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New student section of football field to be named

Staff Reports

Last semester, ECU was given the go-ahead to begin the addition of 7,000 extra seats to the Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. The Student Pirate Club and ECU Marching Pirates will be moved into the extra seats to be placed in the end zone, thus opening up almost 4,000 seats between the 35-yard lines. After the construction, accompanied by a state-of-the-art scoreboard, the field will hold 50,000 football fans.

To keep the Student Pirate Club current on the game, including time-outs, the clock, etc., the field will contain a smaller screen along the front of the Murphy Center. The screen will be about 30 feet long and 5 feet high.

With the renovations, officials from the Athletic Department, SGA and the Student Pirate Club have decided to rename the end zone seating, specific for the SPC.

The following list of names was proposed and created among athletic staff: No Quarter Zone, The Boneyard, Captain's Corner, Crossbones Zone, Crow's Nest, Graveyard of the Atlantic, The Prow and Purple Zone.

Taurian Houston, director of Athletic Affairs, said, "The first list of names were submitted by e-mail. From the names, we decided on the six that were most popular amongst the athletic department."

"Now," Houston explained, "We're about to set up a OneStop account so students can vote."

The first voting session, available to all students, will be from March 31 through April 3. The second voting session will from April 14 through 17.

The top votes from the first voting session will be taken and re-voted on in the second polling.

The final decision will be made during a full announcement by Coach McNeil at Barefoot on the Mall on April 22.

ECU Greek Life celebrated 50th anniversary

Staff Reports

On March 19th, the nine Pan-hellenic sororities on campus came together at Minges Coliseum to celebrate their 50th anniversary. Alpha Xi Delta, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Kappa Delta, Delta Zeta, Alpha Phi, Alpha Delta Pi, Chi Omega and Zeta Tau Alpha were all founded in 1960 and have been a part of ECU ever since.

The event included a slideshow with pictures from each decade of Greek Life at ECU. Over 750 current sisters as well as sorority alumnae attended the event and were able to share their accomplishments throughout the years.

Meagan Humphrey, the Pan-hellenic public relations director, said, "In my own personal sorority, I met women from the 1960s and 1970s, and even though we were so far apart in age, we are still connected through sisterhood. It was cool to find out that 50 years later, we are still doing some of the same things."

The event was able to highlight Greek Life and give the current sisters of the campus sororities something to look forward to. "This event was so positive for Greek Life and where it is going in the future. I know I look forward to coming back in 50 years for the 100th anniversary to see what Greek Life is still like," said Humphrey.

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Sorority girls face self-esteem issues

Cassie McLean
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

On Feb. 24, the research journal *Sex Roles* published the results from a psychological study conducted at Northwestern University. According to the abstract, "The study investigated the impact of sorority rush on self-objectification and body image disturbance."

Some 68 first-year undergraduate women and 59 women not participating in rush took four online surveys at different time points. Researchers expected that participation in sororities would lead to increases in self-objectification, which in turn would lead

to increases in body shame and eating disordered behavior and attitudes.

Unsurprising to some, the results supported those predictions. Girls participating in Greek Life showed higher levels of self-objectification and eating disordered behavior at all the tested time points. Secondly, body mass index played a role in whether girls were satisfied with the rush process.

At ECU, girls did not seem surprised by the negative results.

Kate Rafferty, junior and a sister of Chi Omega, understands the pressures girls face.

"I would say that being around

a bunch of beautiful girls 24/7 can definitely make you compare yourself to others," she said.

"At the same time, I think every girl is different. Some girls are more insecure than others and some girls are confident in the way they look and whatever body type they may have. I think the bottom line is that whether or not you are in a sorority, you are going to be comparing your body to others. This could be the media, your favorite celebrity, a girl at the gym or even at the pool. You just have to learn to be confident with who you are and what you're working with," she added, emphasizing the pressures girls face even outside of sororities.

Courtney Robinson, dietician for ECU's Student Health Center, said, "I don't think we're any different from any other campus. That being said, it is a big issue on our campus. Because having a low body image and eating disorder go hand in hand, we do have a program to address that issue. We see quite a few patients through this process and I'm sure there's more out there. Within the limited group of girls we see through that, we know that it's an issue."

She added, "We know that the stereotypical I'm-supposed-to-look-like-Barbie pressure doesn't help. It feeds into the mentality of what an eating disorder is psychologically doing."

While Robinson recognizes that the issues of body image and self-esteem are prevalent on campus, she questions how much being in a sorority influences these confidence issues. Without having been in a sorority, Robinson said she was unaware of the atmosphere within houses, but she did say, "I think a lot of times when you get into a situation with a lot of girls together, it's sort of common practice for them to start comparing themselves to other girls. Some sororities, it is rumored, pick a specific kind of girl to be in their sorority. I do think it can feed into

Women AND HEALTH

Feeling good about unique physiques

Many women and girls are unhappy with their body shape. Tips on how to like what you've got.

- **Stop talking about your weight** Especially in front of girls; a study of 10-year-olds found 40% were trying to diet
- **Make a list of women you admire;** good looks are not a gauge of self-worth
- **Question motives of the fashion industry;** the average model weighs 23% less than the average U.S. woman
- **Stop weighing yourself;** focus on healthy eating, exercise
- **Concentrate on things you do well;** keep a journal of feelings
- **Get physical** for the fun of it; regular exercise improves mood
- **Value your dollars;** spend money on products that portray positive women
- **Voice your opinions;** talk back to your TV; write a letter to an advertiser
- **Be a role model;** girls need to see they can ignore media messages

SOURCES: Eating Disorders Awareness & Prevention Inc., 780.476.62.00

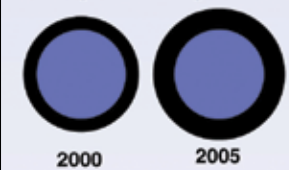
The skinny on models

With models weighing less than 98 percent of U.S. women and the average woman weighing more than ever before, are models getting too thin?

Measuring up

The average woman has gained over 20 lbs. (9 kg) since 2000; the average model is two-thirds the weight of the average woman

● Weight of average woman
● Weight of average model



Taking action

Some countries are requiring models to have a body mass index (BMI) of 18; a 5'11" (1.8 m) model should weigh 130 lb. (59 kg)

Finding your score

Divide your weight in pounds by your height in inches, squared; multiply by 703

BMI	Weight Status
Below 18.5	Underweight
18.5-24.9	Normal
25.0-29.9	Overweight
30.0 and above	Obese

Weighing in on famous models

Less than five percent of women can achieve the current media ideal, but some earlier ideals were easier to obtain



1950s Marilyn Monroe large bust, curves
1960s Twiggy extremely slim with no curves
1970s Farrah Fawcett shift from thin to toned
1980s Brooke Shields fit with less curves
1990s Kate Moss "heroin chic," ultra thin

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AT&T set to release 3G network in Greenville

Will Hiebert
STAFF WRITER

The name "3G" may not mean much to people who don't have it on their phones, but most of those who do agree it is a blessing. 3G allows users to access the Internet at broadband speeds using their cell signals.

Depending on the phone, this could mean the world for students. It could mean doing a last minute



REBECCA HARMAN | THE EAST CAROLINIAN
Junior Construction Management major Chris Carpentieri enjoys the 3G network on his Apple iPhone.

Blackboard quiz minutes before being due, emailing a professor asking a last second question before turning in an assignment, popping open a syllabus to figure out when a test is, pulling up PowerPoints minutes before a test or even chatting with friends on Facebook any place at any time.

Verizon users have had 3G coverage in Greenville for some time. AT&T, the sole provider of the iPhone, does not offer 3G,

although that is about to change. AT&T is expecting their 3G tower upgrades to be ready by the end of April, according to a Greenville AT&T customer service representative, who also said that the tower upgrade wouldn't likely increase service in the Rivers and Brewster buildings that AT&T and other providers have trouble with.

With hundreds of ECU students having iPhones or smartphones with AT&T, 3G can't come soon enough. "It's about time," said ECU sophomore Emily Litzenberger. Now is the perfect time for Greenville to get 3G coverage because Apple plans to release the newest generation of iPhone this summer.

Apple hasn't yet released specifications on the next-generation iPhone, but Internet speculators believe that it will have a 5 megapixel front-facing camera to allow video chat, a removable battery, a memory stick slot, but there is no indication that Apple plans to incorporate 4G network capability to match the iPhone's name. The 32 GB, 4G iPhone will likely start out at \$399 with a new contract or upgrade — the same price that the top model of the other generations of iPhones started at.

There is also no indication if Verizon or Alltel will be able to sell the 4G iPhone, but there are Internet speculations that Apple may release two versions — one for AT&T and one for Verizon and Sprint that is 4G network-capable.

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Bass Fishing Team cleans waste from river



CONTRIBUTED BY BRAD KIMREY

Jason Knoernschild, Daniel Overcash, Zach Watkins, Allen Rouse, Cody Barnes, Zane Bennett, Brad Kimrey and Bret Benton, who are all a part of the ECU Bass Fishing Team, at their cleanup at Town Commons this past Saturday.

Staff Reports

This Saturday, the ECU Bass Fishing Team held its 1st Annual Tar River Cleanup. The team launched their boats out of the Town Commons Boat Ramp in downtown Greenville around 11 a.m. The team collected trash that was lying on the riverbanks or floating in the water. During

the four hours on the river, the team picked up just shy of 200 pounds of trash. The trash included glass bottles, plastic, Styrofoam and even a couple surprises such as a cooler and a watering hose. The team would like to thank the companies and individuals who provided donations to the team. The 1st Annual Tar River Cleanup was a great

success for the ECU Bass Fishing Team and they are looking forward to next year's cleanup that is scheduled for March 20, 2011. The ECU Bass Team kicks off their season on April 10 and April 11 in Montgomery, Ala., on the Alabama River.

For more information, check out ecubassfishing.com.

NC school board reverses busing plan in Wake County

Associated Press

The school board in North Carolina's capital city narrowly agreed Tuesday to roll back a policy that buses students to achieve diversity, following a tense meeting during which three people were arrested, others were forcibly removed and heated arguments echoed passions from an era past.

After dozens spoke at a hearing, the Wake County school board voted 5-4 to approve a new assignment policy aimed at placing students in schools near their homes.

The talk was angry, as terms like "segregation" peppered many arguments. A crowd of students sitting outside the doors of the meeting chanted so loudly that

they briefly disrupted the hearing. Extra police officers were on hand to provide security.

Raleigh police said three men were charged with trespassing or resisting officers. One was released and two others remained jailed Tuesday night.

Dozens had signed up to speak before the final vote. The board, which governs the schools

in Raleigh, voted 5-to-4 earlier this month to approve the proposal to keep kids close to home.

Reversing the diversity rules follows a cascade of similar shifts around the South, and particularly in North Carolina, which once was a model of desegregation.

Racial tensions have lingered for weeks as the school board moved forward. State NAACP

chief William Barber recently accused the new board majority of having "racist attitudes" after the chairman referred to his opponents as "animals out of the cages."

The policy, however, has never sat well with many suburban parents — often white and middle class — who argue that the student assignment plan sends their kids too far from home.



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it, but I would say it's not necessarily just about girls being a sorority."

Robinson adds that sororities can actually help girls with eating disorders and body image issues.

"To a certain extent, that ends up being their support system in recovery," she said.

Robinson summed up her reasoning for the trend within girls by saying, "I think it's just overall a college thing. You're on a college campus trying to fit in. You're away from home. You want to look whatever is ideal in the sense that you'll be attractive and make a lot of friends. While I think that study has a lot of truth to it, I wouldn't say it's definitely the cause."

Peyton Mills, a freshman psychology major at ECU, who is not a member of a sorority, said, "I think girls who are in sororities are probably more self-conscious because they're constantly around other girls. Girls are always going to compare themselves to other girls."

Mills seemed to agree with the general consensus, "I don't think it's just a sorority thing. Whether you're in a sorority or with a group of girls, the pressure is everywhere."

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PLEASE stop sucking your fingers clean!

To all our ravers: You're welcome!

I'm tired of hearing nursing majors complain, try something actually worthwhile like Computer Science. I could write a program that does your job better than you.

I really hate the new narrator's voice on House Hunters. Come on HGTV... where is Susan Whang??

To the sloppy drunk b***h who showed herself in the last of our delicious PJ: Needless to say, I hope for your sake that I don't see your face at one of our parties EVER again.

To the girl that passed out on our floor and got the EMS called to our rave before it was really over: I don't feel sorry for hooking up with your guy now. :)

Dear Nick at Nite: Please stop showing George Lopez all night every night...I want The Nanny back!!

Someone explain the shorts and Uggs look. Wearing shorts because its hot outside makes perfect sense, but why would you then shove your feet into a sheepskin boot?

Why does your nose run and your feet smell?

I love how you say you're a great guy and then you turn around and prove your self a liar. Thanks...

Download new music or study?

In the winter its NorthFace Ugg sluts. When it gets hot, they lose the North-Face and add a mini skirt. Mini Skirt Ugg Sluts.

To the Four Loko comment: No, I don't remember anything. Wanna fill me in?

To the girl in my Tuesdays 8 a.m. Health 1000 class: I'm pretty sure toenails are not meant to be longer than fingernails...So if you insist on wearing flip flops, please invest in some clippers!

So let me get this straight... you voted for Obama but you hate being forced to buy Healthcare... didn't think that through did you?

People at North Campus Crossing: Is it too hard to clean up after your dogs? I'd like to be able to walk through the grass without the worry of stepping in a dog turd.

Does anyone else go to Harris Teeter just to get the free sugar cookie? I know I do!!

Dear Roommate: If I have to listen to you Skype with your "fiance" while he is in the bathtub EVER again, I will throw your computer out window...I'm not even joking.

That's what you get for leaving a condom that was used over six months ago under your bed and the person to find it is your new boyfriend...Ha, that's what you get roommate!

Only you would be so whipped that if your girlfriend hooks up and beats you, you would not mind.

Hell yeah I'll tutor you in math. I'll show you how to subtract the clothes, add the bed...you'll learn the rest ;)

Dear roommate: You think I can't hear all the conversations that you have upstairs with the other roommate? If only you knew what I know!!

Dear roommate: You ate an entire batter of cake mix not cooked for a snack.... that's nasty

My roommate laughs, talks, and screams louder than 10 three year olds combined...I personally think he has a voice disorder that needs to be checked!

Warm weather makes me happy...so much more possibilities!!!!..Ahhhhh :)

What happened to my sophomore year? Did I actually live it?

The best years of my life have been at ECU!

Some people need to have more class and taste! I hope you realize that soon you are getting a professional job and those things that you did the other night are not going to get you there in the work force.

The party last night should have been on a reality show because believe me that show what have made great ratings

Smoking is not attractive

Has anyone else checked out the people on ChatRoulette? They are some sick people!

For those who need to quit smoking pot before a summer job: Next week should give you enough time.

Stop telling me I'm the meanest person you have ever met. I'm just saying to your face the same things your "friends" say behind your back!

Hey, ya'll remember having to put those paper book covers on textbooks in like 5th grade. I'm bout to bring that back.

This pollen is like trees having sex in my sinuses.

To the girl bragging about sleeping with 30 guys this year: I would have given you a round of applause, but I heard you already had the clap.

A tale of two dogs: A puppy and its owner



Ben Cochran
OPINION COLUMNIST

If I were a girl and some guy came up to me in a bar or coffee shop and used a pickup line, I would probably have a laughing fit. After I came to, if he were still sitting there, I would slap him, throw my drink in his face and vehemently storm out the door while mumbling something about what a sad lot men have become. Nobody uses pickup lines in real life. They're totally fictional. They only exist in movies, and even then, they're only inserted to catalyze a relationship that the director only has an hour and a half to create. Spoiler alert: Relationships have to be cultivated over time; they are not instantaneously brought about by well-timed wit and a charming smile.

Almost everyone realizes that pickup lines are beyond corny, but there is a healthy population of socially underdeveloped guys out there who are still using pickup lines, only they are not-so-cleverly disguised as puppies. Same pathetic purpose, vastly different result. Initially, it doesn't seem like all that bad of an idea—the girl approaches you for once (who says change is bad... I mean, other than republicans?), you don't have to deliver a line with an excrement-eating grin like that guy from "The Notebook" and if the puppy doesn't crap on her shoes, you're pretty much in. But it doesn't take a genius to figure out that if a guy is meandering through a park with a puppy, he is proclaiming that he is almost assuredly a bad lay.

These nut jobs prey on unsuspecting females — knowing fully well that women are incapable of resisting the lure of a puppy. Men with puppies seem safe and trustworthy. In

a mere two seconds flat, the puppy-toting guy has disarmed the woman's defenses, effectively voiding the tedious task of earning her trust while simultaneously scoring a first date pretty much by default. The moral depravity is stunning. These are the kind of guys that hatch get-rich-quick schemes by roaming the amnesia wards asking passersby, "Hey, don't you owe me five bucks?" It's not fair to the women, it's not fair to the corrupt nurses, who will now have to find a different way to swindle their forgetful patients.

Do the guys suck that bad at picking up girls that they have to stoop to this level of unoriginality? I mean, this is ECU, after all. But it just bothers me when these guys gloat about their sexual prowess when, if not for their faithful canine companion, we should all probably buy stock in Jergen's moisturizing lotion (unscented). For a guy to say he's good with the ladies because he has a puppy is like a guy calling himself an athlete because he's a NASCAR driver. That argument is like a welfare recipient: it doesn't work.

I just want to know one thing: How come PETA's never piped up about this abhorrence? What happens to the dogs after they are no longer puppies, when their usefulness has run its course? I shudder to think. You know, you don't see as many stray dogs as you used to. Not so coincidentally, in every strip mall there seems to be a booming Chinese restaurant. Did General Tsao ever own a chicken? Methinks not. Food for thought.

Guys, it's fine to own puppies. Just keep them indoors until they are grown. And ladies, if a guy approaches you with a puppy, instead of gushing about how cute it is, you should instead ask, "Have you registered as a sex offender yet?"

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How passé can global warming really be?



Michael Pacheco
OPINION COLUMNIST

In response to one key question, 48 percent of Americans now believe that the seriousness of global warming is generally exaggerated, up from 41 percent in 2009 and 31 percent in 1997, when Gallup first asked the question.

These results are based on the annual Gallup Social Series Environment poll, conducted March 4-7 of this year. The survey results show that the reversal in Americans' concerns about global warming that began last year has continued in 2010 -- in some cases reverting to the levels recorded when Gallup began tracking global warming measures more than a decade ago.

There has been a lot of hype about Climategate and the other scandals involving the supposedly settled, and while that has been fueling much of this swing in public opinion, I think for a lot of people the breaking point might have been the EPA declaring that the very air we exhale is a "dangerous pollutant."

The EPA has never had a leg to stand on with regard to carbon dioxide and their endangerment finding. The EPA would need to support the claims and this would mean defending climate science openly, something that even climate scientists themselves have never been able to do. Global warming is generally exaggerated.

think that a 40-degree day is mild, while someone native to North Carolina would call that a cold winter day. The article stated that when there is an extreme weather fluctuation from one end of the spectrum to the other, this can not only make the chances of being infected by a cold or viral disease increase, but it can also trigger sinus problems and allergies. The change in temperature can also trigger

The most surprising part of the graph is that ONLY 48 percent of people think it is "generally exaggerated," which means that more than half of the people polled think that it is either generally correct or generally underestimated! Shows you how easily persuaded we are by pictures of cute cuddly polar bears. To heck with actual science; we must save the polar bears!

So let's see, 48 percent... That's the 45 percent of Americans who believe God created humans from dust 10,000 years ago, plus 3 percent stragglers. Not too unusual, no?

We do know that the NASA data was caught over and over moving their data collection units over air conditioners and on black top parking lots. It is interesting that the people most involved with the data have known it was messed up, but they still continued to put their data out there as proof that we should give up a ton of freedom and treasure because of it.

As we know, the East Anglia Climate Research Unit destroyed their data at about the same time that people started asking to see the original data.

So, after spending uncounted billions of dollars and being subjected to non-stop global warming propaganda, it turns out that the data they were using was junk.

Even in the polar regions, that's a very long distance to cover while assuming that conditions are the same, or even similar.

In the Arctic, it's roughly the distance from Point Barrow,

Alaska to Cape Prince Alfred, on the northern end of Banks Island, on the opposite side of the Beaufort Sea.

In Antarctica, it's slightly less than the distance from Little America on the outer edge of the Ross Ice Shelf to Amundsen/Scott Station at the South Pole itself.

If someone told me they expected conditions to be even approximately the same at two such widely divergent points anywhere else on the globe, I'd tell them they needed to actually check both locations.

This looks to me as just another case of trying to "make the data fit the theory" -- even if they have to make the data up by pulling information out of their asses, which increasingly looks like the definition of the SOP of all these "climate research" groups.

I believe that we now need a complete bottom-to-top review of NASA's climate research, especially since the president wants to basically take NASA out of the space exploration business and turn it into a propaganda arm of the deep-ecology movement (as NOAA has been almost from the outset).

If we're going to be wasting tax money on spurious "studies" intended to convince us that (a) our civilization is evil and (b) our only hope for "spiritual salvation" is its destruction, we at least should get a précis' of exactly how they intend to lie to us to achieve this supposedly laudable goal.

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You're hot then you're cold



Stephanie Fu
OPINION COLUMNIST

This past winter season has been a strange one. With a few teasing days of sunshine and near-70-degree days, many of us were hopeful that the blistering cold was over. Much to our surprise, one Monday night we'd hear rumors of snow, and by the end of the week, snow and ice covered the ground. Just a couple of weeks ago, Greenville saw snow once again. No wonder why the groundhog came out to say that winter would go on for several weeks!

But, this flip floppy weather has become more influential in other aspects of life as well besides being the subject of awkward small talk with strangers.

Seasonal depression is something that can affect people even when they have normal moods and have had no previous mood disorders. This isn't a surprise because I don't think that I have ever met anyone who looks outside his window, knows that it is 20 degrees outside, with a wind chill that makes it seem well below zero, and wants to go out and choose that day to be a social butterfly. Rain alone is enough to make me wish all my duties away for the day and climb into pajamas to be a couch potato. Of course, this can never happen so I trudge

out anyway to go about my day, but the sharp, arctic wind that literally takes my breath away is no encouragement whatsoever. So for anyone who may suffer any remote seasonal depression, a teaser of a 60-degree day two days before ice is torture.

Admittedly, the first snow days were fun because it has been a few years since North Carolina has seen a substantial amount of snow. A day off from school or class can be appreciated by all, summer or winter lovers both. However, the snow days has taken a toll on academics. Believe it or not, school days are actually essential for conducting school. University students here did not have to pay the price heavily at all for snow days, but doing my internship of student teaching, I have seen how snow days can cause the normal procedure of school to lag behind. A friend of mine at Appalachian State University, who is also doing a similar internship during her final semester before graduation, does not get a spring break at all while many ECU students have just returned from theirs.

The changing weather can also affect our health. Health Media Ventures sponsors a virtual database of updated health articles from contributing experts and doctors. One article specifically addresses the effects that local weather has on one's health. Inhabitants of a certain area are accustomed to that kind of weather. For example, someone from New York would

migraines and headaches in those who are already exposed to stress and headaches.

The weather is something that seems so little and insignificant as long as there is not an extreme natural disaster. But, if a little extra thought is put toward the subject, the weather can effect everything from getting infected with a sickness that consumes us for a week to even getting in the spring fever mood

and all of the rambunctious actions that follow this buzz. Personally, I am ready for the snow and the cold to end and hope that this weather is done playing its teasing game. Spring break is over, so summer and the Greenville days of rushing to the pool after class should start as soon as possible!

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Aries - Although your efforts seem to move slowly, forward progress is steady. You'll have time for recreation later in the day, when you receive an interesting invitation. Recent efforts pay off when a partner or supervisor signs off on your work. Then it's off to dinner and dancing!

Taurus - Use your imagination to solve a household dilemma. Different genders have different agendas. That's OK. Keep your head down in order to avoid flying objects. Disagreements at work leave the realm of logic and enter the truly outrageous. Don't participate.

Gemini - You need to talk. Keeping your feelings secret doesn't work. Friends provide inspirational answers once you've asked the questions. Instead of focusing on your own issues, talk to friends about theirs. Develop a well-structured plan to help them.

Cancer - The left hand doesn't know what the right hand's doing. This actually works out, because logic tells you to wait for more information. In spite of stresses and strains, you and your partner accomplish everything you set out to do. Imagine that! It's win-win.

Leo - Half of your attention is focused on the weekend. But there's still work to do, so come on back to the immediate environment. Maintain focus early in the day. Not only can you finish, you can do it beautifully. Party later with your favorite people.

Virgo - You wake up early with a fabulous idea. Explaining it to associates is easier than you expected. They like your logic. Whatever you do today, don't drag your feet. It may not be a problem, as you're floating on air. Your heart has grown wings.

Libra - Take an extended timeout. Associates need time to digest your ideas. Later, they come back with alterations and improvements. Refine your review of other people and their aggressive tactics. Don't sink to their level. Instead, do your own thing.

Scorpio - If you put your heart into your career now, you'll see possibilities that pique your interest. No idea is too extreme. Continue moving forward with bright ideas that inspire. Add something to the mix that ensures personal recognition. Make your mark.

Sagittarius - Today can turn out really well if you follow a few basic suggestions. First, do what you want. Second, take a friend along for the ride. Spend some cash on a token of your love. The more creative you get, the better. You don't have to break the bank this time.

Capricorn - Now you're in the swing of things, making steady progress. There's no need to push. This train is already moving down the track. Finally, everything comes together. Submit your paper or release results now. No need for further changes. Today's a great launch day.

Aquarius - Everything you do today goes smoothly because you appreciate the unique perspectives of others. Vistas open up when you listen before taking action. Rats! You break the point on every pencil you touch. Less pressure equals more creativity. Take a philosophical view and breathe deep.

Pisces - You get a lot more done today than you thought possible. You're right on target with practical advice to help solve a peculiar problem. Tighten your belt. Postpone spending now. Allow others to revise financial estimates before proceeding. You may need to narrow the vision.

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How to heal

Vivian Stockton

SEX AND RELATIONSHIP COLUMNIST

Spring is in the air and it seems that the influx of good weather has not brought good tidings to a few of my friends' relationships.

One of my closest guy friends recently broke up with his long-time girlfriend; suffice it to say, he isn't taking it well. You see, his relationship didn't end over some big fight, but rather the two of them growing apart. Basically, their lives are headed in two different directions and neither of them wants to give up their own dream. So they ended the relationship on good terms, knowing that they still love each other. It just doesn't seem like it's going to work because the issues of their relationship aren't going to go away.

We all know how pain is; we just want it to go away. When it comes to anything — a headache, take ibuprofen; a backache, use a heating pad. But the thing about heartache is there is no quick fix. There is no way to stop yourself from thinking about that person and thinking about that person.

Hence, quite a few people hit the bottle after a hard break up. Alcohol has this lovely ability to make one forget his or her pain, because it numbs them. Which is why my friend thought his only solution was to go downtown and get wasted. And considering the fact I've traveled down this road a time or two, I knew he wasn't going to solve his problem by drinking — he was more than likely going to go downtown, get too drunk and make a decision he would later regret.

Like I said, alcohol has this lovely ability to numb you, which means the guy who just lost his girlfriend and is hurting is likely to look for even more comfort in between the legs of another woman.

Now, don't get me wrong — they are broken up, so he should be able to do whatever he wants with whom-ever he wants. But when you are in the midst of a true heartbreak, the last thing you need is a new partner. You need to regain yourself and be used to being on your own again. You have to face the pain, because it's natural and it's going to happen whether you want it to or not.

Amongst not getting schwasted and drowning your sorrows downtown, there are also a few other things you can avoid doing, in order to ease the pain.

1. Don't become a Facebook stalker: You will only torture your-

self further if you sit around and pine over your lost lover's Facebook profile. For if you do, you might find something you don't want to see.

For example: Your ex went on spring break and has a picture taken with a random chick. You seeing this picture causes you to become even sadder and down on yourself. All you did was hurt yourself, but in reality you're looking for something to hurt you — something to indicate that he hasn't moved on, which is what you should be doing, too.

2. Don't listen to friends who constantly want to talk about what your ex is doing: You need to stop this — explain to them that this isn't going to help you. It is only going to cause you to become a) angry or b) depressed.

For example: People often think that they are making you feel better when they talk about how your ex went home with the trashy skank who supposedly has Chlamydia. "You're so much better off without him!" they say, like it's therapeutic. But really all it did was rub it in your face that he's moved on from you and is sleeping with someone else.

3. Don't constantly call or text: You have to let it go. You have to find yourself again. If you're constantly keeping in contact with your ex, it doesn't really feel like the relationship has ended. This will only result in you getting hurt more in the end.

For example: You text your ex, and she doesn't respond in 10 minutes. Even though the two of you broke up last week, you still talk regularly, and she doesn't usually take this long to respond. Now you're feeling anxious and depressed. Does she not want to talk to you? Is she with someone else?

4. Don't try to be friends right after your break up: It's going to hurt a lot more to see that person all the time and not be able to touch him like you want. So it's best to give the two of you enough time to move on. That may mean you can never be best friends again, but sometimes that is necessary.

Break ups are hard, but when a relationship comes to an end, there is usually a reason for this. The best thing to do is to try to face the realization that your lover is gone and to regain your sense of self again. Let the process happen naturally and eventually you'll be back to your old self again.

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Rice is grown on more than 10 percent of the earth's farmable surface and is the main food for half of the people of the world.

Rice is thrown at weddings as a symbol of fertility.

Shredded Wheat was the first ready-to-eat breakfast cereal.

The wheat that produces a one-pound loaf of bread requires two tons of water to grow.

No two cornflakes look the same.

The U.S. government spent \$277,000 on "pickle research" in 1993.

Salt is the only rock humans can eat.

Only 5 percent of salt produced ends up on the dinner table. The rest is used for packing meat, building roads, feeding livestock, tanning leather and manufacturing glass, soap, ash and washing compounds.

Salt is one of the few spices that is all taste and no smell.

Table salt is the only commodity that hasn't risen dramatically in price in the last 150 years.

Tabasco sauce is made by fermenting vinegar and hot peppers in a French oak barrel that has three inches of salt on top and is aged for three years until all the salt is diffused through the barrel.

Worcestershire sauce is basically anchovy ketchup.

The number 57 on a Heinz ketchup bottle represents the number of varieties of pickle the company once had.

Pound for pound, hamburgers cost more than new cars.

Reindeer's milk has more fat than cow's milk.

Sheep's milk is used to produce Roquefort cheese.

The fat molecules in goat's milk are five times smaller than those found in cow's milk.

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history: Spades – King David, Clubs – Alexander the Great, Hearts – Charlemagne and Diamonds – Julius Caesar.

Each of the suits in a deck of cards represents the four major pillars of the economy in the Middle Ages: Hearts represented the Church, Spades represented the military, Clubs represented agriculture and Diamonds represented the merchant class.

In every deck of cards, the king of Hearts is sticking his sword through his head. That's why he's often called the Suicide King.

In 1990, there were about 15,000 vacuum cleaner-related accidents in the United States.

A flush toilet exists today that dates back to 2000 B.C.

About a third of people flush while they are still sitting on the toilet.

Alaska has more outhouses than any other state.

In 1825, the first toilet was installed in the White House.

Most toilets flush in E flat.

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ECU inclusive preschool performs program 'Kids on the Block, Inc.'

Marlana Sifter
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Revolving Education Around Partnerships, the university's preschool program known as REAP, is taking its educational puppet shows across campus and around the community.

The shows, performed by REAP's Interim Director Ashmin Small and Social Work Practitioner Kendall Freeman, teach audiences about children with special needs and expose them to scenarios that involve anything from disability to social hardships.

The featured puppets, about the size of the average three-year-old, maintain the focus of every performance by being lively and upright whenever they are in front of an audience. Small and Freeman manipulate the figures while dressed in all black and wear masks to conceal themselves during and after the show.

Originally started by the previous director, REAP's interpretation of the national "Kids on the Block, Inc." was revamped two years ago when Small asked to be trained in the program.

"It helps to prepare students for the work force, teaching them tolerance for children of special needs," Small said.

"We started this not only to



Muppet performers doing their show that took place this Monday at the Ronald McDonald house here in Greenville.

teach tolerance, but so people can get familiar with what REAP stands for."

Various ECU classes and community organizations have since been pouring in requests to take advantage of this instructive local resource. REAP usually performs anywhere from one to three of the 20-minute puppet shows per week, and hopes to do more. So far, they have visited both elementary education and special education classes, but

Small says that they also "would like to visit nursing education classes" in the near future.

Outside of ECU, the puppet show has been to preschools, retirement homes, after-school programs, the local head start program, the Howell Center and the Ronald McDonald House. The scripts are appropriate for a Pre-K audience up to elementary school age, and are also beneficial to older students studying or curious about special education.

Most of their invitations are processed through the Volunteer and Service Learning Center.

The current show running is the story of Mark (a puppet who has cerebral palsy) and Melody (a new friend who is meeting him on their first day of school.) There are many other storylines that REAP has available as well, including scripts dealing with visual impairment, learning disabilities, divorce, bullying and physical and sexual abuse.

REAP's preschool, located in the Irons Building on Oglesby Drive, is "the best kept secret at ECU" according to Small. The site includes a large backyard playground enclosed by a fence and houses as many as 14 children ages three to five at a time. The children sometimes go on field trips to the local radio station, Todd dining hall and other ECU locations.

Parents are very involved at the preschool, participating in their own Parents Partners Group (PPG), where they get together and assist in school activities.

As a model inclusive program, REAP accepts children with and without special needs. Founded by Malene Irons in 1969, the program began as an independent clinic catering only to children with disabilities, until the ECU's Special Education program took it over in 1974.

REAP is now a five-star childcare license program and a member of the N.C. License Childcare Association.

The preschool is also a great resource for students completing course requirements for observation, practicum, teaching, internship or certification, as well as special education research projects.

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ECU's Classical Studies department produces ancient classical work

Pirates will have a raucous good time viewing 'Lysistrata'

Veronica Carrington
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At ECU, many departments tend to shed light on their specialized skill via presentations, lectures, gallery showings and performances. For the Classical Studies department, producing this work is not just about getting their name out there. The play is a literal outgrowth of their academic curriculum. In the Classical Studies program, they emphasize not only the Latin and Greek languages, but also all the ways in which the ancient cultures used those languages: for history, philosophy, art, architecture and so forth.

Performance is an important part of ancient culture and it is important for students to understand that fact in order to understand what the ancient world was like.

ECU's Classical Studies department will be demonstrating the directing skills of eighth-year Classical Studies professor and director of the program in Classical Studies, John Given.

"Lysistrata" was written in 411 B.C. and is Aristophanes' most famous play.

At the time that the play was written, ancient Greece was in the midst of the Peloponnesian War, which started in 431 B.C., and Athens had been fighting against the Spartans for over 20 years at this time. Aristophanes wrote a series of comedies throughout the war that fantasized ways to end the war, although he was an Athenian and wanted Athens to win, he also wanted the long war to end.

The premise of the story deals with the main character, who decided to invent an unconventional way for women to aid in stopping the war.

The title "Lysistrata" is the name of the main character, the woman who forms the women's conspiracy to stop the war by

withholding sex from their husbands.

Lysistrata means "dissolver of armies" in Greek.

Aristophanes is the most important playwright of comic theater whose work has survived from ancient Greece to date. "Lysistrata" is an especially significant piece because he imagines the end of the war by changing the terms to another classic war: the battle of the sexes.

In the piece, Aristophanes creates characters who earn our sympathy by being both zealous and very, very vulgar, yet he shows the serious side of how devastating war can be.

Given's involvement in the play stemmed from his need to see great ancient works performed, stating, "I wanted to direct a classical play on campus. These works were never meant to sit on some dusty shelf and be read quietly to oneself. They are plays and they need to be performed to be understood. People forget just how funny

Aristophanes is."

Given warns however that this is not a play meant to be seen in a "family environment," as much of the material is slightly obscene or vulgar since it relates to sex, which can sometimes be a more privatized subject matter.

However, Given hopes that students will enjoy the comedic twists and turns as the husbands unsuccessfully attempt to change the minds of their wives.

"This is one of the funniest plays I know. Most of the humor is driven by sex jokes and obscenity. There's even a striptease, as one of the women tortures her husband with what he can't have. That's why we keep telling people that the play is not suitable for children. The whole play is full of language, situations and stage action that would push the boundary even of R-rated movies," states Given.

The actors in the play are students that have volunteered their time to see the work come to life.

"We have quite a cross-

section of students: from undergraduate classics majors and theatre students to history graduate students. They are all working as volunteers and have generously devoted their spring semesters to this project. They all share a passion for performing great theater. I think they all want to show their peers how much fun theater and literature can be," stated Given.

The show will run March 26, 27 and 28, at 8 p.m. each night in the Mendenhall Great Rooms. Admission is free.

When asked about how students would be able to relate to the story, Given stated, "Audiences always relate to the play because the humor is the same over-the-top, sort of offensive stuff that we all love, even if we're ashamed to admit it. Vulgarity plus a classic battle of the sexes story: it's the perfect recipe for a good time."

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PIRATE EATS

Newly opened Atlantic Grill brings a fresh taste of seafood to Greenville

★★★★★
Ethan Anderson
STAFF WRITER

The Atlantic Grill, one of Greenville's most recent seafood additions, has proven to be just as good if not better than Finelli's, the restaurant previously operated at 2905 E. Fifth St.

The general manager and chef, Jonathan Schatz, has done something truly special by bringing his signature dishes of seafood and steak to Greenville.

Just to name a few, the stuffed baby portabellas with blue cheese and cornbread stuffing (\$9), roasted lump crab, artichoke and spinach dip (\$10) and the crispy oysters with pimento cheese grits and brandy peppercorn sauce are some great appetizers to begin with.

Schatz's entrees include the jumbo lump crab cake with roasted asparagus and fingerling potatoes, honey jalapeno horse-radish sauce (\$21); Carolina shrimp and andouille sausage, which comes with onions, celery, red bell peppers, pimento cheese grits (\$19) and the brie-stuffed chicken breast with sautéed spinach and yukon fries, made with raspberry port reduction (\$16).

The Atlantic Grill also features delicious fish and steak dinners. For example, the balsamic-glazed flat iron steak with roasted fingerling potatoes, caramelized sweet onions, sugar snap and walnut sauté (\$16) would be a great dish to sample.

Not to mention, the honey bourbon glazed salmon with cinnamon dusted sweet potato puree, roasted garlic and spinach (\$18); bacon-wrapped Carolina catfish with cranberry bean and sweet onion stew and jasmine pilaf (\$15) and the pecan-encrusted flounder, which comes with vanilla beurre blanc, country ham and chive risotto and garlic roasted asparagus (\$18)

For those of you who are not familiar with the location of the Atlantic Grill, you may be very skeptical of the outer appearance of the building. The parking lot is a bit of a squeeze and, seating up to approximately 70 people, the Atlantic Grill is a very small building. However everything about the inside says five-star restaurant.

The staff is very polite and quick to help you find a table and take your order. The food is incredibly delicious and well worth the money spent. This

restaurant also has a very small, sophisticated-looking bar, which keeps a great selection of beer, including Yuengling, Blue Moon and Fat Tire on tap.

As a struggling college student, one may find it difficult to dine here without feeling as if his wallets have suffered. However, I

know for a fact that when visiting parents come to Greenville, they almost always ask your opinion of what to eat while they are in town. Typically, they want you to choose somewhere "nice" to eat. Now you have a perfect suggestion.

The Atlantic Grill serves

dinner from 5 to 9 p.m. on Monday through Saturday. For more information, call 252-754-1977.

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Staff Reports

Diamond Bucs to hold Little League Day

The ECU Athletics office has announced that Saturday, March 27, has been designated as Little League Day at Lewis Field inside Clark-LeClair Stadium. All youth who take part in Little League baseball are invited to attend a free clinic by Head Baseball Coach Billy Godwin and current members of the Pirates' baseball team beginning at 9 a.m. at Clark-LeClair Stadium. Campers are encouraged to bring their gloves and bats to the two-hour clinic. On Saturday afternoon, any child who wears their little league jersey to the 3 p.m. game against N.C. Central will receive free admission when accompanied by an adult. They will also have the opportunity to take the field with the Pirate baseball players for the national anthem. Adults who attend the game with their child are eligible for a special promotion rate of \$3 per ticket.

Harris named National Player-of-the-Week

ECU's Devin Harris is one of four players to be named Louisville Slugger National Player-of-the-Week, the publication announced Monday afternoon. Harris had a monster week hitting an impressive .524 (11-for-21), raising his season average 96 points to .332. The junior outfielder led the team with five home runs, 12 RBI, four doubles and slugged 1.429 during the Pirates' 3-2 week. He also walked once and swiped two of three bases. The Gastonia, N.C., native has homered in four-straight games, marking the first time since Corey Kemp in 2008 that a Pirate has accomplished this feat. Harris, who recorded four multi-hit and multi-RBI games last week and belted a pair of home runs against Monmouth in the series opener on Mar. 19, collected at least one hit, recorded one RBI and scored one run in all five games. Harris is the first Pirate to take home the Louisville Slugger weekly honors since Ricky Brooks in 2005. On April 25 of that year, Brooks was also named National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) Pitcher-of-the-Week after throwing a no-hitter against Memphis at Lewis Field inside Clark-LeClair Stadium.

Bools places 10th at Pinehurst Challenge

ECU senior Abby Bools recorded her 21st career top 10 finish Tuesday afternoon at the Pinehurst Challenge with a 54-hole score of 223, which was good enough for 10th place. The event was being held at the par-72, 5,992-yard Pinehurst No. 6. Bools, who entered final round action in a tie for 12th, posted a final round score of 72 to move up two spots, topping the Pirates' squad. The Hickory, N.C., native fired 39 pars during the two-day event and ranked among the leaders in par-5 scoring (4.75). The Pirates will take some time off before returning to the links on April 10 when they host North Carolina and Virginia in a tri-match at Ironwood Country Club.

SPORTS

Lebo not afraid of challenge that is ECU men's basketball

Former North Carolina point-guard believes the Pirates have everything in place to become annual contenders

Jared Jackson
SPORTS EDITOR

Newly appointed ECU men's basketball coach Jeff Lebo wanted to make one thing clear during his introductory press conference Tuesday afternoon — winning and Pirate basketball can go hand in hand.

"I told the kids before when I had a chance to meet with them that I want them to watch Butler and Northern Iowa in the NCAA Tournament," Lebo said. "The team [ECU] played Northern Iowa earlier this season and lost by six. Why can't that be ECU (in the Sweet 16)? That can and will be ECU."

Lebo, 43, becomes the 23rd men's basketball coach in the Pirate's program history and directly succeeds Mack McCarthy, who resigned March 6, and has taken on a fundraising job geared toward building a practice facility for ECU hoops.

The contract, approved unanimously by the ECU Board of Trustees for Lebo, runs for six years and is worth over \$3.37 million. Also included in the contract are bonuses that would reward the new head coach \$100,000 if his team reaches the



ECU named Jeff Lebo as the new head coach of men's basketball on Tuesday.

NCAA Tournament or \$50,000 for going .500 or better in Conference USA play.

"Jeff Lebo has established a well-deserved reputation as a 'program turner,'" ECU athletic director Terry Holland said in a statement released Monday. "He has a proven track record as a player, as an assistant coach and as a head coach."

"When you combine those attributes with his desire for his family to be located in Eastern North Carolina, it gives me great comfort that we have the

opportunity to establish something very special for our basketball program over the next few decades under Jeff's leadership," Holland added.

The task of turning the Pirates into consistent winners will be anything but easy for Lebo, as ECU has only won 10 games this past season and hasn't had a winning record since the 1996-97 season.

However, Lebo, who owns a 211-156 overall coaching record in 12 seasons as a head coach, isn't afraid of taking over a job

that has been the graveyard of the Atlantic in all of the wrong ways when it comes to men's basketball.

"I'm not afraid of a building or rebuilding job," Lebo said, who has also coached Tennessee Tech, Chattanooga and Auburn. "I think there are some good pieces in place here."

During his three stops prior to ECU, Lebo guided his teams to four 20-win seasons while averaging 18 per year. The new Pirate head coach also guided his 2001-02 TTU and 2008-09 AU

squads to the NIT quarterfinals where they fell to the eventual tournament champion.

Lebo was a four-year letterman at North Carolina in the late 1980s, where he was coached by the legendary Dean Smith. During his time at UNC, teams that the former point guard starred on compiled an overall record of 116-25 and advanced to the Sweet 16 each of his four seasons while reaching the Elite Eight twice. In 1988, Lebo was a second-team All-ACC selection.

Current UNC head coach and College Basketball Hall-of-Fame member Roy Williams had nothing but good things to say about ECU's hiring of Lebo.

"This is an outstanding hire by ECU," Williams said. "Jeff is a tremendous coach who was in an unfortunate situation at Auburn. I strongly believe this is a new day for ECU basketball. The program will improve dramatically under Jeff's leadership."

While many have been skeptical over just how successful the men's basketball program can truly be, Lebo believes that everything is in place for ECU to be a contender sooner rather than later.

"I think it's really close here, which is encouraging. I've been at some places where I was told I was committing coaching suicide going there. This is certainly not one of those places. I'm excited about that and the work. I think it's in a lot better shape than some other places I have been."

No. 25 ECU set to host winless NC Central

Michael Perry
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

No. 25 ECU continues its long home stance this weekend, ushering in-state opponent North Carolina Central to Greenville.

The Eagles (0-18) are off to a dismal start as they have yet to tally a win this season. Unfortunately, NCCU has a recent history of below par play as they finished the 2009 and 2008 campaigns 6-35 and 6-30, respectively.

The Pirates will be looking



ECU pitcher Mike Wright pitched a no-hitter into the fifth of Sunday's 16-2 Pirate victory over Monmouth.

for a sweep, but last weekend's contests versus Monmouth proved that neither team would just lie down and take a loss quietly, as the Hawks took game one from ECU 11-9.

On the season, the Eagles have been outscored 315-54, losing several games by double digits. They hold a team batting average of .231 and Jake Winstead leads NCCU batting .400.

Winstead, a freshmen infielder, is 6-for-15 on the season with four RBI in his nine games played.

In the pitching department,

things also look bleak for the Eagles, as their lowest earned-run average is just under eight runs, held by Jeremy Tillet. In whole, the pitching staff has a combined ERA of 16.19.

NCCU is led by head coach Billy White, a 1992 graduate of Middle Tennessee State.

ECU enters the series following two midweek tilts against High Point and North Carolina A&T.

The Pirates have been strong with the bats as of late with several players stepping up in the last week to swat the long ball. Jared Avchen, Zach Wright and Dustin Harrington all had multiple homers in the series against Monmouth, and Kyle Roller and Devin Harris had handful of bombs as well.

Harrington has especially stepped up, having a 6-for-6 day with two home runs and then following that performance with a 4-for-5 night against High Point in the ECU's 7-5 win over the Panthers.

Tuesday's 7-5 win over High Point was sealed with an eighth inning two-RBI double zipped down the right field line by Roller.

With the offensive firepower

of the past week, the Pirates have bumped their team batting average back into shape, sporting a .312 team average. Harrington is sporting a .442 batting average as well as a .478 on-base percentage.

Harris and Roller are knotted up for total home runs at six apiece, while Roller leads the team with 21 plated runs.

ECU head coach Billy Godwin has shuffled the lineup around all through the beginning of the season, but he may have found the magic of having both catchers, Wright and Avchen, in the lineup.

On the mound, the Pirates have seen production from several arms, many making first starts and first appearance are showing how truly deep this year's staff is.

Mike Wright pitched a no-hitter into the fifth inning on Sunday in his first start of the season, and freshman Jake Harris notched his first career win in 2 2/3 innings of lights-out pitching against High Point.

Kevin Brandt (1-2) has suffered from losses in his last two appearances, but the sophomore lefty possesses the ability to shut down a line-up any day.

Seth Maness (3-2), who got off to a rough start, seems to have found his groove with wins in his last three appearances, as well as leading the team with 32 strikeouts on the season.

Both Maness and Brandt are expected starters this weekend against the Eagles, but Mincey's health is still unknown.

In the closing duties, Seth Simmons has been ECU's version of Mariano Rivera. Picking one win and recording six saves thus far, he sports a 2.4 ERA and has only allowed four runs in his 15 innings pitched.

With a large amount of preseason buzz that the Pirates received, their loss at High Point and 1-3 record on the west coast and inability to sweep Monmouth has diminished their standing in the polls, but ECU seems to have finally got the ball rolling.

The Pirates will open up the series with NCCU on Friday at 7 p.m. and will play Saturday at 3 p.m., followed by 1 p.m. on Sunday.

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Sweet 16 features numerous match-up's of David versus Goliath

Hart Holloman
SENIOR WRITER

Thus far, the NCAA Tournament has given us plenty of things to talk about. Upsets, improbable runs and breakout performances are what make the first weekend of the tournament four of the most exciting days in sports.

What's been pretty strange about the tournament is the number of teams that pulled upsets have made it past the second round as well.

Of the remaining 16 teams, there are three No. 1 and No. 2 seeds, which is about par for the course as these tournaments go. Baylor is the lone No. 3 seed left and Purdue the only No. 4 left. That means exactly half the teams who were seeded to make the Sweet 16 as the one of the top four teams in their region did not. In fact, the only match-up between top four seeds in a region is the Duke-Purdue game.

Two No. 5 and two No. 6 seeds have come this far. Of the four, Michigan State is the only team facing a lower seed. They will take on giant-killers Northern Iowa, who dispatched their region's No. 1 and top overall tournament seed Kansas back

to Lawrence and about 75 percent of peoples' brackets down the toilet.

Three double-digit seeds find themselves in the Sweet 16. No. 12 Cornell and No. 11 Washington will have some work to do if they want to square off against each other in the next round. They face the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds in their bracket, Kentucky and West Virginia, respectively.

St. Mary's, the No. 10 seed out of the South region, will face Baylor after convincing wins in their first two games against Richmond and Villanova, respectively. Here's a closer look at each match-up.

MICHIGAN STATE-NORTHERN IOWA

Northern Iowa has to be the biggest surprise of the tournament thus far. Ali Farokhmanesh has shown he is deadly from range and at the end of games. He will need to continue his hot streak for his Panthers to have a shot at advancing.

Michigan State, on the other hand, are a bit of a surprise themselves, which isn't something normally associated with Tom Izzo's team. The Spartans

also won their second-round game against Maryland on a last-second shot, but the more troubling thing for Izzo is that he couldn't call upon leading scorer Kalin Lucas, who went down with an injury earlier in the game.

OHIO STATE-TENNESSEE

This is an interesting match-up due to the contrast in styles of these two teams. Bruce Pearl's Volunteers try to keep the tempo and defensive pressure high and capitalize on their athleticism in the open floor. Thad Motta's Buckeyes want to slow it down and run everything through Evan Turner, the Big Ten's leading scorer and rebounder.

SYRACUSE-BUTLER

This could end up being one of the bigger mismatches of this round. The Orange have played very well up until now and if they're able to keep knocking down 3's like they have through the first two rounds, they should breeze by the Bulldogs.

KANSAS STATE-XAVIER

Both of these teams feature skilled backcourt duo's that can put up a lot of points. KSU's guard tandem of Jacob Pullen and Denis Clamente have scored 85 points between them in the first two rounds alone. And while Xavier's Jordan Crawford played out of his socks in their win over Pitt, I just think the Wildcats have too much down low for the Musketeers.

KENTUCKY-CORNELL

Cornell should feel good that they have made it further

in the tournament than any Ivy League team in years. Unfortunately, all it got them was a date with the most impressive team in the tournament thus far. Back to back 30-point wins in their first two games, plus Kansas' shock exit, has seen the Wildcat's rise to tournament favorite status. And let's be honest, it would take a Herculean effort from Cornell to get past John Wall and Co.

WEST VIRGINIA-WASHINGTON

SWEET 16 continued on A9



Northern Iowa's Ali Farokhmanesh celebrates after his team knocked off overall No. 1 seed Kansas in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

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SWEET 16 continued from A8

This region looked destined for a No. 1 versus No. 2 match-up until news that the Mountaineers starting point guard Darryl Bryant will be out for the rest of the tournament. And while back-up Joe Mazzulla is a former starter and capable of leading the team, the Huskies are hot right now, having won their last nine games and possessing a front court that can control a game if given the chance.

DUKE-PURDUE

The Boilermakers were on everyone's potential upset list after Robby Hummel went down with an injury late in the season, but they have proven the doubters wrong and scratched and clawed their way into the Sweet 16 even without their star player.

Duke has been one of the more impressive teams in the country over the past month. The emergence of Nolan Smith and Brian Zoubeck has taken the pressure off stalwarts Jon Scheyer and Kyle Singler to perform and the Blue Devils are getting great contributions from their bench players.

BAYLOR-ST. MARY'S

This is a match-up I am particularly looking forward to. To me, St. Mary's has been the most impressive underdog of the tournament so far. Omar Samhan has made a name for himself as one of the breakout stars of the tournament. He is as fundamentally sound as any big man in the country and has teammates who know when to feed him the rock. The Gaels play a better brand of team basketball than any other team in the country, personified by freshman guard Matthew Delavedova, who makes more hustle plays in one game than most players make all season.

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