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BRIEFS

Verizon Wireless offers free calls to Chile

Staff Reports

Following the aftermath of Chile's 8.8 magnitude earthquake on Saturday, Verizon Wireless has opted to take a part in helping victims and their families.

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Calls will be free for exactly one week from the date of the disaster.

The company issued a press release this week, in which they quoted Dan Mead, chief operating officer of Verizon Wireless. He said, "At times of crisis, we spring to action. By acting urgently, we are helping families connect without worrying about cost."

As a second way to help the situation, Verizon Wireless has set up a user-friendly opportunity to donate. All customers who pay a regular monthly bill can opt to donate \$10 to the relief fund.

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New law draws younger NC teens to donate blood

Staff Reports

The American Red Cross says legislation allowing younger teenagers to give blood is helping increase supplies at blood banks for North Carolina patients.

Barry Porter, with the Triangle-area chapter of the American Red Cross, said on Monday that 16-year-olds gave an estimated 11,000 units of blood in 2009. The law signed in August 2008 lowered the age of consent to donate blood from 17 to 16.

The office of Representative Dale Folwell of Forsyth County said the law is expanding the number of people whose lives can be improved or saved because each unit can be donated to as many as three people.

Porter said people become lifelong donors when they learn that giving blood is safe and easy to do.

North Carolina poll shows support for wind, solar energy

Staff Reports

A poll of North Carolina adults shows most support the construction of wind and solar projects in the state but aren't thrilled about using wood or leaves to generate energy.

The Elon University Poll released on Monday calculated support for wind energy facilities in the mountains or the coast near 80 percent among 508 adults interviewed last week. For construction of "solar farms" the support level was 83 percent.

But 52 percent said they're opposed to what's known as biomass energy by burning wood, leaves or forest products into a liquid or gas, compared to 39 percent support.

Gov. Beverly Perdue has been pushing to generate "green energy" jobs since taking office.

The survey had a margin of error of plus or minus 4.4 percentage points.

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Schools from around the Greenville/Pitt County Area gathered at ECU on Friday to compete against each other.

## JETS competition in full swing at ECU

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At the Science and Technology Building this past Friday, approximately 80 student members of the Junior Engineering Technical Society came out to participate in the water conservation themed competition hosted by ECU's engineering program.

The JETS is a nationwide non-profit organization for high school students, which encourage its members to explore careers in the fields of math and science. Students work in teams of four to eight, combining their knowledge to find more efficient solutions for modern day problems.

This year's competition theme, "Water, Water, Everywhere," focused on educating students about water purification and conservation. The competition consisted of two separate parts: The first stage required students to complete a written examination that collectively assessed the knowledge of each team. After this, each team was required to practically apply that knowledge to solve eight different scenarios that were related to the theme of the competition. Each team was judged by their overall performance and efficiency in the tasks.

The tasks that the JETS teams must complete were revealed to them on the spot and were timed by the judges. The students had to use critical thinking skills in conjunction with the materials and information they were given to complete each scenario.

"The students are using science and math concepts to solve real-world issues that engineers deal with on a day-to-day basis," said Host Coordinator and assistant professor at ECU, David Batts. By having students participate in this competition, Batts hoped to



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further stem the interest of students into engineering through their experiences. He anticipated that the university's involvement will help to spur ECU's already growing engineering department.

Dean of Technology and Computer Science at ECU, David White, expressed his approval with the program by saying, "I believe JETS is a great opportunity to engage local-area high school students in the field of engineering. Our goal is to provide them with a great experience while highlighting what ECU and our programs have to offer.

By the end of the day, the Bertie-Chowan Physics Club walked away with a first place trophy for the varsity division, while the Richland High School Engineering Club left with first for the junior varsity.

Lila Hackett, one of the JETS coaches from Richland High School Engineering Club, along with her 30 students, was very proud of her school's victory at this year's competition.

"Students get to apply what they use in the classroom, so when ask themselves, 'When am I ever going to use this?' they actually can see it at work," she said.

This is the second year that ECU has hosted the JETS competition. ECU is the only school, other than UNC-Charlotte, to do so in North Carolina. Directors of the JETS competition were very pleased by its turnout and overall success and are optimistic that next year will be even better.

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## Frisbee fanatics gather for tournament

Chris Thomas  
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This weekend at the North Recreation Complex, men and women from colleges all over the United States challenged the traditional idea of Frisbee, as they not only threw, but dove, jumped and crashed into each other. In an attempt to win the annual Spring Ultimax tournament held by the ECU club ultimate Frisbee team, athletes turned out by the dozens.

Saturday morning, 17 men's teams and seven women's teams gathered at the North Recreation Complex to do battle and, for some of the teams, get to a warmer place.

"It's just nice to get out of the snow," said a member of the Rhode Island women's team.

Some of the teams came from as far as Philadelphia and Bloomington, Ind. Though temperatures remained above freezing for both days of competition, and the sky was usually bright with sunshine, the wind could be felt throughout the contest as Frisbees drifted with the stiff wind. According to fifth year senior Joey Saba, there's much

more to Ultimate than tossing a Frisbee around.

"This is one of the toughest sports to play," said Saba. "You have to have a lot of endurance. It's constant sprinting and jogging up and down a 70-yard field. You've got to be in the best of shape to play this game."

Ultimate Frisbee, also known as Ultimate, is a demanding game — a cross between soccer, football and basketball.

The object of the game is to advance a disc toward the opponent's goal line by passing it around to teammates. To win a game, a team must score an amount of points agreed upon by both teams. Each side must have seven players on the field at all times. Players are free to run about the field, so long as they are not holding the disc.

To play, one must have a great deal of energy and a love for the sport — a person like Jeff Martin, coach of the men's Ultimate team named the "Irates."

"I've always been an athletic and competitive person," said Martin. "The sport offers a lot of both of those."

Martin, a 2005 graduate, said that he got hooked on Ultimate Frisbee after playing it for the first time and has since played in leagues across North Carolina, as well as an alumni team called the "Xrates." He came back to his alma mater to help start the women's team and to assist a member of his family.

"I was still in the area and I already helped start the women's team. My brother's one of the captains of the team and they needed a coach, so I volunteered," said Martin.

"The guys take it a little more seriously than we do," said freshman Alex Braham. "They're really intense and we just like to have a good time. That's not to say we don't get into it either."

On Saturday, all teams participated in Round Robin-style play, playing three to four games each. The top eight teams would be seeded depending on the number of games won and would advance to a single-elimination round

played on Sunday.

The Black Pearls, a nickname for the ECU women's team, despite their lighthearted attitude toward the game, lost 9-4 in the final match against Duke on Sunday. The men's team experienced a loss as well. After a strong showing in their pool on Saturday, winning all four of their games, the Irates finished eighth on Sunday, much to the displeasure of Coach Martin.

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The Ultimate frisbee tournament was held at ECU on Saturday.

## Doctor donates \$4 million to dentistry school

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Last week, ECU's highly anticipated School of Dentistry received an unprecedented donation. Dr. Ledyard E. Ross, 84, a Greenville orthodontist, gave \$4 million to the university to be used for educational purposes within the new school.

Due to the outstanding contribution, the Board of Trustees announced Friday to name the future educational building Ledyard E. Ross Hall. The doctor and his family were also recognized with a dinner at the Greenville Country Club Thursday evening.

Dr. Ross, a graduate of ECU, who established his practice in Greenville, has been an adamant supporter of the school since his days as a student. He is a member of the Leo Jenkins Society and Order of the Cupola. He has a long educational background, first attending Hardbarger Business College prior to ECU, where he used his G.I. bill to afford tuition. He then graduated from Northwestern University Dental School with a Doctor of Dental Surgery. Following his graduation in 1953, he earned a Master of Science degree in Orthodontics in 1959 from UNC-Chapel Hill.

According to a Pieces of Eight article published last week, the doctor explained his donation to his former alma mater.

"First of all, you've got to have good instructors... because dentists aren't any better than the instructors. The instructors have got to be top notch," he said.

Chancellor Steve Ballard said, "This generous gift comes at a time when we are starting a new school and puts us in a position to support faculty and students at its inception." Ballard went on to say that the gift reinforces the vision the N.C. General Assembly initially had for the school.

ECU has received enormous support from the community in regard to starting the school. City Council members, the Eastern Area Health Education Center, the Greenville-Pitt County Chamber of Commerce and the University Health Systems of Eastern North Carolina have all shown great support and enthusiasm regarding the establishment.

Stephen E. Willis, MD and executive director of Eastern Area Health Education Center, wrote to Michael Lewis, vice chancellor of health services, "Using a standard elementary

school report card, North Carolina scores a "D" in access to oral health care. Clearly, this is unacceptable."

He continued, "Most importantly, community-based training will increase the likelihood these new dentists will establish their dental practice in the underserved areas of North Carolina. Eastern AHEC looks forward to working with the university on this important initiative."

According to the press release, Dr. James Hupp, dean of the upcoming School of Dentistry, said, "The difference between being a good dental school and a great dental school hinges on private giving. Dr. Ross' very generous philanthropic gift will propel us toward greatness, allowing us to accomplish our grand vision of improving the health and quality of life of North Carolinians by leading the nation in community-based, service-learning dental education. We cannot thank him enough."

The school will open in the fall of 2011 and will accept 50 students into the program each year. The School of Dentistry's campus will be on the Health Sciences Campus and will consist of over 100,000 square feet. The N.C. General Assembly has provided \$80 million for the project and for the establishment of 10-community service learning centers in rural regions of the state, including Sylva, Ahoskie and Elizabeth City.

Sophomore Alyssa Sullivan, pre-health professions major, was very appreciative of the donation, as she hopes to attend the school when it opens. "I want to go to the school because it's new. I hope maybe it's not as competitive to get in as an established school like UNC."

She also added that Dr. Hupp, dean of the dental school, impressed her when he spoke to her pre-dental club. "He seems really into it and helpful and enthusiastic about the program."

For students interested in attending the school, no specific undergraduate degree is required for admission. Rather, certain courses, including general organic chemistry, organic chemistry and general physics, are required. Courses in biochemistry, general microbiology and physiology, to name a few, are recommended, according to the admissions Web site.

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**Underclassmen Yearbook Photos**  
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On the mall under the cupola

**Friendship Tea**  
4-5 p.m. Joyner Library (2nd floor) In honor of the visit to campus by author Greg Mortenson, author of "Three Cups of Tea," come learn about the cultural traditions of coming together for tea as described in his work. For more info contact: Dawn C. Wainwright, 252-328-4090

**SAB Presents: Cash Cash Performance**  
MSC Hendrix Theatre at 7:30 p.m.

Cash Cash is an exciting techno-pop group from the town of Roseland, N.J. The band consists of Jean Paul Makhoul (vocals, guitar), Alex Makhoul (keyboards, programming), Samuel Frisch (vocals, bass) and Anthony Villacari (drums, percussion). With a sound that is refreshing, electric and infectious, Cash Cash is able to seamlessly tap into '70s funk, '80s anthem pop and '90s mellow alternative all at once. Their mission, described perfectly by Jean Paul, is to "Bring back some of that '70s funk guitar, mixed in with the life and fun of the '80s."  
www.cashcashmusic.com.

### Wed, March 3

**Underclassmen Yearbook Photos**  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
On the mall under the cupola

**Safe Spring Break: True Life Stories**  
Hendrix Theatre  
4 to 6 p.m.  
This is an annual event to educate students about health issues impacting them while on spring break. Issues that will be discussed include: safe tanning, sexual behavior, date rape, tobacco and body piercing. This is a premier passport event. For more info, contact Geor-

gia Childs at 252-328-5172 or childsg@ecu.edu.

**Lecture: "The First Question: Constitutional Politics in the Gilded Age"**  
7:30 p.m.  
Sci/Tech Building, room OC209  
Lecture by Michael Les Benedict, professor of history emeritus, the Ohio State University, in honor of Charles W. Calhoun, professor of history and the 2009 Harriot College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Professor. Contact: Dr. Charles W. Calhoun, 252-328-6666, calhounc@ecu.edu

**Chat with the Chancellor** featuring Coach McNeill 5 p.m. in Bate 1031 Coach Ruffin McNeill will also be making a special guest appearance. Find out what's going on around our campus and take advantage of the opportunity to voice your concerns to our Chancellor.

**Underclassmen Yearbook Photos**  
Getting your picture taken will be free of charge, and will guarantee your photograph in the yearbook, which can be ordered at the Web site: <https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/?jobnumber=10580> If you bring a flash drive with photos of you and your friends from this year, events, shots of ECU – it may be featured in the yearbook! ECU's Buccaneer Yearbook will beholding underclassmen photos outside on the mall on from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Debate Team Information Meeting & Auditions**  
5 to 7 p.m.  
Bate 1028  
Auditions and a brief informational meeting about this new student organization You will be given the opportunity to chat with the Executive Board Members and our Directors. For more information, please e-mail us at [ECAFexec@gmail.com](mailto:ECAFexec@gmail.com)

### Thurs, March 4

**Underclassmen Yearbook Photos**  
ECU's Buccaneer Yearbook 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Getting your picture taken will be free of charge, and will guarantee your photograph in the yearbook, which can be ordered at the Web site: <https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/?jobnumber=10580> If you bring a flash drive with photos of you and your friends from this year, events, shots of ECU – it may be featured in the yearbook!

### Fri, March 5

**Women's Club Rugby vs. Shipensburg**  
NRC 7 p.m.

**Baseball vs. Illinois**  
5 p.m.

### Sat, March 6

**Great Decisions Program: Global Crime**  
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Rivers West Building Auditorium  
Speaker: Dr. Hamid Kusha, ECU Dept. of Criminal Justice From the booming sex trade in Eastern Europe to online fraud syndicates in Africa and the drug cartels of Asia and Central America, crime is becoming increasingly organized and globalized. How can countries better protect citizens seeking the benefits of a globalized world from being exploited? What international actors can effectively fight global organized crime? Contact: Dr. Sylvie Debevec Henning at 252-328-5520 or [hennings@ecu.edu](mailto:hennings@ecu.edu).

**Baseball vs. West Virginia**  
3 p.m.

**Men's Basketball vs. Southern Miss**  
7 p.m.

### Sun, March 7

**Baseball vs. West Carolina**  
2 p.m.

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## Healthy Pirates offers advice for a safe and healthy spring break

**Veronica Carrington**  
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As spring break approaches, many Pirates are gearing up for a much-needed vacation from spring semester. Cancun, Mexico, Athens, Greece and the Bahamas are just a few of the locations ECU Pirates will be visiting next week as spring break 2010 begins. However, often spring break trips for college students can turn fatal or even deadly. On May 30, 2005, Natalee Holloway, a recent graduate from Mountain Brook High School, disappeared during a graduation trip to Aruba. Although the trip was not related to spring break, Holloway's disappearance caused a media sensation in the United States. Holloway was last seen by her classmates outside of a restaurant and nightclub with three locals from Aruba. When questioned numerous times in regards to Holloway's disappearance, the three men suspected of kidnapping continually gave conflicting and contradictory stories, which unfortunately did not lead to the recovery of Natalee Holloway or her body. Although it seems unlikely that unfortunate incidents will happen on a planned vacation, the risk is still present.

Therefore, Healthy PIRATES, along with Campus Wellness and the Center for Counseling and Student Development, are offering their annual "Safe Spring Break: True Life Stories of ECU Students" to the campus on Wednesday at 4 p.m. in Hendrix Theatre. This interactive program will offer helpful tips on how to have a great time over spring break, no matter where you go, while staying safe and healthy. "It's about educating and empowering students to make healthier choices when they are away from campus," said Georgia Childs, coordinator for this program and assistant director for Campus Recreation and Wellness. A 2008 spring break study conducted by the American Medical Association, reported that during spring break, the average male consumes 18 alcoholic drinks per day and the average woman 10 drinks per day. At least 40 to 50 percent of these people drink until they pass out or became sick. Even more startling is a 2009 report from the AMA that states "more than half of college students know friends who were sexually active with more than one partner during spring break, and nearly 3 out of 5 women know friends who had unprotected sex during spring break."

Each year, many young adults go out of the country for spring break and drink alcohol, and even if a young adult would not normally participate in such activities, peer pressure is difficult to resist under these circumstances. Spring break traditionally means partying for lots of students and many students tend to make irrational decisions that they may not otherwise make if they were back at school. The program will cover The 5 Pirate Party Principles: Watch your drink, know your limits, travel in groups, designate a driver and protect your fellow Pirates. The program will also cover legal issues when dealing with alcohol and drug violations, and protecting yourself from sexual assault and STD's. Childs stated, "Personal safety will be an issue and will be covered when talking about traveling to places students have never been to before, especially foreign countries. Campus Wellness and the Healthy PIRATES have been doing Safe Spring Break events for years at ECU ... it's a tradition to have some type of send-off event where we educate students about safety and having fun." Some students are faced with life-altering events because of one bad decision. The audience will hear from other ECU students about their own experiences on spring break and will hopefully leave with the knowledge of how to stay safe and still have a great time.

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The New Jersey techno-pop band is set to perform tonight at 7:30 p.m.

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## Cash Cash brings techno-pop concert to Hendrix Theatre

**Madonna Messana**  
STAFF WRITER

The ECU Student Activities Board invites students to enjoy a free concert tonight by the band Cash Cash. Students are required to show their ECU OneCard for entry and may bring one guest as long as space permits. The event begins at 7:30 p.m. in MSC Hendrix Theatre, and students are urged to come early, as seating is first come first serve.

Cash Cash is a techno-pop group that effortlessly mixes '70s funk, '80s anthem pop and '90s mellow alternative all at once.

The band comes from Roseland, N.J., and consists of Jean Paul Makhlof (vocals, guitar), Alex Makhlof (keyboards, programming), Samuel Frisch (vocals, bass) and Anthony Villacari (drums, percussion).

The band has a sound that is energizing and electric and has been a proven hit with students across the country. Their mission, as described by Jean Paul, is to "bring back some of that '70s funk guitar, mixed in with the life and the fun of the '80s." Cash Cash performed at 2009's Warped Tour and was another "instant dance party."

Opening for Cash Cash is

Shawn Fisher and The Jukebox Gypsies. Shawn Fisher started in his teens as a solo acoustic artist and eventually decided to put a band together. The Jukebox Gypsies include guitarists Casey King and Robbie Vanosdol, bassist Scraggle, drummer Brad Moxey and keyboardist Angel Garcia. They have appeared with 3 Doors Down, Hinder, Third Eye Blind and Gavin DeGraw.

Fisher would describe their genre of music as "Southern Pop" ... it's radio-friendly pop/rock with a southern twang." Their music can be heard at www.shawnfisher.net and is sure to be a good opener for Cash Cash.

Their debut single, "Open Your Eyes," was released on iTunes and can be purchased for 99 cents.

Cash Cash is a fan-friendly band, as they are well aware of their roots and the influences that drove them. The band reaches out to their fans at their shows by meeting them outside for impromptu acoustic performances.

Freshman Max Cheatham has seen Cash Cash live and said, "Cash Cash is one of the newest and best bands around. They were great live and were very nice to talk to."

The sound of Cash Cash is not something that can be put

into words. They have been compared to a mixture of Metro Station (performed "Shake It" — 2007) We The Kings (performed "Check Yes Juliet" — 2007) and Hey Monday (performed "Homecoming" — 2008).

Tonight's performance by Cash Cash and Shawn Fisher and The Jukebox Gypsies is meant to be an exciting event for students. SAB puts on numerous student activities and the show tonight is just a preview of what is to come in 2010 with Battle of the Bands along with the annual Barefoot on the Mall event.

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## 'Shutter Island' wows college students



Teddy Daniels and his wife Dolores in the thriller, "Shutter Island."

★★★★★

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A Scorsese film starring Leonardo DiCaprio, the psychological thriller "Shutter Island" closed out its two-week-end box office dominance with a gross of \$75 million this Sunday.

The genre film, set in 1954, was released Friday, February 20, earning \$40 million domestically its opening weekend, and \$22.2 million the next. It marks the second-biggest February opening in three years, as well as the best-ever opening for both director and star.

After a schedule change that shifted the film's debut from October of 2009 to February 2010, Paramount Pictures found an advantageous new outlet for promotion in the Super Bowl and Winter Olympics. This broadened an already wide range of audience members that included both young and older adults.

Interest from the 24 and under age group was attributed partially to the gothic and eerie aspects of the plot, as well as the presence of Leonardo DiCaprio. The appeal for viewers above the age of 24 and the elderly is estimated to have come from loyalty to the Scorsese legacy and the time period of the story itself. Viewers are also split almost equally between men and women, which is usually not the case among genre films.

"Shutter Island" is the story of US Marshal Teddy Daniels (DiCaprio) and partner Chuck Aule (Mark Ruffalo) as they investigate the bizarre disappearance of murderess Rachel Solando. The prisoner has escaped from a maximum security mental hospital for the criminally insane, 'Ashecliffe Hospital,' that is housed on Shutter Island, a couple miles from the Massachusetts coastline.

From the very beginning there is a sense of unease as the

detectives approach the little island by ferry, not far from Boston Harbor. While at times the lack of answers seems to make the movie drag, a sudden shriek or the arrival of an especially disturbed character keeps interest focused long enough for momentous revelations to eventually reveal themselves.

The film's suspenseful scenario possesses an intrigue as addicting as it is crafty. The scramble for answers amidst a goldmine of cinematic shots creates a colorful blend between genre, detective, and thriller. Gifted performances by a capable cast, plus the experienced direction by Scorsese, keep the film dripping with clues until the ultimate conclusion.

The rest of the cast composes mysterious and manipulating characters that include Chief Psychiatrist Dr. Cawley (Ben Kingsley), Psychiatrist and surgeon Dr. Naehring (Max von Sydow), and Daniels' dead wife Dolores (Michelle Williams).

After Cawley introduces Daniels to the two reigning schools of thought in psychiatry - hallucinogenic drugs and psychotherapy versus the more extreme measure of lobotomy - Daniels begins to suspect that Ashecliffe is hiding a more violent method of prisoner treatment than will be admitted by any of the doctors and staff.

The film is based on a 2003 novel of the same name by Dennis Lehane. This marks the fourth pairing between Martin Scorsese and DiCaprio, after "Gangs of New York" (2002), "The Aviator" (2004), and "The Departed" (2006). The screenplay was written by Laeta Kalogridis.

With its R rating, this sinister narrative about the clutches of madness presents a gripping and tragic plot full of disturbances and twists.

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The Melanoma Foundation is offering rewards for students who sign the "no artificial tanning" pledge.

## Be rewarded for staying pale this winter

**Madonna Messana**  
STAFF WRITER

With Spring Break only days away, the pressure to tan and fit is on everyone's agenda before they make their big beach debut for 2010. Students (and we aren't only talking about the females) are making time to hit of the many tanning beds around campus to prepare for the fun filled week to come.

Despite the statistics associated with tanning, students still go to the tanning beds several times a week, disregarding the potential hazards.

This year the Melanoma Foundation of New England is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating the need for sun-safe behavior and increasing the public's awareness about the dangers of the sun. The foundation is offering students a No-Tanning Pledge Contest, which is a part of the "Your Skin Is In" campaign.

"The statistics are pretty scary," says the foundation's spokesperson for "Your Skin Is In" and Red Sox second baseman's wife, Kelli Pedroia. "If you use a tanning booth once a month before the age 35, your chance of getting melanoma increases by 75 percent. Not only that, melanoma is the second-most common cancer in teens and young adults ages 15-29. It is no coincidence that the sharp increase in melanoma in recent years is tied to tanning." When asked how often she goes

to the tanning salon, freshman Sara Derrickson said, "I used to tan every day after Christmas but I stopped until a week before spring break. Tanning freaks me out to be honest, but I hate being pale. And I hate reading those statistics -- that's why I quit for a month."

Executive director of the Melanoma Foundation of New England, Deb Girard, says, "We have a pledge program and a contest with great prizes to help spread the word." Prizes include airline tickets, gift certificates, cash awards, a pizza party for 50, tickets to Six Flags New England and more.

With spring break just around the corner, many tanning salons around Greenville are giving students discounts to achieve their "base tan" before spending the week of spring break in the sun. Although most students are aware of the risk of tanning, they still feel the need to go to the tanning salon.

Instead of lying in the tanning bed trying to achieve that golden glow, students can consider the alternatives to this damaging practice. Bronzing lotions are available at many retailers, which give a golden base without the use of dangerous UV rays. Prior to taking the pledge, the site gives potential pledges the tanning facts, a few of which include:

- The World Health Organization has determined that UV rays from tanning beds cause cancer.

- It is not safe to tan in the sun or in a tanning booth. Using a tanning bed for 20 minutes is the same as spending 1-3 hours a day at the beach with no sun protection at all. Tanning beds put out 3-6 times the amount of radiation given off by the sun.
- Getting more sun won't increase your Vitamin D, but it will increase the risk of skin cancer.

The Melanoma Foundation of New England urges students to take the pledge against tanning to reduce the risk of developing melanoma skin cancer. The foundation will be sending melanoma survivors to speak at schools throughout New England to draw attention to the "Your Skin Is In" campaign. The focus of the foundation is to provide students with the information on the dangers of tanning.

To sign up for the No-Tanning Pledge Contest, visit the Melanoma Foundation of New England's Web site at www.mfne.org/skinpledgeform2010c.php and provide a name, along with choosing the school East Carolina University TEAM PIRATE and agree to not intentionally tan and reduce the chance of getting melanoma cancer.

Melanoma survivors' stories can be found at the foundation's Web site at www.mfne.org, along with many other resources regarding safe tanning.

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## Staff Reports

## Swimming has stellar showing at C-USA meet

The ECU women's swimming and diving team earned a second-place finish at the 2010 Conference USA Swimming and Diving Championship and Invitational Saturday night at the CRWC Natatorium on the University of Houston campus, moving past Rice on the final day of competition.

SMU hoisted the championship trophy for the fifth consecutive year by scoring 707 points in the three-day event.

The Pirates finished with a team score of 611, while Rice (596) claimed third place. Houston (533.50) took fourth place with Tulane (277) and Marshall (188) earning fifth and sixth, respectively.

In the invitational scoring, North Dakota had 340.50 points, followed by Cal State Bakersfield (277) and Northern Colorado (200).

Junior Jenna Stewart took second place in the 100-yard freestyle with an NCAA 'B' cut time of 49.92.

Sophomore Kelsey Brosi achieved all-conference status in the 200-yard backstroke (2:00.92) with a third-place finish. Stewart and Brosi teamed with Rachel Blue and Natalia Favorteo to take second place in the 400-yard freestyle relay, posting an NCAA 'B' cut time (3:23.10).

The Pirates finished fourth in the C-USA Men's Invitational. SMU won the invitational with 871 points, followed by Hawaii with 833 points. Cal State Bakersfield earned third-place honors with 534 points, followed by ECU (516) and North Dakota (304), who took fourth and fifth, respectively.

Junior Thiago Cavalcanti posted an NCAA 'B' cut time (15:31.78) in the 1,650-yard freestyle and earned a second-place finish, as did sophomore Travis Stauder in the 200-yard breaststroke (1:59.63).

## Baseball makes jump in rankings

Coming off a 3-1 week where the ECU baseball team captured its first series win of the season against then No. 10 South Carolina, the Pirates made a jump in five of the six polls Monday afternoon.

The Pirates (4-3) were tabbed No. 11 by Rivals.com (up two spots), No. 14 by Baseball America (up eight), No. 19 by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (up three), No. 20 by PingBaseball (up two) and No. 21 by Collegiate Baseball (up one) and USA Today/ESPN poll (down three).

Last week the USA Today/ESPN Poll did not put out a weekly ranking. The Pirates were tabbed preseason No. 18 from the publication back on Jan. 29.

This week's ranking marks the 22nd consecutive week, dating back to the start of the 2009 season, that the Pirates have been ranked in at least one national poll.

## No.13 ECU prevails in Sunday's deciding game over No.10 South Carolina, 4-2



REBECCA HARTMAN THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Pirate ace Seth Maness tries to pick off a South Carolina player in Friday's 6-2 ECU loss.

Pirates win two in a row after dropping Friday's contest in rematch of 2009 Greenville Regional

Hart Holloman  
SENIOR WRITER

The No. 13 ranked ECU baseball team improved their record to 4-3 overall after winning two out of three games this weekend against No. 10 ranked South Carolina.

The weekend series was a rematch of the Greenville Regional final from last season,

in which ECU won before falling to UNC in the Chapel Hill Super Regional.

After Sunday's game, head coach Billy Godwin said, "When you get a series win over a team like South Carolina, no matter what time of the year, it's huge because they're a good club. Our program has been in the national spotlight for two weeks in a row now. That's what we wanted and it's what our kids deserve."

South Carolina (4-2) took the first game of the three game set with a 6-2 win Friday. Three errors and two wild pitches by ECU defensively were complemented by an equally paltry six hits from the offense as starting pitcher Seth Maness recorded

his second loss of the season. Cam Freeman was the only Pirate with multiple hits, registering two singles, while Corey Thompson blasted his first home run of the season, a two-run bomb in the fifth inning.

The Pirates exacted some revenge Saturday after completing a ninth-inning comeback to win the game 4-3.

Trailing 3-2 in the bottom of the ninth with two down, Thompson came up big with a hit through the hole into left, plating Bryan Bass for the tying run. Trent Whitehead followed that with his third hit of the game, scoring the go-ahead runner from second, pinch-runner Chris Gosik.

Dustin Harrington's three

hits led the team, while Thompson and catcher Zach Wright also recorded two apiece. Designated hitter Kyle Roller teed off with his second home run of the season as well — a two run blast in the fourth inning that represented ECU's only runs until their ninth inning surge.

Starter Kevin Brandt had another solid outing on the mound for the Pirates, giving up three runs on five hits and striking out six in 6.2 innings of work. Closer Seth Simmons recorded a rare win after pitching a scoreless top of the ninth for ECU.

The win set up a Sunday rubber match against a top-10 team for the second weekend in a row for the Pirates.

However, this time ECU flipped the script and jumped out to the early lead.

After Harrington and John Wooten reached base on singles, Austin Homan drove in Harrington with a double down the left field line. Then Thompson again came through with a big hit and his single plated both runners to give ECU a first inning 3-0 lead.

Devin Harris extended the Pirates' lead in the fourth inning in complete unearned fashion. Gamecock starter Steven Neff walked Harris to lead off the inning. Harris advanced to second base on a balk, third base on a failed pick-off attempt and home on a wild pitch.

The Pirates survived a nervy eighth inning when Seth Simmons forced Gamecock left fielder Robert Beary to fly out to right with the bases loaded. Simmons followed that up by retiring the side in order in the ninth for his first save of the season and 12th of his career.

ECU starter Brad Mincey went seven strong, allowing one run on three hits and striking out five for his first win of the season. Harrington had three hits and Thompson had two RBIs, both for the second game in a row, while seven of the starters for the Pirates recorded at least one hit.

Of Mincey's performance, Godwin said, "We were in the same situation as last week, and last night I challenged Brad to lead the charge for us today and he did a great job on the mound."

He also said, "Scoring early was big for us, too. It helps your pitcher settle down and I think that was really big for us today."

The Pirates will travel to take on High Point in a midweek tilt on Wednesday before returning home for the weekend to host the seventh annual Keith LeClair Classic next weekend. Illinois, West Virginia and Western Carolina will be participating in the event this year.

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## Softball wins four in home-opening Pirate Classic

Stephen McNulty  
STAFF WRITER

After enduring games against some of the nation's top teams in the first two weeks of the regular season, the ECU softball team was anxious to return home and play in front of the Pirate faithful.

They didn't disappoint. ECU (6-7) hosted the Pirate Classic this weekend and came out with four victories. Penn State (9-4), Morehead State (1-7), Towson (3-3) and Delaware (2-6) also competed in the tournament.

Junior Toni Paisley racked up three wins and a save over the weekend, including two complete game shutouts. North Carolina transfer Faith Sutton also recorded a victory and pitched great in relief.

The Pirates wrapped up the weekend with a much-anticipated game against the Penn State Nittany Lions. PSU has had ECU's number over the last four meetings between the two teams.

"This is the game that we knew was sitting up there on a pedestal ... you try and think

about your other games but Penn State is who we wanted," Paisley said about the match-up.

Freshman catcher Kai Clark got ECU off on the right foot in the bottom of the first inning. Senior Christina Merrida drew a one-out walk to get on base in front of Clark. After a nine-pitch at bat, the freshman took a 3-2 pitch deep and well over the 200-foot left field fence.

"I was coming off of a hard day yesterday, going 0-3, so I was being really patient and waiting for my pitch," Clark said, referring to her first home run as a Pirate. "I saw that she was going back and forth between the in and out and I just ripped it."

Penn State responded by getting runners on first and second in the top half of the second inning before Paisley settled down and struck out two Nittany Lions to retire the side. Both teams struggled to drive runs in, each leaving seven runners on base in the contest.

Pinch hitter Morgan Long led off the seventh inning for the Nittany Lions with a double. The last ditch effort proved insufficient as ECU secured the victory with three-straight outs.

"I wasn't sure that two runs was going to be enough facing a team hitting over .300 as a whole and with all the home runs they have ... a lot of credit to Toni Paisley for making great pitches ... it is seldom that you strike out that many Big Ten hitters in one game," ECU head coach Tracey Kee said following the game.

Paisley recorded nine strikeouts and gave up five hits in

seven innings of work. Clark drove in the only two runs of the game with her only hit of the game, and no Pirate recorded more than one hit.

ECU grabbed two victories Saturday with wins over Towson and Morehead State.

In the early game, Merrida drove in a run and scored another on the way to a 2-0 victory over Towson. Paisley

dominated the Tigers with a complete game shutout. The junior right-hander struck out 13 batters and gave up just two hits in the contest. Clark and

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DOUG MACKENZIE THE EAST CAROLINIAN

ECU pitcher Toni Paisley picked up three wins, including two shutouts, and a save in the Pirate Classic over the weekend.

## Men's basketball unable to contain the 'Hurtt'

Alex Serkes  
STAFF WRITER

In hopes of notching its 10th win on the season and to shine light on what has been a dismal one at that, ECU (9-19, 3-11) took on the Tulsa Golden Hurricane Saturday night, a team with over twice as many wins as the Pirates on the season with a 20-7 (9-5 C-USA) mark.

Prior to the contest, the Pirates knew they would be mismatched height-wise in both the front and backcourts. Tulsa had an excellent one-two punch in their point guard Ben Uzoh, who stands at 6 feet 3 inches, and their center, Jerome Jordan, a dominant power inside at 7 feet tall.

It was up to junior guard Brock Young and sophomore center Darrius Morrow to help lead the team in this battle. Both played extremely well throughout the game with Young posting



ERIN DUNCAN THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Darrius Morrow, seen going up for a shot against Rice earlier this year, scored 15 points in a Pirate loss to Tulsa.

30 points and Morrow netting 15. However, their efforts were minimal as both Uzoh and

Jordan put up double-doubles consecutively.

Despite the hype on the

tandem duo, Uzoh and Jordan were the least of the Pirates' troubles in Saturday's contest. Tulsa's junior forward Justin Hurtt put up an amazing stat sheet, ending with 34 points, three rebounds, three assists and two steals. Hurtt could not be stopped from the perimeter as he let it rain on the Pirates, hitting seven of 11 3-pointers and was 11 of 16 from the field.

"We did not expect that out of [Hurtt]," Young said. "We thought he was athletic, but we did not know he was a shooter. He came out and he hit a couple and got on a hot streak and that was it."

The game started off in Tulsa's favor as they started the match on a 12-to-4 run, for once again, the Pirates' sluggish play from the tip ended up costing them in the end. Tulsa would steadily control the game, and ECU could not find a way to start any sort of momentum run to gain a lead.

"We did a lot of the things we had to do to win. We rebounded with them, kept them off the offensive glass, we shot a decent percentage, turnovers were even, we did a nice job on Uzoh and a decent job on Jordan, but Hurtt was just awesome," ECU head coach Mack McCarthy said.

A high-scoring match ended with the final total at 85 to 73. Both squads accounted for 13 turnovers each; however, Tulsa was able to outscore ECU off turnovers 20 to nine.

With two games left in the regular season, the Pirates continue to struggle in finding their niche on the court. Dropping six of their last eight games, the Pirates have two games remaining on the schedule.

ECU will travel to Orlando today to take on the Knights of UCF in hopes of earning a 10th victory and landing in the double-digit win column.

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Cristen Aona also recorded hits for the Pirates.

Later that evening the Pirates bested Morehead State by a score of 6-3. ECU was lead by senior Charina Sumner's pair of triples and two RBI's in the game, while sophomore Priscilla Velasquez also notched a pair of hits.

The Pirates got out to a 5-2 lead in the third inning with RBI's from Vanessa Moreno and Cicely Lopez. The Eagles responded in the fourth, getting a runner to third.

However, the Pirates turned a double play on an attempted double steal by the Eagles to end the inning.

Sutton went 6.2 innings for the Pirates giving up two earned runs and seven hits. Paisley came

in and struck out the final batter to secure the win and grab the save.

In the opening game of the tournament, ECU dominated Delaware 15-1 in five innings. Sissy Jimenez and Cicely Lopez led all Pirates with three RBI's and Aona had a game-high four runs scored. Paisley recorded the win in 3.0 innings of work while Sutton pitched the final 2.0 innings.

The Pirates return to action in Hawaii as a participant in the Bank of Hawaii's Invitational Tournament March 5-7. ECU returns home to Greenville March 27 versus Marshall.

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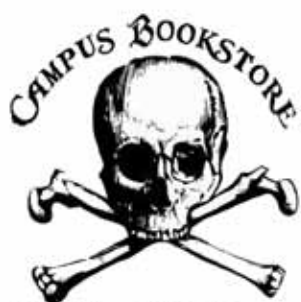
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