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Students raise awareness for Invisible Children

Matt McLaughlin
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Last Wednesday in Hendrix Auditorium, members of the Invisible Children campaign gave an eye-opening presentation to ECU students about the current conflict in Uganda, in which rebel armies kidnap children at early ages and training them to kill.

The lecture, led by student members of the Invisible Children program, aimed to educate people about the atrocities being carried out in Uganda. These students have taken their time, traveling across the country in order to inform people about a war that has been ignored in the past decades. Their goal is to end one of the longest running conflicts in Africa by educating students in America about the situation in Uganda.

The presentation brought to light just a few of the disturbing statistics of the war in Uganda. From its start in 1987, there are roughly 1.8 million displaced refugees in the country, while over 20,000 children have been abducted, some as young as six years old. Sitting through the presentation, many students were both stunned by the horrifying reality that those in Uganda must face and inspired to take action to combat these brutal conditions.

Megan Campbell, a sophomore at ECU who attended the lecture, expressed her thoughts about the presentation, saying, "You just feel like you want to do something after all of that. I mean, some parts of the video you are holding back tears. It was really moving."

In the video featured in the lecture, a high school student by the name of Amanda Mitchell takes a trip to Uganda with fellow students from around the country after her school wins a fundraising contest put on by the Invisible Children campaign. Through her story, listeners would come to understand the struggles and hardships of the Ugandan people.

After the video was shown, Mitchell made an appearance on stage to talk more about raising American awareness of the Ugandan struggle and supporting the campaign's efforts to end the war by promoting education and increased protection for the people of northern Uganda.

Amanda Mitchell has been a part of the Invisible Children campaign for three years, and is now a Legacy speaker for the organization, traveling around the country giving her account of what happened. Her powerful story, combined with her dedication to take action, made her presentation inspiring for those who wish to take action to end the suffering in Uganda. By educating fellow students across the nation, she is confident that the war can be ended through peaceful means.

"I really love coming and talking to people the same age as me, because this is our responsibility and we need to step up and be the leaders. I am inspired to do this, so it makes it worth it for me."

The Invisible Children campaign has played an active role in supporting Uganda by raising millions of dollars to fund schools and other important facilities in northern Uganda, as well as working with the United States government to pass legislation to provide protection to the people of Uganda.

In addition to this, the campaign has also been effective in forcing rebel army leader, Joseph Kony, out of northern Ugandan territory. Among all other effects this organization has had on the region, this may be the first step in ousting the reign of violence and terror that Kony has brought to the country.

Despite all of their achievements so far, the members of Invisible Children campaign explain that there is still much work to be done in Uganda.

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WEB POLL

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ECU begins hard waiver insurance policy

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Yesterday, ECU began implementing their hard waiver insurance policy, which requires all ECU students to have some form of health insurance in order to attend. When students logged onto ECU's OneStop on Monday, they were met with a pop-up box prompting them to indicate whether they would like to

purchase the university's health insurance, provide proof of existing coverage or wait until later to make a decision.

As determined by the UNC Board of Governors, health insurance is now required for any undergraduate student who is in a degree-seeking program and is enrolled in six or more credit hours on campus. The requirement also applies to graduate students who are enrolled in a

degree-seeking program and are taking one or more credit hours on main campus.

The insurance plan offered by ECU, which is covered by the insurance company Pearce & Pearce, will be effective from Aug. 1 to July 31. The cost for the insurance will be \$747 a year, and students will be charged half of the cost at the beginning of each semester.

Jolene Jernigan, director of

student health, stated that students will not be prevented from registering for classes because of the hard waiver insurance, but will have until Aug. 18 to make any decisions. If students choose not to enroll in or waive out of ECU's provided health insurance by the deadline, the cost of the health insurance will automatically be added to their account. However, students will have a two week period to appeal the charges.

However, putting off the registration process is not the most effective option. According to Jernigan, the Student Health Center wants current students to opt to enroll or waive out as soon as possible so that when incoming freshmen enroll, the university will not be overwhelmed with applications.

Jernigan stated that ECU

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President Barack Obama speaking after the historic health care bill was passed Sunday evening. The vote was passed 219-212, thereby fulfilling the 215 votes needed for passage.

Landmark health care bill to be signed

Changes that may affect students:

2010

- Starting six months after enactment, requires all health insurance plans to maintain dependent coverage for children until they turn 26; prohibits insurers from denying coverage to children because of pre-existing health problems.
- Imposes 10 percent sales tax on indoor tanning.

2011

- Creates a voluntary long-term care insurance program to provide a modest cash benefit helping disabled people stay in their homes, or cover nursing home costs. Benefits can begin five years after people start paying a fee for the coverage.
- Requires employers to report the value of health care benefits on employees' W-2 tax statements.
- Imposes \$2.3 billion annual fee on drug-makers, increasing over time.

2012

- Sets up program to create nonprofit insurance co-ops that would compete with commercial insurers.
- Penalizes hospitals with high rates of preventable readmissions by reducing Medicare payments.

2013

- Increases Medicare payroll tax on couples making more than \$250,000 and individuals making more than \$200,000. The tax rate on wages above those thresholds would rise to 2.35 percent from the current 1.45 percent. Also adds a new tax of 3.8 percent on income from investments.
- Imposes a 2.3 percent sales tax on medical devices. Eyeglasses, contact lenses, hearing aids and many everyday items bought at the drug store are exempt.

2014

- Prohibits insurers from denying coverage to people with medical problems, or refusing to renew their policy. Health plans cannot limit coverage based on pre-existing conditions, or charge higher rates to those in poor health. Premiums can only vary by age (no more than 3-to-1), place of residence, family size and tobacco use.
- Requires citizens and legal residents to have health insurance, except in cases of financial hardship, or pay a fine to the IRS. Penalty starts at \$95 per person in 2014, rising to \$695 in 2016. Family penalty capped at \$2,250. Penalties indexed for inflation after 2016.

2018

- Imposes a tax on employer-sponsored health insurance worth more than \$10,200 for individual coverage, \$27,500 for a family plan. The tax is 40 percent of the value of the plan above the thresholds, indexed for inflation.

House boosts aid for college students in need

Associated Press

Riding the coattails of a historic health care vote, the House on Sunday also passed a broad reorganization of college aid that affects millions of students and moves President Barack Obama closer to winning yet another of his top domestic policies.

The bill rewrites a four-decades-old student loan program, eliminating its reliance on private lenders and uses the savings to direct \$36 billion in new spending to Pell Grants for students in financial need.

In the biggest piece of education legislation since No Child Left Behind nine years ago, the bill would also provide more than \$4 billion to historically black colleges and community colleges.

The bill was paired with the expedited health care bill, a marriage of convenience that helped the prospects of each measure. That combined measure passed 220-211.

"We are pairing this historic health reform with another opportunity that cannot be missed — the chance to make the single largest investment in college affordability ever at no cost to the taxpayers," said Rep. George Miller, D-Calif.

The Senate will take up the bill next week under the same expedited rules used for health care legislation. That means the Senate can pass the education measure by a simple majority, virtually guaranteeing its success despite qualms from some Democrats and opposition from Republicans.

House lawmakers passed the bill last year, but in the Senate it did not have 60 votes to overcome a near certain filibuster. By riding shotgun on the fast-track health care bill, the legislation now can avoid that obstacle.

Still, Obama won't get the Pell Grant expansion he initially sought. Congressional Democrats had to trim their original spending plans when the 10-year savings realized by switching to direct government loans dropped from \$87 billion to \$61 billion.

Private lenders have conducted an all-out lobbying effort against the bill, arguing it would cost thousands of jobs and unnecessarily put the program in the hands of the government.

America's Student Loan Providers, a trade group representing lenders, called for the Senate to reject the measure. "This is not the final chapter," the group said in a statement. "The Senate now has the his-

toric opportunity to pass health reform — without eliminating thousands of jobs and critical student services."

Under the college lending program, financial institutions provide college loans at low interest rates, the government guarantees the loans in the event of default and subsidizes private lenders when necessary to keep rates low.

"By moving to the federal government's direct loan program, we will put the best interests of students first and make college loans more reliable and affordable," said Rep. Ruben Hinojosa, D-Texas, the chairman of a House higher education subcommittee.

In addition to using the \$61 billion in savings from that change for Pell Grants and higher education institutions, the legislation would direct about \$19 billion for deficit reduction and to offset expenses in the health care legislation.

Besides increasing Pell Grants, the bill provides \$1.5 billion to make it easier for student borrowers to repay their loans. Beginning in 2014, borrowers would be allowed to devote no more than 10 percent of their monthly income to repay student loans. The current cap is 15 percent.

Still, the legislation is not as generous as the bill the House passed last year. The bill had anticipated far more spending on community colleges and had called for increasing the Pell Grants each year by the consumer price index plus 1 percent. Democrats had to scrap the additional 1 percent increase.

Instead, the bill proposes no increases in Pell Grants over the next two years and a modest increase over the five years that follow. The maximum Pell Grant, which a House-passed bill last year would have raised to \$6,900 over 10 years, will now only increase to \$5,900. The current maximum grant for the coming school year is \$5,500.

What's more, a poor jobs market that has driven potential workers to colleges and technical schools has put a strain on the Pell Grant program. Of the \$36 billion destined for Pell Grants, \$13.5 billion would help fill a \$19 billion Pell Grant shortfall.

Following Republican criticism, Democrats dropped a provision in the new bill that would have allowed the state-owned Bank of North Dakota to continue making federally financed student loans to students.

"That's out, end of the story," said Rep. Earl Pomeroy, D-N.D.

Bhangra dancers celebrate Indian culture

Cassie McLean
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On Friday afternoon, students and faculty gave up the beautiful weather to venture indoors and watch a special performance and lecture about art and women in India.

In the auditorium room of the Jenkins Fine Arts Center, the interested and curious came to find out more about a culture that is foreign and unknown to many at ECU. The event hoped to raise awareness about the culture, its art and, particularly, its dance.

V.R. Devika, an Indian native and educator with a long list of accreditations and experiences, is the founder of Asema

Trust, a cultural activist, Ghandi researcher, freelance writer and recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award, as well as an Honorary Citizenship Award. With a background that includes many diverse studies, she came to speak at the event and teach American students about the practices of her Indian culture.

Dr. Alice Arnold of the School of Art and organizer for the event said, "I met V.R. Devika at the World Creativity Summit in Taipei, Taiwan, during the summer of 2008, and we became good friends since then. I asked her to be a guest on our campus during her tour. She is a cultural ambassador for India and has spoken to groups all over the world."

To open the event, Devika thanked the community for its warm welcome and explained that many misconceptions exist regarding India.

"Whatever you may have heard of India, good or bad, the opposite is also true," she said. "India is a country with many languages, many climates and many types of landscape," she continued, putting to rest the notion that India can easily be summed up within a few words.

After her welcome, Devika did a small dance as an offering to ECU and the audience in attendance. She explained that dance



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The Students performed a traditional Indian dance in Jenkins Fine Arts Center on Friday.

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in India is many things, but most importantly, a tribute to Mother Earth.

She explained what was typical of Indian dance, including wearing no shoes and stomping. The dancers do not wear shoes, she explained, as a way to be grounded to the earth.

After showing a video about the spinning practices commonly found in her region of Southeast India, Devika summed up her work empowering young women through dance by saying, "Let's take this as an empowering project. Women are expected to be this or that, but if you stand in front of a group, your body can speak."

Devika, in addition to her feminist and cultural message, encouraged everyone to make a difference in their world by saying, "For every four people you help, 10 more will be by your side."

Devika took questions afterward relating to India's role in the world currently. The audience posed challenging, intriguing questions such as India's contribution to global warming, its contribution to the exponentially increasing global population and the current role of

women within the country.

Also during the performance, four ECU students, part of the ECU Bhangra Team, stomped intensely to music that was a blend of modern and original Indian music.

Priya Farman, a senior at ECU and president of the dance team, said of being asked to perform, "Dr. Alice Arnold came to us about this and we were thrilled. It's good to do it on campus. Students come. It really gets our name out there."

Janki Patel, a freshman at ECU and one of the dancers at the event, said the cultural event was part of a fairly new organization, so it was good to raise awareness.

Seema Patel, a sophomore biology major, said of the event, "As an Indian, I love for others to get the feel for our tradition and culture," and added that she too can always inquire more. "Truth be told, even though I am Indian, I can still learn."

Of continuing events like these, Patel said, "I think it would be great for ECU to hold events like these and not only Indian events, but other cultures as well. Bhangra is a way to show how diverse our culture is in the sense of color and richness.

It's an experience that all should see. The Bhangra Dance Team has done extremely well in representing Indians and their culture at ECU and I am very proud of them."

Susan Luddeke, an art professor at ECU who attended the event, said, "It was fabulous. She was here for an entire week, but the actual presentation to my class was a little different than some of the other ones she gave. What I was showing my class was the way she deals with children, young girls and helping with self esteem through dance and women's self esteem in making a contribution to their culture."

Luddeke encouraged her class to attend and said of Devika, "She was just a very fascinating and wonderful woman. I wanted to communicate how as a culture, we tend to look at other cultures as if we're from different planets and there's really so many commonalities."

At the conclusion of Friday's event, Devika said, "I dedicate this for ECU to hold events like these and not only Indian events, but other cultures as well. Bhangra is a way to show how diverse our culture is in the sense of color and richness."

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Kony still has a strong hold in other parts of Uganda, as well as an advancing presence in other war-torn countries such as Darfur.

However, after the progress that has been made so far, members of the Invisible Children campaign

have no doubts that by aiding the people of Uganda, peace will inevitably follow.

When asked whether he believes that the violence in Uganda will ever end, Marshall Bang, a roadie and speaker for the Invisible

Children campaign responded, "Definitely. It is going to take time, but the war will end, and together we can help bring it to an end."

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choose a specific plan that will offer extensive coverage to students who choose to utilize it.

"We bought \$500 worth of wellness benefits, which includes physical examinations, STD screenings and immunizations, including Gardasil, Meningitis and vaccinations need for traveling abroad," stated Jernigan.

Vision coverage will also be part of the plan, with up to \$200 coverage, including one eye exam per year. The plan will also provide recipients with a basic dental package that covers one exam, cleaning and X-ray per year.

"We felt like vision and dental were important, especially in Eastern North Carolina," said Jernigan.

As for the student's opinion on the matter, Brandon Glover, a sophomore majoring in business

management, stated that he feels ECU shouldn't require students to be covered.

"I don't think they should be required to have health insurance because it's just another expense that's added on. Some families can't afford it and that shouldn't affect their education," he said. Glover also stated that he does have health insurance as provided by his parents.

Another student, C.J. Noble, a junior accounting major who does not currently have health insurance, had beliefs similar to Glover's. "I think it should be everyone's right to decide whether to have health insurance or not," said Noble.

However, he also stated that he's glad he will finally receive some coverage, recounting a time last year when he had a \$2,000 emergency

room bill to pay due to a skinboarding accident and no health insurance to cover his expenses. Noble also stated that his decision to purchase insurance through the university, or find coverage elsewhere, will depend on the cost and amount of coverage provided by ECU's insurance.

Feedback from parents about the issue has been relatively positive. "Most parents are relieved," said Jernigan. "We'll see a lot of people dropping their insurance for this one because it's cheaper and provides more coverage." Jernigan stated that a majority of the complaints they've had are from people who are already insured.

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CALENDAR EVENTS

Tuesday, March 23

Underclassmen Yearbook Photos
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
On the mall
Also Wed. afternoon.

Baseball vs. High Point
6 p.m.

Diversity Week's Lecture
4 p.m. MSC Social Rooms
7:30 p.m. Bate 2007
Professor Robyn Hobgood

Engineering Lecture: Building a leader through change: A career of turning points
3:30 p.m. Science & Tech Room 144N

Creative Writing grad student reading
8 p.m. Bate

Wednesday, March 24

Baseball vs. Greenville's A's
Prep Field 7 p.m.

Culturefest
5 to 8 p.m. MSC Brickyard

Expressions Event
6 p.m.
Ledonia Wright Cultural Center: Learn the truth about spoken "proper English."

Men's Tennis vs. UNC Greensboro
3 p.m.

SAB Presents: "Up in the Air"
9:30 p.m. Hendrix Theatre

Club Baseball vs. Greenville A's
Prep Field at 7 p.m.

Softball Hitting Challenge
7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Blount Fields
OneCard required.

Diversity Event: Wright Plaza
10:50 a.m. & 12:50 p.m.

Career networking: College of Technology & Computer Science
1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Murphy Center

ECU's Got Talent
7 p.m. Performers welcome.

Culturefest
6 to 9 p.m. at MSC Brickyard

Thursday, March 25

Lecture: "Transitioning military leadership to the civilian workplace: Lessons learned"
3:30 p.m. Sci/TechRm 144N

SAB Presents: "Up in the Air"
7 p.m. Hendrix Theatre

SAB Presents: "The Lovely Bones"
9:30 p.m. at MSC Theatre

Culture Fest
6 p.m. Mendenhall Brickyard

Friday, March 26

Men's Lacrosse vs. NC State
7 p.m.

Faculty Intl. Interest Group

12 p.m.
Dr. Rosina Chia, Department of Psychology : "A Multi-national project on Global Climate Change."

Aristophanes' "Lysistrata,"
8 p.m. at MSC Great Rooms
Free Greek comedy play.

Women's Tennis vs. Limestone
3 p.m.

Men's Tennis vs. Limestone
3 p.m.

Baseball vs. North Carolina Central
7 p.m.

SAB Presents: "Up in the Air"
9:30 p.m.

SAB Presents: "The Lovely Bones"
7 p.m. at MSC Hendrix Theatre

CRW Friday Float
2 p.m. Adventure Center
No experience needed.

The Ethnographers & Bright Young Things at Moxie
11:30 p.m.

Caribbean Cricket and Grill
3:30 pm MSC Brickyard

Saturday, March 27

Annual Youth Arts Festival
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ECU Campus Mall

Film: "Sacred Space Denied: Bethlehem and the Wall"
4 to 5 p.m. MSC

East Carolina Native American Organization 18th annual powwow

12 to 6 p.m. Minges

Women Tennis vs. Charlotte
10 a.m.

Softball vs. Marshall
1 p.m.

Baseball vs. NC Central
3 p.m.

SAB Presents: "Up in the Air"
7 p.m. Hendrix Theatre

SAB Presents: "The Lovely Bones"
9:30 p.m. MSC Theatre

Club Volleyball Tournament
Rec Center 8:30 p.m.

5k Run: N. Campus Complex
9 a.m.

Club Fencing Tournament
9 a.m.
Christenbury Gym

Club Softball vs. N.C. State
Sara Law Field 9 am 11 am 2 pm

Sunday, March 28

Softball vs. NC State
Sara Law 9 am 11 am 2 pm

Men's Tennis vs. George Washington
12 p.m.

Softball vs. Marshall
12 p.m.

Baseball vs. NC Central
1 p.m.

Monday, March 29

Intramural Golf Tournament
2 p.m. Bradford Creek
More info: 252-328-1575

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I hate the smell of your incense. I'm pretty sure our other roommate doesn't like it either.

Has anyone read the writing on the cubicles in Joyner? There are some hilarious conversations going on.

Dear roommate: You are not the only person who has to live in the room. You spend all hours of the day in our room at your computer or texting! Can you get a life so I can have some alone time?

Why do extremely attractive guys date unattractive girls who look 12? I will never understand.

Woo hoo! Starbucks is coming to ECU! Thank you God! Maybe they'll finally get ride of Java City! It will be the highlight of Wright Plaza! I hope it'll be a full service one. I need my double chocolaty chip frap!!!

Why am I all sticky and naked... did I miss something fun???

Four Loko = S**t show for you.. Did you remember anything at all?

Way to come out of nowhere and just try to eat his face off!

Bahaha! My roommate wears granny panties!

Rule #1: If you ask for my number at the bar and instead I ask for yours in return, it means I won't call you!

Seriously, what kind of professor gives out coloring assignments in college?

To the person playing Everclear Pong: What was the game plan there?

How do you lose your Nuva Ring on the bathroom floor at the REC Center???

To the douche bag that hit my car in the lot across from Umstead and left it: Karma is a b***h, and I hope it bites you in the a**.

To whoever puked down the left side of my car at Sunchase: Thank you. You're such an amazing person. I hope your car will look as lovely as mine in the near future. Maybe the acid from your vomit will strip the paint as well!

The bartender wouldn't serve you because you kept asking for "a slice of beer"

Can you guys not be separated for more than five minutes? Really, how are you guys going to survive this summer?

Get over yourself!!!! Sorry if I don't text you like I use to but I lost trust in you completely, so get over it!

You keep saying you don't want to be dragged into the middle of the drama when YOU create the drama!!! And make it worse!

I loved walking around campus today and noticing that the NorthFace Ugg Sluts have evolved into the Sunglasses Rainbow Sluts!

My laptop hates this new Cisco access. It sucks!! I don't have internet and all I want to do is creep on Facebook... WTF?!

No matter how screwed up I think I get at the bar, I will always be able to come home and type my Facebook password correctly.

To the girl in the lime green baseball cap I passed on the way to class on Friday: You're cute. :)

Why do you have to be such a victim all the time? I hardly go out ever anymore, so when I come home drunk, don't complain I'm too loud. I don't whine about how loud you are when you laugh at Disney shows by yourself.

Hannah Montana is ending and I think my roommate is frantically trying to come up with another excuse not to do her homework.

To guys that wear a belt and their pants are below their butts: What's the point!!

First two months of the semester... straight A's. Then March Madness came along.... see you in summer school

If your dog poops on my lawn again I will personally return the favor

Goodbye NorthFace Ugg Sluts, Helloooo Daisy Dukes and spaghetti straps!

If you love your girlfriend like you say you do, why did you come running back to me?

Sugar cookies are like lollipops and condoms: you should always save one for later.

I get Sobé for the insightful comments on the bottle caps, not the drink itself.

Roommate: When your hair looks like you have greased it and you take out your ponytail and it doesn't change position, it's probably time to take a shower.

I babysat the other day, and instead of playing "Duck, duck, goose" we played "Hamburger, hamburger, hotdog." I am beginning to truly understand how obese this nation is getting.

Is it sad that whenever I work now I don't think in actual dollar amounts but in how many textbooks I could buy?

Baby, what's your sign?



Emily Winterhalter
OPINION COLUMNIST

If your birthday happens to fall within the span of Jan. 21 to Feb. 19, like mine, this means that according to the categorization of zodiac signs, you are an Aquarius.

Great news! Because of this trait that you have absolutely no control over, you are anticipated to be inventive and friendly, yet also unpredictable and detached. Continuing with the rules of astrology, Aquarius is also said to have two personality archetypes. You might experience a personality being shy and sensitive, with a frequent need to be a loner. You also may experience the latter, which is the intensely magnetic, exuberant and lively personality.

Don't we all have that in us, the desire to be alone at times and, when needed, the ability to become a social butterfly? If you're thinking that characteristic breakdown of Aquarians is so vague and that anyone can be that way regardless of when they were born, don't worry; you're not alone.

While there are a large number of people who refer to astrology as a way of life, there are also many who find it to be baloney. I happen to fall in the gray area in between. Zodiac information isn't completely unknown to me, but I don't hold it to a high regard in my life. Reason being: that will get you nowhere.

Sometimes when reading your horoscope and it seems to match up with an event in your life, it's easy to be excited and feel peace since you match your zodiac definition perfectly. Then it becomes routine to read your daily horoscope and see what the stars supposedly have in store for your day, week or love life. This is where the borders are blurred and people may take their belief in astrology to the extreme.

Trips may be planned around what their horoscope predicts, lovers only accepted based on whether they are compatible with their sign and sometimes personal astrologers

are hired to keep them tuned in with their fate.

According to astrology, where the sun is positioned on the day we're born determines which sign we fall under. The sun moves throughout the zodiac, taking about a month to get through each zodiac section, therefore making 12 different signs. The only required materials to figure out what your sign is would be knowledge of your birthday and a zodiac chart.

If you visit www.astrology-online.com, not only will you get pages full of information about what a sign's personality tends to be like, you find out your star stone, celebrities with the same sign, your ruling planet, signs that will make the best friends or lovers with you as well as which signs to avoid.

Is it really necessary to know that Uranus is your ruling planet, Justin Timberlake shares your sign or that the color associated with your sign is turquoise?

Reading your horoscope is entertaining from time to time, for the sole fact that you get a sense of personal understanding when you recognize a familiar trait, or its prediction can possibly apply to something in your life. When we come across familiarities, we think it must be true. When our horoscope doesn't match up, we disregard it entirely. Why?

Often times, we just want to be understood, even if that means we are being understood by some astrologer who has never met us at all; or not even writing about us in particular.

If these horoscopes or personality descriptions according to the zodiac are truly read, it's hard to ignore the vagueness and resistance to clarify any truth in their predictions. They are purposely worded to make their readers think of a situation in their life or near future and that the horoscope has hit the nail on the head. Due to this, false hope may be given.

If you're a follower of astrology, you're not being criticized. I know my sign, and have read many horoscopes. What needs to be avoided are people using this often unreliable information as governing in their life and the guys who use the phrase, "Hey baby, what's your sign?"

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The 2010 Census is more than just a survey. It's absolutely critical to deciding how to fund our schools, where to build new hospitals, roads and businesses, and how North Carolinians are represented in all levels of government.

In fact, for every North Carolinian who goes uncounted, North Carolina loses more than \$1,500 each year. Every dollar and every Census form counts, especially in these tough times.

In North Carolina we should receive our 2010 Census forms by March 22. It only takes about 10 minutes to complete the 10 questions, and your personal information will not be shared with any government agency, business or individual.

My husband, Bob Eaves, and I will fill out the Census form and return it, and I'm asking everyone across the state to do the same.

It's easy, it's important and it's secure. The future of every community in North Carolina depends on it.

Gov. Bev Perdue

Today's Horoscope

<p>CANCER: YOU'VE BEEN FEELING DOWN LATELY. YOU MAY FIND THE MOTIVATION TO DO WELL IN YOUR ENDEAVORS TODAY!</p> <p>LEO: THINGS HAVEN'T BEEN AS PRODUCTIVE AS YOU WANT THEM TO BE. TAKING CHARGE OF YOURSELF TODAY MAY GIVE YOU A BOOST OF ENERGY.</p> <p>VIRGO: FEELING TENSE ABOUT DEADLINES? TAKE SOME TIME TO MEDITATE. MOTIVATION CAN ARRIVE FROM RELAXATION.</p> <p>LIBRA: YOU'VE BEEN FEELING OFF-BALANCE RECENTLY BECAUSE OF YOUR HEAVY WORKLOAD. TODAY, THE SCALES MAY TIP IN YOUR FAVOR IN THE FORM OF MOTIVATION.</p> <p>SCORPIO: THINGS HAVE BEEN DISORGANIZED IN YOUR WORKPLACE. YOU WILL FIND THAT ORGANIZATION WILL YIELD A MORE FLUID AND EASY TO MANAGE SCHEDULE.</p> <p>SAGITTARIUS: YOU'VE BEEN FEELING SCATTER BRAINED AT WORK AND SCHOOL. A PLAY DATE TODAY WILL GET YOUR MIND FOCUSED.</p> <p>CAPRICORN: YOU'VE BEEN TAKING ON TOO MUCH AT WORK OR SCHOOL AND YOU'RE FEELING OVERWHELMED. HELP MAY ARRIVE IN THE FORM OF A FRIEND.</p>	<p>AQUARIUS: YOU'VE BEEN FEELING LAZY THIS WEEK AND YOU CAN'T SEEM TO GET WORK DONE. AN ENERGY BOOST IS ON ITS WAY IN AN UNEXPECTED FORM.</p> <p>PISCES: YOU'RE THE MASTER OF MULTITASKING, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE THIS TIME YOU'VE TAKEN ON TOO MUCH AND CAN'T GET GOING AGAIN. YOU WILL FIND VALUABLE WISDOM TODAY THAT WILL CHANGE THIS.</p> <p>ARIES: YOUR DRIVING FORCE HAS BEEN HIDING FROM YOU LATELY. TODAY WILL BRING A SPARK OF ENERGY TO LIGHT THAT FIRE AGAIN AND MOTIVATE YOU IN YOUR WORK ENDEAVORS.</p> <p>TAURUS: THINGS HAVE BEEN OUT OF YOUR CONTROL AND YOU'RE FEELING HELPLESS. DON'T WORRY! TODAY YOU WILL FIND YOURSELF IN A LEADERSHIP POSITION THAT WILL BOOST YOUR ABILITY TO BE PRODUCTIVE.</p> <p>GEMINI: YOU'VE BEEN WISHY-WASHY ABOUT GETTING WORK DONE. YOU WANT TO GET IT DONE, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, YOU'VE BEEN GIVING UP. TODAY WILL BRING A SENSE OF UNITY THAT WILL HELP YOU MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE.</p>
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WOMEN WHO DON'T BELIEVE IN THE HOROSCOPE ARE BEING IDIOTS!

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So VAGUE, THEY HAVE TO Be TALKING ABOUT YOU.

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Always remember: Safety first



Leila Falls
OPINION COLUMNIST

No more sneaking around to avoid the unfair curfew. No parental inquisition consisting of: "Who are you hanging out with?", "What are you doing?" and "Do you know it's a school night?" Even if you're still in touch with your family, you have gained some college freedom.

The lectures dealt with in college are about different subject matters that have no direct connection with your personal life. Hearing about the life cycle of an animal in biology class from Ben Stein is way better than enduring the awkward "birds and the bees, part two" lecture from your parents.

Every parent ends up with the same "most importantly" spiel. "Be safe." Typically, this final thought is received with an "Okay, whatever" attitude. Why should you take the spiel to heart? You're in college, not elementary school.

However, that "I go to college" mentality can be dangerous. Just because you are in the college bubble does not mean you are always safe. People

tend to forget that ECU is in Greenville, a city that is not full of Care Bears and protected by Rainbow Brite. According to the City of Greenville Crime Clock, the recent statistics in a three-month span indicate that 1,741 part one crimes were committed. It was also determined that one of these crimes occurred every hour and 16 minutes.

Safety is brought up constantly, because of its importance. How many times do you see the ECU alert pop up on the computer screen indicating some sort of assault? How many major crimes have you heard about in the last year? Many people shrug the facts off until something directly happens to them and becomes their reality.

Especially during the holidays, everyone forgets about being cautious. Think about the most recent holiday, St. Patrick's Day. How many times did you end up separated from your friends? Are there some parts of the night that are a blur? Did you ever say to yourself, "Yikes, I almost got raped" or "Whoa, how did I get that bloody lip?" and then shrug it off? Sometimes surviving certain conflicts makes people overconfident about the outcome of the next peril.

I'm not saying that you should be paranoid and be locked away from all contact from the world, but you should

be alert. Resurrect the buddy system; creepers rarely bother a herd of people. Carrying mace can save you. I once had a lurker follow me, but after he saw the mace, he was gone. Overall, smart and safe decisions are essential. There are some dumb decisions that are fun, so use your judgment. Getting in the car with a hot guy that you met five minutes ago and ditching your friends: unsafe idea. Climbing a tree to scare your roommate: dumb idea.

I know it is more dramatic to walk out of your boo's apartment during an argument, and it feels good to prove a point. However, walking alone is the worst-case scenario. If you've turned off your phone, the buddy system is out. And if you've misplaced your mace, the intense weapon is gone. Then, you have to rely on your alertness. Not to pull a Smokey the Bear, but only you can protect your safety at this point. Be aware of your surroundings if you're trapped in this dilemma, though it is best to avoid this scenario altogether.

If you want to frolic in the sunshine, go for it. Just realize that not everyone is going to let you.

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BARACK OBAMA

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Tug-of-war was an Olympic event between 1900 and 1920.

The five Olympic rings represent the continents.

Olympic badminton rules say that the birdie has to have exactly 14 feathers.

The city of Denver was chosen to host and then refused the 1976 Winter Olympics.

A top freestyle swimmer achieves a speed of only four miles per hour. Fish, in contrast, have been clocked at 68 miles per hour.

Captain Matthew Webb of England was the first to swim the English Channel using the breaststroke.

In the United States, more Frisbee discs are sold each year than baseballs, basketballs and footballs combined.

Kite-flying is a professional sport in Thailand.

There are at least two sports in which the team has to move backward to win – tug-of-war and rowing.

Badminton used to be called "Poona."

The national sport of Japan is sumo wrestling.

Morihei Ueshiba, founder of Aikido, once pinned a sumo wrestler using only a single finger.

Nearly all sumo wrestlers have flat feet and big bottoms.

The 1912 Greco-Roman wrestling match in Stockholm between Finn Alfred Asikainen and Russian Martin Klein lasted more than 11 hours.

A hockey puck is one inch thick.

Canada imports about 850 Russian-made hockey sticks on an average day.

Professional hockey players skate at average speeds of 20 to 25 miles per hour.

Three consecutive strikes in bowling are called a turkey.

Tokyo has the world's largest bowling alley.

The bowling ball was invented in 1862.

The game of squash originated in the United Kingdom.

Australian Rules Football was originally designed to give cricketers something to play during the off-season.

Karate actually originated in India.

The only bone not broken so far during any ski accident is one located in the inner ear.

Sports Illustrated has the largest sports magazine circulation.

The average bank cashier loses \$310 a year.

The Bible is the #1 shoplifted book in America.

Australia is considered the easiest continent to defend in the game Risk.

In 1953, Marilyn Monroe appeared as the first Playboy centerfold.

The leaves of the Victorian water lily are sometimes more than six feet in diameter.

The gecko lizard can run on the ceiling without falling because its toes have flaps of skin that act as suction cups.

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Comedian Eric O'Shea performing tonight in Mendenhall



THE EAST CAROLINIAN | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Eric O'Shea, a 13 year comedian is set to perform as a part of SAB's Laugh Out Loud series tonight at 8p.m. in the Hendrix Theatre.

Madonna Messana
STAFF WRITER

Tonight ECU Student Activities Board's Laugh Out Loud Series continues in Mendenhall's Hendrix Theatre. SAB asks students to come out and enjoy the third installment of their Laugh Out Loud Series with comedian Eric O'Shea.

O'Shea has been nominated for the Campus Activities Magazine Comedy Performer of the Year on three occasions. He received the Campus Activities Magazine Comedy Performer of the Year in 2007 with the support of his fans. O'Shea stated on his Web site, "After being nominated several times, you have no idea how much it means to me and my family, to finally capture this honor ... Life is truly about relationships! Thank you for being there for me ... I will always be there for you." O'Shea has traveled to and performed for over 1,200 colleges, universities and corporate events — his clean wit and dry humor are sure to entertain most anyone. He brings his audience through embarrassing moments of childhood to everyday moments that drive just about anyone insane. His show includes hilarious everyday drama, as well as celebratory impersonations, which include characters from "Family Guy" and Elmo. "The last two comedians SAB has brought to ECU students were a huge success," said freshman SAB promotions chair Christina Kendrick. "They were both very funny and had their own unique style. O'Shea's style is also quite unique and his performance should have a good turn-out as well."

The show is said to be packed with humor along with upbeat, high energy. His show puts a brighter side to dealing with everyday life situations, which many of the audience members should be able to easily relate to. O'Shea has been doing comedy shows for over 13 years and has performed for a wide range of audiences, making his show enjoyable to almost anyone. With a background in sports broadcasting from Marquette University, O'Shea decided to combine his comedic skills with his broadcasting background. He then created his "Songs for Commercials" bit, which got over 4 million hits on

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THE EAST CAROLINIAN | MCGRAW
Sandra Bullock wins Best Actress in a Leading Role for "The Blind Side" during the 82nd Annual Academy Awards at the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood, California on Sunday, March 7, 2010.

ECU alumna Sandra Bullock makes movie award history

Staff Writer
MARLANA SIFTER

Actress and producer Sandra Bullock, who is also a former actress of ECU's Loessin Playhouse, has received multiple awards and positive recognition for her most recent movie appearance as Leigh Anne Tuohy in the 2009 film, "The Blind Side."

The sports drama, based on real life story of Michael Oher, an offensive lineman for NFL's Baltimore Ravens, earned \$34.2 million its opening weekend, the highest-ever opening for Bullock. Costing \$29 million to make, it has made an overall gross of \$250 million, making this Bullock's highest-ever grossing film.

For her authentic and uplifting portrayal in "The Blind Side," Bullock was awarded the Academy Award for Best Actress, Golden Globe for Best Actress and Screen Actors Guild Award for Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Leading Role.

"The Blind Side" is the first movie in history to pass the \$200 million mark with only one top-billed female star. In 2007, Bullock was listed as the 14th richest female celebrity, worth an estimated \$85 million.

"She's not like other actresses; not just a pretty face," said junior Carin Stump, a psychology major.

"She's got that country accent down pat. It's a true story, and the way she performs in the movie is really genuine. She and Tim McGraw are like a real married couple," Stump added.

Born in Arlington, Va., to an American voice coach and a German opera singer, Bullock spent much of her childhood traveling Europe with her mother on opera tours. She lived in Germany until the age of 12, where she participated in ballet, vocal arts and choir. She is fluent in German.

After attending Washington-Lee High School in Virginia, where she took part in several high school theater productions, Bullock enrolled in ECU's theater program in 1982. During her time at the university, she performed in productions of "Peter Pan," "Stage Door" and "The Three Sisters." Bullock left ECU her senior year, in the spring of 1986, just three credits short of graduating, to pursue her acting career.

She then moved to New York and took acting lessons at the neighborhood playhouse, studying the craft of drama-

tician Sanford Meisner for several years. She was able to support herself by working in a variety of odd jobs, such as a bartender, cocktail waitress and coat checker. She also appeared in several student films during that time. It was during this time that Bullock caught the notice of talent agents for her role as a southern belle in the off-Broadway production "No Time Flat." After acquiring an agent, she then made her first made-for-TV movie, "Bionic Showdown" (1989).

Her first notable movie appearance was the science fiction/action movie "Demolition Man" (1993). She came into fame in the late 1990s, with successes such as "Speed" and "While You Were Sleeping," afterwards starring in a number of light romantic comedies such as "Hope Floats" and "Two if by Sea."

In addition to Bullock's acting, she is also an active producer, running production company Fortis Films, which her father heads as CEO. Bullock also owns a restaurant in Austin, Texas, Bess Bistro, as well as a bakery and floral shop, Walton's Fancy and Staple.

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PlayStation Move turns movement into precise on-screen action



THE EAST CAROLINIAN | TYRONE DEMERY
Katie Darden plays with the old PS3 controller.

Caitlin Hale
ASSISTANT FEATURES
EDITOR

Dubbed as "the most immersive gaming experience possible," the new PlayStation Move line for the Sony PlayStation 3 has fans talking.

The PlayStation Move will be able to translate real physical actions into video game actions through the use of a motion control system, which is somewhat comparable to the Nintendo Wii. The system, which will inevitably be christened as the PSMove, includes a handheld

remote, which has a glowing orb positioned on top, and works in conjunction with the PlayStation Eye camera. The eye camera will translate real world movements into video game actions, such as punches, swings and sword swipes. The handheld controller will include regular control buttons that will be used mostly for shooting games, in which the user will be required to pull a trigger. The PSMove controllers will connect to the PS3 console through Bluetooth.

While no firm price has been set, the PSMove system is expected to cost around \$100, according to Sony Computer Entertainment America's Senior Vice President of Marketing Peter Dille. This price will most likely be for the PSMove starter pack, which will include the

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Broiled Flank Steak with Warm Tomato Topping

1/4 teaspoon ground cumin, divided	1 teaspoon bottled minced garlic
1/4 teaspoon salt, divided	1 jalapeño pepper, seeded and minced (about 1 tablespoon)
1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper	2 cups grape or cherry tomatoes, halved
1 (1-pound) flank steak, trimmed	1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
Cooking spray	
1 teaspoon olive oil	

- Preheat broiler.
- Combine 1 teaspoon cumin, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and red pepper; sprinkle evenly over steak. Place steak on a broiler pan coated with cooking spray; broil 10 minutes or until desired degree of doneness, turning once. Cut steak diagonally across grain into thin slices.
- Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add garlic and jalapeño to pan; cook 1 minute. Add remaining 1/4 teaspoon cumin, remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt, and tomatoes to pan; cook 3 minutes or until tomatoes begin to soften. Remove from heat; stir in cilantro. Serve tomato topping with steak. **YIELD:** 4 servings (serving size: 3 ounces meat and about 1/2 cup topping).

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PlayStation Eye, the PSMove controller and one game. However, consumers can also purchase a single PSMove controller or buy a bundle pack, which will include the PS3 console, along with the PSMove controllers and eye camera.

But with the increasing cost of obtaining all the technology needed to use the PSMove, many wonder if it will really be worth it. Justin Brinson, sophomore radiology major, feels that the PSMove will add an extra incentive to finally buy a PlayStation3. "I don't have a PlayStation 3, but I do want one. Now I don't feel bad about spending money on a PS3 because it will be like buying two game consoles in one." The secondary console Brinson referred to is the Nintendo Wii.

Not surprisingly, there are already many games in the works to be used for the PSMove. New games specifically for the system include "Sports Champions" (working title), which features gladiator-style combat and archery, as well as a TV game show titled "TV Superstars." For fans of shooter games such as "Call of Duty," the PSMove will have its own title, which will be called "The Shoot." Upcoming familiar titles such as "LittleBigPlanet," "SOCOM 4" and EA's "Tiger Woods 2010" are all set to be PSMove-friendly.

Sophomore psychology major Andy Smallwood feels that while the Nintendo Wii does have motion sensor games, the ones that will be offered for the PSMove will be exceedingly better. "The motion sensor games will be a lot more lifelike due to the better graphics on the PS3. I would much rather have the PSMove system over the Wii." Current Nintendo Wii owner and sophomore business and finance major, Daniel Hanlon, feels much the same. "I very rarely use the motion sensor controllers on the Wii. When I play my Wii, I use the regular controllers most of the time. I don't really like the games available on Wii, so I think the PSMove will be a lot cooler."

With expectations high for the PSMove, it seems as if Sony's newest project will be a smashing success. This highly anticipated motion control system is expected to release in the fall.

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requires a microwave. It's hard going from home cooked meals to TV dinners; they don't fill you up, and I have to eat like three to feel satisfied."

Students can find Arthur's "Cookin' For College" videos on YouTube, as well as through links on his Web site. He goes through the process of cooking easy, inex-

pensive meals in a slow pace that can be easily followed. The site is great for students who want something more to their meals than just microwavable macaroni and too-small portions of TV dinners.

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O'SHEA continued from A5

YouTube and also caught the eye and received rave reviews from famous film director, screenwriter and producer Steven Spielberg. In 2009, O'Shea was invited to perform his commercials live at the Creative Emmy Awards. Not only did O'Shea walk the red carpet and perform, he was also able to hang out and perform with some legends, including Carol Burnett, Betty White, Seth MacFarlane, Ted Danson and Jamie

Lynn Siegler.

Students are urged to come out and enjoy the show, as it is guaranteed to bring laughs and be a good time. O'Shea's upbeat performance and high energy is sure to bring the audience to tears — with laughter. The show will be at 8 p.m. in Hendrix Theatre and is free to students.

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Staff Reports

Lebo named new men's basketball head coach

Jeff Lebo, 43, who has 12 years of collegiate head coaching experience leading three programs to post-season or conference championship game appearances, has been named men's basketball head coach at ECU according to an announcement from director of athletics Terry Holland Monday.

Lebo, whose appointment is pending approval by the ECU Board of Trustees, will be introduced to the media at a 4:30 p.m. press conference today. He takes over the Pirate program after spending the last six seasons at Auburn.

A star player at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill from 1986-89, Lebo still ranks in the top 25 in career scoring for the Tar Heels, where he tallied 1,567 points and also ranked eighth in assists with 580.

As a coach, Lebo has thus far tallied an overall record of 211-156, which included stops at Tennessee Tech and Chattanooga.

Lebo has averaged nearly 18 wins per season during his head coaching career, compiling an all-time record of 211-156 (.575). He has been asked to rebuild three programs during that span and responded by leading each program to at least one 20-win season before departing.

The new Pirate coach has guided two teams into National Invitation Tournament (NIT) play, winning five of seven contests - falling on both occasions to teams which advanced to the NIT Championship Game.

Men's golf posts second-best score Sunday at Invite

ECU posted the second-lowest team tally of the third round Sunday to move up six places and post an 11th place finish at the 41st Annual Furman Intercollegiate, which was held at the par-72, 6,994-yard Furman University Golf Course.

Only team champion Clemson registered a lower round than the Pirates on the final day of competition.

ECU junior Warren Straub carded the best round of the day for the Pirates with an even-par 72, his best round of the event. Straub finished at 16-over (81-79-72=232).

Sophomore David Watkins fired a two-over 74 Sunday to finish tied for 20th at eight-over (71-79-74=224). Jake Colley also carded a two-over 74 on the final 18 holes to finish at nine-over (74-76-74=225), to tie for 28th.

Harold Varner posted his best score of the event with a one-over 73 Sunday and finished at 13-over (77-79-73=229).

Ask the Sports Editor

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Diamond Bucs' bats heat up in series win over Monmouth

ECU overcomes Friday loss in stellar offensive display Saturday and Sunday

Michael Perry
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

No. 16 ECU secured the weekend series with two dominant wins over Monmouth, despite dropping Friday's contest 11-9.

Saturday and Sunday the Pirates (11-8) came out regrouped, winning by 11-4 and 16-2. On the weekend the team earned a batting average of .376, with 12 home runs and 36 runs scored.

In Sunday's rubber match, ECU finished off the Hawks (3-6) with a nearly complete game, scoring 16 runs on 19 hits, while right-hander Mike Wright (1-1) carried a no-hitter into the top of the fifth in his first start of the season.

Unfortunately for Wright, Monmouth's Mike Casale pushed a leadoff single past second and was plated by Matt McEndy later in the frame to void the shutout.

Wright pitched 5 1/3 innings, allowing only two runs on three hits, and he fanned a personal-best eight batters without a walk in his first start and career long outing.

ECU skipper Billy Godwin said Wright was outstanding. "The plans were to go out there and let him give us two or three innings. He kept throwing zeroes up and he had a no hitter. He gave us all he had and that was good to see."

At the plate, the Pirates

were led by shortstop Dustin Harrington, who finished the day 6-for-6, with two multi-run homers, four singles and six RBI.

The solid two-hole hitter first ripped a two-run blast over Clark LeClair's high wall in dead centerfield. Harrington added a second swat to his resume, sending a three-run homer to right field.

"I definitely came out here and squared the ball up, and everybody hit good," Harrington said. "It feels great to just come out here and try to put the ball

in play."

Designated hitter Devin Harris also produced a three-run jack earlier in the fourth frame, totaling for a six-run stanza that gave ECU a 14-0 lead.

Harris extended his home run hitting streak to four games, last accomplished by former Pirate catcher Corey Kemp in 2008.

ECU came out swinging from the get-go as first baseman Kyle Roller hit his second first-inning bomb of the series to give

ECU an early lead.

Later in the first, Corey Thompson belted one deep to left center, earning the team's first triple of the season.

"Last two days after a disappointing Friday night, we put together two pretty good baseball games," Godwin said. "That's what I challenge our guys to do is come out and play like we are capable of playing."

On Saturday, the Pirates won by a score of 11-4 over the Hawks, with sophomore Zach Wright aiding ECU with two-

home runs.

Wright crushed a third inning three-run shot, as well as a fifth-frame blast that immediately followed a homer knocked by Harris.

On the day Wright was 3 for 3 with a walk, while plating a game-high four runs.

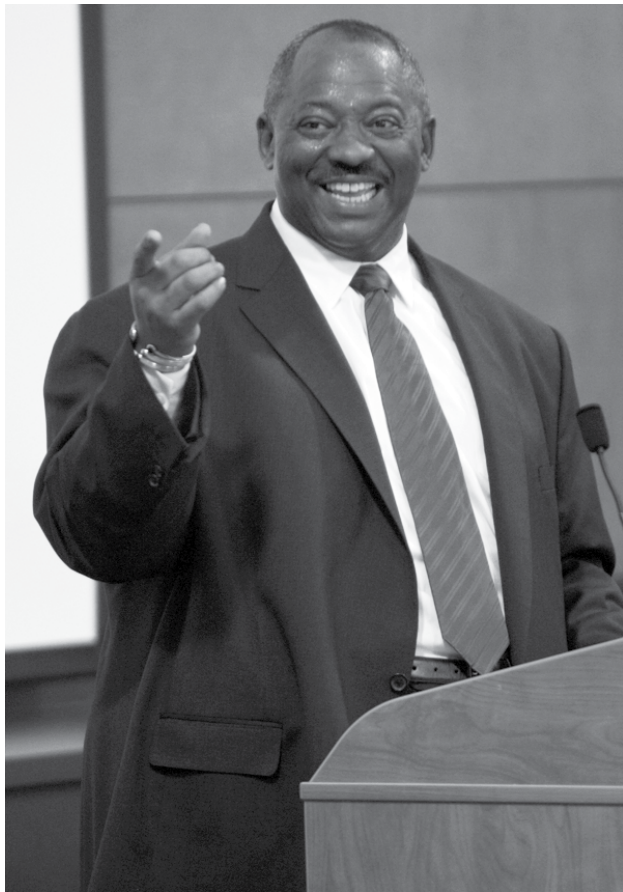
"I've been seeing the ball great, Coach Schnabel and Coach Stevens has really been

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Junior shortstop Dustin Harrington set career highs in going 6-for-6 at the plate with two home runs, six RBI and five runs scored in Sunday's ECU win.

First-year head coach McNeill excited for spring practice



First-year head coach Ruffin McNeill speaks to the press after being introduced as the Pirates' new head coach a couple of months ago.

Jared Jackson
SPORTS EDITOR

Recruiting and getting to know his inherited team has been the name of the game the last couple of months for first-year ECU football coach Ruffin McNeill.

Monday, however, marked the beginning of on-the-field activity as the Pirates officially began their spring practice schedule.

"The beauty of spring practice is that this year will be our first one," McNeill said. "It will be our chance to develop our fundamentals. I know there has been a lot of talk about our offensive and defensive schemes. The biggest part of spring for our football coaches will be to develop the fundamentals needed. That's what spring is

important. Today is a start for that," McNeill added.

While the players have been introduced to the offensive and defensive schemes that McNeill and his staff are bringing to the table these past few months, during the 15 spring practices, it is crucial for the team to nail down the philosophies on both sides of the ball.

"This spring in particular is real important for the players to grasp the offensive, defensive and special teams' concepts," McNeill said. "As far as a certain level of knowledge obtained, that'll be determined by each player. They've really picked up things already this offseason."

The most notable position battle during the course of the spring will be for the starting quarterback nod. ECU currently has four quarterbacks on the roster, but former Boston College signal-caller Dominique Davis is also expected to compete for the starting job in the fall once he enrolls in school.

"I expect all of them to compete," McNeill said of his quarterbacks. "It's open and we're not going to make a decision until we get a guy we feel comfortable and confident with. All the guys who are here will have their chance of competing and going after it. Right now on campus, we have Brad Wornick, Josh Jordan, Covair Frost and Rio Johnson. Those guys will have a chance to compete and we'll go from there."

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Lady Pirates season comes to end in second round of WNIT

Staff Writers

The ECU women's basketball team had no answer for the three-point shooting of Maryland Sunday, dropping an 87-52 decision in the second round of the WNIT at the Comcast Center.

The Lady Pirates end the season at 23-11, falling just one win short of tying the single-season program record.

Kim Rodgers had the touch for Maryland in the first seven minutes, nailing three triples to stake the Terps to a 15-11 advantage. After hitting five of their first eight shots, ECU then went cold, as Maryland put together a 12-2 run to go ahead 27-13 at the 7:51 mark.

Rodgers continued to fire from beyond the arc, taking advantage of many open looks to hit three more 3-pointers and give the Terps a 40-25 lead with 3:28 remaining in the half. Lori Bjork capped off the dazzling 3-point assault with eight seconds showing, making the score 53-31 at the half.

Kim Gay paced the Lady Pirates in the first 20 minutes with 12 points, while also registering a team-high four rebounds. Rodgers and Bjork combined to go 8-for-16 from beyond the arc to lead Maryland at 17 and 15 points, respectively.

The Terrapins shot 48.6 percent in the period, while recording 47.4 efficiency in 3-point shooting as they held ECU to 40.7 percent from the field. Maryland also held the edge on the glass 23-16 while picking up nine offensive rebounds.

The Terps extended the advantage in the first 10 minutes of the second half, taking a 69-41 lead with 10:50 left in the contest. The Lady Pirates would come no closer than 21 the rest of the way, but all 12 players on the active roster — all but one of which return

next season — received game experience.

Gay finished the tilt with a team-high 15 points, while matching Ashley Clarke with six rebounds. Gay also drained three triples. Clarke registered five assists to bring her season total to 170.

ECU struggled from the field, hitting just 29 percent of its shots, while Maryland nailed 33 of its 73 attempts for a 45.2 percent showing. The Terps also dominated the glass, outrebounding the Lady Pirates 55-35.

On Friday night, the Pirates were successful, however, even in the face of adversity.

ECU was down 18 points with six minutes left in its 2010 WNIT opener at Drexel, but a stunning rally, in which the Lady Pirates outscored the Dragons 25-7 to force overtime, allowed ECU to grab a 78-76 win at the Daskalakis Center.

A last-second putback by junior shooting guard Allison Spivey gave the Pirates the come-from-behind victory.

LADY continued on A8



Junior guard Allison Spivey scored the winning basket with seconds remaining for ECU in Friday's overtime victory over Drexel.

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working with us trying to see the ball out of the hand," Wright said. "If I keep swinging the bat well, I'm sure they'll find a way into the lineup for me."

The Pirates led the entire game and suffered only one scare in the fourth inning when Monmouth pushed across three runs, but ECU got back on the bats with back-to-back round trippers by Harris and Wright in the fifth, as well as a four-run sixth to gain plenty of breathing room.

Seth Maness (3-2) picked up his third win of the season over the Hawks on Saturday, pitching through the early attempt by Monmouth to even things up.

Maness regained composure in the fifth and hurled 7 and 2/3

innings of solid baseball, retiring eight batters.

"He is so efficient at what he does, but you don't really realize, but he goes out there and battles," Godwin said of Maness's performance. "Seth was outstanding."

Sophomore Lance Honeycutt and freshman D.J. Jauss made their first appearances of the season, as the two teamed up with Mike Anderson to close out the bout.

In Friday's contest, Monmouth caught the Pirates by surprise, scoring six runs in the sixth inning and then later holding off a last-inning rally by ECU.

The Pirates, down 11-6 in the bottom of the ninth, scored three runs, two of which came off the

bat of Jared Avchen, who sailed a full count pitch out of the yard for his second dinger of the tilt.

Riding momentum and within striking distance 11-9, John Wooten flew out to left with bases loaded to end the chance for ECU.

Southpaw Kevin Brandt (1-2) suffered his second loss of the season, despite striking out a personal-best seven batters in his 5 1/3 innings pitched.

The Pirates return to action tonight at Clark-LeClair Stadium at 6 p.m. against High Point and will square off with N.C. A&T tomorrow at 6 p.m.

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The victory gave ECU its second-ever postseason win, and first that was not in a consolation round. The Lady Pirates also drew within one win of tying the program single-season record while improving to 5-0 in overtime this year.

Drexel popped out to a 14-8 lead on a pair of 3-point field goals in the first eight minutes. When the Dragons extended the lead to 10 at 20-10 on a Kamile Nacickaite jumper, ECU held Drexel scoreless for the next 6:04 to claw back to within 20-19. That one-point margin would stick at halftime as the Dragons outscored the Lady Pirates 7-6 the rest of the half.

The Dragons came out firing in the second half, outscoring ECU 20-7 until the 11:37 mark to take a commanding 47-33 lead.

Drexel would seem to put the game away from beyond the arc, but the Lady Pirates rallied all the way back to within one at 62-61 with a minute remaining. Jean Best then came up big, hitting two free throws with five seconds left to send the contest into an improbable overtime.

Jasmina Rosseel hit a triple at the 3:29 mark of the overtime to go up 71-68, but a layup by Clarke capped an 8-0 run that put the visitors ahead 76-71 with 36 seconds left.

However, it was the Dragons' turn to respond, as Marginean hit a jumper to tie things with 11 seconds showing on the clock.

Kelly Smith missed a 3 but two offensive rebounds later and two seconds left, Spivey reached above the pack and tipped the ball in to

beat the buzzer and send ECU to the second round.

Clarke scored all 16 of her points after halftime to end up with the team lead. Best added 15 while Chareya Smith and Gay chipped in 14 and 12. Gay almost completed the double-double, pulling down nine rebounds. Additionally, Spivey recorded seven assists. For Drexel, Marginean put in a game-high 35 points.

The Lady Pirates matched their season average from the field, shooting 46 percent while holding the Dragons to 41 percent. ECU also ended up on top in rebounding 42-33, while picking up 16 important offensive rebounds.

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ECU Running Club is hosting Run4Uganda, a 5K (3.1 miles) and Stiletto Dash (400 meters) on Saturday, March 27th beginning at 9:00am at North Recreational Complex. Visit www.kidswithknowledge.org for more information.

Overeaters Anonymous Group is sponsoring a free workshop on Saturday, March 27th from 11:00am - 3:00pm at First Presbyterian Church (corner of Elm and 14th Streets). For more information, call 252-353-6546.

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