route suspended

#### Staff Reports

Four routes were suspended this week due to extremely high winds. Concerned about the safe crossing of waterways, the North Carolina Department of Transportation's Ferry Divisions has suspended ferry activity at Hatteras. The coastal town will now join the list of earlier suspensions in Ocracoke, Swan Quarter, Cedar Island and Pamlico river routes.

The Hatteras route will make one more run at 6 p.m. to bring any traffic over from Ocracoke Island. The ferry runs between Cedar Island and Swan Quarter. It ended after the mid-morning runs.

Operations could be suspended through this morning, depending on the severity of the wind speeds. Other ferry routes could be affected as well as the day progresses.

A coastal storm is producing sustained winds of 40 mph, with gusts up to 60 mph, which makes it unsafe for many ferries to navigate.

For up-to-date information, call 1-800-293-3779 (BY-FERRY) and press 1, or go to [www.ncferry.org](http://www.ncferry.org).

### E-mail accounts to be

#### Staff Reports

On Feb. 22, ECU will deactivate the accounts of students who are not currently enrolled in classes for the spring semester, have not been admitted for future semesters, or who do not have an active incomplete. These students should have received a notification alerting them of their account's targeted deactivation.

Students who are not currently enrolled but are doing thesis work, participating in a university internship or are studying abroad may be eligible to keep their account active.

These students should contact their sponsor (adviser, professor, instructor, etc.) about the issue. The sponsor should contact the ECU IT Help Desk prior to Feb. 22 and request that the account be kept active. Secondly, the sponsor needs to submit an online request at <http://ithelp.ecu.edu>. Once logged in, there is an account reactivation form located on the left side of the page.

All requests must be accompanied by the following information in order to verify the request: Contact information (phone number and/or alternate e-mail address), reason for the request (thesis, internship, studying abroad, etc.) and any pertinent information (course #, instructor contact, adviser, etc.).

For questions or additional information, please contact the ECU IT Help Desk at 252-328-9866, 1-800-340-7081 or [www.help.ecu.edu](http://www.help.ecu.edu).

### Food drive to benefit the Food Bank

#### Staff Reports

Today is the last day for students to bring in their canned goods.

The ECU Activities Board encourages students to take part in this food drive aimed at benefiting the Food Bank of Eastern North Carolina.

Boxes are set up throughout campus.

It is hoped that this food drive will allow ECU to play an integral role in reaching out and giving back to the community.

In a bad economy, there are plenty in need and the community needs to know the school is working together to reach out and give.

Volunteers ask that students please take the time to go through your pantries or, while you are at the store, pick up an item or two.

Please do not donate items in glass containers. The most needed items include canned meals, peanut butter, cereal, canned fruits and vegetables, rice, pasta and dried beans, hygiene items, infant products and paper products.

## WEB POLL

### DID YOUR TEAM WIN THE SUPERBOWL?

YES

NO

Check out [twitter.com/ecunews](http://twitter.com/ecunews) and our fan page on facebook.



# The East Carolinian

Thursday, 2.11.10

Volume 85, Issue 35

[theeastcarolinian.com](http://theeastcarolinian.com)

YOUR CAMPUS NEWS SOURCE SINCE 1925

## Students participate in Sexual Responsibilities Week around campus



Featured Speaker Maria Falzone gives her "Sex Rules" presentation with a comedic spin.

**Matthew McLaughlin**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This past Monday marked the beginning of ECU's Sexual Responsibilities Week, headed by Student Health Services, which offered many unique activities and events for students on campus.

On Monday, the Student Wellness Center kicked off the week starting with the Condom Olympics in Wright Plaza. From 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., students found themselves participating in games like "the condom stretch," or answering sex trivia questions. These games focused on educating and promoting safe sex practices among students by exhibiting the important facts in a fun way.

Community health major and intern Megan Price has worked to put on events such as the Condom Olympics.

She explained what she hopes to achieve with these activities, saying, "You want to promote positive sexual health because it is a very important dimension of health, especially for people of our

age group on a college campus." To Price, the turnout at the Condom Olympics was a great success.

All who participated in at least one of the Condom Olympics activities received a free "Sex Safety Kit" from the Student Wellness Center.

In addition to this, the Brody School of Medicine also offered free HIV testing to all ECU students in Wright Plaza. Using a no-blood method, participants used mouth swabs to be tested for HIV. In total, there were approximately 60 participants; a number that Price is also pleased with.

The entertainment continued when guest lecturer and comedian Maria Falzone came to Hendrix Theater Tuesday night. Anyone who came expecting a dry and dull lecture about the dangers of sex found they were delightfully mistaken. Falzone's lively lecturing style made her a hit with her audience, as she made the taboo subject of sex a humorous and relaxed topic.

Her program, "Sex Rules," was

an informative style of standup comedy. Her focus: to educate students about safer sex practices through sharing her own stories and experiences with students.

"To me, this whole lecture is about making a difference," she said.

Many students found her comedy refreshing and smart.

Andreia Wehrle, a freshman, believes that the show will help others to have safer and more enjoyable sex, saying, "Everyone tells you that condoms are the only way to have safe sex and that just gets boring."

This was just one of the point that Falzone was trying to make. By bringing sex "out of the dark" and into the open, it becomes more natural, rather than a shameful act. Her alternatives to sexual intercourse provide many new and safe options for people of all ages.

The "Sex Rules" lecture was brought to ECU by the Student

> **HEALTH** page A2

## ECU offers international course in climate change

**Tucker Middleton**  
STAFF WRITER

ECU announced this month an upcoming program that will seek to connect students with the world through virtual presentations. The program is the first of its kind for ECU and higher education and will focus on combating climate change from a global perspective.

Students from ECU will partner with students from Shandong University in China, Faculdade de Jaguariuna in Brazil and the University of Jammu in India to brainstorm ways to combat climate change in their own communities. Cross-cultural and international perspectives will be provided through interaction with other university students abroad will give ECU's participants a more well-rounded view of how climate change affects communities differently across the globe and how each community can make a unique contribution to combating global climate change.

"We anticipate that these four countries will have very different viewpoints on how to resolve the problem of climate change," said Rosina Chia, ECU assistant vice chancellor for global academic initiatives.

This course doubles as an official course offering from ECU's Department of Geography and an online lecture circuit that anyone can view. The GEOG 3230 course follows a normal Monday-Wednesday-Friday schedule and will feature prominent speakers from around the

globe to introduce material in their areas of expertise.

The first presentation in the course was delivered on Feb. 3. The "Science and Impacts of Climate Change" lecture was presented by John Holdren, director of the White House's Office of Science and Technology Policy. He is the first of several speakers who will present throughout the semester.

Future presenters include David Sandalow, assistant secretary for Policy and International Affairs for the U.S. Department of Energy; Marcia McNutt, director of the U.S. Geological Survey and Jonathan Pershing, the State Department's deputy special envoy for climate.

The course and lectures are organized around five main topics: science and impacts of climate change, mitigation technologies and policy, adaptation, multilateral and local actions and developing and developed world responsibilities. This course aims to cover important environmental questions that are relevant to students who will determine the future of world's response to climate issues.

"Climate change is a vital issue for all of society," said sophomore Emily Litzenger. "This course will give ECU students the opportunity to be on the forefront of today's largest issue."

Presentations will be available for viewing online, and anyone can "attend" the online viewing session. The interactive

> **CLIMATE** page A2

## ECU history professor speaks to student group

**Michelle Collier**  
STAFF WRITER

John Tucker, director of the Asian Studies Program at ECU, lectured a handful of eager students on Japanese monasteries Monday evening. The event was held in the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center and was hosted by the Student Buddhist Study and Meditation group.

Tucker is the university's historian and specializes in research on Japanese religion and philosophy. Tucker frequents the Buddhist temples and shrines in the Kyoto, Japan, region and even takes a group of students with him each summer.

The lecture began with a brief overview of Japanese history and geography. Tucker explained that Kyoto is Japan's ancient capital, the burial ground for most emperors and the center of thousands of years of Japanese history and tradition.

The night's main focus was on the Buddhist temples and shrines in the surround-

ing mountainous regions of Kyoto. The Japanese view the mountains as sacred places for their religious temples. Tucker described the setting as a sort of paradise.

"You can really sense that you're in a different world," he said.

The attendees had the opportunity to see and touch many religious and cultural items that Tucker purchased in Japan. One such item was a bell that Japanese Buddhists ring at their temples in order to attract gods so they can pray to them.

"In class, Dr. Tucker even brings in ancient Confucius texts and passes them around," said Sam Young, a senior history and Asian studies major. Young is planning on traveling to Japan this summer with Tucker.

Attendees also got the opportunity to see pictures of the shrines they could possibly visit this summer. One shrine

> **BUDDHIST** page A2

## Larceny crimes across campus increase

**Cassie McLean**  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

With the rise of flashy new technology, GPS devices and convenient credit cards, it seems thieves are more tempted than ever these days.

According to ECU Police Department crime statistics, officers logged over 30 larceny charges in January alone, leaving larceny as the number one crime among ECU's campus.

Derri G. Stormer, crime prevention sergeant, first explained the trend among cars. The main problem, she said, was people leaving their belongings in their cars, catching the eye of passersby. "Students think, why take my GPS down? But keep in mind, someone out there is hoping you'll think that," she explained. GPS devices and iPods have become the two most common items stolen on campus.

After four vehicles were recently damaged along Reade Street, Stormer hopes students will learn to put belongings away — and not necessarily in their trunk.

Students forget, Stormer said, that there is a trunk release. All they have to do is get in and they have easy access to your trunk.

Another automobile mistake students make is putting too much trust in their power lock, which often only locks three of the four doors.

"You only need one door to get in," she said.

Sophomore Amanda Lapp learned her lesson from personal experience. She explained the scene she came across in her apartment's parking lot last month.

"I was on my way to a meeting when I found the back window of my car completely shattered and a fifth of liquor in the back seat," she said.

After picking the glass out of her back seat and sending the car to be repaired, Lapp realized just how grueling such a task can be — and was thankful she had not left any valuables in the car.

"Although I was angry that someone would do that, I was more upset about the inconvenience. I didn't have a car for a week and I was extremely late for

my meeting."

Bryce Hauser, a sophomore and victim of two larceny events on campus, had his car broken into both last week and last semester.

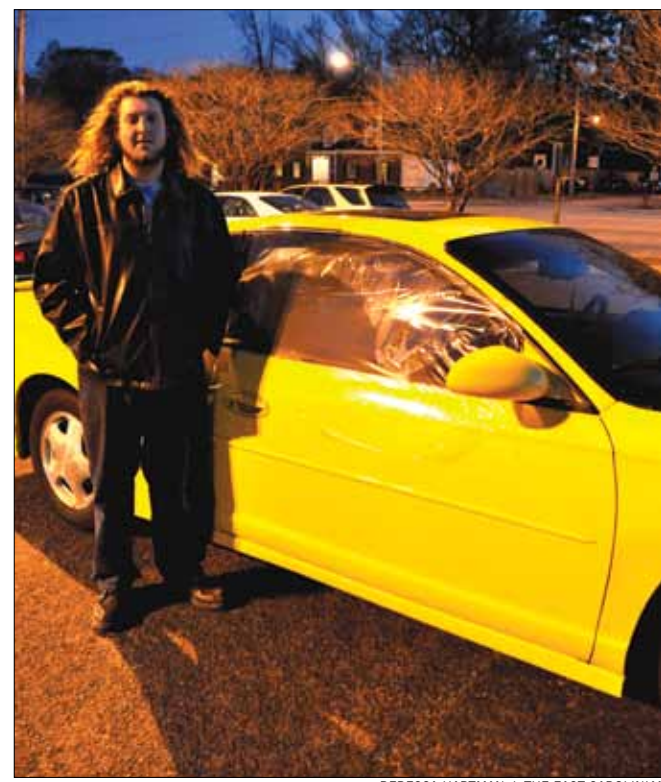
Hauser retells the events of the two nights in which his things were stolen from the B lot. "The thief threw a brick through my window and stole my GPS and CDs," he said. "That happened Wednesday morning and I was informed at 5 a.m., when a police-woman knocked on my door and drove me out to the car. Also, in a separate incident before Christmas break, my left mirror was stolen."

He explained his feelings toward the matter. "I am angry about the whole situation. My insurance will cover the window, but not the stolen items."

As for improvements, Hauser explained he would like to see "the police up enforcement around the B lot by downtown, place cameras in obvious spots to ward off potential thefts."

He advises students, "Parking

> **LARCENY** page A3



A brick was thrown into the window of sophomore art major Bryce Hauser's vehicle last week.

## BRIEFS

### ECU SGA shows gratitude

#### Staff Reports

ECU SGA would like to send a gracious thank you to the Pirate Community for all the support.

Thanks to the help from the generous student body, the Pirates for Haiti campaign has come closer to their \$5,000 goal.

The disaster relief effort has been a successful effort so far in helping the victims of Haiti's devastating disaster.

Many people graciously donated their money to the American Red Cross and many volunteers devoted their time and energy to collecting financial donations. Your time and effort clearly exemplified East Carolina University's motto - to serve. With your help, we will be able to help the lives of many Haitians.

## BUDDHIST continued from A1

that Tucker enjoys taking his students to is the Shimogamo shrine, which visitors must walk on granite boulders to access.

Tucker explained a few Buddhist rituals and also showed pictures of Chinese characters that have been etched into the Japanese hillsides. Every summer, these symbols are lit on fire to reassure the spirits that they will never go back to Osaka.

Tucker also explained some of the intricacies of the Zen ideology.

"The Zen people really revel in irregularities," said Tucker, as he explained the people's odd appreciation of beauty. Many Zen gardens displayed tree stumps and rock gardens.

According to Tucker, his interest in Japanese history and culture developed while he lived in Hawaii. It was his relationships with Japa-

nese-Americans that prompted his extensive study of the Japanese language, and later, the entire culture. His specific interest in Buddhism peaked the interest of the student Buddhist group.

"It is important to learn about different cultures and even different variations of Buddhism for practicing Buddhists," explained Abby Leake, the president of the Student Buddhist Study and Meditation

group. Even within Japan, Buddhism takes many forms.

Tucker gave an open invitation to all attendees to travel to Japan with him this summer. The trip will last approximately two to three weeks and students will spend most of their time in the Kyoto area.

This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

## HEALTH continued from A1

Activities Board to support Sexual Responsibility Week. After the performance, SAB committee member and event coordinator Wendy Dixon said, "We knew that she had a message that people would listen to because she is funny."

Falzone has been a professional comedian for 14 years. During her career she has appeared in the HBO Aspen Comedy Special, headlined in Amsterdam, London and Sweden

and is currently one of the most sought-after speakers for colleges nationwide.

When asked what she hoped to emphasize upon ECU students, she responded by saying, "Practice safer sex. Safer sex is important and safe sex can be fun, too."

This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

## CLIMATE continued from A1

classroom atmosphere of the course exemplifies ECU's commitment to innovative learning and technology use as a teaching tool.

The climate change course and its unique design comes on the heels of a larger program that was created at ECU in 2004 by Assistant Vice Chancellor for Global Academic Initiatives Chia and Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Outreach Elmer Poe. The Global Understand Course they designed is directed at

the 95 percent of students who will not have the opportunity to study abroad and are seeking a curriculum that will allow them to connect with students from other countries.

Students and community members can follow the climate change class' activities and view presentations on the GEOG 3230 blog found at <http://gcc.aos.ecu.edu/news>.

This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

## WE WANT YOU!

The East Carolinian is currently **HIRING NEWS WRITERS.**

For more information, please contact Samantha Hughes at [news@theeastcarolinian.com](mailto:news@theeastcarolinian.com)



# L LOVE VE

## We've Got Valentines Gifts for the Pirate you Treasure!

- ▼ 25% OFF all Nike® Apparel in stock!
- ▼ 20% OFF all imprinted Gifts in stock!
- ▼ 25% OFF Pirate L♥VE soft-cotton tee!



**Ronald E. Dowdy**  
**STUDENT STORES**  
EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

Wright Building • Brody Building  
328.6731 • 744.3450 • 877.499.TEXT  
[www.studentstores.ecu.edu](http://www.studentstores.ecu.edu)

Polos • Sweatshirts • Jewelry • T-Shirts • Blankets • Teddy Bears • Headphones • iPod Accessories • Hats

Sale runs through 2/13/10. In-store purchases only. Prior purchases, purchases of gift cards, and special orders excluded. No other discounts apply.

# UPGRADE YOUR experience









Come See our new upgraded amenities



**PIRATES COVE**

252.752.9995 | 3305 E. 10TH ST  
[PIRATESTUDENTHOUSING.COM](http://PIRATESTUDENTHOUSING.COM)



**PIRATES PLACE TOWNHOMES**

252.321.7613 | 1526 S. CHARLES BLVD  
[PIRATESPLACETOWNHOMES.COM](http://PIRATESPLACETOWNHOMES.COM)



**UNIVERSITY MANOR**

252.758.5551 | 3535 E. 10TH ST  
[UMANOR.COM](http://UMANOR.COM)



AN AMERICAN CAMPUS COMMUNITY

# Does Your Apartment Stink?

Then Move Out Today!



## Come to the Suietest Place in Greenville!

### University Suites Townhome Community

Free application fee waived of \$35.00 with this flyer!  
Offer Expires February 28th 2010  
(Some restrictions may apply)

Discover our large 3 bedroom townhouses that provide our residents with the ultimate student lifestyle and supreme location!!  
Pet Friendly, Free transport to ECU, Super Move-in Specials.  
Call Today! (252) 551-3800

Visit us at [www.universitiesuites.net](http://www.universitiesuites.net) 2200 University Suites Drive, Greenville, NC 27834

## LARCENY continued from A1

on campus and in the B lots is always a gamble, but for the money we pay for passes, we should have some sort of peace of mind knowing that our property is being protected by the police ... which obviously is not the case and things need to change for our cars to be safe from these sort of incidents."

Stormer reminds skeptical students and staff not to profile. The person you do not suspect — the one wearing a backpack, who looks neat and clean and is simply trying to blend in, may be the one you need to look out for, she said.

Students can take small steps to avoid becoming a victim of larceny. First, bicycle owners should purchase a u-boat lock for their bikes. The ECU Police Department recommends them over cables because cables have been found to snap.

Secondly, Dowdy sells locks for student laptops, running at approximately \$20 — a small price to pay to protect an expensive piece of equipment.

In the gym, students should purchase combination locks for their lockers; these can be found at any local Dollar Store.

Criminals are now going through unlocked lockers, taking simply one credit card and making purchases before students often notice it is missing, Stormer explained. They make multiple, small purchases rather than extravagant ones and therefore are not detected by your banking theft system, she said.

For students who live on campus in the residence halls, Stormer suggests treating the residence as if it was your home away from home. Rather than thinking of the sterile building as just that, remind yourself that you would not invite a perfect stranger to take a tour of your home — therefore, why would you allow someone in behind you?

"You're putting hundreds of others in danger by doing that," she said.

Stormer wants to remind students that there is a tip line for suspicious activity across campus. Students can call 252-737-8477 or e-mail [ecupdtips@ecu.edu](mailto:ecupdtips@ecu.edu) to send any helpful information related to campus crime.

The most common mistake

students make, Stormer stated, was waiting too long.

"A lot of the time, students wait until they get back to their apartments to call," she said.

For students worried about the results of reporting someone, the police department keeps all tips anonymous. If they wish, students can also request that the police do not come by their residence to discuss the matter.

Stormer reminds all students, "Take extra measures. People are waiting on you to leave something behind because they can make quick money and pay nothing for it."

More importantly, Stormer emphasizes that larceny can easily be reduced by a team effort within the ECU population — students, staff and faculty.

She said, "People are always asking what we [the ECU Police Department] is doing about safety. I always ask back, 'What are we (as a community) doing about safety?'"

This writer can be contacted at [news@theeastcarolinian.com](mailto:news@theeastcarolinian.com).



**VALENTINE WEEKEND SPECIALS!**  
FRIDAY - SUNDAY

• Fajitas for two \$18.99  
(your choice of beef, chicken, shrimp or pork)

• Strawberry Margaritas \$3.99

• Sangrias \$1.99



Mondays 1/2 Price Draft Pitchers

Downtown Greenville 757-1666  
[chicosrestaurant.com](http://chicosrestaurant.com)

## Barefoot on the Mall T-Shirt Design Contest

Create a design for the back of the Barefoot on the Mall T-shirt

All Designs & Concepts must:

1. Incorporate the theme "Recycle your shoes, Go Barefoot!"

2. Have no more than two colors per design, to go on a white t-shirt

SUBMIT: All designs and concepts to [SABSPECIAL@ECU.EDU](mailto:SABSPECIAL@ECU.EDU) by February 22, 2010

\*\*All designs and concepts submitted become the sole property of the Student Activities Board. We reserve the right to use any design, concept, or portion thereof at our discretion.

## Free Senior Portrait Sessions Going On Now!

Dates: Tuesday, Feb. 16th – Friday, Feb. 19th

**To Schedule:**

Log onto [www.ouryear.com](http://www.ouryear.com) with school code 453 or call 1-800-OUR-YEAR (687-9327)

**Locations:**

Tuesday (2/16) - Ledonia Wright Cultural Center (11am – 7pm)  
Wednesday (2/17) - Ledonia Wright Cultural Center (11am – 7pm)  
Thursday (2/18) - Mendenhall Student Center, Room 14 (11am – 7pm)  
Friday (2/19) - Mendenhall Student Center, Room 14 (11am-7pm)

**Attire:**

Men – Yearbook Pose: Suit/Business Attire  
Women – Yearbook Pose: Blouse/Business Attire  
Cap & Gown portraits (optional) – Choice of black or purple gown (will be provided)  
\* Purple and gold tassels will be provided for undergraduates  
\* Graduate students must provide their own departmental hoods

**Additional Information:**

- There is no cost or sitting fee for graduates  
- For distance Education or online students: If students cannot get to campus to take their photos during that week, the Buccaneer staff will accept high-resolution digital photos from students. The submitted photo(s) should look professional, and graduates should be wearing business attire in the photo. The Buccaneer reserves the right to deny a photo deemed inappropriate.  
- There will be another portrait session (TBA) for spring graduates (and make-up portraits) in the spring semester of 2010.

If there are any other concerns, please call: 328-4712

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](mailto:opinion@theeastcarolinian.com). Log onto [theeastcarolinian.com](http://theeastcarolinian.com) to submit a Rant of your own.

I thought the Puppy Bowl was way more exciting than the Super Bowl.

Dear Roommate: You and your boyfriend have more drama in one night than the Real Housewives of Atlanta do all season!

My fraternity roommate is pathetic...all he does is drink beer and play video games.

I want a beer and I wanna see something naked!

Please take care of your dog! This isn't just your apartment, other people live here AND don't want to have to smell dog crap everyday!!!!

Since when did the bouncers start caring whether I have a fake ID or not? Something is going wrong with the world.

My date for Valentine's Day = Bud Light

Laundry Lesson for Tyler Hall #1: When clothes are done in the washer and BOTH dryers are open please be courteous and place them into the dryer and not on top of the washer... wet. Thank you.~

My roommate has the funniest looking cow lick ever. He looks like he is 7-years-old!

I'm sick of people talking about how drunk they get on the weekends.... it's college.... every one drinks. You're not cool.

Thank you for being the kind of guy who doesn't need a holiday to show me how much he cares! I love you!

To the girl I sat next to in my Astronomy lab Monday night: Just because you're "trying to get the lab done early so you can leave" doesn't mean you have to be a b\*tch when I ask what we're supposed to be doing. Why are some people so evil?

FYI your boob job isn't helping you at all, you're still ugly and annoying. So stop going around thinking people actually want to see them.

Dear roommate: It is not my job to make sure you wake up in the morning, so I will not longer be waking you up. And if you complain about my dog whining in the morning again I'm going to yell at you, because you should be thanking him since he gets you up for class. Stop staying up till the crack of dawn and maybe you wont have this problem.

To the person who wrote about the music majors: You are a straight up jerk. Let people talk about what they want and if they think their major is hard then let them think that. I want to see you play the music that they do. I'm not even a music major and I think you are dumb.

ECU girls make me embarrassed to have a vagina.

Enough with the COMM major dogs! Not all of us wear leggings and not all of us are egotistical. For most of us, it is our job to make YOU look good.

To the girl with the green iPod dancing on the way to class: Will you be my Valentine?

Ladies downtown, if you're not in business then don't advertise.

Yes, I'm a mom and a student. Quit looking at me like that and have some respect.

How come for every other major holiday we end up with all sorts of campus events, decorations in the cafeterias, etc, except for Valentine's Day? Seriously, how do we NOT have some campus social "meet people" event for the oneday of the year that pretty much screams for that sort of thing?

Is it wrong that I want to toss a culture of glowing bacteria into the water fountain? It keeps on turning into a Koi Pond anyway, might as well make it look cool. Guess it's just my Bio Major talking.

Everyday someone hates on leggings worn as pants in the pirate rants. Want a guys opinion? We love them.

You! Yes you! I don't know if you hate me or something? It is just swiping a OneCard, you don't have to be so blunt and rude about it.

I saw a guy wearing UGG boots today.

To the girl in my health class who said, "It's supposed to rain today and I'm the only one wearing rain boots!" If you looked at the weather report it was supposed to start raining at 3-330... our class was at 11...you are not cool.

You want respect? Earn it.

To the hottie that was at Dowdy Monday during lunchtime: I KNOW you saw me checking you out and I saw you checking me out. I really wish you had said something...

Dear Roommate: You were so drunk on Wednesday that I'm pretty sure you peed on our floor. Thanks for being the worst roommate ever.

Yes! Sorority intramural basketball is here! Beyond comical

To the girl who just WIPED DOWN the keyboard in the computer lab with a smelly sanitary wipe: Wow.

# OPINION

## A case of the Mondays



**Ben Cochran**  
OPINION COLUMNIST

Five minutes till class starts and I have again managed to wait until the very last second to dip into the Brewster computer lab to print the pending lecture slides. Maybe it was the snow, the blustery wind or the general sense of melancholia induced by the overcast sky of last week, but whatever the case, I have simply not been able to get to campus in a timely fashion. At any rate, I scale the stairwell in Brewster, thinking that the entire printing process will last approximately 32 and 3/8 seconds, or just slightly longer than my last sexual experience.

The logging-in procedure on a campus computer is about as routine as the unfortunately familiar walk of shame. You don't even have to think twice about it, as by now your fingers have memorized the keystrokes of your password in much the same way that your feet have memorized the steps to get your hung-over self back home. With the new computers in Brewster, your rote behavior will rudely be interrupted if, like me, your login name is your initials followed by your birthday. The number lock key is not activated by default, so any typing you do

on the keypad is about as effective as a girl who thinks there is actual blowing involved in a blowjob.

Being taken aback at why my password didn't work the first time, I calmly and intentionally press each key again. When it doesn't work the second time, I'm about ready to yell at the poor soul who's working the lab and curse ITCS for resetting my password unbeknownst to me. It's only then that I realize that the number lock key was off. Disaster averted. No scolding diatribe issued.

Now I'm properly logged in and wait for what seems like an eternity for the Web page to load. Instead of the usual ECU homepage, I'm greeted with a foreign "Welcome to Explorer 7!" I can almost feel the computer mocking me, as if it knows that I will have to manually type in the address on an already truncated timetable. When I arrive at the homepage and click on the Blackboard icon, I have to log in again. And on cue, I look like a numb dass because number lock was deactivated. To top it off, my epic failures are displayed on incredibly large monitors that are really only necessary if you are an avid porn fiend. In which case, you can make an appointment with the kind folks at the Center for Counseling and Student Development and they will hopefully be able to straighten you out in four to eight sessions.

Having exercised most of my patience, I access the course documents section of Blackboard

where I click on a handout my professor wanted me to bring to class. It's saved as a pdf file. When I try to open it, I am informed that the computer doesn't have the required version of Adobe Reader. I can feel my composure starting to crack. I try to avoid packing up my things in a Tasmanian fury while I wonder what I did to piss in karma's cornflakes. I haven't got the time to download free software on the computer, but even if I did, I shouldn't have to. The university just spent how much on this non-functioning machine? These technological resources are supposed to enhance my learning experience? We're spinning our hamster-wheels, but to what end? These efforts are not productive.

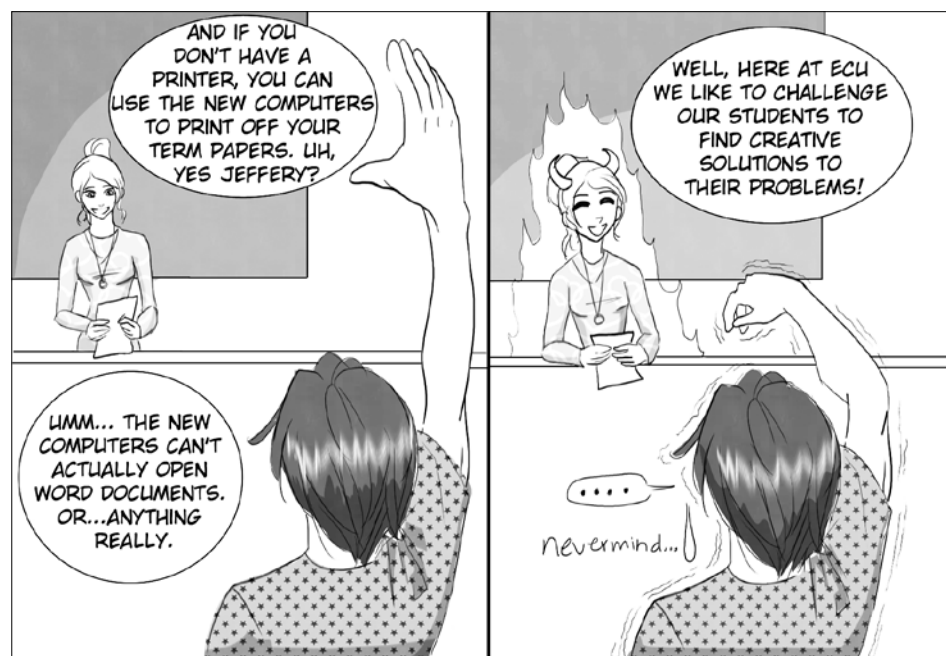
Ever the optimist, I try to find some sort of silver lining. I try to comfort myself by admitting that at the very least, I will be forced to pay particularly close attention in class, as I now have to write down everything by hand. In theory, this will yield a higher retention of the material. However, in reality, the lecture is nothing more than white noise, as I can't stop marveling at the continuity between my experience with the Brewster computer lab and "Office Space." Given the university's policy on porn in the computer lab (it's not allowed), the only thing missing was my "oh" face.

This writer can be contacted at [opinion@theeastcarolinian.com](mailto:opinion@theeastcarolinian.com).



"Falling in love – you should go with it, regardless of whether or not your heart gets smashed. You'll be a better person."

SANDRA BULLOCK



ILLUSTRATED BY ADRIAN PARHAMOVICH

## Batman, Superman and the Incredibles



**Stephanie Fu**  
OPINION COLUMNIST

Saving Gotham City from all forces of evil, Batman can be reached with a simple flick of a switch. The huge light spilling the shadow of the bat symbol is theoretically supposed to summon the dark, very sexy knight to the person in need of some supernatural power. It is all marvelous and fun to imagine there is someone watching our city, protecting us from harm, but we don't tend to see the real superheroes in our lives because they don't wear capes or leap giant buildings in single bounds.

I am currently student teaching at a high school here in Greenville, and the other day, I stayed after school to help a student write her essay for class. The topic of her essay was experiences that have influenced her as a person. After a short interview-like process to start brainstorming ideas, she began to describe some key events that we decided were relevant. After a little while, she stopped writing, reread over our brainstorming and looked up at me with a puzzled expression. I asked her what was wrong and she said, "All of my experiences we picked out show me needing someone. Does that make me weak or something?"

I thought for a second and began explaining that we all need some people at some point in our lives. On the day of this particular question, we had just finished talking about what it means to be

an American as their curriculum focuses on American literature. So, most of my explanation started off with the Americans needing each other during 9/11. The victims needed the help of our heroic firemen, policemen and volunteers. This did not make any one party weaker than the other but it showed that all Americans were stronger with a sense of unity. I strongly believe this but I could see this was not really striking any revelation in her because it was not personal to her.

Her personal story was a heartbreaking one. She is the only girl in her neighborhood who has a father, which is why she believes she is so grounded and focused in basketball, which has kept her off the streets and out of trouble. He is her personal hero.

Luckily, my father is just as much my hero as well. He is the best person I know. His never failing patience has not only been something that I admire, but it allows him to get through tough experiences with a calmness that keeps him levelheaded so that he does not act irrationally and never disrespects someone even if he is being disrespected. His generosity and compassion are qualities that I aspire to have an ounce of resemblance to and he always has a funny joke to make everyone smile even when it seems like the world is crumbling down around them. His optimism in life is so strong that it is inevitable that people around him feel that same warmth and positive attitude.

I am very fortunate to realize that he is not the only one in my life who I consider my own personal hero. My mom and brothers are very loyal and I have the

best friends. I have friends that will keep me doing silly things all day when they know I'm sad or my heart is breaking just to make sure I don't feel alone or cry. I have friends that will forcefully push me out of the way when there is a huge, ugly creature near me because they know I have arachnophobia. I have friends that will just be with me when they know I need someone.

So, although there are the amazing men and women in service fighting fires, crimes or wars who have special days or balls dedicated just to them, I think that we should appreciate and thank the heroes that affect our lives every day. It could be the professor who has inspired us to our major that we actually stick through to the end. It could be the random roommate who happens to become the closest friend all throughout college. It could even be the person who smiles at us when we are having the worst day. Either way, I do not think that it makes anyone weak because they depend on other people. The best part of being human is that we can have such deep connections with others and this can make us better people. If we pass on this same act of listening to someone who is sad, giving out a smile or hug or protecting a friend from a silly phobia, we can be a hero to someone else. We can all be like Batman because in the end, as "kumbaya" as it sounds, people need people and we all need a little looking after from time to time!

This writer can be contacted at [opinion@theeastcarolinian.com](mailto:opinion@theeastcarolinian.com).

## Ducks Unlimited



**Michael Pacheco**  
OPINION COLUMNIST

I was born and raised in Ventura, Calif., a relatively small beachfront city in Southern California about an hour or so north of Malibu. In comparison to beachfront towns and cities in North Carolina, we too had preservations and wetlands all over our coast. Estuaries and tide pools occupied a lot of the beaches.

I moved to North Carolina about six years ago due to my father's job. I was perturbed when I moved here. I felt like I was going back in time. Rattled by the move, my family and I made an attempt to find our niche in this new place we were to call home. Although my parents, to this day, refuse to call North Carolina their home, I found something that reminded me of my hometown on the coast of North Carolina.

A road trip to the Outer Banks brought me back to my inner child. The smell of salt water and detritus filled my senses and, oddly enough, pervaded me with a sense of peace — a sense of peace that made me appreciate what I had growing up once again in a place I would have never thought to have seen in this state. I found my place to escape. Not many people would have experienced the smell of the salty ocean and swampy meadows of the estuaries as I have, even those living in the area. For the first time since I had been in North Carolina, I felt at home.

After being at ECU, I noticed a chapter growing exponentially with the flourishing student population of ECU. Some of you may have heard of it, and some of you might have not: Ducks Unlimited, the nation's largest bona fide not-for-profit organization dedicated to protecting the smell I so fondly described to you and estuaries all over the nation, including my hometown in Ventura, Calif.

Since 1937, DU has conserved more than 12,600,900 acres of wetlands in North America, and more than 47,865 acres here in North Carolina.

I have decided to pivot away from my usual political angle of writing in order to address DU. I

feel since the population of ECU is continuously maintaining the credo of being the fastest-growing university in the state of North Carolina and I want to implore my readers to take an interest, if not to volunteer their attention to ECU's chapter of Ducks Unlimited.

The Pirate chapter of DU is one of the top-ranked fundraising collegiate chapters in the nation and has consistently grown. Their banquet attendance has gone from 125 in 2005 to more than 800 at their last banquet in 2009. People come from all over North Carolina to attend their annual banquet.

A lot of people believe that DU is solely for hunters of waterfowl, but that is a common misconception. DU's mission is to conserve, restore and manage wetlands and associated habitats for North America's waterfowl. These habitats also benefit other wildlife and people, as stated in their mission statement.

How can students and the local community help the Pirate chapter?

Students can simply attend their annual banquet, which is being held on Feb. 25 at the Greenville Convention Center. The banquet consists of a live auction, games, raffles and awesome food and a plethora of drinks, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic. The tickets are \$35 for singles and \$50 for a couple. The ticket allows the attendee to participate in an all-inclusive event. All food and drinks are included in the ticket price, as well as an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets. The food is amazing; some of the best barbecue I have ever had.

I am not a hunter by any means. I have not shot a single thing in my entire life, but this event is by far one of my most anticipated events of the year here in Greenville. And it would seem I share this anticipation with many others since the attendance continues to grow by the hundreds each year. I think it is safe to say it is one of the region's largest social events of the year, and I encourage all students, staff, faculty and the local community to attend.

Those interested in attending this highly-anticipated event can contact the Pirate chapter president, Will Douglass, at 910-617-6525 or by e-mail at [wcd0605@ecu.edu](mailto:wcd0605@ecu.edu).

This writer can be contacted at [opinion@theeastcarolinian.com](mailto:opinion@theeastcarolinian.com).

## STAFF INFORMATION

**Katelyn Crouse**, Editor in Chief

**Samantha Hughes** ..... News Editor  
**Andrea Robertson** ..... Opinion Editor  
**Jared Jackson** ..... Sports Editor  
**Katie Stoneback** ..... Features Editor  
**Matt Shapiro** ..... Photo Editor  
**Samantha Eads** ..... Head Copy Editor  
**Katelyn Crouse** ..... Pulse Editor  
**Sarah Russell** ..... Production Manager  
**Eddie Burkett** ..... Multimedia Web Editor

Serving ECU since 1925, the *East Carolinian* prints 9,000 copies every Tuesday and Thursday during the regular academic year and 5,000 on Wednesdays during the summer. "Our View" is the opinion of the editorial board and is written by editorial board members. The *East Carolinian* welcomes letters to the editor which are limited to 250 words (which may be edited for decency or brevity). We reserve the right to edit or reject letters and all letters must be signed and include a telephone number. Letters may be sent via e-mail to [editor@theeastcarolinian.com](mailto:editor@theeastcarolinian.com) or to the East Carolinian, Self Help Building, Greenville, N.C. 27858-4353. Call 252-328-9238 for more information. One copy of the East Carolinian is free, each additional copy is \$1.

### CONTACT INFO

Newsroom 252.328.9238 Fax 252.328.9143 Advertising 252.328.9245

**Aries** -- Today is a 6 -- Don't be surprised if folks change their minds, big time. Don't be quite so conservative; take an independent direction. You may need flexibility to adapt.

**Taurus** -- Today is a 5 -- Listen and learn. While you may not hear what you expect, you definitely get the information you need to move forward tomorrow.

**Gemini** -- Today is a 5 -- Other people notice that you're focused on independent thinking and action today. Use this awareness to settle a disagreement. No need to walk away.

**Cancer** -- Today is a 6 -- Uncomfortable around others, you don't want to adapt at all. Even tiny changes feel revolutionary to your sensitive soul. Do take at least one step.

**Leo** -- Today is a 6 -- Speak out loud and clear on issues that challenge your independence. Principles are hard come by and could be cherished -- or discarded as old business.

**Virgo** -- Today is a 5 -- Change your tune where team effort is concerned. Switch between "leader" and "follower" roles. Forward momentum continues with little strain.

**Libra** -- Today is a 6 -- You could begin the great American novel today. If the plot development allows, add a character who muses over loves lost and found.

**Scorpio** -- Today is a 6 -- Wherever you start out in the morning, you'll end up somewhere very different by the end of the day. Choose independence over acquiescence.

**Sagittarius** -- Today is a 5 -- Don't forget to grab the material you need first thing in the morning. Later today someone asks you to share. Go ahead, but don't cramp your own style.

**Capricorn** -- Today is a 5 -- Your thoughts are already on to the next project. But you still need to clean up details from the last one. Cost overruns are possible. Check before spending.

**Aquarius** -- Today is a 6 -- Spend most of your energy today talking about the future. Insights emerge even from casual comments.

**Pisces** -- Today is a 6 -- Don't think you have to get your way on everything. Someone has a bright idea. It doesn't change everything, but it brings excitement.

## Pirates & Salty Wenches



"Pirates and Salty Wenches" is for entertainment purposes only. Vivian Stockton is not a certified sex columnist. She can only offer advice of an experienced college student. Please direct all comments, questions or concerns to the Editor in Chief, at editor@theeastcarolinian.com

### You don't have to be a Valentine's Day Scrooge

**Vivian Stockton**  
SEX AND RELATIONSHIP COLUMNIST

Ladies and gentlemen, contrary to popular belief, Valentine's Day is not just for those who are tied down! Those who are currently unattached can enjoy the holiday just as much, if not more, than those who are involved with another, but you have to stop whining! You're not the only single person at ECU! You can't just sit around and mourn your lack of love. You have to be proactive!

Find a Valentine. If there is someone who you would like to go out with, take this as your opportunity to ask him or her out on a date. Yes, you may think this is risky business. I agree that asking someone out is one of the most terrifying experiences on the planet -- what if he says no?! On the same token, what if he says yes? You'll never know what might happen unless you ask, and standing on the sidelines never got anyone anywhere. And I'd like to think that a person would be more susceptible to accepting a date to someone who asked him out on Valentine's Day -- it's too sweet of a gesture to say no!

Host a Valentine's Day-inspired party. Most everyone loves a good themed party, and parties tend to be one of the best ways to meet people. A simple and fun theme that is holiday appropriate is a Traffic Light party. For

those of you who are unfamiliar with this theme, each person wears a shirt that is red, yellow, or green -- red for taken, yellow for undecided, and green for single. This way you can easily pick out others who may be looking for a companion at the end of the night (but remember to be safe)!

Have a girls' night. You don't have to stick to just one Valentine! Get your closest friends together and enjoy each other's company for the night. You could do something simple like staying in and cooking dinner together (heart-shaped sugar cookies are a must) and pop in your favorite romantic comedy. Try to steer clear of any "I wish I had a boyfriend" talk; this isn't meant to turn into a pity party. Paint each other's nails, gossip about boys or how you can't wait for "Eclipse" to come out because R. Patz is so sexy -- embrace the lack of testosterone and resort back to your slumber party days.

Have a boys' night. If you're a single guy who enjoys your freedom, why not rally up your boys and go to a strip club? Because, let's be honest, the last thing you're going to want to do is sit at home watching the lame romantic comedies that will be flooding your television network and Facebook will be teeming with statuses resembling, "I love my boyfriend. He's the best" or "Valentine's Day sucks." So pretty much nothing interesting will be going on, and

you owe it to yourself to treat yourself to some real man-time.

But whatever you do, don't take this holiday as an opportunity to unnecessarily humiliate yourself. If you're really down on yourself about being alone on Valentine's Day, stay away from alcohol. There is too great of a chance of you getting drunk and calling, texting, sexting someone you wouldn't have had you not been drinking and feeling low -- that's just going to make you hate the holiday even more. Those of you who are experiencing your first Valentine's Day alone in a while, I highly recommend you follow this advice. It is far too easy to call your ex-boyfriend or ex-girlfriend and express your undying love on Cupid's holiday, but there was a reason the two of you broke up in the first place, right (perhaps it was because he was an unromantic D-bag)!

Valentine's Day should be fun for all, not just people who are in romantic relationships. So take advantage of the spirit of the day by showing people love, even if it's just something silly like handing out the little cards you passed out in elementary school, and thank your lucky stars that you aren't one of those poor schmucks who is concerned with planning the perfect date or finding the perfect gift!

This writer can be contacted at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

## Sudoku

	3		6			4	9	
	5		7		4	6		
4	8				9			
7	1						3	
		3				2		
	2						7	4
8		2					4	
		5	9	4	1	7	8	
	9	4		7	2			

ε	9	5	z	z	8	h	6	1
z	8	z	1	h	6	5	9	ε
1	h	6	ε	9	5	z	z	8
h	z	1	9	6	ε	8	z	5
6	5	z	z	8	1	ε	h	9
9	ε	8	5	z	h	6	1	z
z	1	ε	6	5	z	9	8	h
8	z	9	h	ε	z	1	5	6
5	6	h	8	1	9	z	ε	z

### Your Thursday advertising destination

To reserve the 5x10.5 Ad space below contact us at (252) 328-9245  
ads@theeastcarolinian.com

## The East Carolinian

### HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY?

Go to THEEASTCAROLINIAN.COM

### TO SUBMIT YOUR PIRATE RANTS!



**Erin Major at ECU:**  
Nursing  
**Hobbies:**  
Student  
**Why I donate:**  
Extra spending cash

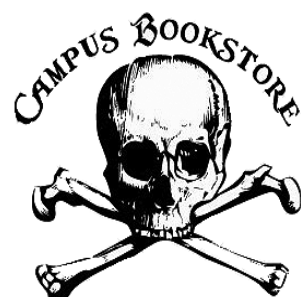
## Donate Plasma

and earn up to \$170/mo  
Last month, we paid out \$33,035 to 734 good people.

DCI Biologicals is always paying out this kind of cash. All you do is come, sit in a lounge chair and donate your life-saving plasma. It's like having a part-time job without a boss.

DCI Biologicals 2727 E. 10th St.  
www.dciplasma.com  
252.757.0171

## CAMPUS BOOKSTORE



316 East 10th Street  
Phone: 252-439-2665  
Fax: 252-353-2660

PICK UP YOUR BOOKS EARLIER!

PAY LATER!

CHECK OUT OUR HOLD CHECK PROGRAM!

You don't have to wait on your financial aid!

**FUSION SURF & SKATE**  
518-H SE Greenville BLVD.  
Greenville NC 27858  
252-321-4884

Greenville's premier surf & skate shop since 1997!

Bring this ad receive 15% OFF!  
Any one regular priced clothing item

Expires: 2/28/2010

ALL NEW SPRING CLOTHING FROM ALL YOUR FAVORITE BRANDS!  
www.fusionsurfskate.com  
Visit us on facebook too!

You drank.  
You danced.  
You had sex  
missing something?

Free Pregnancy Tests  
**Carolina Pregnancy Center**  
Greenville Location: carolinapregnancycenter.org  
(252) 757-0003  
1012 Charles Blvd.  
(Next to Sheetz)  
Washington Location: (252) 946-8040

**24 Hour Hotline:**  
1-800-395-HELP

## DID YOU KNOW?

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

The food of the Greek gods was called ambrosia.

The chocolate-chip cookie was invented in 1933.

Blueberry Jelly Bellies were created especially for Ronald Reagan.

California's Frank Epeerson invented the Popsicle in 1905, when he was eleven years old.

Chefs started using onions five thousand years ago to spice up their cooking.

Doughnuts originated in Holland.

Dry cereal for breakfast was invented by John Henry Kellogg at the turn of the twentieth century.

In 1983, a Japanese artist made a copy of the *Mona Lisa* completely out of toast.

Fortune cookies were actually invented in America by Charles Jung in 1918.

Ketchup originated in China.

Laws forbidding the sale of sodas on Sunday prompted William Garwood to invent the ice-cream sundae in Evanston, Illinois, in 1875.

Potato chips were invented in Louisiana in 1853.

Jelly Belly jelly beans were the first jelly beans in outer space when they went up with astronauts in June 21, 1983, voyage of the space shuttle *Challenger*.

Sawney Beane, his wife, eight sons, six daughters, and thirty-two grandchildren were a family of cannibals who lived in the caves near Galloway, Scotland, in the early seventeenth century. Although the total number is not known, it is believed they claimed more than fifty victims per year. The entire family was taken by an army detachment to Edinburgh and executed, apparently without trial.

British politician John Montagu, the 46<sup>th</sup> Earl of Sandwich, is credited with naming the sandwich. He developed the habit of eating beef between slices of toast so he could continue playing cards uninterrupted.

Vanilla is used to make chocolate.

The highest lifetime yield of milk for a single cow is 55,849 gallons.

The hottest chili in the world is the habanero.

The largest apple pie ever baked was forty feet by twenty-three feet.

It is estimated that Americans consume ten million tons of turkey on Thanksgiving Day. Due to turkey's high sulfur content, Americans also produce enough gas to fly a fleet of seventy-five *Hiddenburgs* from Los Angeles to New York in twenty-four hours.

Each year, Americans spend more on cat food than on baby food.

In certain parts of India and ancient China, mouse meat was considered a delicacy.

The largest hamburger in the world weighed in at 5,520 pounds.

The largest ketchup bottle is a 170-foot water tower.

Dinner guests during the medieval times in England were expected to bring their own knives to the table. king and queen eat.

# FEATURES

A6

Thursday, 2.11.10

features@theeastcarolinian.com

## 'The Vagina Monologues' hit Hendrix Theater

Veronica Carrington  
CONTRIBUTED WRITER

My Voice, ECU's gender equality student organization, will present a three-night benefit reading of Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues" at Hendrix Theater in Mendenhall Student Center.

"The Vagina Monologues" is an episodic play written by Eve Ensler and is made up of a varying number of monologues read by a varying number of women.

Every monologue somehow relates to the vagina, be it through sex, love, menstruation, mutilation, birth and the variety of names for the vagina.

**A recurring theme throughout the piece is the vagina as a tool of female empowerment, and the ultimate embodiment of individuality.**

In 1998, Ensler and others launched V-Day, a global non-profit movement that has risen over \$50 million for women's anti-violence groups through benefits of "The Vagina Monologues." V-Day aims to stop violence against women and girls and is the catalyst that promotes creative events to increase awareness, raise money and revitalize the spirit of existing anti-violence organizations.

V-Day generates broader attention for the fight to stop violence against women and girls, including rape, battery, incest, female genital mutilation



Cast of the 2010 Vagina Monologues set to perform Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday of next week. Tickets for this event are \$11.

and sexual slavery.

Through global V-Day campaigns, volunteers and college students produce annual benefit performances of "The Vagina Monologues" to raise awareness and funds for anti-violence groups within their own communities.

Kathleen Ripple, freshman English major, is looking forward to seeing the different monologues in action. Ripple said, "I have seen 'The Vagina Monologues' on HBO, but I think it's pretty cool that ECU is doing it."

As the sister of a domestic violence survivor, Ripple has a special attachment to the V-Day campaign, stating, "I know what it is like to watch someone be in

that situation. It is important for women to know there are safe alternatives and know they can be empowered."

All of the money raised from ECU's performance will be donated to The Center for Family Violence Prevention in Greenville.

The Center for Family Violence Prevention is a non-profit organization that seeks to end the cycle of domestic violence. The organization offers counseling, provides court advocates and provides treatment programs for domestic abuse victims.

More recently, The Center for Family Violence Prevention has opened a protected house called New Directions

that provides safety to families fleeing from domestic violence situations.

For Christopher Taylor-Davis, vice president of My Voice, directing "The Vagina Monologues" has been an extremely positive experience. "This has been an amazing experience for me. I never thought I would be directing 'The Vagina

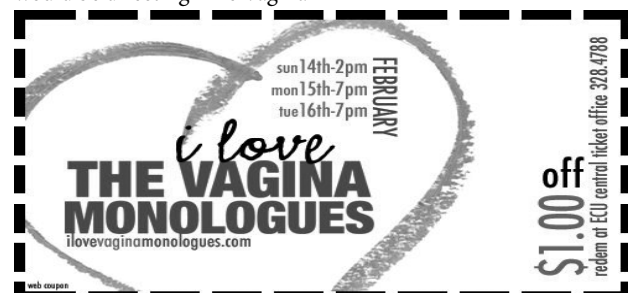
Monologues,' but here I am," he said. Taylor-Davis has worked assiduously to make sure the message of "The Vagina Monologues" is implicit and conveyed well to the audience.

Contributing to the success of "The Vagina Monologues" is the entire cast and crew. "The cast and crew are incredible. Every single person brings amazing energy and vibrant personality to their roles. I am so excited to share the message of ending violence with the ECU campus and the rest of the community," said Taylor-Davis.

Tickets are \$11 and may be purchased by calling the ECU Central Ticket Office at 252-328-4278 or by purchasing online at [www.ecuarts.com](http://www.ecuarts.com). Students may also receive \$1 off if they contact a cast-member for a discount coupon.

The show will be performed Sunday at 2 p.m., Monday at 7 p.m. and Tuesday at 7 p.m. Students can learn more about V-day ECU 2010 by visiting [www.ilovevaginamonologues.com](http://www.ilovevaginamonologues.com).

This writer can be contacted at [features@theeastcarolinian.com](mailto:features@theeastcarolinian.com).



## SAB searching for next Barefoot T-shirt

Brad Teague  
STAFF WRITER

The ECU Student Activities Board: Special Events Committee is currently in the process of planning the 31st annual Barefoot on the Mall. Part of the planning is coming up with a design for the free T-shirts that will be handed out during the event. However, the committee has decided to let students and faculty create the T-shirt design instead.

The contest is open to all ECU students, faculty and staff members in an attempt to include the student body in the event planning. "We always want student input with any event we do," says Special Events Chair Allie Collinson. "And what better way than to let them express their creativity?"

All submissions for the T-shirt must follow the guidelines of 1) incorporating the event's theme: "Recycle you shoes, Go Barefoot!" and 2) have no more than three colors per design, to go on a white T-shirt. The design will be featured on the back of the T-shirts and will be given out during the event.

Concepts can be submitted for those who are artistically



Barefoot on the Mall tee-shirt contest going on until Feb.22

challenged, and the concept will be used when making a design for the shirt. SAB reminds those who are interested that "all designs and concepts submitted become sole property of the ECU Student Activities Board," and that they "reserve the right to use any design, concept, or portion thereof at our discretion."

"This is the first time that I know of that the T-shirt design

has involved the student body," said Collinson.

Barefoot on the Mall was first organized in 1979 as a day of music, crafts, refreshments and student organization booths. The idea was proposed by Laura Lauffer, a high school student interning at ECU. The name was chosen because Lauffer wanted the event to be something that

## Help make Cosmo's Bachelor of the Year an ECU Pirate

Caitlin Hale  
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

If you think you know one of the nation's hottest bachelors, consider nominating him for Cosmopolitan's 10th Annual Nationwide Bachelor Search.

The search, which will run from now until April 11, is aiming to find the sexiest single men in the U.S. to feature in the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Cosmopolitan bachelor issue. Past winners have included none other than one of the bachelors from ABC's hit show, Andy Baldwin (2005), Steven Ward from VH1's *Tough Love* (2003) and Jabari Greer of

the current Super Bowl champions, The New Orleans Saints (2007). Needless to say, winning this competition may be only the start of these bachelors' fame.

In addition, many winners of this competition were no longer single after appearing in the popular magazine. In fact, many met their true love and went on to be married after being featured in the magazine.

However, the prospects of becoming famous or finding love are not the only benefits of winning this competition. The winner will not only receive a spread in this nationally rec

COSMO page A7



THE EAST CAROLINIAN | COSMOPOLITAN.COM

## PIRATE EATS

### The Daily Grind Cafe & Dessertery proves to be a hit

★★★★★

Ethan Anderson  
STAFF WRITER

Try to imagine a four-way collision between a cafe, a restaurant, a dessertery and a bar all mixed in one. The Daily Grind Cafe & Dessertery has done just that on 1909 East Fire Tower Rd. This restaurant provides a relaxed yet sophisticated environment that appeals to almost everyone's taste.

If you are a morning person, then I definitely recommend going down to the Daily Grind and checking out their breakfast selection. Not only do they serve a great house blend of Sumatra and Costa Rican coffee beans, they also provide you with tons of options on espresso, cappuccinos and lattes.

Fortunately, breakfast doesn't

just end at coffee and pastries. The Daily Grind also serves a unique list of dishes for their breakfast menu. Special items like the Pizza O'Brien caught my attention. This gourmet breakfast pizza is served on a pita bread crust topped with hash browns, bacon, egg, cheese, peppers and onions.

For lunch, the Daily Grind has limited choices. While their lunch selection isn't quiet as large as their dinner entrees, this cafe makes up for it in price. The lunch menu is extremely affordable and their soup and sandwiches are always a great choice.

If you and your significant other are overdue for a dinner date, then you should make it a point to check this place out. The restaurant is classy and is a great place to choose when you really want to go somewhere nice. The Daily Grind has a seemingly

endless list of chicken, fish and pasta entrees.

The Daily Grind specializes in desserts. Head chef and owner, Jennifer Shearin, prepares each dessert and pastry by hand fresh every day. Although the dessert menu is changed every other month to add variety, you can always expect some sort of cheesecake, tiramisu or delicious fresh baked pie.

Even though The Daily Grind does not advertise having a bar in its name, the restaurant has a reputation for Martinis. Stop by and try one on Tuesday night during their weekly special or on Wednesday night while listening to live entertainment.

Overall, The Daily Grind is a great place to come relax and have a good time. There is wireless Internet access in the lounge and the bar. Not to mention they have a private meeting room



THE EAST CAROLINIAN | LESLIE BAKER

Danny Accomando, manager of The Daily Grind, drizzles white chocolate over a slice of red velvet cake.

which can seat up to 20 people. This provides a perfect place to have a business meeting or simply eat with a large group of friends behind closed doors. You should expect to pay anywhere from \$6-10 for lunch and breakfast. don't be surprised if you spend a little more at dinner, especially if you decide to indulge in dessert.

The Daily Grind opens Monday through Friday at 7 a.m. and on weekends at 8 a.m. For more information, you can call them at 252-830-8899, e-mail the owner directly at [info@dgrind.com](mailto:info@dgrind.com) or visit their Web site at [www.dgrind.com](http://www.dgrind.com).

This writer can be contacted at [features@theeastcarolinian.com](mailto:features@theeastcarolinian.com).

# 'Dear John' receives mixed reviews from fans of the novel

★★★☆☆  
**Madonna Messana**  
 STAFF WRITER

"Two weeks... that's all it took for me to fall for you." This line, from the movie "Dear John," has been heard through television sets everywhere for the past couple of months. But was all the hype of seeing Channing Tatum's shirtless abs on a big screen worth the \$8 or more?

"Dear John," based on the novel by Nicholas Sparks, is about a young college student, Savan-

nah Curtis (Amanda Seyfried), who falls in love with John Tyree (Channing Tatum), who is on leave from being stationed in Germany in the United States Army. It is set in the summer of 2001, just a few months prior to the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. After spending two weeks together, John must head back to Germany but promises that he will write to Savannah every day, telling her everything, and she vows the same.

At the time of his leaving, John is only to be enlisted in the army for

another 12 months, promising to come right back to Savannah when he is finally done. But the devastation of Sept. 11th leaves John in the difficult decision on whether or not to re-enlist. After the attacks on the twin towers, John is able to head home for the weekend where he is able to see his father as well as Savannah, but when she finds out he plans to re-enlist, she becomes even more devastated.

"Dear John" was a very enjoyable love story; however, the movie's ending was more "Hollywood" than

the ending Nicholas Sparks gave the novel — leading many fans of the book into disappointment.

Freshman Francesca Bove stated, "Dear John" was one of the most moving love stories to read because it was so realistic and it was a nice change from typical love stories that have the happy ending of lovers ending up together... the ending of the movie differed from the ending in the book which was a little bit of a let down."

Like most movies based on novels, "Dear John" was a bit differ-

ent from the book; however, it was a good movie, just don't forget the tissues. There are many scenes in the movie that causes the audience to break out the Kleenex — even a few of the males in the audience found themselves crying.

While "Dear John" might be a bit of a letdown for fans of the book, it's a wonderful movie about finding the good in people, falling in love and feeling heartache.

This writer can be contacted at features@theeastcarolinian.com.

COSMO continued from A6

ognized magazine, but also win \$10,000 and a brand new wardrobe from Express.

So if you think you know one of the sexiest bachelors in the U.S., head over to www.cosmopolitan.com/bachelors and print off the official entry form. All that Cosmopolitan requires for entry is your name, e-mail, phone number, address and relationship to the bachelor (remember he MUST be single to be entered). Also make sure to include the bachelor's name, e-mail, age, height, weight, profession, state of residence, and address. Two color photos of the nominee are also required, one being a shot of his head and shoulders and the other must be shirtless. The magazine also requests an explanation of why your nominee should be Cosmo's Bachelor of the Year, being 250 words or less.

Remember, the deadline to apply is April 11th, so hurry and send in your nomination for Cosmo Bachelor of the Year!

This writer can be contacted at features@theeastcarolinian.com.

T-SHIRT continued from A6

students could attend barefoot and relaxed.

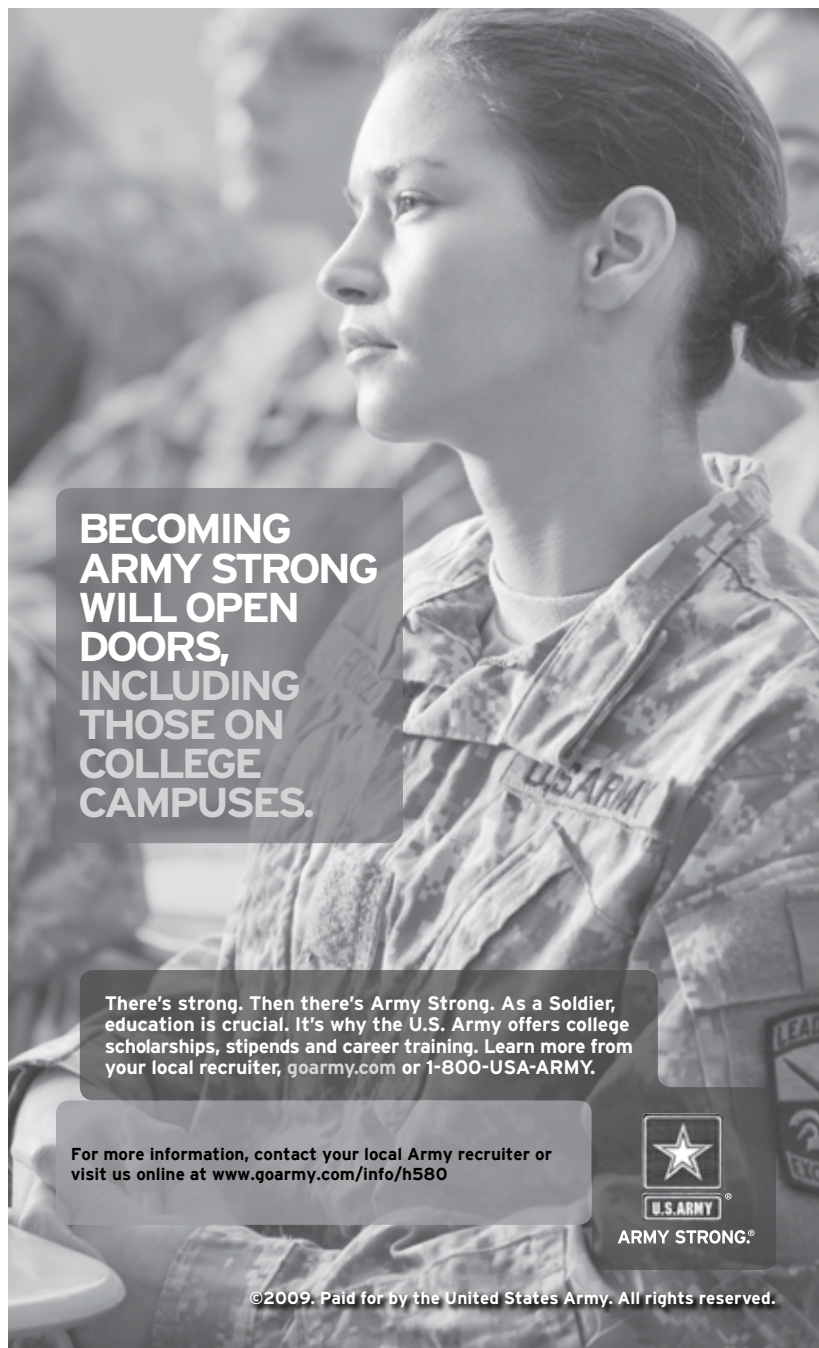
This year's Barefoot on the Mall is scheduled for April 22nd, which is also Earth Day. The event will be incorporating Earth Day with its "Recycle your shoes, Go Barefoot!" theme. Along with the traditional novelty blow-up attractions, bands, freebies and booths, there will also be recycling centers set up throughout the Mall in order to keep the green theme. In addition, the winner of the March 19th Battle of the Bands will open up for the recording artists planned to perform.

Any registered student organization can sign up to set up a booth at the event and should contact the Special Events Committee.

While there is no material prize for the winner(s) of the T-shirt design contest, the student's design and/or concept will be on the back of all the Barefoot T-shirts.

Submissions for the T-shirt should be sent to SABSPECIAL@ecu.edu, and the deadline is Feb. 22.


This writer can be contacted at features@theeastcarolinian.com.



**BECOMING ARMY STRONG WILL OPEN DOORS, INCLUDING THOSE ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES.**

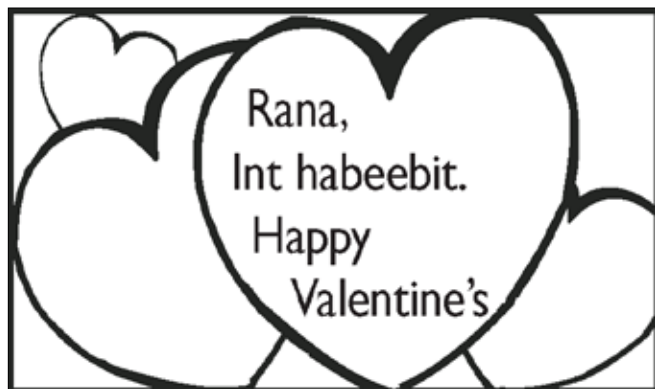
There's strong. Then there's Army Strong. As a Soldier, education is crucial. It's why the U.S. Army offers college scholarships, stipends and career training. Learn more from your local recruiter, goarmy.com or 1-800-USA-ARMY.

For more information, contact your local Army recruiter or visit us online at [www.goarmy.com/info/h580](http://www.goarmy.com/info/h580)



ARMY STRONG®

©2009. Paid for by the United States Army. All rights reserved.



**SPORTS BAR - GRILL - BILLARDS**



**113 E. 5TH STREET**  
**252-551-9020**

**20 LUNCH COMBOS**  
**\$5.99 or less**  
 Mon-Fri 11:30 am - 4 pm

**29¢ WINGS (Traditional)**  
 Every Mon, Tue, Wed  
 4 pm-8pm

**Spring Graduation EXPO**

**New Location!**  
 INSIDE Dowdy Student Store

**Three Days to shop!**  
 Tues. & Wed., February 16 & 17  
 11 am - 7 pm  
 Thurs., February 18  
 9 am - 1 pm

**Prizes!**  
 Drawings for TWO \$200 gas cards from Jostens and a FREE GIFT from Dowdy Student Stores just for coming!

**Class of 2010**

*Get everything you need for graduation!*

- cap and gown
- class ring
- diploma frame
- invitations
- announcements
- thank you notes

*Special Offers!*  
 Meet with *The Buccaneer*, Pirate Club, Rec Center, Career Center, Registrar, Alumni Association, & the College of Education!

Ronald E. Dowdy  
**STUDENT STORES**  
 EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

Wright Building • 252.328.6731  
 www.studentstores.ecu.edu • 1.877.499.TEXT

Caps, gowns and other graduation items will be available at Dowdy Student Stores after the Expo. Special order items are available online through Jostens. Free gift for May graduates while supplies last, commitments of Dowdy Student Stores. No purchase necessary to enter drawing. One entry per student. May 2010 graduates only.

**CHECK IT OUT!**

Check out  
 The East Carolinian's new  
 and improved  
 website  
**AND**  
 SUBMIT YOUR  
**PIRATE RANTS!!!**

**Restaurant Runners**

**Be In Love not in line for Valentine's Day**

(Answer the door in a sheet I promise we will not peak)  
**or avoid all the PDA's if don't have a Valentine**

Visit [lifeeasier.com](http://lifeeasier.com) for complete menus & order online

Lunch Mon-Friday 11-2; Sat&Sun 12-5  
 Dinner Sun-Thurs 5-10; Fri&Sat 5-11

**Order from these Fabulous Restaurants!**

<b>Pirate's Den</b>	<b>Dennys</b>	<b>Pizza Inn</b>	<b>Dales</b>
<b>Christy's Euro Pub</b>	<b>Buffalo Wild Wings</b>	<b>East Coast Wings</b>	<b>Lemon Grass</b>
<b>Ham's</b>	<b>Mazatlan</b>	<b>Tie Breaker's</b>	<b>Toyko Japan</b>
<b>Ming Dynasty</b>	<b>Sup Dogs</b>	<b>Basils</b>	<b>&amp; Many More!</b>

We are proud to offer our customers the convenience of having roses delivered with their meal. We are the only company in Greenville to offer this service as well as delivery of Roses for Friday & Saturday night and all day Sunday (Valentine's Day).

1/2 Dozen Roses: Basic- \$50 Upgrade- \$55 Supreme- \$60  
 1 Dozen Roses: Basic- \$80 Upgrade- \$90 Supreme- \$100

To insure availability for rose delivery you can place your order by Thursday Feb 11th by 5pm

Visit our website @ [lifeeasier.com](http://lifeeasier.com) for full details.

**NOW LEASING**

**CONVENIENCE & LOCATION**

<p><b>DOCKSIDE DUPLEXES</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 3 Bed 2.5 Bath Duplex</li> <li>- Washer &amp; dryer included</li> <li>- Covered parking</li> <li>- Pet Friendly</li> <li>- Prices start at \$879</li> </ul> <p><b>WATERFRONT VIEW!</b></p>	<p><b>RIVERWALK HOMES</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 3 Bdrm 3 Bath House</li> <li>- Washer &amp; dryer included</li> <li>- Covered Parking</li> <li>- Pet Friendly</li> <li>- Prices start at \$929</li> </ul> <p><b>GREAT LOCATION &amp; SIZE</b></p>
<p><b>GABLES AT BROWNLEA</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 Bdrm 1 Bath Apartment</li> <li>- 5 blocks from ECU</li> <li>- Pet Friendly</li> <li>- Free Cable &amp; Wireless Internet</li> <li>- Washer &amp; dryer hookups</li> <li>- On ECU bus route</li> <li>- Prices start at \$559</li> </ul>	<p><b>LOCATION! LOCATION!</b></p> <p><b>COMPLETELY RENOVATED AND UPDATED</b></p>

**ASK US ABOUT OUR NO SECURITY DEPOSIT OPTION AND ABOUT OUR MOVE IN SPECIALS**

All of our properties offer 24 hour emergency maintenance

113D Brownlea Drive  
 Greenville, NC  
 (252) 321-3281

EasternPropertyMgmt.com

Professional Managed By  
 Eastern Property Management, LLC






## Staff Reports

## Lady Pirates ready to Drive for Five

Join the ECU women's basketball team Saturday, Feb. 13 as it hosts Tulane at 1 p.m. and attempts to break the program attendance record in the "Drive for Five," which was announced by the East Carolina Athletics Marketing Department Monday. The goal of the event is to have at least 5,000 fans in attendance.

A Minges Coliseum-record crowd of 4,500 filed into the arena Jan. 30, 1981 to witness the Lady Pirates take on No. 6 USC. The Trojans would win a tight affair, 86-81.

Saturday's showdown with the Green Wave could have a large impact at the top of the league standings as ECU currently trails Tulane by just a half-game for first-place.

Fans can gain free admission to the contest if they:

- Wear anything pink
- Are 18 years old or younger
- Show a valid military ID
- Present a valid ECU student OneCard

A pregame social for students will also be held at noon in Harvey Hall at the Murphy Center and will feature free pizza and drinks to those with valid OneCards.

The game is being held in conjunction with two events - the Women's Basketball Coaches' Association "Pink Zone®" effort and the NCAA "Pack the House" competition.

# Paisley, ECU softball team ready to get season underway

Lady Pirates begin play this weekend at South Florida tourney

Stephen McNulty  
STAFF WRITER

The ECU Lady Pirates softball team, led by their outstanding pitcher Toni Paisley, is gearing up for another season after narrowly falling short of NCAA Regionals last season.

Paisley was named pre-season Conference USA Pitcher of the Year after her outstanding season last spring. After rebounding from an injury that caused her to miss the majority of the 2008 season, the Lakewood, Calif., native was able to record 30 wins while striking out 297 batters and leading C-USA in seven total categories last season.

Paisley's season-long performance was enough to earn her, among other things, the title of C-USA Co-Female Athlete-of-the-Year; the first ever in ECU's history.

"For a Pirate to never have that award, it's a huge honor and it gives me something to push for again," Paisley said.

Paisley has had an outstanding career at ECU, starting with being named C-USA Freshman of the Year in 2007. The injury in 2008 allowed for a redshirt, making her 2009 season only her second season of eligibility. The right-hander enters 2010 as ECU career leader in winning percentage, second in strikeouts and fifth in wins.

ECU head coach Tracey



Junior softball pitcher Toni Paisley hopes to propel her team to the NCAA tournament this season.

Kee knows how special of a player she has in her rotation.

Paisley "is really the most competitive athlete that I have

come across in all my tenure here," Kee said. "She has potential to put us in position to win every game she takes to the

mound."

The Lady Pirates are among those favored to win the conference after gaining the second

seed in the conference tournament, before a first round loss to UTEP in 13 innings last season. The loss will not be far from any Pirate's memory, as it was most likely the key to keeping them from reaching the NCAA Tournament.

Paisley called last season a "great year to build upon" but also noted she has many personal goals of her own.

"This year in the bullpen, we have been working on mental focus a lot and learning how to mentally play the game," Paisley said. "And I think that's going to help me a lot if I can put it all together."

The pre-season C-USA pitcher of the year last year is known for her intensity and mentality by her teammates.

Senior catcher Tiffany Shaw can attest to Paisley's competitive nature.

"Toni gets pumped up for the game ... she gets so wired you have to calm her down sometimes ... she's ready, she's pumping, she's firing," Shaw said. "When you see her on and firing, you know she is ready. I feel like the energy starts in the circle and it feeds out, so there is definitely positive energy when she is out there."

The Lady Pirates start the season Friday, Feb. 12, against Illinois State at the USF DeMarini Tournament in Clearwater, Fla.

ECU will play 10 games in Florida before they are on display for fans in Greenville. The first home game is Friday, Feb. 26, against the University of Delaware at 3 p.m.

This writer can be contacted at sports@theeastcarolinian.com.

## Men's golf finishes fourth at JU Invite

The ECU men's golf team finished the third and final round of the JU Invitational at the par 72 PLAYERS Stadium Course in fourth place.

ECU carded a final score of 901 (307-304-305) to finish the event four strokes ahead of fifth-place Charleston Southern and Liberty, but 15 strokes behind third-place Clemson. ECU finished the first round in third place, but Wake Forest surged ahead of the Pirates after round two.

East Tennessee State, who was in second place after the first round, moved past Clemson in round two and claimed the team title by finishing seven strokes ahead of the Wake Forest. The Deacons' Brendan Gielow claimed individual medalist honors, carding a three-round total of 218 (76-69-73).

David Watkins led the Pirates in the event, concluding his efforts in the two-day event with a 54-hole tally of 12-over par 228 (79-74-75) which left him tied for 15th place.

In total, three Pirates ended the event in the top 22. Jake Colley tallied a three-round score of 229 (67-84-89) to finish in a tie for 19th. Colley led the tournament after 18 holes firing a first round five-under 67. Harold Varner finished one stroke behind Colley with a 14-over 230 (81-74-75) in 22nd place.

Conner Sock finished tied for 37th with a 22-over 238 (84-72-82) and Matt Sterling placed 54th with a 26-over 242 (82-83-77).

The Pirates will return to the links on March 1 by participating in the Seahawk Intercollegiate in Wilmington, N.C.

Alex Serkes  
STAFF WRITER

Good pitchers are hard to come across in today's baseball era. In a new game where long balls and slugging percentages are cherished among all other documented statistics, fans and players often lose sight of the game due to awe-inspiring homeruns and "top 10" plays.

In reality, success on the diamond starts with the guy who touches the ball every play before anyone else gets a chance to and dictates what will happen on the next play and how the opposing team will respond.

The position referred to is none other than the pitcher -- the stud on the mound looking to tower over hitters and strike fear into their hearts before they can even think twice about what kind of pitch is coming their way.

When one thinks of pitchers in reference to ECU baseball, the mind immediately turns to the roster and looks for right-handed junior Seth Maness.

A "stud" on the mound, to say the least, since his freshman campaign in 2008, Maness has been nothing short of spectacular in living up to expectations since being named among the

top 40 prospects in North Carolina coming out of high school according to Impact Baseball scouts.

When he first set foot onto Lewis Field at Clark-LeClair Stadium in a Pirates uniform, players and coaches noticed the young righty from Pinecrest, N.C., almost instantly. Maness' freshman campaign in 2008 consisted of being named to seven All-American teams, as well as being named the Conference USA freshman of the year while also earning all conference first team honors.

"I really just wanted a chance coming in, and I didn't even know if I would have a real role in pitching my first year, but I came in, worked hard, earned my spot and everything else was history," Maness stated about his early success.

To adjust from the high school game to a more highly competitive college atmosphere is very challenging; however, it was no minor setback to Maness.

The success continued and Maness finished second on the team in wins by a pitcher with nine in 16 appearances and strikeouts with 83. Maness was also tied for the lead in strikeouts looking, 41, and most run-

ners picked off with five.

As the 2009 campaign begins, the accolades are already starting to rack up for Maness, who was named preseason C-USA pitcher of the year, has earned three preseason All-American honors and was also named to the Brooks Wallace preseason pitcher of the year watch list.

Maness on all of his great success stated, "It goes to a lot of hard work, but also having good teammates and coaches around me, trusting me and putting me out there every time."

It is easy for your teammates to think highly of you when you boast such terrific numbers, but the coaching staff is usually a lot more critical most of the time. However, with Maness, ECU head coach Billy Godwin has nothing but positive and inspiring words.

"Seth doesn't beat himself. He's a strike thrower and a great competitor, and he can throw three pitches for strikes whenever he wants to; that's impressive for any pitcher," Godwin stated. "Seth works extremely hard every day. The fans will only see him once a week, but if you see what he does every day preparing for that Friday start, it is really something special."

## Pirates' ace Maness looks to have another strong season



Right-handed ace Seth Maness was named C-USA preseason pitcher of the year and hopes to pitch his team toward the College World Series.

As Maness continues to boast preseason honors and the Pirates' baseball squad as a whole continues to receive high expectations, they will have to deliver come Feb. 19, as they will face off against the No. 2 ranked Virginia Cavaliers in a home series where Maness will most likely start the opening game.

Maness isn't fazed at all looking ahead to the start of the season.

"Were not looking too far ahead, taking it one day at a time. At the moment, it is not very important," Maness said.

As Coach Godwin was

asked the same, he chuckled and said, "I don't even know if we've mentioned Virginia, were just preparing ourselves and (we'll) start focusing on Virginia next week."

As Maness prepares for his first start, good things look as if they are coming over the horizon.

Although, if you ask the young righty about this, he'll just shrug his shoulder and say, "We're just doing our thing."

This writer can be contacted at sports@theeastcarolinian.com.

## Team rivalries? Individual drama dominates pro sports as well

### OPINION



Hart Holloman  
SENIOR WRITER

Rivalries in sports come in all shapes and sizes. I grew up in Chapel Hill, at the epicenter of the most heated rivalry in team sports, so I know a little something about people living and breathing a rivalry 365

days a year.

And while rivalries between teams are part of the fabric of sports that span generations and lifetimes, individual rivalries that develop between top players keep leagues exciting year in and year out.

Great individual rivalries can follow players from team to team and even from college to the pros, (a la Bird and Magic, the greatest individual rivalry in sports history). However, they all share some similar characteristics.

Most people think the players need to hate each other all the time to make a good rivalry, and while it helps, this is not a must as long as they hate each other during their game or match.

Also, the players have to be on top of their sport. Wally Szczerbiak might have disliked

Bruce Bowen for kicking him in the face, and I'm sure Bowen had his reasons, but who would have paid to see them play one-on-one?

Lastly, all the great rivalries are what they are because of what they mean to the livelihood of their sport. So based on this, here are my top four individual rivalries in pro sports today.

#### #4: Peyton Manning vs. Tom Brady.

I hesitate to put this one even this high, mainly because of the nature of the game they play. Football does not usually ingratiate itself to individual showdowns because players who play the same position are never on the field at the same time.

The NFL has always marketed the rivalries between teams and coaches more than players. But this one is different. No two quarterbacks have been as closely compared as these two in the history of the league. Even Troy Aikman and Steve Young were never compared side-by-side the way these two are.

Brady holds the better head-to-head record against Peyton at 7-4 and the better overall postseason record by a long shot. Not to mention the edge in how many knuckles he can cover up with Super Bowl rings, 3-1.

However, Manning has dominated the rest of the league over the last 10 years like no other quarterback in history and is on his way to breaking every passing record the NFL has. Personally, I would take Giselle Bündchen over both.

#### #3: Roger Federer vs. Rafael Nadal

Have you ever seen these two play tennis?

This one is a no-brainer. They elevate each other's game like no other pairing on this list. The circumstances in which these two normally face each other adds to this rivalry.

Out of their 20 meetings in tournament play, 16 have been in the finals of a tournament and a record seven of those have come in Grand Slam finals.

Nadal owns a 13-7 edge over Federer in head-to-head matchups, including a five-to-two margin in the Grand Slam finals they have contested. But that can be a little misleading as to how close these two are on the

RIVALRIES page A9



**SUNCHASE**  
AT EAST CAROLINA

**All Inclusive Apartment Community**

"I have loved every minute of living at Sunchase! It has a great small town feel, friendly neighbors and the staff is excellent and willing to do whatever it takes to make you feel right at home. I am proud to call Sunchase my home away from home!"  
--Margot Clark

<p><b>Amenities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tanning Beds</li> <li>• Game Room</li> <li>• 24hr Fitness Center</li> <li>• Sparkling Swimming Pool</li> <li>• 24hr Business Center</li> <li>• Basketball &amp; Volley Ball Courts</li> <li>• Located on ECU Shuttle &amp; Pirate Express Route</li> </ul>	<p><b>Apartment Features</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fully Furnished 2, 3, &amp; 4 Bedrooms</li> <li>• Balcony</li> <li>• Locking storage</li> <li>• Full Size Washer &amp; Dryer</li> <li>• Built in Study Areas</li> <li>• Private Bathrooms</li> </ul>
---	--

**No Utility Overage Charges**

2201 NE Greenville Blvd  
252.758.8002  
www.sunchase-ecu.com

RIVALRIES page A8

tennis court. Three of the seven finals have lasted five sets, including the 2008 Wimbledon final, which was won by Nadal, that has been lauded by many experts as the greatest tennis match ever played.

list if they played each other on a more regular basis, but at least the continuing debate over who is better has everyone watching the NBA again.

Penguins and Capitals play before the Super Bowl on Sunday saw firsthand how supremely gifted these two players are. They have been fighting it out for awards and titles ever since debuting in the league in 2005.

Both were No. 1 overall picks in their respective drafts (Ovechkin had to spend one more year with his Russian team to complete contractual obligations), Ovechkin beat out Crosby for rookie of the year, Ovechkin has two MVP's to Crosby's one and they each have led the league in points once. But Crosby is the only one who has lifted hockey's greatest prize after winning the Stanley Cup finals last year.

I'm looking forward to seeing these two battle it out in the Eastern Conference for the next 15 years, and I'm certain NHL commissioner Gary Bettman wouldn't mind either.

This writer can be contacted at sports@theeastcarolinian.com.

**#2: Kobe Bryant vs. LeBron James**

I think this one has yet to fully develop an identity due to the lack of a defining game or series between the two, but no one really doubts that these two hold the future of the league in their hands.

I'm sure NBA commissioner David Stern has an entire part of his day set aside for trying to get Kobe and LeBron playing in the finals together.

LeBron holds the slight edge in wins and scoring when the Cavs and Lakers have played, but until they play in a truly meaningful game, the head-to-head stats and records are a little irrelevant.

This would rank No. 1 on the

**#1: Sidney Crosby vs. Alexander Ovechkin**

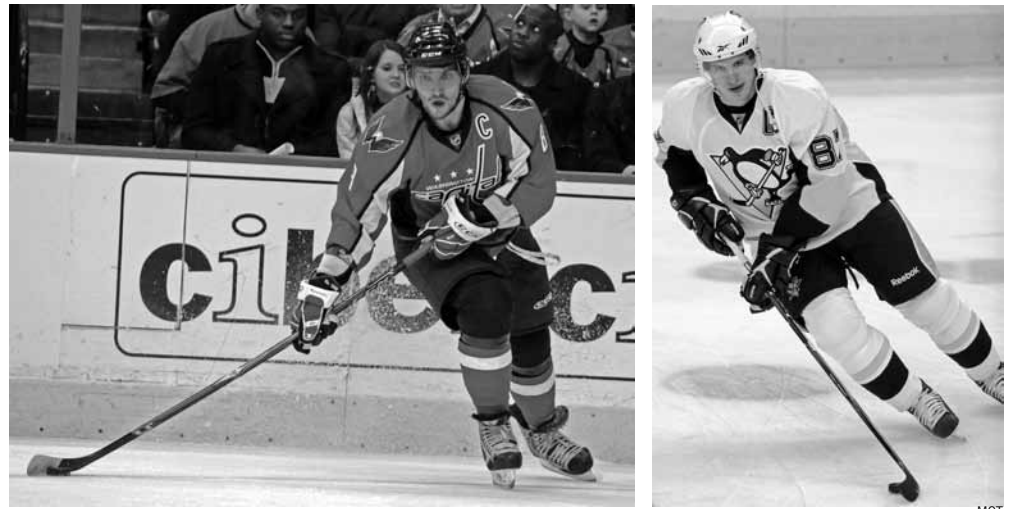
This is number one to me for a few reasons. For one, these two players don't like each other at all.

Crosby doesn't care for Ovechkin's reckless playing style, while Ovechkin thinks Crosby is a whiner and a sissy.

Second, these are the two very best players in hockey. And what's scary is how they are able to elevate their already overwhelming skills when facing each other.

Third, these two mean more to hockey right now than any other pair means to their sport on this list. Especially with the Winter Olympics coming up, this is a big year for hockey and its two brightest stars are on fire.


Anyone who watched the



Alexander Ovechkin (left) and Sidney Crosby (right) highlight the most intense individual rivalries in sports.

**East Carolina University**  
Tomorrow starts here.

*Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences*  
Voyages of Discovery Lecture Series  
presents  
*The Sallie Southhall Cotten Lecture*



**"Little Old Ladies and the Last Word: An Exploration of Sassiness and Risqué Behavior in African American Folklore"**

Harris is one of the most prominent and prolific scholars of African-American literature and culture. She taught at the College of William and Mary for six years before joining the faculty at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Dr. Trudier Harris

**Wednesday, February 17, 7:00 p.m., Wright Auditorium**

Complimentary tickets are available to ECU students, faculty and staff, and are \$10 for the general public. Tickets are available through the Central Ticket Office by calling 252-328-4788, 1-800-ECU-ARTS, or 252-328-4736 (voice/TTY). For more information, contact Dr. John Tucker at 252-328-1028 or tuckerjo@ecu.edu, or visit www.ecu.edu/voyages.

\* Individuals requesting accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) should call 252-737-1016 (voice/TTY) at least 48 hours prior to the event.

U.P. 10-129

**Your advertising destination**

To reserve ad space contact us at (252) 328-9245  
ads@theeastcarolinian.com

**The East Carolinian**

**Applications for the Student Activities Board**



Applications for the 2010- 2011 Student Activities Board President and 2010- 2011 Committee Chairs are now available.

Applications can be picked up in the Student Activities and Organizations Center located in Mendenhall Student Center Room 114.

The deadline for SAB President Applications is Friday, February 12th, 2010.

The deadline for SAB Committee Chair Applications is Friday, February 19th, 2010.

Special Events   Films   Marketing   Initiatives   Entertainment   Visual Arts

The East Carolinian,  
Self Help Building  
Phone (252) 328-9238  
Fax (252) 328-9143

**FOR RENT**

**Pre-leasing, lease to start (June, July, or August). 1, 2, 3, or 4 bedrooms with central heat/AC, all appliances. We mow the yard. See at collegeuniversityrentals.com or call 252-321-4712.**

Houses of all sizes available. View at carolinahomesecu.com. All homes within walking distance to campus. For more information, call 919-581-5877.

2, 3, and 4 bedroom apartments downtown above Armadillo Grill. Available August 2010. Also, 2 and 3 bedroom houses. Available August 2010. Call 252-531-5701.

ECU AREA- One Bedroom triplex 2 blocks from campus, \$375/month. Available immediately. W/D hookup, ceiling fans, A/C, water included. Individual fenced backyard, pets OK! Contact Tilley Properties at 252-830-9502 or tilley\_melissa@yahoo.com

ECU AREA- 3 bedroom, 2 bath house with fenced yard, fridge w/ ice, central HVAC, off-street parking, W/D hookup, hardwood floors. Pets OK. Three blocks from campus. Available immediately. Call 252-830-9502 or email tilley\_melissa@yahoo.com

Looking for an affordable apartment close to campus? Check out the Gables at Brownlea located just blocks from ECU. Cable and Internet included! Call 252-321-3281 for details.

Want to live at Riverwalk? Who doesn't?! Reserve your spot for Fall before it's too late. For more information, call 252-321-3281.

Newly decorated 2BD 2 Full Bath Wyndham Circle Duplex, Available 6/1/2010 and 8/1/2010. \$620/month. Cathedral ceilings, great landlord! Great price! Big backyard! Great parking, walk to class, on ECU bus route, some pets O.K. Call fast! 252-321-4802.

Jasmine Garden 1 and 2 BR apartments. Walk to ECU. \$375-\$435. Call 252-702-2185 or email jasminegarden1303@gmail.com for SPECIAL!

**Blocks to ECU: 2 bedroom with central heat/AC, all appliances. We mow the yard. See at collegeuniversityrentals.com or call 252-321-4712.**

Attention ECU students: just remodeled 4BR, 3 Full Bath House on 1403 Red Banks Road. Great location, private backyard, great neighbors, quiet, great landlord! Call fast! \$990/month. 252-321-4802.

**HELP WANTED**

Greenville Recreation & Parks Department is recruiting youth soccer referees for the spring soccer program for ages 3-15. Applicants must possess a good knowledge of soccer rules and have the ability and patience to work with youth. Duties include but are not limited to: officiating games, ensuring safety of field, and ensuring proper care of program / facility. Hours are from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturdays and 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm for some weekday games. Flexible hours according to class schedules. This program will run from March 20 - mid May. Referees will be paid \$12.00 / \$14.00 a game. For more information,

please contact the Athletic Office at 329-4550, Monday through Friday, 10 am until 7 pm. To apply, please visit www.greenvillenc.gov. Closing date for this position is February 15.

**!BARTENDING! \$250 a day potential. No experience necessary. Training available. 1-800-965-6520 (EXT 202).**

Need someone to help out around woodworking shop and grounds. Work can involve yard clean-up and maintenance, sweeping up shop and cleaning tools, to other miscellaneous labor. Work hours are as needed and flexible to your schedule. Call 252-327-5201.

ATTENTION HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT AND RECREATION & LEISURE STUDENTS: Lighthouse Resort Services, the Premiere Resort Management Company on the northern Outer

Banks, is now hiring students to participate in their 2010 Summer Internship Program. We are seeking out individuals who have an energetic personality, a positive attitude and most importantly, the desire and motivation to SPEND THE ENTIRE SUMMER LIVING AT THE BEACH! Recruiters will be visiting the ECU campus February 22-23 where General Manager, Daniel Walker, will be giving information sessions and interviews. For more information, visit www.lighthouseresortservices.com or contact us at manager@lighthouseresortservices.com

**SERVICES**

THIRTY-ONE GIFTS!! NEW CATALOG IS OUT. VISIT MY WEBSITE: <https://www.mythirtyone.com/15646> TO ORDER OR BOOK A PARTY!!! CONTACT

ME AT MONICATHIRTYONE@LIVE.COM

Drop 2-3 sizes in 10 minutes. You do not have to diet or take pills. Visit [www.ArduysLife.com/hilldistributor](http://www.ArduysLife.com/hilldistributor) and view the reshaping and nutritional products.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

REAL Crisis Intervention, Inc. will be hosting their Sweetheart Breakfast Fundraiser at O'Charley's Restaurant in Greenville on February 13th. This delicious breakfast will be from 7:00am-9:30am and will include pancakes, bacon, eggs, a beverage and your sweetheart! Tickets are available at REAL Crisis Intervention for \$5 or may be purchased at the door. All proceeds go to REAL Crisis Intervention, Inc. For more information, call 252-758-HELP(4357).

**FREE Week of TANNING**

**FREE Week Level 1-5 UV Tanning**

*Enjoy unlimited tanning for one week.*



Must be used within 7 consecutive days. First Time customers only. ID Required. Levels 1 - 5 beds only. Code: 1WFALTEC Expires 2/18/10

**Greenville Blvd.**  
(Across from Pizza Inn)  
**931-1147**

**Evans Street**  
(Beside Overton's)  
**353-5400**

[www.tannbed.com](http://www.tannbed.com)

**SCARIER:  
SNAKES,  
SPIDERS  
or CLOWNS?**

Discuss as long as you want.  
Only U.S. Cellular® has Free Incoming Calls,  
Texts and Pix from anyone at any time.  
So nearly half the time on the phone is free.

[getusc.com](http://getusc.com)

 **U.S. Cellular**  
*believe in something better™*

**SPRING BREAK**

**JAMAICA**  
*Once you go you know.*



Spring Break comes to life...  
Live Concerts  
Awesome VIP Parties  
Beautiful Beaches  
Scenic Cliff Jumping  
Spectacular Sunsets

Book Your Trip Today! Contact:

