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BRIEFS

**ECU suspends one, kicks one off team after arrests**

Associated Press

ECU has dismissed running back Brandon Giavanni and suspended running back Giovanni Ruffin following their arrests.

Coach Ruffin McNeill said Jackson was kicked off the team after having previous team-rule violations. McNeill called Ruffin's suspension indefinite and that he would have to meet several requirements to return to the program.

The school said Greenville police charged Jackson with underage consumption of alcohol, intoxication and simple affray Sunday morning. He was East Carolina's second-leading rusher with 316 yards last season after transferring from Kentucky.

The school said Ruffin was charged with resisting and obstructing a police officer. He was third on the team with

**Kandahar offensive to begin in June**

Associated Press

NATO forces in June will make a long-planned assault on the Taliban's spiritual home in the southern Afghan city of Kandahar, a senior military official said Monday.

The goal is to rid the city of Taliban forces before the Muslim holy month of Ramadan begins in August, according to the official.

U.S. officials have previously disclosed plans for a NATO-led offensive in the area this year, but have not said when it might happen. The two-month offensive will be a major test of President Barack Obama's new strategy in Afghanistan and a bellwether of the war in general.

The official, who was not authorized to speak publicly on the operation, discussed the operation on condition of anonymity.

Until the start of major military operations, U.S. troops are working on securing transit routes and persuading the leaders of districts surrounding Kandahar to cooperate with NATO forces.

As the Taliban's governing capital prior to the U.S.-led invasion in 2001, Kandahar remains the spiritual heartland of the insurgency and a stubborn holdout in NATO's efforts to transfer control to Afghan President Hamid Karzai.

In an effort to reverse gains made by the Taliban, Obama has ordered the deployment of 30,000 more troops to Afghanistan.

Military officials say they expect "several thousand" of those troops to be sent to Kandahar, mostly to partner with local police and provide a security presence in the region.

Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the top U.S. and NATO commander in Afghanistan, said earlier this month that the operation in Kandahar will be different from Marjah, where U.S. and Afghan forces stormed the farming town to purge Taliban forces.

**ALS benefit raises \$13,000**

Staff Reports

Hundreds gathered Saturday morning for a benefit walk to help combat the disease known as ALS. This disease is commonly referred to as Lou Gehrig's disease after the famous athlete. Among those in support were sponsors, affected family, loved ones, group organizers and supporters. Among the group organizers was the local chapter of the Chi Phi Fraternity. They have been a sponsor and organizer of this event for the past three years. They had over 20 volunteers show up early and help with the registration and race process.

The event kicked off with a special appearance by Mayor Patt Dunn. The race started at 10 a.m. with hundreds flooding First Street, marching toward a cure. The event successfully raised more than \$13,000 and teams that raised the most money were given prizes for their hard work.

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## Most UNC-system campus police departments follow records law

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Campus police departments at UNC-system schools do a decent job complying with federal and state public disclosure laws — with a few notable exceptions.

In honor of Sunshine Week, The Daily Tar Heel decided to evaluate how well campus police departments at public universities around the state follow the federal Clery Act and the N.C. public records law.

Reporters were sent to many schools with simple inquiries:

- Can I see the police log?
- Can you tell me how many sexual assaults there have been on campus this school year?
- Can you give me the names,

ages and addresses of all students arrested for driving while impaired on campus in 2009?

According to the statutes, the police log should have been provided immediately, and responses to the second two inquiries given as promptly as possible.

People requesting the information are not required to state a reason for wanting it.

"The public records law reflects the important principles of the public's right to know about the workings of government," said Ashley Perkinson, a media law attorney. "Certainly in the area of public safety, the public's right to know is critical for a safe society."

**Appalachian State University** Officers directed the reporter to a "daily media log" in the recep-

tion area, which included incident reports dating back to December. After the inquiry for statistics and names, another officer was brought out. He provided the annual crime report but did not indicate that newer information would be provided.

**East Carolina University** Officers provided the police log. They directed the reporter to fill out a police record request online in response to the request for statistics and names. Those reports take at least five days for a response.

**N.C. Agricultural and Technical State University**

When a reporter asked to see the police log, the officer initially asked for credentials. When the reporter responded that none were

needed, the officer laughed and said he was kidding. He was then receptive and helpful. The police log held incident reports dating back to January. The officers said they did not have the information regarding the inquiry for statistics and names and directed the reporter to somebody else, who was not available.

**N.C. Central University** Officers first did not know what the police log was and asked who the reporter was and who he represented. When the reporter responded that he simply wanted to view public information, the officer was cordial and responsive. The officer provided a box of incident reports dating back to January. The reporter was directed to a lieutenant for statistics and

names, but that officer would not be in until the next day.

**N.C. State University** Nobody was available to talk face-to-face in the office, but a phone was available for service. The officer who responded said no paper copy of the daily crime log was maintained but that it was available online. The Web site maintains incident reports for the last 60 days. No computer terminal was available to access records. The request for statistics and names was directed to a voice mail. A message left there was not returned.

**UNC-Chapel Hill** The police log was immedi-

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## Lambda Theta Alpha hosts coming out party to commemorate milestone



Members of the new sorority Lambda Theta Alpha perform at a coming out ceremony last Friday evening.

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Matt McLaughlin

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New sorority Lambda Theta Alpha hosted its premier event as a sorority Friday evening. The ladies of Lambda Theta Alpha held a coming out ceremony to mark their official membership as one of ECU's newest sororities.

Since 2006, members of the Latina sorority have been working to bring a chapter to ECU, initiating their plan by forming an interest group to educate students about the sorority's goals. This year they have finally achieved that goal by establishing one of the newest chapters of Lambda Theta Alpha as ECU's first Latina sorority, making it the third chapter in the state of North Carolina.

Pledge mistress for the Lambda Theta Alpha, Valerie Febres, is an alumna of the University of Maryland in Baltimore County. She has been with the group for the past four years and has been able to both see and experience the progress that has been made firsthand. When asked how she felt now that the ECU chapter has been officially established, she responded by saying, "We were elated for our goal to become a

reality. We have been working for so long and it has helped to have the support of the university so we can continue to be productive with this achievement."

At their coming out ceremony, the seven founding sisters, dressed in burgundy and grey while wearing masks, greeted other members of ECU's Greek community, addressing each fraternity and sorority individually. After each girl introduced herself, they walked to their pledge mistress, who removed their masks and gave them each a jacket with the sorority's letters. The process was symbolic of their transformation into fully-fledged members of the Lambda Theta Alpha sorority.

Amanda Mutio, a freshman as well as the chapter's first founding sister, led the ceremony as the "Ace" of the line.

"Other fraternities and sororities on campus have been really supportive of us and we addressed them out of respect to let them know that we appreciate all of their help," Mutio said.

The founding members hope that by taking this step, the door will now be open for many new members to join and help the



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sorority expand. Now that the first line of girls has established the new chapter at ECU, they plan on recruiting more members in the upcoming semesters.

"We're Latina by tradition, not by definition. You can be white, black or any other race. It really doesn't matter because we're based on traditions, not race," Mutio said.

Since being established, the sorority has contributed to Greenville and the university by volunteering around the community and putting on fundraisers. Members also plan to use their

new status as a sorority to help educate others around campus about important issues.

The second founding member of the Lambda Theta Alpha chapter, Shariyca Romero, said, "The girls that were here four years ago can see that they were working for a good reason, because we finally have a chapter established."

As the ladies of the Lambda Theta Alpha said in their ceremony, "The Burgundy and Grey is here to stay!"

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## FDA panel to examine menthol cigarettes' impact

Associated Press

A new U.S. Food and Drug Administration panel will take a closer look at menthol cigarettes and how the government should regulate them, but most believe an outright ban is unlikely.

The tobacco industry is keeping a close eye on the committee's work and its recommendations for menthol, a still-growing part of the shrinking cigarette market.

When it meets Tuesday and Wednesday, the committee will discuss the scientific research on the public health effects of menthol cigarettes, including among children and certain ethnic groups.

The FDA won the authority in June to regulate tobacco, including banning certain products,

limiting nicotine and blocking labels such "low tar" and "light" that could wrongly imply certain products are less harmful. The law doesn't let the FDA ban nicotine or tobacco entirely.

Matthew Myers, president of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, said the overriding goal must be reducing the number of people who die from tobacco use.

"This is the first time that all of the science will be brought together looking at whether menthol increases the number of users, makes it hard to quit, has a disproportionate harmful effect on certain people, and, if the answer to any of those questions is yes, what is the best thing to do about menthol to reduce the number of people who are harmed?" Myers said.

The relative strength of the menthol market has cigarette makers introducing new menthol products and innovations.

The two largest cigarette makers — No. 1 Philip Morris USA, owned by Richmond, Va.'s Altria Group Inc., and No. 2 Reynolds American Inc., based in Winston-Salem, N.C. — are ramping up efforts to grab some of the menthol market away from Greensboro, N.C.-based Lorillard Inc., the nation's third-largest cigarette company. Lorillard holds about 35 percent of the U.S. menthol market with its top-selling Newport brand.

The share of smokers using menthol cigarettes increased from 31 percent in 2004 to 33.9 percent in 2008, with more pronounced increases among young smokers,

according to a study released by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in November.

"Tobacco researchers still do not see conclusive evidence in existing literature that would warrant a ban of menthol and we think the tax, job and illicit trade implications would be too serious for the FDA to take this drastic step," Credit Suisse analyst Thilo Wrede wrote in a note to investors.

The FDA could, instead, could order a reduction of menthol levels, bigger or more descriptive warning labels or higher mandated prices for menthol cigarettes.

Those in the industry agree a ban is improbable.

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## Jewish Student Union hosts traditional feast

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Passover has been celebrated by the Jewish people for thousands of years, with festivities being enjoyed usually among close family. This year, the ECU Hillel Jewish Student Union decided to open their hearts and traditions to the student body as a whole. This is a decision Estee Gabay, ECU Hillel vice president, believes is an important step toward a greater understanding between Jews and gentiles.

"I think it's important to hold a campus-wide Passover event because it's such an important holiday to the Jewish people," said Gabay. "A lot of people don't really know about Passover. I thought it was important to inform people about the holiday, but to also inform them about our group because a lot of people on campus don't even know our group exists."

With the help of Ledonia Wright Cultural Center, the ECU Hillel was able to make this idea come to life last Thursday evening. The semi-traditional feast was performed by Gabay and Sarah Johnston, the president of ECU Hillel. The gentiles in attendance learned about the Passover Seder and the meaning of the food given to them as part of the traditional Passover feast.

"The basic premise of a Seder is to go through prayers and to go through the story of Passover in a particular order," said Gabay. "You bless your wine and eat certain foods to represent certain things."

According to Johnston, Passover doesn't have to be an exclusively Jewish observance, as its message rings universal and true.

"The holiday of Passover is perfect to celebrate with everyone because it's commemorating freedom and it's just thanking God for all the gifts that he's given us," said Johnston. "It's just celebrating freedom. I think everyone can celebrate that in some way."

As the evening wound down, guests were treated to a less-than-traditional delicacy of baked chicken. Johnston and Gabay considered the event a tremendous success not only because they were able to teach members of the student body about their culture, but also because they were able to introduce them to one of ECU's lesser known student run organizations.

"I'm glad other people got to see a side of our little community," said Johnston. "Yes, there are very small amounts of us, but the ones we do have ... we're a tight knit group."

"I feel like it was a success," said Gabay. "I definitely feel like it was fun and people were not intimidated by the fact they didn't know anything about our religion and they aren't Jewish. People had fun, the food was good and we got to explain the holiday without getting religious."

Whether Jewish or not, Gabay and Johnston made it clear that Hillel was open to anyone who is interested in learning more about Jewish culture, connecting with a small, but tight group of students on campus, or just to enjoy oneself in a welcoming, social environment.

"Come schmooze with the Jews," said Gabay.

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## CORRECTION

In the March 25, 2010, issue of TEC in the brief "ECU Greek Life celebrated 50th anniversary," a mistake was printed. The sororities who participated in the event were Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Phi, Alpha Xi Delta, Chi Omega, Delta Zeta, Kappa Delta, Sigma Sigma Sigma and Zeta Tau Alpha.

The East Carolinian is accepting submissions for the calendar. Email your submission to editor@theeastcarolinian.com Please include the date, time, cost and a contact for your event.

## Calendar Events

## Tuesday, March 30

**Kickin' It with the Council**  
Come voice your opinion to city council members and community leaders  
MSC 15 at 6 p.m.

**Mr. DST Pageant**  
Hosted by Delta Sigma Theta  
Hendrix Theatre at 7 p.m.

**SPC Baseball Cookout**  
Clark-LeClair Stadium before  
Elon vs. ECU game  
5 p.m. in the picnic area  
along the 1st baseline

**"The Army Legacy: A foundation of leadership"**  
LTC (Ret) Eric Buller, ECU  
assistant professor  
3:30 p.m. Science & Technology Building Room 144N.

**Baseball vs. Elon:** 6 p.m.

## Wednesday, March 31

**Intramural Baseball vs. Greenville A's**  
7 p.m. at the Prep Field

**Illusionist Mike Super**  
Wright Auditorium 7 and 10 p.m.  
Tickets are \$15 adults and \$10 students. Contact the Ticket Office at 252-328-4788 or buy online at www.ECUARTS.com

**Baseball vs. UNC Wilmington:**  
6 p.m.

**Phi Kappa Psi Blood Drive**  
11 a.m. Wright Place

## Thursday, April 1

**"Attracting, Retaining and Preparing Engineering Leaders for Tomorrow's Workforce" lecture**  
Dr. Cathy Hall  
3:30 p.m. Science & Technology Building Room 144N

## Friday, April 2

**State Holiday, No Classes**

**Baseball vs. Tulane:** 7 p.m.

## Saturday, April 3

**Baseball vs. Tulane:** 1 and 3 p.m.

## Sunday, April 4

**Easter Sunday**

## Monday, April 5

**"Purple Rain: Precipitation Processes and Patterns from Local Hazards to Global Climate Change"**

Scott Curtis, ECU Five-Year Achievement for Excellence in Research and Creative Activity Award recipient  
12 p.m. Mendenhall Room 244

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ately available at the reception desk, which contained incident and arrest reports going back to mid-February. A larger list of incidents is available online. Incident reports and arrest reports could then be pulled in person immediately. After the request for statistics and names, the official called the public information officer for help. The officer directed the reporter online. The department official then showed the reporter how to access all the online information.

## UNC-Greensboro

The officers were hostile to all requests, directing the reporter to the department's Web site. The site

does contain a daily crime log with incident reports, arrest reports and the annual report, but does not make more detailed statistics available.

## UNC-Wilmington

When a reporter asked to see the log, the officer first asked what for and who the reporter was, implying there needed to be a reason to see the log. The officer then said the reporter couldn't see the log because it had names on it and the information was confidential. The officer responded to the inquiry for statistics and names by saying the information was confidential. When the reporter said that she was

under the impression the information was a matter of public record, the officer got defensive and again asked why she wanted to see the records. He then said on-campus violations were confidential and that all names are turned over to the campus judicial system. He said the reporter could find the police log without names online. The site has a list of the type of incident reported, the location and the time reported.

*Chelsea Bailey, Andrew Dunn, Zachary Dunn, Emily Gregory, Samantha Hughes and Shannon Rodenheiser contributed reporting.*

## Reality Tour 2010

### "Welcome To Our Reality"

# Saturday, April 24th 2-5pm

## Schedule Of Events

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Nowhere in the syllabus does it say "no alcoholic beverages allowed."

I found the perfect time to attempt to park near Joyner where there are tons of spots open. And I'm never telling...

To the three stooges in Joyner the other night who I'm willing to bet are all virgins: How did you get into college? And btw, you're in a library so shut the f\*&% up. The whole library doesn't want to hear you argue about which hot dogs taste the best.

My teacher said "be mindful" 26 times during a 40 minute lecture! 26 times!!!! I counted...

To the guy that hit me in the face on purpose in our softball game: You're an a\*\* and every girl on your team plays better than you.

To the girl in the blue sweatpants playing softball Wednesday night: You are honestly drop dead gorgeous. Look for number 21 ;)

To the girl in my math 1066 class: If I wanted to listen to Beyonce, I would have put her on MY iPod. Turn your music down.

I really think the only times you open your mouth are to feast and complain. We are all sick of hearing you. The only reason I haven't ripped you a new one is because you're friend says it'll make you depressed.

Why does everyone feel the need to diss other people's majors? EVERY-ONE's major is hard!

To the couple screaming at each other at the Gables on Wednesday night: I forgive you for waking me up, because that was the funniest fight I have heard in a very long time!

No one on the bus cares about your cell phone conversation. No one cares that some chick kept cutting you off while you were saying something. SHUT UP!!! Could that conversation not have waited until you got into your apartment?

The best part about this health care bill is the tax on indoor tanning. Let the people who want to turn themselves orange help pay for the care of people who really need it.

Dear Roommate: Take a shower after you get off work. You smell like 10 men slap boxing in an elevator!

To the person who said Nursing wasn't a worthwhile profession: Fine, when you're in the hospital and need medical attention, have your computer take your vitals and manage your medication and watch over you as you recover, that way Darwinism will take you out so we don't have to deal with another ignorant a\*\*hole like you.

White SUV who insists on blasting bass at U Manors basketball court: You are not cool and your bass sucks, so you can stop now.

Dear Roommate: PLEASE clean up! Your side of the room is a mess and the room stinks! If you would wash your sheets and not wear the same clothes every day, it might solve the problem! -Your annoyed roommate!

I feel like I continuously have to put off naps for stupid crap like homework, projects and meetings. Can I go back to kindergarten for naptime?

Do not stereotype fraternities!!! I don't drink, smoke, or try to get laid every night, and I am smart!!!

She really wants to "tutor" you in math...text her for crying out loud! :)

To the guy at the Bellamy yelling at his girlfriend for asking another guy to formal: I would of asked you if it was me!

Really? Judging your masculinity based on how many people you have slept with? One that's nasty. And two, I'd rather my man not have every disease in the book.

Whoever thinks that it's cute to throw your chewed gum on the classroom floor: I'm kicking you're a\*\*, it's now stuck on my 100 dollar shoes.

To the girl who bought my lunch for me at Wright Place when I realized too late that I had lost my One Card: Thank you!!! P.S. It was returned to me!

It is great to see that majority of East Carolinian readers support the new health care bill. I am interested to see how you feel after you move out of your parents home and live in the real world. I have a bumper sticker idea for you. I love to waste my tax dollars! Wait, you have not paid any significant amount yet... Get back to me on that one.

I am glad to see that I am not the only person that deals with shady whispering two-faced roommates. We should have a Victims of Shady Roommates Convention. Who's in?

I can't believe I have to wait until Fall to have another Einstein's bagel! :(

Am I the only one who wants to stay at ECU forever, and never graduate?

True Life: I'm addicted to Chelsea Lately

I really hate when I'm walking up and the bus is pulling away... Ugh!

It's so funny when you walk by someone and can hear what they are listening to on their iPod!

# OPINION

## You can't hide those lyin' eyes



**Stephanie Fu**  
OPINION COL-UMNIST

Everyone has done it before and everyone still does it. No matter how much people deny it, everyone lies.

Some tell little white lies: "Of course that dress looks good on you!"

"No, you do not need to lose three pounds!"

Some tell big lies that have huge consequences. No matter the size or the severity, it happens.

In Psychology Today, there is an article that discusses glaring honesty. The article claims that not everyone lies because some people have this blunt and glaring quality of always being honest.

The psychologist, Robert Feldman from the University of Massachusetts, says that "people don't want to hear the unvarnished truth - we're putting on weight, the new dress we bought looks terrible ... so we learn to withhold the truth sometimes ... to duck the discomfort that comes with not meeting others' expectations."

He goes on to give another example to prove his point. This example includes a couch potato who makes excuses about what he's accomplished that day, even if it is 20 minutes out of the whole day to fold laundry. This way, the couch potato is not only reducing how much he looks lazy to other people, but comforting himself as well. It seems as though Professor Feldman's main argument is that most people are too afraid of social consequences, so they lie, and those who are fearless enough take a risk at being honest, even if it is brutally honest.

I would have to disagree completely. Lying is so multifaceted and circumstantial it cannot be placed into one category of black or white or wrong or right. There are acts of deception like cheating in a relationship or cheating in a classroom setting or even a business setting. Another act of deception would be theft. All of these are a little bit easier to categorize as

a breach of morality.

However, what if there is a lie that is told to protect someone else? It still may not be the most morally correct decision, but perhaps it seems like the best one at the time. For example, a father may lie to his children to protect them from being scared or worrying when he is sick. Or a friend can lie to another about whether or not she knows something about another relationship but doesn't feel like it is her place to say anything. But this does not mean that there cannot be negative consequences. The other friend could eventually find out the truth and feel betrayed.

Very rarely do I find someone who self proclaims his or her honesty to actually follow through and prove that proclamation to be true. These people, like the ones that this professor in his article highlights, may very well think that they are blunt and honest always. They may claim that they always tell the truth, in spite of a risk of losing a job or a friend. However, as I get to know some of these people who boast of their unfailing honesty, I find that they are the ones who lie the most when it comes to things that are completely trivial and truly make no difference and are completely harmless, yet it all seems to contribute to hypocrisy.

It is a complicated matter to define whether or not lying is good or bad, and I am in no way condoning it. However, I think that it also takes a certain level of maturity to understand how circumstantial this issue can be. Personally, I value honesty in a friend who might tell me little white lies of the future or what I am capable of, not fully knowing these to be true or not, to help me persevere in a goal, but then tell me their honest opinions about important matters like relationships or decisions that will affect my career or my health.

Nearly everyone has done it before and nearly everyone still does it. The difference is the intention and the reasoning and cannot be categorized into one moral area of right or wrong. There is a little Pinocchio in all of us, but in the end, Pinocchio was still a real boy.

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## The bittersweet reality of the Internet



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For those of us who aren't on campus or don't get a chance to grab the paper version from the stands throughout the university, it can be easier to read online at our own convenience. This applies not only to TEC, but to many other newspapers or publications. Online is simply easier, cheaper and quicker most of the time.

The invention of the Internet has had astounding effects on our society and the way we do things. Our generation may not fully grasp the extent

of these changes because we grew up alongside the Internet development. When we were kids, we had the Internet but it was slow, limited and ran off a dial-up connection. Remember the long dialing and screeching sound that came before we heard the awaited "Welcome" greeting?

Then came the invasion of wireless Internet, constant access to being online. You could be anywhere you wanted with your laptop in your house and still have signal. Some spots were better than others, but it was still amazing to not have a wire creating your connection.

Finally, we have come to where we are now: the introduction of Internet being available wherever you go and accessible whenever you want, without the need to be at home. Internet has become common on many cell phone users' devices - many people never get a break from being online, or want a break for that matter.

Due to this rise of the Inter-



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## Renovations take more than a dining option from campus

On Monday, Wright Place officially closed its doors for the remainder of the semester for renovations. With Wright Place and the Croatan under construction, it seems it will truly be a challenge for students to find dining options on the east part of campus.

Currently, the renovation of Wright Place is expected to be completed by the start of the fall 2010 semester. Once completed, the dining option will be reopened and offer Sbarro, Starbucks, Burger Studio and Einstein Bros. Bagels.

However, as appealing as the idea of adding a Starbucks on campus is, losing another food source is disturbing to the student population.

According to a press release sent out Monday, the 20-week renovation needs to begin this

week in order for Wright Place to reopen for the fall semester.

The press release states, "While the timing is a challenge, this is the best time for the renovation to begin in an effort to minimize the effect on campus."

However, the renovations are not only taking a food option from campus, they are essentially taking an epicenter for the students. Many students have group meetings, study, do homework, etc. in Wright Place and will have to relocate.

Basically, for most, the renovation seems like another inconvenience from the university and any alternative will be insufficient. Wright Place will be temporarily replaced with mobile units serving hot and cold food options on campus until the fall.

There will be two mobile

units available in Wright Plaza near the ATM for students to get anything from cold drinks to full meals. The "hot" unit will be catered by Abrams Restaurant and will include barbecue sandwiches, chicken tenders, hot dogs, french fries and cheese biscuits. ECU dining has worked with the catering service to come up with combo meals as well as Pirate Meals so that students with meal plans will be able to use that as an option.

It seems as students we have to accept the "challenge" presented by the university and try out the mobile food option for the remainder of the semester. As for a new place to study, meet and greet everyone. Let's pray for some wonderful spring weather and take advantage of the campus mall. Otherwise, campus may get a little crowded!

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Snakes do not have eyelids, so even when they're asleep, they cannot close their eyes. They do have a protective layer of clear scales, called brille, over their eyes.

Sidewinders are snakes that move by looping their bodies up in the air and pushing against the ground when they land. Their tracks in the ground would look like a series of straight lines angling in the direction the snake was traveling.

Rattlesnakes gather in groups to sleep through the winter. Sometimes up to 1,000 of them coil up together to keep warm.

The poisonous copperhead smells like fresh-cut cucumbers.

Milk snakes lay about 13 eggs in piles of animal manure.

There are some 50 different species of sea snakes, and all of them are venomous. They thrive in abundance along the coast from the Persian Gulf to Japan and around Australia and Melanesia. Their venom is 10 times as virulent as that of the cobra. Humans bitten by them have died within two and a half hours.

The most venomous of all snakes, the Inland Taipan, has enough venom in one bite to kill more than 200,000 mice.

It takes approximately 69,000 venom extractions from the coral snake to fill a one-pint container.

Southern Indian drug addicts get high by having venomous snakes bite their tongues. This can give addicts a 16-hour high, but it can be very deadly.

The flying snake of Java and Malaysia is able to flatten itself out like a ribbon and sail like a glider from tree to tree.

Surviving all dangers, a wild cobra may live up to 20 years.

A group of finches is called a charm.

A group of frogs is called an army.

A group of geese on the ground is called a gaggle; a group of geese in the air is a skein.

A group of goats is called a trip.

A group of hares is called a husk.

A group of kangaroos is called a mob.

A group of owls is called a parliament.

A group of rhinos is called a crash.

A group of toads is called a knot.

30,000 monkeys were used in the massive three-year effort to classify the various types of polio.

Scientific researchers say promiscuous species of monkeys appear to have stronger immune systems than less sexually active ones.

Male monkeys lose the hair on their heads in the same manner men do.

The howler monkey is the loudest animal living in the rain forests of South America. Their voices can be heard up to five miles away.

A male chimpanzee is five times hornier than the average human.

# FEATURES

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## Mike Super is bringing magic and illusions to Wright Auditorium

Magician Mike Super is scheduled to perform tomorrow night at 7 and 10 p.m.

**Madonna Messana**  
STAFF WRITER

Since the age of six, Mike Super has been practicing and performing magic and illusions that have amazed many. When asked what got him started in magic, Super commented, "I got started while visiting a magic shop in Walt Disney World. I saw the coolest man performing some tricks and I immediately became obsessed."

Although he practices every day for several hours at a time, it is the live performances that provide feedback on his tricks. "Magicians always tend to blink at the right spot. A trick might be deceptive, but if it doesn't kind of touch people emotionally, a lot of people are like, 'Who cares?' So performing it live is really the true test," said Super. After practicing up to three times a day, "I then go and perform my show for another hour and a half almost every night! I love it," stated Super.

In 2007, Super competed in — and won — NBC's television show, "Phenomenon." Contestants competed for five consecutive weeks to win \$250,000. In a short phone interview, Super said, "I didn't even want to do it at first, and NBC was searching all over. I kept saying no, no, no and they were like why don't

you just come out and check out the set. And pretty soon it just kind of became fun, and I went into the show and I just didn't want to be the first to go." His family has been more than supportive of his decision to be a magician; he has even incorporated his mother into his show. "I used to do shows in my backyard every week and I'd wear my black Dracula cape from Halloween while performing. It was pretty embarrassing," stated Super on his childhood performances. "My mom was really supportive, and I do a tribute to her in the show," stated Super on the support of his family.

There have been many influences, other than his family, in Super's path to becoming an amazing performer. World-renowned Walt Disney, who Super feels is a "true genius," aided him in getting started. Super also cites the famous David Copperfield and Doug Henning as influences, both of whom he feels are incredible magicians.

Not surprisingly, Super has been recognized with several awards. The readers of CA Magazine named him as America's 2003 Entertainer of the Year. Additional awards include being named the 2004 Novelty Entertainer of the Year, the 2003 Best

Performing Artist, the 2003 Best Novelty Entertainer of the Year, the 2003 Best Male Entertainer of the Year, the 2002 Performing Arts Entertainer of the Year, and the 2001 Novelty/Live Entertainer of the Year. All of which are national awards.

According to Super, his show is not like an average magic and illusion show. "I don't describe it as a magic show; the show is really interactive," said Super on his performance. "I don't like the old fashioned magic where there's the woman dancing in glitzy outfits getting into boxes."

Throughout his show, Super pulls audience members to be a part of his performance, "I use an audience member I've never met before." He also plans to levitate a member of the audience five feet into the air during his performance. Super will be performing two shows Wednesday night, one at 7 p.m. and another at 10 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for students and \$15 for general admission. They can be purchased at the Central Ticket Office in Mendenhall Student Center. The shows will be similar; however, there will be enough excitement to attend both.

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## ECU holds expo for pre-med and pre-law students in Joyner Library



**Brad Teague**  
STAFF WRITER

The Pre-Professional Advising Center is hosting the Health Expo in Joyner Library on Wednesday. This event is particularly for all pre-med, pre-health and pre-law students.

"This is the first year this kind of event has been held at ECU and is different than the house fairs of the past because it offers more post-graduate representatives and information and representatives from medical schools and graduate programs," said event organizer Stephanie Bailey. "The Graduate Health Conference has been held for five years, and this event is similar, but this is bigger and better."

The conference lasts from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., and students can stop by whenever

their schedule permits. A lot of information will be available for different schools, including medical and graduate schools, admissions, entry requirements and preparation tips.

There will also be information on how to get involved now to gain entry into the degree program you are pursuing. "If a student is unclear as to what to do each semester, there should be some good info on what to do to get involved, building resumes, which standardized tests they should take and how to sign up for them and volunteer service," said Bailey.

There will be over 40 different schools and recruiting programs attending in order to give students as much information as possible. Medical, podiatry, optometry, dental and chiropractic schools across North Carolina and the rest of the United States will have booths, as well as representatives from the Kaplan testing company — the makers of the tests that students must take to gain admission to graduate school programs. Information on test preparation and testing groups will be available, as well as exams and study materials students can purchase for extra help. ECU student organizations will also have booths, which includes health and law-

related clubs and organizations that can help boost students' resumes.

"Undergraduate students might be wise to help them get professional growth in working with ECU and the community," added Bailey. Different majors, for both undergraduate and graduate programs, that students may not know about will also have information tables, and honors societies, clubs, medical Greek programs and some military branches will also be at students' disposal.

"This is a great opportunity to get help for what I want to do with my future," said freshman nursing major Erin Murchison.

The attendance for the event is expected to include a couple hundred students in every year level, especially freshmen and sophomores. Underclassmen may not know what programs and organizations would be most beneficial for their majors and careers, and upperclassmen may be looking for information on post-grad schools to receive their Ph.D.s.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday on the first floor of Joyner Library.

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## ECU College Republicans try to make a name on campus

**Ethan Anderson**  
STAFF WRITER

The College Republicans, a relatively small organization at ECU, are looking to attract more students who are interested in politics.

The ECU College Republicans is an organization that has been reestablished on campus. Alex Lewis, a 22-year-old finance major, is the current president of the College Republicans. Lewis says he transferred to ECU near the beginning of John McCain's presidential campaign. It was partly because of this campaign that Lewis decided to revive the College Republicans.

After starting back with no more than five or six members, Lewis and other leaders of the College Republicans have managed to draw in more than 250 people to join the group on Facebook.

The College Republicans typically meet on the ground floor in Brewster C on Tuesdays or Wednesdays. Lewis claims that meetings usually average about 20 people in attendance; on more crowded nights they have seen up to 40 people at one meeting.

"Come out to the meetings to see what it's about. Learn a little bit about the conservative movement," Lewis said. "Come out and talk to us. We don't always sit and talk politics; we do fun things like have bowling nights."

Lewis has also taken his fight to improve the College Republicans to a conference in Wilmington, where they voted to elect a new chairman for the

College Republicans in North Carolina. Lewis spoke at the conference on behalf of the ECU chapter, requesting that smaller chapters of the College Republicans, like the one at ECU, not be forgotten in funding.

Joining organizations such as the College Republicans is a great way to build up community service hours and volunteer work. Members can get involved in volunteer campaigns and have a chance to campaign for politicians up for election. They also volunteer for local political offices, as well as participate in clean-ups around the Tar River and Greenville community.

The only requirement to become a member of the College Republicans is to pay a \$10 fee. This fee is paid for when you purchase one of the club T-shirts.

Those interested are encouraged to attend the College Republican's meeting tonight at 6 p.m. During this particular meeting, students will have a chance to see how elections work within the organization, as the new officials will be selected at tonight's meeting. Candidates have already been nominated and members will have a chance to vote them into office. Each nominee will have a chance to speak before everyone casts his or her ballot.

For more information on this up-and-coming organization, check out their group on Facebook or contact the group's president by e-mail at JAL0731D1@ecu.edu.

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The ECU chapter of Colleges Against Cancer gathers to raise money for cancer awareness and research.

## Pirates unite against cancer

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Colleges Against Cancer (CAC) is a program that was created to help eliminate cancer by initiating and supporting the programs of the American Cancer Society on college campuses. The ECU branch of CAC is designed by and administered by college students and supported by the American Cancer Society. The American Cancer Society has developed a framework for these programs to operate that use strategic methods of advocacy, cancer education, Relay For Life and survivorship.

In addition to the college chapters, local chapters work in conjunction with local offices and national leadership to sup-

port the efforts of the American Cancer Society in their efforts to continue the fight against this illness.

Whether it is writing letters to Congress or teaching students about preventing cancer, the CAC program helps college students to battle cancer on their campuses. The ECU chapter of CAC is adding a unique twist to their mission of cancer education: advocacy and support by having guest hypnotist Michael C. Anthony appear in a performance on campus.

Anthony is recognized as one of the most successful stage hypnotists in the world today, and he was named Campus

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Male Performer of the Year by Campus magazine.

Anthony is not an average hypnotist; his show is an avant-garde blend of the human psyche and eye-popping theater.

Anthony creates a world where volunteers fall asleep at the snap of his finger and will obey the most comical and outrageous hypnotic suggestions.

Anthony has hypnotized over 15,000 people and fills theaters throughout the United States and internationally and continues to be one of the most sought-after hypnotists in the world.

The ECU chapter of CAC will be hosting the event April 27 at 7 p.m. in Wright Audi-

torium, and Anthony will be donating his talent and time in order to raise money for Relay For Life, an event also commissioned by the American Cancer Society.

American Cancer Society's Colleges Against Cancer is a nationwide collaboration of college students, faculty and staff dedicated to eliminating cancer by initiating and supporting programs of the American Cancer Society in college communities. Relay For Life is just one such program.

Tickets for the show are offered to students at a discounted rate of \$10.

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## Staff Reports

## Track and field have solid display at Raleigh Relays

The ECU track and field program continued its season at the Raleigh Relays this weekend, turning in more solid performances.

Brittany Copeland displayed her prowess in the 1,500m run, breaking the school record with a time of 4:26.43. The previous record was a 4:26.99 in 2002 produced by Kay Livick.

Tiffany Harris turned in another strong performance in the 400m dash, taking 12th and clocking in at 56.12. Joining Copeland in the 1,500 meters were Samantha Lichtner, Amanda Lapp and Tara Wilso who notched three top 12 finishes in the event.

In the 4x200 relay, the Pirates grabbed seventh and bettered their time from last week with a 1:39.51. ECU also snatched seventh-place in the 4x800 relay and breezed past last week's time, checking in at 9:14.49.

Competing in the sprint medley for the first time this season, ECU ended up 10th with a time of 4:12.03.

In the field, Harris took 21st in a field of almost 70 long jumpers with a jump of 5.39 meters. Camelia Morman then finished seventh in the triple jump at 12.12 meters.

Also registering a top 10 placement was Kim Kanala in the discus (42.41 meters). Kanala joined last year's Conference USA champion in the hammer throw, Maegan Lewis, in the event as Lewis took third (56.27 meters) and Kanala ended up ninth (51.30 meters).

Isiah Gyasi produced a time of 10.58 in the preliminaries of the 100m dash to advance to the finals where he captured fifth again, clocking in at 10.77.

Mario Briscoe also fared well in the 110m hurdles, finishing 11th in the prelims with a time of 14.39 before garnering 13th in the finals. Briscoe also competed in the 400m hurdles, grabbing a sixth-place showing at 52.82.

Like the ladies, the men's 4x200 relay team found a spot in the top 10, this time an eighth-place result, clocking in at 1:26.45.

The rookie duo of Stephen Hodapp and Aaron Zakula, who have both set the school record in the pole vault this year, tied for 13th in the event in Raleigh, reaching a height of 4.45 meters. Another freshman, Miles Coats, captured ninth in the triple jump with a mark of 14.16 meters.

As he has before this season, Dennis Aliotta picked up a school record performance in the shot put (second, 17.59 meters) while collecting top 10 finishes in the discus (seventh, 47.33 meters) and hammer (60.40 meters). The sophomore bettered his previous program record in the shot by .44 meters.

Additionally, Montrell Morrow, Sam Barnhardt and Daniel Varela grabbed top 20 spots in their respective events.

ECU returns to action this Saturday April 3 for the second-annual Mountains vs. Beaches meet in Wilmington, N.C.

Pirates tally 65 runs on the weekend while limiting the Eagles to seven

**Michael Perry**  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

In ruthless fashion, ECU completed a commanding sweep over North Carolina Central by scores of 30-4, 15-2 and 20-1.

Over the weekend, the Pirates raised the bar on their record of most runs scored in a series to 65, which ties the Eagles' season total in runs scored. ECU's previous series high mark was 60 set against Cincinnati in 2004.

"We've done some good things and we did what we were supposed to do," ECU head coach Billy Godwin said. "I thought today we hit some balls the other way that were just throttled, and had some really good at bats."

On Sunday, the Pirates (16-8) opened the floodgate in the bottom of the fifth inning, scoring nine runs on 10 consecutive base hits to take a 20-1 lead. The only run for NCCU was scored in the top of the third by centerfielder Akeem Hood.

At the dish for ECU, Trent Whitehead purged himself of an early season slump with a 5-for-6 day. The junior centerfielder plated three runs on two doubles and three singles.

"Today was good and we're about to go into conference play and that's when we want to be playing our best ball," Whitehead said. "I definitely want to be seeing the ball and hitting the ball."

Devin Harris and Zach Wright teamed up for back-to-back homers for the third time this season. Harris belted a two-run shot to the deepest section of Clark-LeClair just right of dead center. Wright followed with a solo blast well over the score-



ECU pitcher Seth Maness leaps in an attempt to throw out a runner at first base earlier this season against South Carolina.

board in right-center, possibly into the Cliff Moore Football Practice Facility.

The Pirates stormed out of the gate, scoring 10 runs in the first three innings. Wright plated the first with a ground rule double to right-center in the first frame.

Designated hitter Austin Homan later cleaned the base paths with a three-RBI double to shallow center that dropped between three Eagle fielders.

On the mound, Mike Wright (2-1) tallied his second win in his second game start, hurling three predetermined innings and allowing one run on three hits with two strikeouts.

ECU worked five other pitchers on the day, including Brad Mincey, who pitched relief both Saturday and Sunday.

"He felt so good after yesterday and today," Godwin said. "We may relook at his role and try to bring him back in a situation where he's a middle inning guy."

Expecting a sweep over winless NCCU, the Pirates used the weekend to tailor certain parts of their game, especially hitting. Godwin "had things he wanted us to work on," Whitehead said. "For the most part, we did everything the best we could. I think going into conference play we're feeling pretty good."

On Saturday, ECU won the weekend series with a 15-2 victory over the Eagles.

NCCU kept the contest close early on, but eventually fell too far behind when the Pirates scored nine runs with the sixth and seventh innings.

Seth Maness earned his fourth consecutive win with a strong six-inning performance. The junior right-hander fanned seven-batters and allowed just two runs.

Corey Thompson and Billy Walling teamed up for five of the Pirates' 15 runs. In the sixth inning, Whitehead connected on his first round-tripper of the season.

In the opening tilt of the series, ECU barraged NCCU 30-4, including an 11-run bottom of the third.

Sophomore Wright went 2-for-6 with a home run and pushed across five runs. Daniel Warzon batted 3-for-3 with four RBI and his first homer.

In the seventh frame, freshman Chris Gosik tattooed his first career grand slam.

Lefty Kevin Brandt (2-2) pitched five shutout innings, fanning eight batters while allowing only one hit from Blake Murray who singled on two outs.

Kyle Roller suffered a wrist injury on Saturday in a collision with a base runner at first. Roller left the game and was absent from Sunday's game, but the injury appears minor.

The Pirates will host both Elon and UNC Wilmington this week. The action kicks off Tuesday at 6 p.m., followed by a Wednesday contest at the same time. ECU will then begin Conference USA play Friday at home against Tulane.

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## Softball cruises in rubber match to seal series win over Marshall

**Stephen McNulty**  
STAFF WRITER

The ECU softball team started out conference play on the right foot, taking two out of three this weekend versus Marshall. Toni Paisley (10-7) grabbed the two wins while Faith Sutton (5-5) recorded the loss for the Pirates.

After a tough first two games, ECU handedly defeated the Herd Sunday afternoon in the rubber match. The game was called due to the mercy rule after the Pirates led 10-0 going into the bottom of the fifth inning.

"Any time you can get Toni Paisley two runs, you know you are in the ball game," ECU head coach Tracey Kee said. "And we gave her 10... I don't think I have ever been that relaxed in my life."

Senior Marina Gusman-



Vanessa Moreno, shown in a game earlier this season, connects for a base hit in a Pirate win.

Brown led off the game with her third long ball in the past four games and now leads the team with six on the season.

Fellow senior Kauri Tom led all Pirates in hitting, going 2-3 with four RBIs and two runs scored. Tom's barrage also included a three-run home run in the fourth inning to open the game up.

"I just felt really relaxed today," Tom stated. "I had been struggling early in the year, not so much in my swing but in my confidence, so a lot of us have been putting in extra time and it's paid off. It's nice; I feel a lot more at ease, and it's good that we're all hitting."

Saturday's double-header was

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## Swimming and diving teams grind out another great season

**Stephen McNulty**  
STAFF WRITER

ECU swimming and diving head coach Rick Kobe sat at his desk, trophies and plaques lining the wall, and overlooked his swimming and diving team's practice. The team finished their season a few weeks prior at the 2010 NCAA Championships and was already back at work, but that is what it takes to avoid a losing record for 27 consecutive seasons.

"There is no off-season for swimming," Kobe said. "They will swim up to a week before finals, take finals and then go home or stay here and continue to train."

The hard work certainly paid off this season as the Pirates' swimming and diving had one of their best seasons of all time. The women's team finished 9-3 and the men finished 6-3.

The teams put a great showing in at the Conference USA Championship meet. The women recorded their first ever second-place finish and the men earned fourth place for their

efforts. Also, the team recorded nine NCAA "B" qualifying times.

"We weren't quite sure what was going to happen at conference... but we were on fire," Kobe said. "From a one to 10, we were a 10. We peaked at the right time, and not just our athletes but also our entire coaching staff. We are excited."

Eight women, including Rachel Blue, Kelsey Brosi, Natalia Favoretto, Jenna Stewart, Michelle Gadowry, Holly Berenotto and Kylie Francis all received All-Conference honors. Blue received individual honors in the 200-meter freestyle and 500-meter freestyle while Brosi and Favoretto also received individual honors in the 200-meter backstroke and 100-meter breaststroke, respectively.

For the men, Thiago Cavalcanti, Travis Strauder, Jeffrey Miller, Jonathan Bailey, Andrew Christian and Blake Brieses received the same honor. Cavalcanti was named All-Conference in three individual events and the 800-meter free relay and

Strauder gained his honor in two individual events.

Pirate swimmers also set eight new team records, including a 49.92 mark in the 100-meter free by Jenna Stewart and records in the 1,000-meter free and the 1,650-meter free by Thiago Cavalcanti. Travis Strauder also set multiple team records with times of 54.72 in the 100-meter breaststroke and 1:59.63 in the 200-meter breaststroke.

Chris Borysewicz set the 200-meter butterfly freshmen record with a time of 1:50.15 and Kayla Ford set the freshmen mark for the 200-meter back with a time of 2:01.32.

ECU's swimming and diving team also produced seven C-USA Athletes of the Week winners alongside three NCAA Diving Regional Qualifiers.

"We are packed here for swim meets with standing room only. I know it is not thousands of people, but we are packing this place and it's an environment and it's a lot of fun," Kobe stated.

Swimming and diving may

not be the most heard about sport at ECU, but it is certainly one of the winningest and most passionate of the programs.

Kobe had a clear message for the student body that may have not given college swim meets a chance.

"If you like the Olympics... this is the same. A different level, but the closeness of the race is the same and the atmosphere is electric. It is a pretty great situation," he stated.

The swimming and diving team also performed very well academically. Six team members made the Chancellors List, eight on the Deans List and 17 on Honor Roll. Once again, the women were named CSCAA Academic All America Fall Semester.

Coach Rick Kobe has a lot to be excited about going into his 29th season as ECU's head coach. "This was a very injury-plagued year, and if we can get everyone healthy and back from injury... we can go from being a really good team to a great team," Kobe said. "We had a lot of swimmers finish in the top 75

in the country and we get better every year."

Optimism is certainly the right state of mind for the ECU swimming and diving team after another great season in the pool.

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Sophomore diver Meghan Coyne prepares to enter the pool in a meet earlier this year.

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far from relaxing, however. In the second game, Faith Sutton struggled on the mound for the Pirates, giving up seven earned runs in just 2.1 innings pitched. Gusman-Brown relieved Sutton and allowed two runs in 3.1 innings pitched before Paisley came in to finish off the game. Marshall was just too much for the Pirates, winning 10-6. Perhaps the most intense battle of the weekend was the opening game. ECU pulled out the dramatic 4-3 win in nine innings. The Pirates were down to their last pitch when Gusman-Brown drove a two-run home run over the fence to force extra innings. Tom

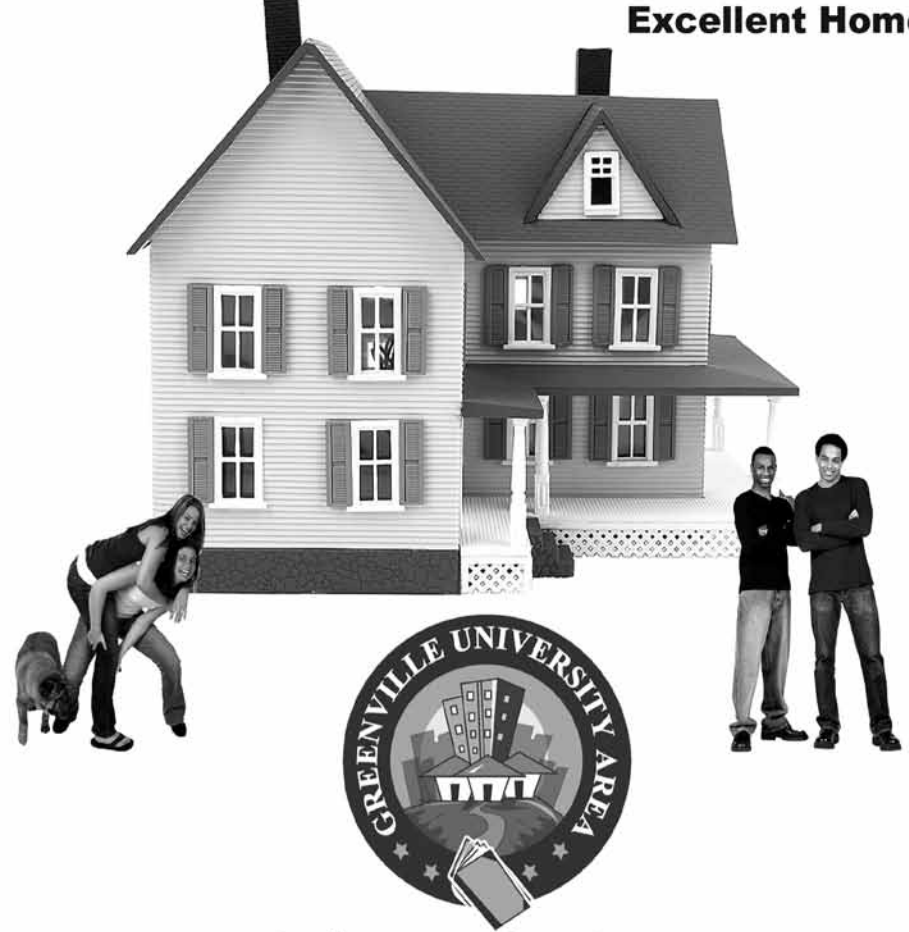
then hit a walk-off sacrifice fly to score Cristen Aona and grab the victory. Paisley went all nine innings, allowing just four hits and striking out 14 Herd batters. The junior ace came out of the weekend with a 10-7 record and 1.78 ERA. "I feel great. I feel like we have finally turned that corner. I think we were doubting ourselves for a while playing these big teams, and mentally we kept telling ourselves that it was because they were good teams, but now we can see, come conference, that we have the upper hand," Paisley said following her second victory of the weekend. Coach Kee also appreciates Pais-

ley's dominance in the circle. "She is just a special pitcher. I think it proved today how hard it is to come out on the second day, and the third game, when everyone has seen each other's pitches... for her to come out and throw a three-hit shutout is amazing," Kee said. The Pirates return to action Tuesday with a non-conference doubleheader at UNC Greensboro (13-15) and return to Greenville Saturday, April 10, for a doubleheader against C-USA rival UAB Blazers (17-9). This writer can be contacted at sports@theeastcarolinian.com.

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