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BRIEFS

ECU professor lectures on biblical discrepancies

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On Tuesday evening in the Science and Technology building, the Religious Studies program hosted a lecture entitled "Murders in Jerusalem and Robbers on the Road to Jericho: New Testament Episodes and Their Origins in the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament," given by Dr. Isaac Kalimi. "This year, the Religious Studies program had the honor of hosting the Whichard Chair visiting professor, and we chose Dr. Kalimi, a very distinguished scholar," said Derek Maher, the director of the Religious Studies program. Every year, a certain department has the privilege to host a prominent scholar, known as the Whichard Chair.

Kalimi was raised in Israel, and he is a world-renowned scholar on Jewish faith and culture. He studied the Old Testament and Jewish faith for 15 years at a university in Jerusalem and currently teaches classes and gives lectures all over the world.

During his lecture, Kalimi addressed unresolved discrepancies between the Old Testament and the New Testament. He explained that the Old Testament serves as the Hebrew Bible for the Jewish faith, and the New Testament is added to the Bible for the Christian faith. Kalimi focused mainly on murders that took place in the Old and New Testaments, and the possible correlation between them.

Kalimi explained that murder was forbidden in the Old Testament and acknowledged it as an unforgivable sin. In II Chronicles, Zechariah was stoned in a temple courtyard and killed, and he called for vengeance for his impending death.

Kalimi also told the story found in the New Testament book of Luke about Stephen, the first martyr. He was stoned and killed, but moments before his death he asked God to forgive his murderers. This act of forgiveness went against the "law of retaliation" in the Old Testament that demands an eye for an eye, or rather compensation for the crime.

The story of Stephen is reminiscent of Jesus's last words before he died on the cross, and that has scholars puzzled. Kalimi explained that scholars are also debating if the story of Stephen was written to counter the story of Zechariah to show the new Christian values of love and forgiveness.

Attendees also learned of other Old and New Testament parallels, such as the story of the Good Samaritan that coined the phrase "love your neighbor as yourself." The original story appears in the gospel of Luke, but a very similar story appears in II Chronicles. Kalimi told the audience of the debate over the two passages and whether or not it affects the originality of Jesus.

"The historical reliability of the Good Samaritan story seems doubtful, however, not its value," said Kalimi. Scholars are still trying to discover if Luke made up the story, basing it on the previous one in II Chronicles.

Kalimi has been teaching a few Religious Studies classes at ECU this past year during his time as the Whichard Chair professor. Joe Blackburn, a biology major, took Intro to the Old Testament with Kalimi last semester.

"I really wanted to come to this lecture because I could tell during class that this man is very intelligent," said Blackburn. Blackburn and other students were impressed by Kalimi's knowledge on biblical matters.

In the future, the Religious Studies program hopes to bring in more professors of Kalimi's caliber. In doing so, the program is hoping to eventually gain status as an academic department rather than an interdisciplinary program.

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ECU hosts service learning conference

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On Wednesday, ECU hosted its 7th Annual ECU Conference on Service Learning. The event was sponsored by the University Service-Learning Committee, the Volunteer and Service Learning Center and the Office of Faculty Excellence.

The conference was held in Mendenhall and included an address by keynote speaker Dr. Randy Stoecker and other service-oriented workshops hosted by both students and ECU faculty and staff.

According to Jessica Gagne Cloutier, service-learning coordinator for the VSLC, the conference is invaluable in developing service initiatives on ECU's campus. "The conference provides valuable tools to benefit service-learning endeavors, and provides an opportunity for faculty, staff and community partners to network and explore future collaborations," Cloutier said.

The conference also has a tangible and direct impact on developing community relations and bringing service ideas to fruition. "Last year, for example,

we had a round table discussion about service-learning with Latino populations. We talked a lot about the great activities that were already happening at ECU — a conference, speaker, class partnerships — and shared ideas, resources and even attended one another's events as a result of the round table. It's safe to say that this conference expands the service-learning network at ECU," Cloutier explained.

Over 125 of ECU's community service partners are invited to attend the conference every year. This year's conference included

representatives from the Humane Society of Eastern Carolina, the Council on Aging, American Red Cross and many others. Approximately 100 members of the ECU faculty, staff and community partners were also in attendance at this year's conference.

Those involved in the conference had the pleasure of hearing a lecture by Dr. Randy Stoecker, who is co-editor of the book, "Unheard Voices: Community Organizations and Service-Learning."

According to Cloutier, Stoecker was chosen to be the keynote speaker because his "book

responds to a tough question: Do communities benefit from service-learning? Because of his experience researching community partnerships in service-learning, and our underlying theme of community partnerships, Dr. Stoecker was an appropriate choice." Cloutier continued, "We haven't addressed the issue of community partnerships directly at past conferences, so this is a new angle that demanded an experienced keynote."

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Annual Chili Bowl sale warms up chilly day

Megan Otto browsed the bowls on display during the annual chili bowl sale in Jenkins Fine Art Building.

NC may offer early graduation

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Starting next year, eight states will introduce programs into their public school systems allowing 10th graders to take exit exams and qualify for a high school diploma two years before their expected graduation date. Those who pass the exams could immediately enroll in a two-year community college.

The program is being designed by the National Center on Education and the Economy (NCEE) with the aid of a \$1.5 million grant provided by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

The states participating in the program starting in 2011 are Connecticut, Kentucky, Maine, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont. Each state will enroll 10 to 20 schools into the \$500-per-student program. North Carolina has not announced inclusion in the program in the future, but the NCEE hopes the program will spread quickly throughout the school systems in the participating states and that other states will adopt the program if it proves to be successful.

The pilot program is not a complete shot in the dark at rewarding academic success and promoting early graduation — the exit examination model is based on similar programs used in countries with high-performing educational systems such as England, Denmark and France.

A New York Times article last week quoted the co-chair of the advisory committee that designed the early graduation program as saying the committee hoped early graduation would lead to earlier success for students. "One hope is that this board exam system can prepare students to move on to careers, to higher ed and technical colleges and the workplace, sooner rather than later," said Howard T. Everson, a professor

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ECU Career Fair helps employ Pirates

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On Tuesday, more than 145 local companies came out to the Greenville Convention Center to recruit for ECU's 2010 Career Fair, directed by university's Career Center organization.

Approximately 2,500 ECU students turned out for the career fair. All students were encouraged to dress in formal attire and bring along copies of their résumé to hand out to company recruiters. This business-like setting allowed for students to branch out and establish new contacts with companies from all around the Greenville area.

Senior Rich Schafer, an accounting major at ECU, has been attending career fairs put on by the university since his freshman year.

"All of these companies that come out are very supportive of ECU's students, and that's really important when it comes to getting a job with a good company," he said.

He advises college students of all ages and majors to participate in these career fairs as a way to get recognized by possible employers.

There were a wide variety of companies that set up at the convention center Tuesday afternoon. Among all of the booths there were many corporate businesses, such as Aflac, Carquest, Target, Firestone and Verizon Wireless. In addition to all of these larger companies, there were also government agencies, contracting firms and other locally based businesses; all with hopes of recruiting ECU's best and brightest.

With more than 300 recruiters in attendance, students used this chance to advertise themselves to local companies. When asked about her thoughts on the career fair, recruiter for Pitt County Memorial Hospital, Anita Eakes, responded, "This is a great way for students to connect with us, and for us to keep in contact with them."

This event provides ECU students with the unique



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Kasey Noe, Jerry Langston, David Hunt and Jimmy McDonald discuss possible careers in their company with Megan Conley at the ECU Career Fair Tuesday.

opportunity to network with companies that they desire to work with in the future. Interim Director of ECU's Career Center, Jim McAtee, explains, "It's not only that students will come here to find jobs or internships; they come here to build relationships."

It is this goal that drives both recruiters and students to gain recognition, which beckons in new employment opportunities for students.

By the end of the career fair, some students found themselves already lined up for job interviews and even potential internships with some of these companies. For many students who came out, the experience made a positive impression for both employers and themselves.

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Property crime remains the number one crime committed within student housing complexes

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Brent Varnell, an English education major at ECU, went to bed early one particularly dark night in June, never expecting it to be anything other than a normal night.

Then, "I heard a knock at my front door around 10 p.m.," recalls Varnell, who lives at Wellingham apartments. "I figured it came from some students having a party, so I ignored it and went back to sleep."

That proved to be a fateful decision. "Around 12:30 a.m.," he says, "I heard a deafening thump. My door was kicked in. And there was a man standing at the foot of my bed."

The man was a burglar. He took a swing at Varnell, who was just out of arm's reach. Varnell managed to chase the burglar

away. The incident makes Varnell one of the seven victims of property crime at Wellingham since January.

According to the State Bureau of Investigation's crime statistics for Greenville, there were 5,615 property crimes committed in the city in 2008. Greenville's property crime makes up 67 percent of all property crime committed in the 11 cities of Pitt County. Property crime is a dire concern to people who live in apartment complexes that house more students than families.

According to the FBI's crime index, property crime includes the offenses of burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft and arson. Larceny, or theft, ranks the highest among Greenville's property crimes, with a total of 3,551 cases

in 2008. That's 63 percent of all property crimes committed in the city, including ECU's campus.

Wellingham, where Varnell lives, has seen 23 property crimes over the past two years. According to Sgt. Bobby Burns, head of the Greenville Police Department's property crime division, there has been an increase over the past year in residential property crime, especially during school breaks.

"A majority of property crime occurs over school breaks, especially during the summer. The criminals know when students go home, and that's when they zero in on student housing," said Burns.

Of the 23 property crimes committed at Wellingham, 11 took place when students were on break.

Student housing complexes that offer multiple bedroom apart-

ments see the most property crime during summer breaks. Students continue to pay rent during the summer, so they leave their belongings in their apartments.

One of the most popular student housing complexes is The Landing on Charles Street.

The Landing, formerly named The Exchange, is a student-only apartment complex. According to Greenville Police records, from January 2007 to November there were 79 property crimes at The Landing.

Of those crimes, 47 percent were committed during Christmas and summer breaks. The

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A few of the service-oriented sessions held at this year's conference included "Obtaining ECU's Service-Learning Designation" and "Asset-Based Community Development: Think Horses, Not Zebras." Cloutier stated that these sessions "discuss reciprocity, asset-based community development, and in general, amplifying the community voice to ensure stronger, more sustainable service-learning partnerships in the future."

The conference also included input from students about service-learning ideas. Elise Mauren and Michael Kratzer, both seniors majoring in family and community services, presented a session entitled "Reflection: The Voice of the Students," where they discussed the importance of getting students involved in reflection activities after service projects.

Mauren explained that reflection is an integral part of the service and recalled using it to engage volunteers on MLK Day. As a volunteer leader, Mauren said she gathered student volunteers together to discuss the importance of how their actions were helping the community.

"It's important to reflect because it gives you a better grasp of what's going on," said Mauren.

During their presentation, Mauren and Kratzer involved those in attendance in a sample reflection activity, which consisted of piecing together a collage that gave members a better understanding of community involvement.

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property crime rate at The Landing has remained steady over the past three years.

Student apartments near ECU's campus and Greenville's downtown area experience more property crime than those farther out. For example, Pirates Cove and Pirates Place, which are both on Fifth Street, saw more property crimes than Sunchase, North Campus Crossing and The Bellamy combined.

Greenville Police records show that in 2008 there were 69 property crimes at Pirates Cove and 84 at Pirates Place, a few miles closer to ECU's main campus and downtown than Pirates Cove. There were 58 property crimes at Sunchase, 43 at North Campus and 22 at The Bellamy.

Property crimes committed at Pirates Cove and Pirates Place make up 55 percent of all property crimes committed at the five student apartment complexes.

Larceny remained the most common property crime at The Landing, Pirates Cove, Pirates Place, Sunchase, North Campus and The Bellamy. Of the 276 property crimes committed in 2008 at those student housing complexes, 43 percent involved some form of larceny. After that, damage to personal property and breaking and entering were the most common property crimes.

Greenville Police are taking actions to decrease property crime.

Burns claims a majority of the criminals are repeat offenders who continue to commit property crime in various cities. So, according to Burns, communication between police departments is important to decreasing property crime.

"Communication between law enforcement agencies is key. Offenders go to other cities to pawn what they have stolen. We use a database to track where they are and then communicate with the agencies in that city," said Burns.

While law enforcement agencies are communicating with each other, they are not communicating as well with the public. When asked, Burns could only come up with one tactic that Greenville Police are using to warn the public about property crime.

"We sent out a flyer in every Greenville Utilities bill. It included crime tips and how to protect yourself from being a target," said Burns. But he was not even sure if the flyers had been sent out or not.

If the flyer has been sent out with the utilities bills, it would not help people like Varnell.

"I don't read the bill insert. I look at my bill and throw everything else away. I don't remember seeing anything about crime, but I probably wouldn't have noticed either way," he said. "I mean, does anybody really look at those inserts? I don't know anyone who does."

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Freshman Katie Wilson, a speech therapy major, is one of the students who attended the presentation. After sitting through the lecture, she is now more interested in joining the Peace Corps.

"Overall, I think that joining would make me a more well-rounded as a person," she said.

If she joins sometime after her college career, she hopes to volunteer in Costa Rica, teaching children to speak English.

The Peace Corps presentation promotes students to take an active role in reaching out to communities around the world and making a difference.

Buff encourages students to learn more about the United States Peace Corps by visiting www.Peacecorps.gov.

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of educational psychology at the City University of New York.

Lisa Rogerson, director of the advising center at the ECU College of Education, said the program could have some unintended consequences, though. She said the concern is not whether students are academically ready for college, but whether they are mature enough. In a "sink or swim" environment such as the transition to college, the masses of high school students interested in the program may not be mature enough to head to college at the age of 16.

One obvious criticism of the program is the effect it may have on high school students socially as they reach their crucial maturation years before college. Some parents, students and educators argue that

the program would rob would-be high school juniors and seniors of the ability to play on sports teams, work at the student newspaper and take part in basic high school events as simple as their senior prom.

Rogerson said that though some students may benefit from the program and would, in fact, be mature enough to adjust to college after their junior years of high school, the program would not be suitable for most high school students.

"For a vast majority, I think going off to school at an even earlier age — most wouldn't be developmentally ready," she said.

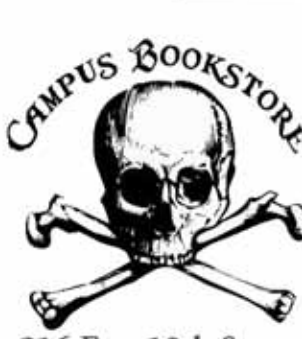
Even from an academic perspective, she thinks the program may not be effective in tackling the problems it's meant to combat.

Creators of the program claim that allowing high school students to graduate early and immediately enroll in community college will give students incentives to do well in the earlier grades of high school and lower the need to take remedial classes after they graduate.

As Rogerson points out, though, those students passing these tests will likely be students who would not need remedial courses to begin with, and currently offered programs such as dual enrollment in high school and community college would meet the needs of high-achieving, motivated students sufficiently, without pushing them into the real world two years before they're ready.

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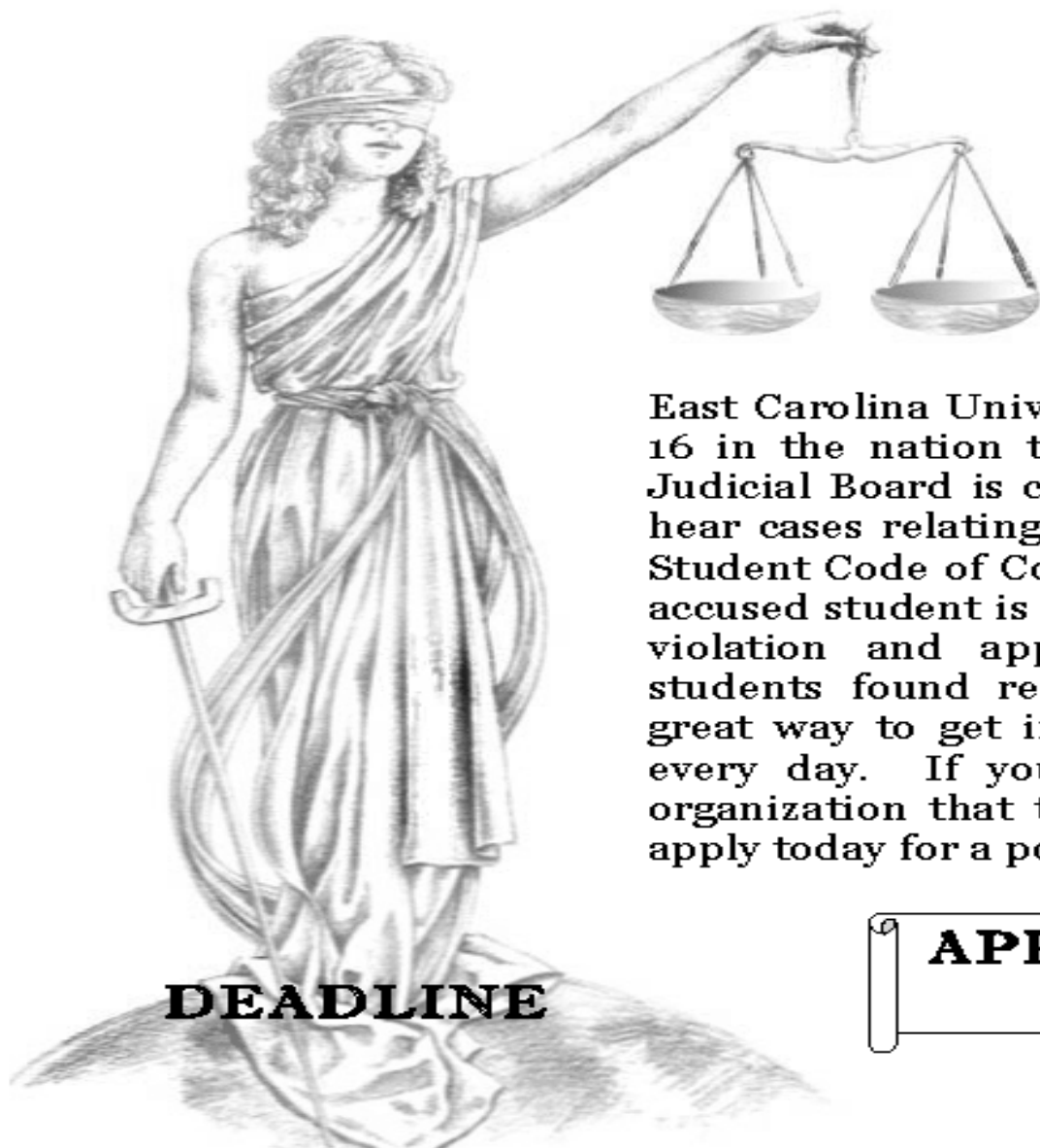
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Ugg Boots = Hideously unattractive and impractical footwear that are worn by unoriginal, mindless female drones. Usually accompanied by Spandex "pants" or skinny jeans and a North-Face jacket.

I've never seen Asian porn, but I'm sure you could star in one the way you sound.

I hate how some girls always feel the need to always cause a problem, grow up your tears are getting old. Crying for attention doesn't work, haven't you learned that yet?

You don't have control over the people I'm friends with or the boys I'm interested in. This is NOT Burger King and you CAN'T have it your way.

Walking home to Copper Beech from downtown takes a very long time. I've tried. Please don't end the buses!

FYI: Just being attracted to someone isn't enough, what happened to liking someone for who they are???

I was having a bad birthday. The worst part was not getting a cake. The best part was you driving all the way across campus to deliver a cupcake to me. That was so sweet!

To the girl in my 9 a.m. English, yes, I am drunk every day. And yes, I will have sex with you.

Heard a girl on the Minges bus today say, "I've been trying to figure out they are building on the stadium over there." Wow, seriously? Do you live under a rock or something? OMG!!!

To my girlfriend who thought I wrote that Pirate Rant about her last week: No you don't tell me my breath stinks that much. But you still do...a lot

I'm going to stay a virgin until the STD rates go down around here.

I'll pay for Joyner to put light bulbs in the student studies. It'll be cheaper than the glasses I'll surely need from straining my eyes trying to see my homework in there.

To girl in front of Dowdy student store with the "Free Hugs" sign: You made my day that much better! Thank you!

When I saw the bear "Did You Knows" I really wanted the writer to add in "Fact: Bears love beets."

I hope Lil' Wayne writes a Hip-Hop-Ra in prison, like R. Kelly did

Dear Music Professor: Do you think you could wave your arms a little bit faster, so you can just fly away?

One of my friends just told me she was allergic to condoms and couldn't take birth control. ECU: Win or Fail?

Let's follow the OPC method I learned in Sex Health... Orgasm, Pee and Cuddle.

When will people learn NOT to put anything incriminating on Facebook?

Fake boobs- \$4,000. Match.com-\$30/month. Book of sex positions-\$10. Seeing you not get to use any of these things- Priceless.

Your stench is not conducive to my learning environment.

To the girl I practically smashed opening to door to the ladies bathroom in Austin Tuesday: I'm really really sorry!

Here's a thought: Why not mind your own business and stop complaining about leggings, laundry rooms, and NorthFace Uggsluts?

For the person dissing plus size: Sorry that you feel like an empty tuna can when being screwed, some men like a little meat

Yes it's expensive to run the Drunk Bus, but so are funerals and DWIs.

So what if they're orange and bleach blonde, they still have souls.

Tattoos are sexy, end of story.

With those eyelashes you could be a tarantula.

That little problem under your nose called a mustache. Yeah, please take care of it.

You may have picked on me all my life, but guess who has no college degree and is working at Autozone? YOU ARE!

NO, I'm not impressed that when you were 16 years old you spent three hours running from the cops, NOR am I impressed that you've had a run-in with the federal government. Seriously, just stop talking.

To the person who ranted about not going to class because their professors put their notes online: Way to go. Our "brilliant" professor read that and decided to take our notes offline. Awesome.

To the girl who has ALMOST the exact same ECU email as me: Please get it right next time. I'm tired of getting your e-mails.

To the person whining about my sunglasses: They're Ray-Bans, they're fly, and they're prescription, fool. Don't hate me cause you ain't me.

I am so tired of orange people walking around...you have to know that you look like something out of Willie Wonka and The Chocolate Factory...seriously!



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Mo' money, mo' problems



Stephanie Fu
OPINION COLUMNIST

Gas bill - \$40, A dinner out - \$20, Knowing you have financial security - priceless.

If only this MasterCard classic commercial-like thinking could be true for all of us, then a lot more people would not lose sleep at night worrying about monetary issues. There are some people out there, myself included, that like to believe that money is something superficial and not important in the long run. Unfortunately, this is not the case; in our world, money is necessary for almost everything.

On the cusp of graduating, it has settled into my mindset more now than ever about how much money my profession of teaching will be making me and how much money I need. Everyone in my life seems to want to offer their two cents on how I should approach this matter. My parents think that I need to change my lifestyle and then everything will fall into place. As many might be able to relate, parents seem to have a twisted perspective of what their children do in their spare time. My mother seems to think that miraculously all the money that I make does not go to gas and food, which just happens to pay for itself, while I irresponsibly spend it all on Saturday night festivities. Realistically, there are just some professions that don't pay a lot even if luxuries are cut and the bare necessities remain.

My older brother, one of those who is already financially set with a job offer and salary, has been pressing me to read a book called "I Will Teach You to be Rich" by Ramit Sethi, one of his fellow Tar Heels. After weeks of begging me to read at least the first few chapters, I finally gave in and began reading. He was right for the most part - the first few chapters were helpful giving tips on how to keep one's credit score high and how to make the most out of savings by putting money into CD accounts so that it can grow on interest. However, the book lost my interest after it went even further to explain how to go over and beyond putting away a nice little savings pocket into making one a self-made millionaire.

Another book that I had in

my collection from a conference over the summer, "From Rags to Riches," also talks about putting away a savings account and making the most off interest as well. However, this book's author stresses the importance of managing money in the proper way, keeping two separate bank accounts for both the husband and wife, because money drives almost all of the divorces in this country.

It scares me to think of the power that money has in our society. It is not that I don't understand the importance of it and the luxury of not having to think twice about it, but all of these books that have been written as a sort of self-help book for money matters only reinforces the idea of money controlling our lives. Money can make someone lose hours of sleep at night. Money can cause a friendship to fall apart when friends take loans from other friends. Money can drive two people apart who have made a commitment out of love. Finally, money issues can also cause people to make extremely wrong and illegal decisions because they are so desperate. Fake friends are harder to filter out and shopping addictions are very real and affect a lot of people.

I may be alone in my minor freak out when entering the real world with real world expenses like health insurance and property taxes that are different from the rent and utility bills that we have been accustomed to over the past four years, but I have found solace in a book that is a refreshing contrast from the "let's become rich" books. It is called "The Art of Happiness," and in it, the Dalai Lama offers the conclusion, "We don't need more money, we don't need greater success or fame, we don't need the perfect body or even the perfect mate -- right now, at this very moment, we have a mind, which is all the basic equipment we need to achieve complete happiness."

As long as we believe in ourselves and have faith in what we are doing, we will find a way to work out everything. I wouldn't trade my chosen profession as a small salary teacher or a penniless writer for anything in the world, because it is what ultimately makes me happy. Eventually, all will fall into place.

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"I almost take it as a compliment that people will see me and say things and be angry."

DANICA PATRICK

Bishop and the irony that follows the name



Michael Pacheco
OPINION COLUMNIST

In some Slavic languages (e.g. Czech/Slovak), the bishop (in chess) is called "střelec/strelec," which directly translates to English as a "shooter," meaning an archer.

Shooter, sadly apropos. By now, you've probably heard about Amy Bishop, the Harvard educated professor who shot and killed three people because she was denied tenure at the University of Alabama where she taught. I wanted passions to cool on this a little before I commented, both the knee-jerk "That's why we ought to ban guns" and the snarky "Guns don't kill people, liberals kill people!"

An element to the story was added recently. In addition to anecdotal evidence of this person not being fully in touch with reality, there is a report that she shot her own brother 20 years earlier! The shooting was suspicious and had it been properly investigated and prosecuted, perhaps this latest shooting could have been avoided.

The Boston Globe said that according to the current Braintree police chief, Paul H. Frazier, Amy Bishop fatally shot her 18-year-old brother, Seth, on Dec. 6, 1986, but was set

free the same day by Braintree Police under orders from then-Police Chief John Polio. In news accounts at the time, Polio called the death an accident that happened when Bishop was learning how to unload a shotgun.

Frazier challenged that account, saying instead that Bishop shot her brother during an argument and fled on foot with the 12-gauge shotgun before being captured by police, who handcuffed her and took her to the station. The case file, including the report of the incident, disappeared shortly thereafter, he said.

"I don't want to use the word 'cover-up,'" Frazier said. "I don't know what the thought process was of the police chief at the time."

Bishop's mother was also a town official at the time, possibly on the personnel board. I am thinking there was some special treatment here?

Hindsight is always 20/20. The presiding DA, William Delahunt, who neglected to charge her with the first shooting, is currently a Democratic congressman, who recently decided that he hadn't a prayer, would not run for re-election. The missing case file also suggests, if not a cover up, that at least there were irregularities in the investigation.

It sounds as if Dr. Bishop is in need of some long overdue psychiatric help. She needs to be taken off the streets and institutionalized, whether penal or mental will be determined by a jury of her peers.

I am confused, though. I feel as though it is much easier to be deemed an alcoholic in college than it is to be deemed a sociopath after shooting your own brother with a 12-gauge shotgun.

According to the New York Times, Dr. Bishop stopped shooting when the gun either jammed or ran out of ammunition, the faculty member said.

So, maybe someone will suggest to her the Bill Ayers defense that her incompetence kept her from killing even more people?

Humor aside, Amy's "accidental" shooting of her brother consisted of firing three rounds from a 12-gauge pump shotgun. What a train wreck, if you ask me.

And before someone says "guns kill people," just think, you can get those incessant, dry, Birkenstock-wearing professors with those Marx-themed posters who hate American students with a passion. You know, the ones who have that weathered and bitter look and feel about them, much as Bishop has in her mug shot. It's always those quiet ones you've got to look out for.

How on Earth was she allowed to be hired at a university after "accidentally" shooting her brother with a 12-gauge shotgun is completely beyond me. Don't these universities have a filter system of some sort? The public school systems do. Shouldn't our universities?

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Aries - You have the power to create whatever you want today. Infuse your actions with excitement. Leave correspondence for another day. Flavor your activities with some element from a dream. Get creative early and leave adjustments for later in the day.

Taurus - Extend your love to others through the tender expression of your feelings. There's no need for flamboyance, but gifts are always welcome. If you have a big weekend planned, start early and take care of arrangements. Check details as something changes -- in a good way!

Gemini - You wake up with an idea that could change the balance or intensity of love in your life. Whatever you do, the outcome feels just right. Remain open to all offers that come your way today. Can't say yes to everything? Ask for rain checks. Adapt wisely when others change their minds.

Cancer - Join a female associate to move your agenda forward. You need visible, satisfying results by day's end. That's all. Begin a new day with renewed energy. Take an early walk to get the juices flowing. Remain flexible. New ideas tip the scales your way.

Leo - Accept your role as social butterfly, even if you feel cramped or agitated inside. Once you hit the stage, you relax and begin to enjoy the spotlight. Exaggerate if you must just to get it out of your system. Then devise a practical way of achieving the desired result. Planning saves time in the end.

Virgo - There's a lot happening inside your head today. Don't expect other people to know that. You can maintain the secret or share with a special someone. You tend to take off in all directions at once. Not helpful! Focus on yourself first, then have a private conversation. Share responsibility for a key decision.

Libra - You probably can't get romance off your mind today. So, plan for the weekend and then refocus on work. Never think that the project is complete. Someone can always make changes. The question is, do these little adjustments really help?

Scorpio - This is a good day for filing and organizing. You have a pile of stuff that could be put away (or thrown away). Only you can make these decisions. Don't leave it for the cleaning crew. Plan on more sorting and organizing. Another person may need your assistance here. Yes, you are better at it! And helping actually gets you out the door faster.

Sagittarius - Creative efforts shift toward personal relationships. Stifle any tendency to criticize. Instead, talk about how each person's contribution enhances the whole. If you weren't so busy today, you'd have more time to hang out with friends. As it is, you need to focus to keep from getting scattered.

Capricorn - You edge closer to a major goal. Your thoughts take you in multiple directions, so your actions need to focus on the logic of your priorities. Busy doesn't begin to describe it. A few major changes occur early on, and you shift gears to accommodate an associate's ego. It had to happen sooner or later.

Aquarius - The efforts you've put in over the last few days pay off now. You're far more comfortable in your role, and others support you. You've passed a milestone. Associates pose a question that you answer easily. Your position in the workplace moves forward.

Pisces - Find your groove and stay there all day. Everyone contributes to make today memorable. And you thought it was all about work! Silly you. Go there. Do that. Come back. Leave again. Today is all about movement in and out of your space.

Pirates & Salty Wenches



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Meet your match

Vivian Stockton
SEX AND RELATIONSHIP
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So you've finally had it! You and your one and only have decided to go separate ways, and there is no way your Mr. or Ms. Right is out there. After all the clingers, crazies and douche bags, you've decided to resign yourself to being a confirmed bachelor(ette).

Don't lose hope yet! Take a minute to ask yourself, "How do I normally meet people?"

If your answer is at a club or a bar, you're definitely not going about things in the right way. In situations that involve alcohol, you can't realistically expect to develop a bond with someone that is going to last. There's a chance that you'll get too tipsy and not display your best qualities, and in extreme cases, you may not even remember his name the next day. Not to mention, more often than not,

WHEN MOST PEOPLE GO DOWNTOWN, THEY AREN'T LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO FILL THE ROLE OF MS. RIGHT, JUST MS. RIGHT

Now. Not to say that everyone who goes downtown is looking for a one night stand, but let's be honest -

THE MIXTURE OF ALCOHOL AND CLUB ATTIRE MAKE IT A BIT DIFFICULT TO THINK

about much else other than how to effectively get wasted and get that person home and naked. So, it's easy to see why I say downtown is not where you need to search for something serious.

If your answer is through activities on campus or other hobbies, then that's a great start. It's very important to share a few common interests with someone you want to develop a long-lasting relationship with. If you want someone who cares about his physical fitness, start working out and scoping out the gym. If you want someone who has similar career goals as you, check out the people in your classes. You may

have to put yourself out there by approaching someone, but he isn't going to necessarily come to you. It's not a crime to be friendly, so don't be afraid to introduce yourself.

If your answer is through your friends and acquaintances, then you're definitely on the right track! According to a recent article in Cosmopolitan, 7 out of 10 married couples met through mutual acquaintances. This means that the sexy boy walking with your best friend could potentially be your next big romance. Cosmo suggests that you describe the type of person you're looking for to your friends. Tell them that you're looking for a motivated criminal justice major and they just might know someone who fits the bill. Granted, your friends may not always know best, so you may need to be a little weary here.

For me, this worked out perfectly. I had been telling my friends for a while that I was tired of the single lifestyle and was ready to meet a guy who wanted to be more than your typical let's-go-out-every-night kind of guy, and I ended up getting introduced to a very goal-oriented, intelligent man and seven months later, I'm happy to say he's still mine!

A great way to utilize your friends in meeting someone is by sticking to groups or group activities. By going bowling, playing pool, etc. you're more likely to be comfortable and outgoing; thus, it's easier to talk to that handsome stranger that your best friend's friend invited to come hang out. Professional matchmaker Janis Spindel suggests throwing a party and request that each of your friends bring along a single friend of the opposite sex. This way, you'll get to meet a bunch of new people and maybe even your Mr. or Ms. Right!

So instead of deciding to become the next crazy cat-lady, get some friends together and try to meet someone new!

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The importance of being ambitious



Mary Dixon
OPINION COLUMNIST

Ambition. It's a powerful word. It's ambition that separates us from those who settle to live in the masses of ordinary life and those who choose greatness.

I strongly believe that each person has the ability to achieve his or her dreams, no matter how impossible it may seem. To not attempt to go after something that you desire to accomplish because it seems too hard, that is you being your own worst enemy. Sometimes, we do let ourselves stand in our own way. An example of standing in our own way is procrastination. If your professor assigns you an essay at the beginning of the semester to be due on the last day of class, and it's 2 a.m. the night before and you are freaking out, it's your own fault. Putting off schoolwork that makes or breaks your grades is like playing Russian roulette. You could be fine, but you might fail, too. Odds are, unless

you are quite cunning, you'll fail. But procrastination is but a small pothole in the road of life. The full-on detour is something much more destructive.

Drugs and alcohol: two things that can take the most creative and brilliant of people and turn them into worthless, useless nobodies. Someone who uses substances probably doesn't realize the effect he is having on himself. With addictive substances, you don't notice your lack of drive. As far as you are concerned, you are motivated. Unfortunately, your motivation may be to seek the effect of your substance of choice.

Take Motley Crue's bassist and songwriter, Nikki Sixx. When he and his band started out, he was a driven man who played music like it was his lover and wrote books of lyrics with the intensity of a poet. But as fame started to become more prominent in his life, he took the road much traveled by '80s rock bands and started abusing drugs. By the release of 1987's song "Girls, Girls, Girls," Nikki was a full-on heroin junkie.

Instead of writing songs and practicing, he would sit in his closet, often naked, and shoot up. In December of '87, Sixx died. Of course he was revived and lived, but someone as talented and

motivated as he actually killed himself for a high. Eventually, he cleaned up and got sober and has since taken on many projects that have earned him much acclaim. But if you let something like this run your ambition off the road, you will never succeed; you will never make it.

Focusing on what you are passionate about and setting goals is the most important thing in this stage of our lives right now. With the motivation of yourself, you can do anything, truly. Real ambition comes from yourself, though, and nobody else. Someone who loves you and wants you to do well is a really helpful thing while being ambitious, but it isn't up to them to do it for you, and certainly don't do it for them. If in life you want to make it, do it for yourself and yourself alone. Everyone in the world has the best of intentions, but unless it's what you want and what you go for, it's like not having it at all.

So Pirates, be your own best friend, give yourself a pat on the back and get out there and learn the importance of being ambitious; it might just change your life.

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More species of fish live in a single tributary of the Amazon River than in all the rivers in North America combined.

Sturgeon can live as long as 100 years, reaching sexual maturity in the wild at around 15 to 20 years of age. Mature females will produce millions of eggs every two to three years.

The garfish has green bones.

The longest fish is the oarfish, which is shaped like an eel. On average, it grows to more than 20 feet in length, but oarfish of 46 feet have been found.

The African lungfish can live without water for up to four years. When a drought occurs, it digs a pit and encloses itself in a capsule of slime and earth, leaving a small opening for breathing. The capsule dries and hardens, but the fish is protected. When rain comes, the capsule dissolves and the lungfish swims away.

Minnnows have teeth in their throats.

The candlefish is so oily that it was once burned for fuel.

The flounder swims sideways.

The mudskipper fish can actually walk on land.

Many types of fish – called mouthbrooders – carry their eggs in their mouths until the babies hatch and can care for themselves.

The Mola mola, or ocean sunfish, lays up to 5 million eggs at one time.

Walking catfish of Florida can stay out of water for 80 days.

Lungless salamanders are the largest group of salamanders. They have no lungs or gills and breathe through their skin, which must be kept damp to allow in oxygen. If they dry out, they will die of suffocation.

The gurnard, a fish found in Florida, grunts when a thunderstorm is brewing. It's said to be more reliable than meteorologists.

Sea sponges are used in drugs for treating asthma and cancer.

The glue of a barnacle cannot be dissolved with strong acids or temperatures set as high as 440 degrees Fahrenheit.

A 4-inch-long abalone can grip a rock with a force of 400 pounds. Two grown men are incapable of prying it loose.

There are more species of fish than mammals, reptiles and birds combined.

The pair of fins at the back of a fish's body are called pelvic fins.

A winkle is an edible sea snail.

Only 30 percent of the famous Maryland blue crab are actually from Maryland; the rest are from North Carolina and Virginia.

A scallop has a total of 35 eyes, which are all blue.

The largest species of seahorse measures 8 inches.

Shrimp swim backward.

The minuscule krill shrimp has 11 pairs of legs.

Hannibal had only one eye after losing the other to a disease he caught while attacking Rome.

Flamingo tongues were a common delicacy at Roman feasts.

Ancient Romans believed that birds mated on February 14th.

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HydraCoach puts a twist off computerized technology

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Elanor Brown carries a water bottle on campus Wednesday afternoon.

Caitlin Hale

ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

It seems as if almost every function of daily life is quickly becoming computerized. Computers are used as a calendar and address books, while phones are used not entirely for making calls, but for alarms for simple tasks such as waking up from a nap or taking out the trash.

The list could go on and on; however, a new concept has been brought up: making a water bottle computerized.

This is exactly what has happened with the creation of the HydraCoach Intelligent Water Bottle. This water bottle, which

simply tells the user when and how much water to drink, seems a little absurd. Yet, at \$30 apiece, these "smart" water bottles aren't much more expensive than a regular reusable water bottle.

Essentially, the HydraCoach Intelligent Water Bottle is merely a water bottle with a small computer positioned on the front. The computer meters a user's water consumption throughout the day and then calculates how much more water needs to be consumed to achieve the recommended daily amount. The bottle also encourages when to drink, so that water is consumed at a healthy pace.

For the technologically

impaired, this water bottle can be used simply to track how much water has been consumed in a day. However, this smart water bottle can do much more than that. The HydraCoach Intelligent Water Bottle can compute complex statistics, such as how many ounces a person has taken in, to how to calculate a personal hydration goal based on the user's weight. The bottle can then direct the user to the best way of achieving the set goal.

While this may sound particularly confusing, the idea behind this water bottle is actually very simple. The computer in the water bottle calculates

how much water comes out of the bottle using an impeller assembly, which measures the amount of fluid that passes through the built-in straw of the bottle.

When asked if she monitored her daily amount of water consumption, sophomore business and marketing education major Meredith McLamb replied, "I drink about four to five bottles of water a day because all I drink is water, but I don't really pay attention to the amount I drink, but I probably should." After hearing of the HydraCoach Intelligent Water Bottle, she went on to add, "Those [water bottles] sound

cool, but \$30 is still too much to pay for a water bottle."

Regardless, the HydraCoach Intelligent Water Bottle would be a great addition to anyone's technology collection if they are concerned with consuming enough water each day. And with these smart bottles costing only \$30 each, it's a gadget that will not be too much of a financial sacrifice.

To buy this smart new device, visit the company's Web site, hydracoach.com, as well as Amazon.com.

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Theater Professor Greg Funaro releases fictional novel "The Sculptor".

Theater professor Greg Funaro harmonizes with his pursuits

Staff Writer

MARLANA SIFTER

Associate professor of acting in ECU's school of theatre and dance, Gregory Funaro has achieved a feat most people would never dare to try: balancing his two dream careers.

After nine years of teaching at ECU, Funaro published crime fiction novel "The Sculptor," which came out in December 2009 under Kensington Publishing and Pinnacle Books. As his debut into the world of published fiction, this FBI tale about a serial killer with a bizarre fixation on the artist Michelangelo has succeeded in gaining him momentous regional attention. Already, Funaro is in the final stages of rewriting his second novel, a prequel to "The Sculptor," which is due for release

January 2011.

Outside of the spare moments he uses to write, Funaro is more commonly found directing and instructing professional acting students enrolled in his two-year professional actor training program. This sequence of four semesters trains students specifically through the Meisner technique, which emphasizes the actor's ability to develop and maintain a character in direct response to the behavior of their partner. The ability to react to each other with improvisation and genuine emotion while remaining in character is the underlying aim. The method acting involved in such a system earns it the title "Stanislavskian-based acting technique," which comes from Constantin Stanislavski, the Russian actor and theater director.

Funaro says that he did not begin writing novels until the spring of 2007.

His wife, after reading over some of his early transcripts, was among those who encouraged him to start writing again.

"My wife is very supportive," said Funaro.

"She's always willing to read my work and give criticism. I also have my father, brother and mom who are all really supportive. I'm very lucky in that respect."

Recently, yet another family member has joined the circle. In August, the Funaros welcomed their first child, a baby girl.

When asked where his ideal travel destinations would be, Funaro said that with free time at some point in the future, it would be nice to visit places he has never been, such as Japan and Hawaii, as well as a few of the states

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PIRATE EATS

Saeng Thai House spices things up a little off Memorial Drive

★★★★☆

Ethan Anderson
STAFF WRITER

The Saeng Thai House Restaurant is the first Thai food I have ever eaten. I was very interested to find out how good and different it was. I was very skeptical of the quality of this place when I first pulled up. The restaurant is located at 3400 South Memorial Drive, next to the Greenville DMV. Not that I'm trying to bash the location, but the shopping center appears somewhat abandoned.

To my surprise, the inside of the restaurant was very nice. Everything was very clean and neat. The atmosphere was quiet and the room was filled with the aroma of unusual authentic spices.

One of the things that caught my attention was the humble service I received. I was asked if I had ever eaten Thai food before. Since I hadn't, he was quick to ask me if I liked spicy foods. He went on to explain the different levels of spiciness, which are ranked 0-5; zero having no spice and 5 being

the spiciest.

I got the lunch special for a little under \$8 with tax. I chose to get the Thai fried rice at the first level of spiciness. It comes with your choice of meat, soup and one spring roll. I'm not a huge fan of extremely hot food and I thought that my meal wasn't too spicy. However, I imagine that the third level and up must be pretty intense.

There are several different types of soups and salads. They offer Thai curry and a vegetarian menu, which includes various tofu dishes. The Thai fried rice and the Thai noodles are among the most popular dishes. There are several different entrees of fish, shrimp and crab served at the Saeng Thai House.

Overall, I thought the Saeng Thai House was a good experience of a new culture's food. The outside of the restaurant can be very deceiving and one shouldn't be quick to judge them until after trying the food. The dinner menu is a little costly compared to the lunch specials. Be expected to spend well over \$10 for the dinner entrees. The restaurant is a short drive, but if you come at lunch it would



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Many ECU students enjoy eating at the Saeng Thai House Restaurant, which is located on South Memorial Drive.

be well worth the drive and the money spent.

This is a dine-in or take-out restaurant. The Saeng Thai House stays open Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for lunch. Their dinner

hours are Tuesday through Thursday from 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday until 9:30 p.m. On Saturday, they stay open from 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., and on Sundays until 8:30 p.m.

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he has never visited, such as Colorado, Arizona and Oregon. He also said he would consider revisiting a few places. "I've been to Europe and I'd like to go back," he said. California is also a site he would like to revisit, as well as Washington state, where his wife's family is from. Before beginning his ECU career just out of graduate school,

Funaro practiced his craft as a professional actor across the U.S. in various regional theaters and summer stock, as well as New York City. One of these tours took place over the course of four to five months during the fall of 1994, when the actors performed across the Midwest and as far south as Virginia. He received his BA in Theatre from UNH, AM in Theatre History from Brown University in Rhode Island and MFA in Acting from FSU. He is also a graduate of the Neighborhood Playhouse School of the Theatre in New York

City, where he was instructed in the Meisner Technique. Funaro also has a third novel he anticipates publishing. It is a family saga he wrote prior to "The Sculptor" and its prequel, but recently rewrote entirely. A period mystery of dark fiction taking place in the 1940s, it is related to the first two books through minor characters. This writer can be contacted at features@theeastcarolinian.com.

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ECU faculty member has vision for kids

Heather Dinwiddie
STAFF WRITER

Lola Thompson, an administrative support associate in the Academic Programs Office of ECU, had a vision of how to help young students of Greenville. To carry out this vision, Thompson is getting help from the ECU community.

Thompson is the founder of the STARS and SONS Leadership Academy. This academy, which began in March 2008 holding a class of 27 girls, aids students in grades four through eight in having a better attitude about their education and themselves. The academy currently has 80 girls and 55 boys.

"I saw a gap that was missing and a need in our community to save our neighborhood streets," said Thompson. "One way to do that is to get the kids to believe in themselves and how important it is to tap into the potential inside of them."

To help these students see their own potential, Thompson came up with the concept of "B.E.A.U.T.Y.," which stands for "believe, embrace, accept and understand the treasure inside of you." The goal is to bring the students to the ECU campus so they can have a vision of success. The leadership program on campus lasts six weeks. The children also go to churches and network with other companies and agencies.

To show the students a vision of success, STARS and SONS wants to develop a leader in the young students.

"The way we do this is through training, discipline, guidance and experiential learning," said Thompson. "We have them come on campus and teach them leadership skills, etiquette, how to dine, how to communicate. We have them explore their passions."

One way Thompson and the academy help students learn their passion is by showing them what a major is like through various programs such as social work, criminal justice and interior design. With the help of the School of Theatre, the children even have an introduction to acting. They have been able to wear costumes and put on skits.

While Thompson and volunteers of the STARS and SONS Leadership Academy help the students explore various majors that are offered on campus, Thompson and the volunteers have one goal for them.

"We want kids to learn how to lead," said Thompson. "STARS, which stands for 'students to take advantage of the rewards of self-worth,' is the girls' component. SONS, which stands for 'save our neighborhood streets' is the boys' component. We think of stars and sons as the galaxy, they are the same. We talk about how we can change our neighborhood streets."

Lola also has this same goal for her volunteers.

"It's important to be a leader and for them to tap into their passions," said Thompson. "We get them to lead in the area they are good in. It's a reciprocal relationship; learn how to receive from the kids."

To keep the reciprocal relationship strong, Thompson has various classes around campus get involved. Students from these classes sign up and help in the areas where their skills are the most useful. Other students in classes such as Dr. Rebecca Dum-lao's senior seminar class, do

service learning projects such as developing brochures and logos for the academy.

Deanna Johnson, a student volunteer and Child Life major got involved with the academy by doing service learning last fall semester. Johnson, who is still an active volunteer, thinks that working with the academy is a great idea.

"It's a great experience. It's rewarding to work with the kids and staff," said Johnson. Last semester, Johnson helped with the academy's workshops such as interior design, sewing, self-esteem and history or education.

While Johnson is volunteering, she hopes the children do not leave the academy without learning one thing.

"I hope they learn to become a better leader and have a better sense of self," said Johnson. "I hope they know what they want out of life and be a role model for others."

To help carry out Thompson's and Johnson's wishes for STARS and SONS, College of Business students Tyler Richardson and Andrew Kane, of the Small Business Institute (SBI), are figuring out what could be the next step for the academy.

"We offer counsel or a SWOT analysis to see what are the strengths and weaknesses of this business," said Richardson. "We try to see what other opportunities are out there and what could be expanded on. We are trying to take it to that next step." They also see what could be threatening the business.

Kane, a classmate of Richardson's, agrees.

"We see what is best for the academy whether short-term or long-term," said Kane. "We see that Lola's plan is set into a long-term goal and help the business grow as much as possible."

While helping Thompson carry out her goals for the program, Richardson and Kane have not gone without a learning experience.

"You learn that there are a lot of people who are willing to help," said Richardson. "She's working out there on her own front creating a new thing. It's nice the SBI can be a part of it."

As Richardson and Kane work behind the scenes, they have their favorite parts of working with the academy.

"What I like best is learning how much goes into one thing," said Kane. "You learn there's extreme value in this entire project. I'm aware of so many things that I wasn't before."

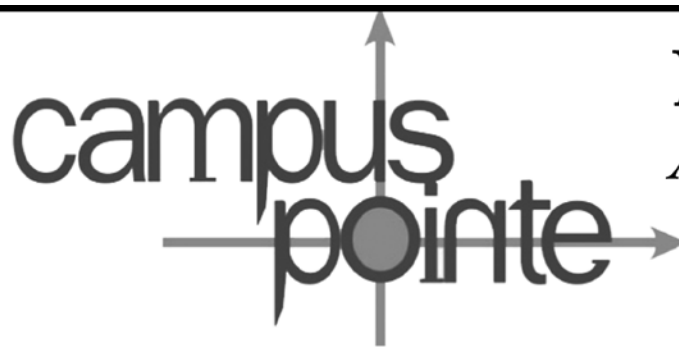
Richardson and Kane are also grateful to be a part of Thompson's project.

"It's her dream and her calling," said Richardson. "We are giving her the tools to make it a reality." Other members of the SBI include Lauren Ginther and Leslie Joyner.

As Thompson is getting the majority of the ECU community involved to help the children, she believes the academy has been very effective.

"We've been getting a lot of good reports from teachers and parents," said Thompson. "We have students who have been chosen to be in national program. We've seen an impact on their parents. There have been about 10 parents who've gone back to school."

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Bools places third at Edwin Watts/Kiawah Island Classic

ECU senior Abby Bools shot an even round par 72 (36-36) during the third and final round of the Edwin Watts/Kiawah Island Classic to finish fourth out of 172 golfers. The event was being held at Cougar and Oak Points in Kiawah Island, S.C.

Bools, who entered final round action tied for ninth, posted the seventh lowest round of the day and recorded two of her 10 birdies at holes No. 3 and No. 11. She finished the three-day event with a score of 218 (71-75-72), five shots behind co-champions Nina Muehle (ETSU) and Crystal Reeves (Oral Roberts) who each shot 213.

ECU (67-41-1) finished in a tie for fourth place with Oral Roberts with a 54-hole score of 897.

Amber Littman (227) tied for 30th after posting a final round of 81, while Ana Maria Puche (230) took a share of 47th. Rounding out the Pirates roster were Amy Otteson (231) who tied for 57th and Colleen Estes (236) who tied for 78th.

The Pirates will hit the links again on March 1st when they head south to Orlando, Fla., to participate in the UCF Challenge.

Men's tennis routs Mount Olive

The ECU men's tennis team extended its winning streak to an impressive six matches Tuesday afternoon with a 7-0 non-conference victory over Mount Olive College at the ECU Tennis Complex.

ECU opened the match by capturing the doubles point against the Trojans. Henrik Skalmerud and Stian Tvedt defeated Luiz Mariano and Alexandre Queiros while Jaroslav Horvath and John Schmitt knocked off Diogo Miranda and Diogo Sender. Freshman duo Pablo Nunez Palmieri and Nathaniel Smiley dismissed Bevan Hewett and Gabriel Santana to complete doubles play with all three matches ending in an 8-4 decision.

ECU continued its strong play in the singles competition — using straight set sweeps in all six matches by Stephen Whitwell (No. 1), Horvath (No. 2), Skalmerud (No. 3), Massimo Mannino (No. 4), Bryan Oakley (No. 5) and Ely Khoury (No. 6).

Women's tennis beats Campbell

ECU secured the doubles point and used five singles wins to capture its fifth road victory of the season in a 6-1 non-conference triumph over Campbell Tuesday afternoon.

An 8-5 victory by Jessica Cook and Audrey LePottier at the No. 1 position over Campbell's Cristina Garcia and Ana Surviladze was followed by an 8-3 win by the tandem of Natalie Collins and Brooke Walter at No. 3 to secure the tally. Campbell opened singles play with a victory in the No. 1 match as Sutton defeated Cook 7-5, 6-3 but the Pirates put the contest away by having the upper hand in the remaining five positions. LePottier dismissed Borislava Nikolova 6-4, 6-2 at No. 2, Collins turned back Surviladze 6-2, 6-4 at No. 3, Petra Vogel routed Gomar 6-0, 6-3 at No. 4, Walter cruised past Ros 6-1, 6-2 at No. 5 and Yilian Zhang defeated Nikolett Kaposzta 6-1, 6-1 at No. 6.

No rest for the weary

No. 10 South Carolina pays a visit to Greenville for the first time since the 2009 Greenville Regional

Michael Perry
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

A week after opening the season with a three-game series against No. 2 Virginia at home last weekend, No. 13 ECU (2-2) will play host to No. 10 South Carolina this weekend.

The Pirates will also look to build a win streak following Tuesday's victory over Old Dominion.

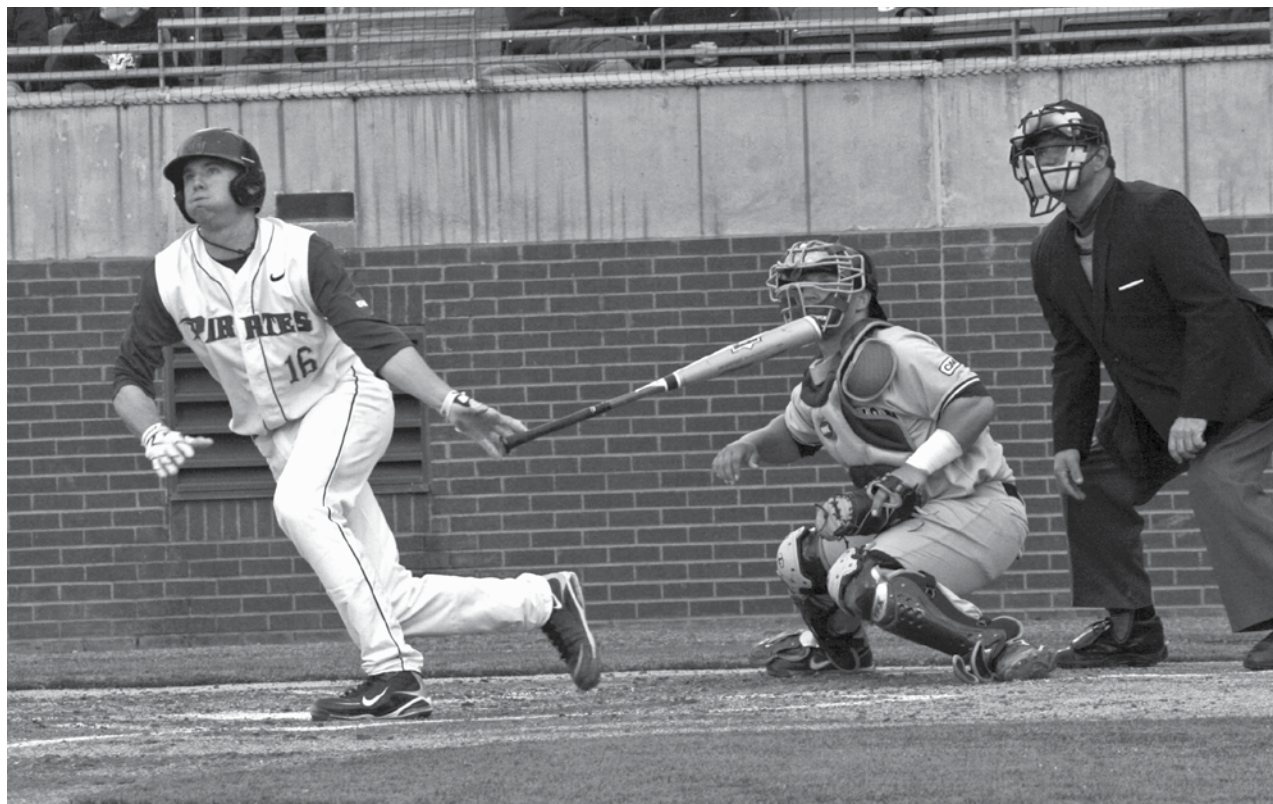
The Gamecocks return to Greenville with a score to settle as the Pirates denied South Carolina a regional championship and super regional berth last season with the now epic three-run home run by Devin Harris to drag the final game of the 2009 Greenville Regional to extra innings where Harris plated the winning run.

South Carolina leads ECU in the overall series of 16-6, but with a sweep this weekend, the Pirates could close the deficit to seven.

The Gamecocks (3-0) have posted a spotless record thus far, winning out their opening home series over Duquesne by scores of 10-3, 13-3, 5-3.

On the mound for South Carolina last weekend, the pitching staff, including starters Blake Cooper, Sam Dyson and Tyler Webb, fanned 39 batters in 27 innings of work while posting a series ERA of 3.00.

Last time out against ECU, senior right-hander Cooper benched the Pirates in their first



ERIN DUNCAN THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Freshman infielder John Wooten looks on after blasting a home run against Old Dominion on Tuesday. Wooten is currently on a three-game home run streak.

regional contest, striking out six batters and allowing only two runs, despite ECU connecting on 14 hits against Cooper.

This weekend's starters for the Gamecocks have not been named, according to South Carolina Media Relations, but Cooper should be expected.

The Pirates are scheduled to return last weekend's trio of Seth Maness, Kevin Brandt and Brad Mincey.

Brandt was the only starter to pick up a win against Virginia last week, but Maness and Mincey are both very capable

pitchers.

Last season, Brandt downed South Carolina in 8 1/3 innings of work, allowing four runs and retiring four.

ECU closer Seth Simmons has tallied 2 1/3 innings on the mound in three appearances so far this season, Simmons has fanned six batters, allowing no runs on one lone hit.

At the dish, the Gamecocks produced a highlight-hitting display last weekend, with stand-out performances by senior first basemen Jeffery Jones and freshmen third basemen Christian

Walker.

Jones led the South Carolina hitting squad with 10 runs batted in and three long balls, including a grand slam.

Walker opened up his college career going 8 for 14 at the plate with two homers, while plating seven runs.

All together, the corners teamed up for 17 of the Gamecocks' 27 RBI.

The Pirates also got the bats rolling in their first couple games, especially freshmen first basemen John Wooten.

Since his first appearance

on Saturday against the Cavs, Wooten has hit a homer in every game leading up to this weekend's series against the Gamecocks. As of now, Wooten is on a three-game home run-hitting streak and leading the Pirates in round-trippers.

Veteran swatters Kyle Roller and Dustin Harrington also picked up their share of accolades in the first four games, Roller joined an uncommon 40-40 club Tuesday against the

BASEBALL continued on A11

ECU Softball team anxious for home-opening Pirate Classic

Carlos Olivera
STAFF WRITER

The ECU softball team hasn't gotten off to the start they would have scripted, starting the season at 2-7, but the tough start hasn't ruined the team's morale or confidence.

The softball team just returned from a trip down to Gainesville, Fla., for the Lipton Invitational where they finished 1-4 against tough competition.

"Opening up on the road against top 10 teams is very hard to do," ECU head coach Tracey Kee said.

Kee is the reigning Conference USA coach of the year and a key staple in the Pirates' softball program. She is beginning her 24th year affiliated with the team. Kee played four years here as a Pirate before becoming an assistant for six years and finally taking over the reigns of the team in 1997.

The Lady Pirates have faced stiff competition but have hung in there with the best. The Pirates' seven losses have been by a combined 10 runs; two of the losses have come at the hands of the No. 3 ranked Florida Gators.

"We're kind of going through a rocky start and it's a little disappointing, but we're facing high caliber of teams," senior infielder Cristen Aona said.

"Losing is never good," junior pitcher Toni Paisley added. "We're facing big teams and hanging in there so we have so much confidence, but losing close games sucks but we have to regroup and just punch through."

Five of the Pirates' seven losses have come by one run and no loss has been larger than three runs.

Asked what the missing link thus far was, coach Kee answered, "We have got to drive in the key runs. We have runners in scoring position and can't get them in, so we need to work on that. Also defensively, I think our pitchers have to do a better job at keeping the ball in the ball park."

Paisley agreed with her head coach, saying, "The missing link is definitely closing the game out. We've been in every game but just haven't been able to drive in the runs late in games." Paisley, who has won

numerous awards during her collegiate career, was the first Pirate to ever win league athlete of the year last year when she was named C-USA co-female athlete-of-the-year. However, she isn't exactly focused on all of her accolades more than the team itself.

"I thought about the awards before the season started because people would always remind me of them, but once the season and games start, it's all about winning, and if we work hard, all of the accolades will come later on," Paisley said.

She also added, "In tough times like this, I definitely want to be a leader for our team. We just need to regroup and come together."

Although the start to this season hasn't been ideal, the Pirates have had their share of success recently and have been rewarded with a new stadium that is currently under construction.

The new stadium is set to go adjacent to the current one and was scheduled to be finished sometime this spring, but the

opening has been moved to sometime next spring.

"I think the new stadium is going to put us on the map even more," said Aona. "This is only going to keep building the program; hopefully we'll have the same success as the baseball team."

Coach Kee has been playing and coaching in the current stadium for over 20 years and the new stadium is a "dream," as she put it.

"I have a hard time wrapping my head around it. It's still a dream to me and will be until I see the finished product."

Up next for ECU is the Pirate Classic set to begin tomorrow here in Greenville. Attending the Pirate Classic will be Towson, Morehead State, Penn State and Delaware. The Pirates have high hopes for the home opening tournament.

"We expect to go 4-0," Paisley said. "We're setting the bar high."

"We kind of see this as a

SOFTBALL continued on A11



SID

Senior infielder Cristen Aona prepares to make a defensive play in a game earlier this season.



ERIN DUNCAN THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Junior right-handed pitcher Zach Woods struck out a career-high eight batters in Tuesday's 11-2 ECU victory over Old Dominion.

Woods' dominance propels ECU to midweek victory

Staff Reports

Zach Woods struck out a career-high eight batters, while Kyle Roller, John Wooten and Zach Wright hit home runs to help No. 13 ECU (2-2) to an 11-2 win over former Colonial Athletic Association foe Old Dominion (3-1) Tuesday afternoon at Lewis Field inside Clark-LeClair Stadium.

Woods (1-0) scattered three hits over six innings, allowing one run and walking one to pick up his first win since 2008.

The right-hander from Virginia Beach retired 18 of 23 batters faced, including the last 11 before being lifted for Brad Mincey (two strikeouts) who worked the seventh frame.

Mike Wright made his second appearance out of the bullpen, allowing one run while fanning two and closer Seth Simmons shut the door with a perfect ninth inning with a pair of punch outs.

Chris Boggs (0-1) was touched for four runs on seven hits in five innings for his first loss of the season. Phil McCarthy didn't fare any better working a third of an inning, where he gave up five runs on six hits. Adam Wisniewski (1.0 IP, 2 H), Cory Toth (1.1 IP, 1 R) and Joe Haumacher (0.1 IP, 1 H, 1 R) pitched the final 2.1 innings for the Monarchs.

ODU jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the top of the second when Edgar Hernandez singled through the left side, plating Joe Velleggia, who singled up the

middle to start the inning.

ECU responded with three runs in the bottom of the frame to take a 3-1 lead and never looked back. Wooten stroked a Boggs 2-2 offering just inside the left field foul pole for his third home run in three games to knot the score at one. Jared Avchen followed with a double, Cam Freeman drew a walk and Corey Thompson scored Avchen on a single up the middle. Trent Whitehead's single to right capped the scoring pushing across Freeman.

Devin Harris extended ECU's lead to 4-1 on a double to left center that plated Roller from first after he was plunked on a 1-1 pitch.

Roller highlighted a five-run sixth inning with a three-run shot to left center, putting the game out of reach at 9-1. For the Rockingham, N.C., native, it was his 40th career home run, which moved him into sole possession of fourth place on the school's all-time home run charts. In the frame, seven different Pirates recorded a hit with Roller's blast being the only extra base hit.

Nathan Hartman cranked his first homer of the season in the eighth to draw the score to 9-2 before the Pirates added a pair in the bottom of the inning on Wright's two-run shot to center to put the score at 11-2.

The Pirates will continue their seven-game home stand this weekend when they welcome in No. 10 South Carolina for a three-game tilt starting Friday afternoon at 3 p.m.

Opportunity of a lifetime: NBA All-Star weekend

OPINION



Alex Serkes
STAFF WRITER

Once in a lifetime opportunities can be simply defined using the exact same words by which the coined phrase is written -- this will most likely only happen once in the life you live.

That is unless, of course, you are swimming in the Benjamin's alongside corporate CEOs, music artists, professional athletes, Jerry Jones or any sort of person of that nature who has the income to boast at any point in time without looking back or thinking twice.

On the flipside, however, for a poor college student on his own with a passion for sports, like myself, to attend a "once in a lifetime event" such as the Super Bowl, Final Four or what have you, is kind of a big deal.

Fortunately for myself, I was able to stumble upon tickets to such a "once in a lifetime event," in this case the NBA All-Star Weekend held a few weekends ago in Dallas, Texas.

I have been a huge fan of the NBA since I was old enough to tie shoes and bounce a rubber basketball into a 5-foot plastic hoop I got for Christmas, so this was a very big deal.

To be able to grace the same atmosphere that held some of the

most memorable moments in the NBA's history, such as Jordan's 20 points in 22 minutes MVP performance in '96 or Vince Carter's memorable dunk contest performance (between the leg 360, elbow in the rim) to start off the new millennium, I get chills just recapping my experience from this past All-Star game.

So despite going to the only Wizard-less All-Star game in the recent decade, just my luck as I'm a Washington fan, I had packed my bags for Dallas and was giddy that a Boston Red Sox fan during game seven of the 2004 ALCS.

Instead of getting to cover the weekend from my couch, I got to cover it firsthand on sight and see what the experience is really like, which I have to admit makes for much more interesting writing.

Upon arriving in Dallas, the resume of famous people sightings I was able to put up in the first night was astronomical. My brother and I made a game of who could spot more famous people in one hotel lobby. He beat me 5 to 4, spotting Ludacris in the lobby bar before we called it a night.

Saturday night brought along the skills challenge, 3-point shootout and the epic dunk contest, which ironically is usually more of a fan favored night by any basketball fan to the actual All-Star game itself on Sunday. Myself in particular just sat waiting and wanting the dunk contest to start. So time went on until then, Steve Nash wowed the crowd with his court skills, and Paul Pierce

pierced the net with his 3-point range and the entertainment continued as jumbotron kiss cams of Shaquille O'Neal and Dwight Howard graced the crowd along with celebrity and fan games.

As the dunk contest neared around 10 o'clock, I went from ecstatic to unsatisfied very quickly. In the first round, it seemed as if Gerald Wallace and Shannon Brown had no idea what creativity was and the dunk contest was almost lost in the first round but was saved by a high-flying throw down by Nate Robinson and an off-the-backboard baseline slam from Demar Derozen. Nate Robinson went on to win arguably the worst dunk contest in All-Star weekend history, but hey, at least I was able to hold my Sprite scorecard up after every dunk.

Sunday night finally came upon us, and the event was to be held in the newly built high-tech galore Jerry Jones dome, also known as the new Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas. All I could think about was watching the 50-yard long jumbotron firsthand. The game was everything you would imagine -- lackadaisical play, high-scoring, high-flying dunks and, of course, a little comedy here and there as the East squad put on a little dance show during announcements as usual.

The ceremony began with a memorable performance by Usher and amazing halftime performances by Alicia Keys and Shakira. You would have thought you were at a concert instead of a basketball game.

Oh, and the East won 141 to 139.

So from spotting and meeting some famous people in the NBA and entertainment world alike, to being wowed during the Saturday and Sunday night events, the weekend was an overall success for the NBA employees and myself as well.

I can only dream that such a once in a lifetime opportunity comes my way again.

Well, maybe if I'm lucky.

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ECU women's rugby plays for North Carolina State Championship today

Contributed Article

On Saturday February 20th, the ECU Women's Rugby Club hosted a match against UNC-Charlotte. The Lady Rugby

Pirates won with ease 61-7. The victory served as a tune up for their next match, a rescheduled game from last November, which will be played on Thursday February 25th at 7:30pm at the North

Recreation Facility when ECU will battle UNC-Chapel Hill for the North Carolina State Championship.

Club field hockey takes second place in winter indoor tournament



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On the weekend of February 20th-21st the ECU Field Hockey Club traveled to the University of Maryland to compete in the Winter Indoor Tournament. The

team finished the tournament in 2nd place. They played three games before advancing to the tournament championship. They won their first game 5-1, played to a 1-1 tie in their second game

against Maryland, and beat VCU 6-1 in their last pool play game. In the championship they played Maryland but came up short handed and lost 2-1.



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While the Pirates' overall record thus far might not indicate just how good the team is, coach Kee believes her team just has to look at the whole season and not dwell on the first two weeks of it.

"We're excited to be playing at home and we just have to maintain our confidence," Kee said. "We have to keep our eyes on the bigger picture, which is winning our conference and getting to the postseason, which is definitely still a possibility."

ECU opens up the Pirate Classic against Delaware tomorrow at 3 p.m. On Saturday, the Lady Pirates take on Towson and Morehead State at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. before wrapping up the tournament against Penn State at 11 a.m. on Sunday.

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The Pirates brought in a healthy crowd against Virginia with a weekend total just under 15,000. ECU will expect a strong home field advantage, but South Carolina is no stranger to crowds as they packed in an estimated 21,000 in their opening weekend at Carolina Stadium in Columbia, S.C.

With opening weekend jitters gone, the recent caliber of this matchup and the possible extra incentive of revenge for the Gamecocks, the two nationally ranked teams should provide another weekend of elite baseball.

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