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President and vice president win by default

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What was expected to be a chaotic week, filled with campaigns, elections and intense rivalries, turned out to be very tame.

Tremayne Smith, current SGA treasurer, and Josh Martinkovic, current chief of staff, planned far in advance for a grueling, competitive week and waited, on edge, to meet their opponents. As the days advanced, no students stepped forward for the running. Therefore, by default, Tremayne Smith and Josh Martinkovic will be next year's SGA president and vice president.

The official election results will be released Friday at 6 p.m.

Smith said, "As word spread that I was running and that my team was running, no one wanted to run against us. Thereby, as a mandate of the student body, as it is now, we clenched the nomination. We'll be the elect come Friday and will be sworn in on Sunday, May 2."

As for not being able to run the campaign they had both prepared diligently for, Smith said, "It's bittersweet because, as much as I would've loved to go through a campaign, it is grueling. There is a lot of work involved, many tiring nights."

He saw the positive in the outcome and said, "I took it as a sign that we did a lot of campaigning throughout year. That was our campaign; the

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ENT hosts comedy show

Chris Thomas

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Emerging New Talent organization held its first competition ever by inviting stand up comics from around the campus (and beyond) to take part in the "ENT Last Comic Standing" show, held at Mendenhall's Pirate Underground last Thursday night.

The contest was divided into two rounds, with first, second and third place awarded at the conclusion of the second round. The whole field competed in the first round and performed a five-minute set. At the conclusion of their set, three judges would score the comics on four qualities: creativity, delivery, audience feedback and overall performance. The top three scoring comics moved on to the next round and performed a three-minute set. They were then voted on by the audience with ballots. The comic with the most votes is the winner.

The intimate Pirate Underground was filled with students (save the three faculty judges) and laughs throughout the evening. Comics from all walks of life and styles performed and entertained the crowd through the evening. The winner was Dwayne Murphy, Jr., a freshman and communications major, who came out on top, winning a gift card to the Armadillo Grill, \$25 cash and a paid year's membership in the ENT. Murphy saw that victory as a hopeful stepping-stone for future success.

"I'm very happy [about winning] ... I just hope this is the beginning of something," said Murphy.

Murphy has been a stand-up comic since high school and draws a lot of inspiration from contemporary talent Kevin Hart and Dave Chappelle, as well as immortal legends like Bill Cosby and the late Richard Pryor. Murphy's observational style tries to relate his own thoughts and experiences to a wide audience.

"I just talk about life, how I see it, and how I can relate it with other people."

The competition, as previously mentioned, was organized and spon

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Sunny weather draws Pirates to annual festival



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The fourth annual PirateFest hosted an array of activities, wandering Pirates and musical performances this past weekend.

"PirateFest is not only an attraction for visitors and residents, but it is a opportunity for the whole community and university to come together," co-chair Denise Walsh said. "It also exposes college students to downtown Greenville in a different light, where daytime activities are promoted and separated from nightlife events."

Many organizations came

together to make this event a successful and entertaining one.

"U.S. Cellular, Uptown Greenville, Potash Corp, Sheetz, Pitt County, WITN, SuddenLink, Impressions Magazine and the Pitt County Arts Council at Emerge all contributed to the event," Walsh said.

Volunteer Coordinator Mike Loeffelman arranged a group of volunteers to assist with PirateFest activities.

"We had a total of 200 volunteers who spent their time checking people in, monitoring that all guests retain their alcohol beverages within PirateFest and asking



community members to fill out surveys expressing their opinions about PirateFest," Loeffelman said.

For her first PirateFest experience, Greenville resident Ray Miller was pleased with his experience.

"It is my first year going to PirateFest and it is an excellent event. It is a place where my children can have fun but also an event that I can enjoy as well," Miller said.

"It gives college students a chance to go downtown for daytime activities where shopping, art, greasy foods at every corner and live music take over the streets," Walsh said. "It provides a break from work and school schedules, where family and friends and even kids can just have fun."

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People of Greenville enjoying Pirate Fest. The festival featured roaming pirates and activities for children. ECU volunteers loaned a helping hand.

Relay for Life draws in nearly 2,000 people; raises \$84,000 for cause

Emily Cunningham
STAFF WRITER

This past Friday, ECU students participated in the annual Relay for Life event. The event was held at Minges Coliseum from 6 p.m. Friday until 6 a.m. Saturday.

The theme of this year's event was "Relay Around the World." Teams represented various countries and decorated their sites and sold food according to the customs of their countries.

According to ECU's Relay for Life Ceremonies Chair Kelcey Williams, a sophomore majoring in hospitality management, approximately 1,390 people participated in this year's event, and ECU has currently raised more than \$84,000 in donations. While the goal for this year's event was \$100,000, Williams stated that they will continue fundraising until August, by which time they hope to have met their goal.

ECU was able to raise a considerable amount of money by participating in a friendly competition with N.C. State, in which the two universities competed to raise the most money for Relay for Life. According to the Pirate Relay Web site, N.C. State raised the most money for offline donations, with a total of \$3,800, and ECU raised the most money for online donations, with a total of \$6,041. Altogether, ECU raised a total of \$9,759.

While, ECU has been participating in Relay for Life for several years, Williams stated that the feedback from students who attended the event this year was very positive. "From people we've talked to at the event, everyone was thrilled about it and said it was the one of the best ones we ever had," said Williams.

The feedback from non-student adults who attended was also positive. "It shows that college students aren't mischievous and do actually care about a cause," said Williams.

Williams also spoke about the importance of the Relay for Life event specifically at ECU. "We have a lot of students who are cancer survivors and some who have been

touched by cancer," she said, "and it helps our community to come together for one night."

Williams also commented on the growing nature of ECU's Relay for Life. "We're at the point where we're so big that we're going to have to have bigger locations," stated Williams. She also stated that 79 teams were involved in Relay for Life, including various ECU organizations and groups simply made up of individuals who shared the desire to fight cancer.

One such organization that participated in this year's event was Golden Key International Honour Society. Carolyn Edson, the captain of Golden Key's team, which represented Great Britain, stated that her team was able to raise over \$1,000 in donations for Relay for Life.

The Golden Key team also received support from Jersey's Mikes, which donated a portion of its profits last Thursday to Relay for Life.

Edson, a senior majoring in biology, stated that she decided to volunteer for Relay for Life because of the personal impact that cancer has had on her life. "My dad is currently battling metastatic liver cancer. It definitely creates a more passionate motivation when it affects someone you love. With the occurrence of cancer on the rise, events like Relay for Life help us raise money and awareness to hopefully come closer to reaching the cure," said Edson.

One ECU sorority, Epsilon Sigma Alpha, also created a team in order to raise money to battle cancer. Cristina Graziano, the president of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, stated they had just fewer than 80 girls participate for the event. Their team, which represented St. Lucia, raised over \$1,000.

"I think that sometimes it's easier to not see the bigger picture, that cancer affects everyone," said Graziano on why she felt it was important to volunteer for the event. This was Graziano's third year participating in Relay for Life.

The event also hosted a large



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The future location of the Greenville science center.

City approves funds for science center

Cassie McLean
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Last week, the Greenville City Council approved the necessary funds needed to purchase the property and facility in which to put a new science center.

The city, specifically the Redevelopment Commission, will use \$378,000 in general obligation bonds to purchase the building previously owned by Pugh Tire Center. The location sits at 729 Dickinson Avenue.

GO-Science will lease the building from the city and begin putting together a science center for Greenville's younger population.

The Daily Reflector reported that the vote was unanimous and that all council members agreed the development would benefit the downtown area.

Councilman Calvin Mercer foresees a positive impact from the construction and said, "It will contribute to our central city and west city revitalization. Inner cities are trying to revitalize the downtown area."

Mercer is also highly anti-

ciating the impact the center will have on children.

"Another thing excites me is that it really is an investment in kids and our young people," he said. "To have our young people literate in science and technology is going to help them in the work force and contribute to their being able to find good jobs. And some kids who might be at-risk kids can get excited about science. It might help steer them away from criminal activity. So there is an economic development aspect to this as well."

While the city will lease out the space to the business, Mercer explained that the GO-Science team will renovate, provide the staff and bring in over \$2 million worth of interactive science and technology exhibit pieces they have currently waiting in a storage room.

Mercer outlined the plans for the interior of the new development, saying, "It'll include a small planetarium, an earth science exhibit and a weather related exhibit. It's got one which is a tornado or hurricane exhibit. You can actually put your hand inside

a mini tornado. It will have developmentally appropriate science activities for toddlers."

With that, the councilman added that he believed the location would have something for all age groups.

Anne Block, a sophomore hospitality management major, said, "I honestly think it's a great idea. The downtown area is not just for college kids. It's for everybody. It's really great to see something other than night life. I like the idea a lot."

Mercer believed the project was a positive one for many of the community, saying, "There was a lot of support throughout the city, from educators and economic developers, university people and Pitt Community College folks and downtown revitalization folks and businesses. Businesses need to have a work force that they can draw from that understands and is an educated work force. Lot of support for the project."

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student body voted by saying they would not be able to compete. I'm excited."

Josh Martinkovic agreed with Smith in that their work prior to the campaign week was what kept them from having any opponents.

"I'm very excited. I feel like we did, technically, campaign throughout the year with the projects that we did. With every accomplishment, people began to notice more and more what we were doing; we got a lot more involvement."

He added, "With the events that we did at the end of the year — Diversity Week, the SGA awards — we feel like a lot of people were happy with what we were doing. Us going unopposed was a testament to doing a lot of good work this year. And it was actually recognized."

He does, though, see the positive in holding elections and said, "While we didn't get challenged for our prospective positions, elections are good because they push us to work harder and be our best... But it is rewarding to see people are recognizing you for what you're doing."

Smith said, "This is the first time in SGA history that something like this has happened. To date, this is our 101st SGA administration. This is a brand new volume... It's really exciting."

Smith and Martinkovic have big plans for the upcoming year. Martinkovic explained the two still plan to campaign, merely at a less intense pace. They plan on holding open forums and discussing their plans for the future year. Martinkovic explained that the two looked forward to hearing from the students and hope to incorporate what they expect next school year.

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sored by Emerging New Talent, also known as the "ENT."

ENT was founded by junior Vallinda Persaud, a communication major who currently presides over the organization as president. Persaud created the group last semester after noticing a lack of outlets for ECU students to show off their talents for their fellow classmates.

"I was inspired by the lack of options for the entertainment on campus," said Persaud. "The Student Activity Board brings entertainment to campus, but I wanted to take the student talents that we have on campus, use that to entertain ourselves, instead of paying people to come and entertain us. Why not use what we have here?"

Since its conception this past autumn, ENT has been hosting monthly open mic nights for any and all students who have a talent they wish to share in front of an audience and the courage to sign up and actually do it. According to Persaud, everyone is welcome to take part in ENT.

"We want to take everyone's talents and bring them together," said Persaud.

The real mission of the organization, though, is not only to entertain the ECU campus with homegrown talent, but also to help unite the students of the university through artistic expression and, according to Persaud, create a community that embraces and nurtures creativity.

ENT "brings a sense of belonging to the campus," said Persaud. "Belonging to something bigger than yourself on the campus."

The ENT meets every Monday at 7:01 p.m. ("We like to start one minute past 7 because we know people are human and that things don't always start on time," said Persaud) at the cultural center and holds weekly "jam session" on Fridays in the social room at the same time. Their final event of the year is coming up on April 14th on the Mendenhall Brickyard, hosted by Murphy. Persaud wants the ENT to be the hub where students are allowed to showcase their talents and, hopefully, become a celebrity in their own right around the campus.

"Our slogan is: 'This is your Hollywood, Join the Movement,'" said Persaud.

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diversity of survivors, which, for Graziano, was very eye opening. "There were teenagers, grandmothers and grandfathers, which puts everything into perspective," she said.

According to Kelcey Williams, about 100 to 200 students stayed the full 12 hours. Those who did stay were able to participate in a variety of activities, such as Monster Pong and dancing.

The event was originally scheduled to be held at the North Recreation Complex, but had to be moved due to the inclement weather that had been predicted for that weekend. Williams stated that the committee made the executive decision to move the event the Tuesday before it was originally scheduled.

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Calendar Events

Tuesday, April 13

"Risk Analysis: Product Management in the face of uncertainty and litigation"
3:30 p.m. Sci& Tech 144N

Sixth Annual Holocaust Awareness Day
On the mall 6-9 p.m.

"Do I look fat?"
7-9 p.m. Sci&Tech C307

Healthy Pirates Blood Drive
12-6 p.m. at White Hall

FCA Chalkboard Chatter
7:30 p.m. St. James UMC

Baseball vs. Campbell
6 p.m.

Greek Week: Volleyball Tourn.
Phi Kappa Tau 3:30-6 p.m.

Hospitality Dinner. 4-8 p.m.
Contact Josh Burney at jdb0110@ecu.edu

"The Force Behind Leadership"
3:30 p.m. Scie & Tech 144N

"Superstition and Magic in Jewish Culture — Are Witches Female?" 4 p.m. Bate 1026

Opening of ECU Center for Diversity and Inequality Research
7 p.m. Science & Tech 207

Chanticleer
Wright Auditorium 7:30 p.m.

Andrew Lipka's "The Wild Party"
8 p.m. at McGinnis Theatre
Order online at ECUARTS.

SAB's Laugh Out Loud Series Presents: Dave and Ethan
8 p.m. Hendrix Theatre

CRW Disc Golf Tournament
3-6 p.m. West Meadowbrook Park.

ECU Campus Walk to Stop Human Trafficking
6 p.m. Meet at the top of College Hill and walk to Hendrix Theatre carrying anti-human trafficking signs.

Friday, April 16

27th Annual Purple & Gold Pigskin Pig-out Party
Purchase tickets at Ticket Box.

Nobody's Perfect
7 p.m.
\$9 for adults- Central Ticket Office at 252-328-4788.

Baseball vs. UAB
6 p.m.

Greek Week: Cookout
College Hill 3-5 p.m.

Saturday, April 17

Men's lacrosse vs. Virginia Tech
2 p.m.

Purple/Gold Spring Football Game
2 p.m. General admission.

Black History Museum Greensboro, N.C. - day trip. Contact Tony Virella at ajv0326@ecu.edu

16th Annual Hamstring Hustle
5K Run/Walk
Lynndale Neighborhood Race will begin 10 a.m.; registration starts at 8:30 a.m. \$23. Sign up at <http://www.ecu.edu/org/msc/events/hamstring.htm>.

Third Annual Pirate Alumni Road Race and Fun Run
9 a.m. at the Taylor-Slaughter Alumni Center. Supports ECU student scholarships. Entry fee is \$25. Race day registration is 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Club Men's LAX vs. Virginia Tech: 2 p.m. at NRC #4

Softball vs. UTEP
1 p.m.

Baseball vs. UAB
5 p.m.

Sunday, April 18

BSU Week: Church
11 a.m. Will be going to Koinonia Church. jdb0110@ecu.edu for ride.

Baseball vs. UAB
10 a.m.

Softball vs. UTEP
12 p.m.

Wednesday, April 14

Delta Zeta's Big Man on Campus
7:30-8:30 p.m.
Hendrix Theater
Male beauty pageant. Tickets for the events are being sold by sisters for \$5; \$7 at door.

SigEp Blood Drive
1 to 7 p.m. SigEp house:
505 S. Summit St.

"Women Artists" Exhibit
5-7 p.m. in Joyner Library

SAB Presents: 'Sherlock Holmes'
9:30 p.m. Hendrix Theatre
Also playing Thursday-Sunday

SGA Elections Debate
7:30 p.m. Sci&Tech C209

Thursday, April 15

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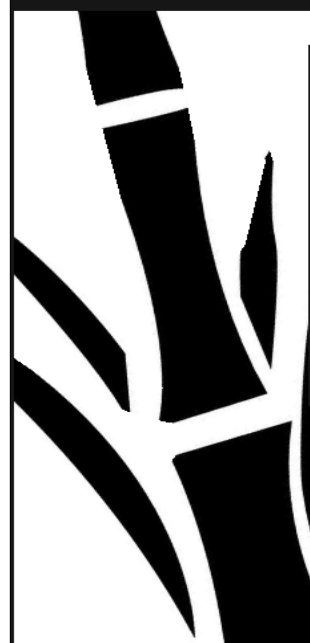
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To the girl walking through central campus wearing sneakers, a t-shirt, and string bikini bathing suit bottoms: WTF?! I know it's hot outside, but seriously put some pants on.

Dear roommate: You eat like a cow and screech like a crow but please let me sleep. You stay up until 6:30 a.m. and procrastinate on your 20-page paper at the last minute, but please let me sleep! Thanks.

Since when does the length of my dangle have to be indirectly proportional to the length of my shorts in order to get into PBs?

I looked great today...and didn't get hit on at all...ECU boys need to man up!

You already ripped my heart out of my chest...go ahead, stomp on it and kick it around a little more. It's what you're best at!

Is it bad that I am beginning to consider Wednesday a weekend night?

I would like to thank my chemistry professor for standing up to spoiled stupid irresponsible students. Don't come to class if you are going to leave early.

To the girl sitting beside me in Aycok's computer lab: Please get off your phone and shut up already. I feel bad for your boyfriend and I don't even know the guy!

Last week, I ate out at Chili's and the manager stopped by during our meal. His breath was so bad it made me lose my appetite. Get a breath mint!!!

I can't believe you are back out here at the pool when your skin looks like leather!

I hate when you make your relationship "Facebook Official." I mean, really who the F cares?

I hate that you think every girl is into you just because they look or smile at you... you look like BUTT...

I hate moms that try to act like they are 21 again. I mean you have a FUPA!!

Why are all these old people on Facebook...I know you are only asking to be my friend to be nosey! Get a new Hobby!

I hate tiny pictures on Facebook!

Why is there a clown that pops out of the clock in front of the Joyner? I think it would be better if it were a pirate!

I can't stand the constant negativity anymore! Get over yourself and grow up.

I refuse to be the girl you run to when she's not around so quit sending me mixed signals. Either make up your mind or leave me alone for good.

Facebook wants to know what's on my mind. Twitter wants to know what I'm doing. I'm starting to think these Web sites are ran by pedophiles.

If you have to gossip so much about people it just shows how insecure you are, so stop, grow up, and learn to act your age.

I know I'm funny... but seriously stop saying lol, rofl, etc. every time I talk to you on Facebook chat.

Why is it people feel the need to comment on every part of movies played in Hendrix. Yet they don't say one intelligent thing the entire time. Just watch the movie.

I guess turning the AC down to 60 is your last-ditch effort to keep us awake in class. Not working.

To the person who stole the seat off of my bike last week: Thanks a ton, jackass!

Since when did Joyner become a meeting place for loud and obnoxious people? Seriously STFU, there are those of us who are trying to study!

Thank you to the cute guy at the bookstore who stayed open an extra 25 minutes so I could pick up a book I HAD to have. You are a lifesaver!

Why was that boy tanning by the pool with tube socks on???

To the person who ranted about someone writing all over Wright Plaza: Stop being a hater. You're just mad because no one has done something sweet for you.

If you don't live at an apartment then don't ride the bus over to use our pool. We pay for that luxury not pay for others to use it.

To the couple in the library Thursday at approximately 7 p.m. in the back computer lab: Shut up. You're not in 5th grade any more! The puppy love crap is stupid and annoying go somewhere else to baby talk each other us adults have stuff to do and don't want to listen to you.

People: Stop writing pirate rants and actually suck it up and say something to your annoying roommates.

Dear roommate who hates my Japanese Cherry Blossom perfume: I wouldn't have to spray so much if the smell of your disgusting fat a** wasn't stained in all of my clothes!

To the person who got left in the dark in Joyner Library: What studying can you do in 5 minutes?? Let me guess, you are one of the ones who come down the stairs at 10 after closing and wonder why the guard is glaring at you. Do us all a favor and try to drag yourself away from Facebook/Myspace and leave when you are supposed to. Thanks.

Avoiding extremes while chasing the golden mean



Ben Cochran
OPINION COLUMNIST

They say you don't know what you've got until it's gone. It's a nice little reminder that we can sometimes take for granted the good things in our lives. When we encounter something good, we are initially enthralled with it. After a while, desensitization sinks in and what once was the euphoria of novelty is now the blasé of ubiquity. If there is ever a break in that consistency, then the pang of withdrawal rears its ugly head and you will certainly learn to view what you had in a much more appreciative light.

But what we oftentimes forget is that perfection is a myth and things that are good are always accompanied with a set of flaws ranging from minor to major. When we look back on the "good times" of life, we tend to forget about all of the minor aggravations that were imbedded in those happy days.

Anyone in a long distance relationship can attest to this. If you're scheduled to see your significant other after a long hiatus, the anticipation can be at an all time high. At the moment of the reunion when there should only be pure ecstasy, you instead find yourself mentally complaining of all the little things you had subconsciously swept under the rug.

For instance, she still texts other people when you want some alone time; she insists on holding your hand when all it does is make your palms sweaty and gross; and she continues to have full on conversations in her sleep with some guy named Guillermo. And then she wonders why I hate morning sex? I tried to roll with it by passive-aggressively suggesting some kinky role-playing — she could be the housewife and I

could be the yard worker with a leaf blower strapped to my back. She quickly shot that down and muttered something about how she's glad I get indigestion every time I eat at Chico's. And in a few days' time, we're right back to our constant bickering.

So it is with the warm weather. I've missed it for so long that I hardly remember some of the downsides to an otherwise invigorating time of year. After last week, I'm painfully aware that my apartment has no air conditioning; my ability to concentrate on schoolwork is depressingly low; and my car is covered in so much pollen, it looks like it just got finished starring in that classic ecological porn film, "Orgy in the Arboretum." But perhaps the biggest downside to this weather change that I have conveniently forgotten about is how much more I sweat.

The situation is borderline ridiculous. I don't think I have hyperhidrosis, which is a medical condition that makes one sweat profusely over and above the normal requirement for body cooling. But the 10-minute walk that gets me from my apartment to campus is followed by a five-minute cool-down period in the closest bathroom where I wipe the sweat from my brow and other places of personal discomfort. If not for the inordinate amounts of deodorant, antiperspirant, cologne, body spray and a full range of Axe products, I would most assuredly smell like a bear in heat. This, in turn, leads me to allocate a higher percentage of my beer funds to my "try not to smell like a jockstrap after football practice" funds. And to you girls who might like that scent: Y'all are freaks.

So even though it's nice outside and everyone is so happy about the warm weather, moderate your enthusiasm to reflect reality. There are still a lot of downsides that come with this time of year, so please temper your excitement accordingly.

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"I feel like a human piñata. The disappointing thing is, no candy is going to spill out."

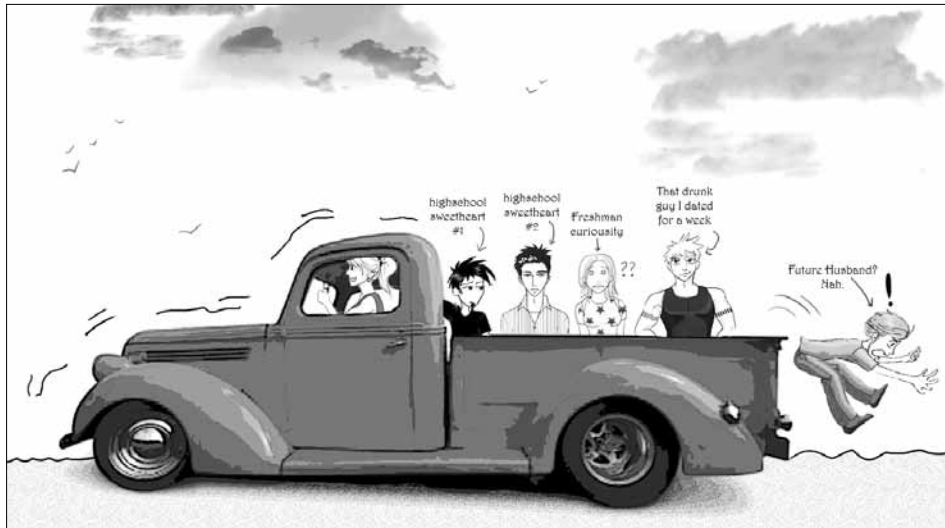
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When you're always stuck in second gear, who will be there?



Stephanie Fu
OPINION COLUMNIST

A family member of mine very recently questioned me about my logic. He wanted to know why friends were equal in importance to me as family. I tried to explain that my closest friends are like family to me because, although they may annoy me at times, they are always there for me. And, above all, I trust them.

His slightly haughty response was, "You won't be friends with any of them past college."

This annoyed and still annoys me to no end. Since when did people become so expendable?

I have several friends from high school that I was close to then and still am now. Of course, we don't talk every day or go off campus for lunch in downtown Raleigh (and somehow, strangely forget to come back for the next period or so) but we still check on each other with a few phone conversations to catch up and see each other every time we go home or visit each other's schools. These people are still my closest friends to this day. On a larger scale, there are always those reunions every Christmas break when almost everyone is home and it's like a flashback to a regular Saturday night as a high school student.

The act of graduating is supposed to be one of joy, excitement

and some fear — but the good kind of fear of starting a whole new life. It upsets me to think that after this ceremony, the extremely great friends that I have met in college to add to my great friends from childhood and high school will just drop off the face of my new world.

But the attitude of friends just being temporary is not as uncommonly found in my skeptical family member as I should hope. Facebook is just one example to prove this point. Its purpose is to be a networking community to give people an opportunity to stay connected, which should be especially beneficial to those of us who are about to leave ECU. However, over the past couple of years, it has become a tool for threatening undergraduates of jeopardizing their careers if ever a CEO, principal or authoritative figure should surf through our profiles and find some photo, wall post or status update not to their liking. (Word to the wise — if you haven't already, it is past due to make your profile private!) And then, contrary to its original purpose, Facebook seems to encourage literally deleting someone out of your life without so much as a mature or considerate phone call with some sort of explanation. Is it even possible to completely erase someone from your past, present and future by "un-friending" someone or un-tagging a few photos? Is it worth it to the "de-friender" or the "de-friendee?"

Even casual romantic relationships, although they may be fun and, some may agree, appropriate for our age level, when they get too casual, they become

slutty and heartless. Even if you don't know the person except for say maybe a night, he or she is still a person and regardless of the seemingly proud argument that "it" was mutual, it seems extremely heartless to me to treat the other in such a careless manner as if he or she is a piece of trash. And yes, I know some may be avidly nodding their heads agreeing that trashy is a perfect description, but let's be honest — it happens maybe more often than others wish, but it happens nonetheless.

Perhaps everyone just needs to be reminded of the golden rule from kindergarten: "Treat others as you would want to be treated." And have faith! If someone doesn't value your friendship enough to continue a two-way relationship post graduation, then you are probably better off without them. I'm not claiming that I will keep in touch and stay close with every single one of my college friends. Although appealing, it's nearly impossible. But, when I am standing in my purple cap and gown that second weekend in May, smiling for photo after photo, I know that I would not trade my college experience for anything, friend and foe included. I know that my close, great friends will always be my close, great friends — even without the parties, dorm rooms and late night cramming for exams. Some people are meant to make just an appearance in life and others are destined to be with you forever.

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Is Global Warming really passé?

A response to Michael Pacheco's 3/25/10 editorial

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If only climate change was not a global problem...

For as long as people have presented the issue of climate change, there have been those that continuously retort it. Arguments can easily be made for both sides, and when you look at a few simple facts, it can be easy to see why Mr. Pacheco and many others discredit the problem entirely.

The problem with these facts though, is that they can be interpreted differently, so allow me to interpret them in another way. According to the aforementioned article, 48 percent of Americans believe the threat of global warming is exaggerated, an increase from 31 percent from the same poll taken in 1997 (Annual Gallup Social Series Environment Poll). What does this actually tell us? Well, it could mean a wide variety of things.

Perhaps a devastating natural disaster could affect public opinion on the threat of global climate change. Consider Hurricane Katrina in 2005, for example. From the same poll mentioned above, we see that

only 30 percent of Americans believed that the threat of global warming is exaggerated in 2006. It seems from the statistics presented we can determine that public opinion seemed to be more focused on the threat of climate change in 2006 than in any other year since 1997. Could this be a coincidence?

Now, let's use this same train of thought, but focus it a bit differently. Americans were hit hard by the global economic recession in 2008. How might that have an effect on public opinion of global climate change? Well for one, Americans in general tend to have more urgent things to think about, like providing for themselves and their families during hard times. Do we have much time to think about problems that might not be immediately or directly affecting us at the moment? Not really, and the same poll proves this theory. We see a large spike in indifference over the threat of global climate change from the 2008 poll to the 2010 poll of approximately 13 percent! Before 2008, fluctuation that occurred over this same question was 5 percent at the most.

So you see, facts can be interpreted in many different ways. The fact of the matter is this: Climate change is indeed an issue, but because its effects

aren't immediate or even tangible at times, we tend to ignore the facts.

I do agree with one statement Mr. Pacheco makes though; we definitely need a complete bottom-to-top review of the way our government deals with climate research. Maybe we should take a page from the rest of the world's book and begin to focus more on preserving our environment and natural resources. After all, we consider ourselves global leaders in technology and innovation, so why are we letting ourselves slip behind the rest of the world on such an important issue?

Global climate change is, unfortunately, a topic that too many people misunderstand, misinterpret and devalue in this country. ECU does however offer a very interesting class which focuses on understanding and working together globally to help mitigate and adapt to global climate change. In this class, students interact with peers from China, India and Brazil on a weekly basis, engaging in stimulating discussion and discourse concerning this important world issue.

If you would like to know more about the global climate change class, contact ECU's Geography Department.

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DID YOU KNOW?

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The word accordion comes from the German word *akkord*, which means "agreement, harmony."

The word calendar comes from Latin and means "to call out."

The word hangnail comes from the Middle English: *ang-* ("painful") + *nail*. It has nothing to do with hanging.

The word cop came from the English term "Constable on Patrol."

MAFIA is an acronym for *Morte Alla Francia Italia Anela*, or "Death to the French is Italy's Cry."

Mothers were originally names *Mama* or *Mommy* (in many languages) because they have mammary glands.

Influenza got its name from the fact that people believed the disease was because of the evil "influence" of stars.

The word kangaroo means "I don't know" in the language of Australian Aborigines. When Captain Cook approached natives of the Endeavor River tribe to ask what the strange animal he spotted was, he got "kangaroo" for an answer.

German is considered the sister language of English.

Amphibious is based on Greek words that mean living a double life; amphibians live both on land and in water.

The word rodent comes from the Latin word *rodere*, meaning "to gnaw."

The words assassination and bump were invented by Shakespeare.

The Old English Word for sneeze is *fneosam*.

The U in U-boats stands for "underwater."

The word constipation comes from a Latin word that means "to crowd together."

The word curfew originates from an old French word that means "cover fire."

Corduroy comes from the French *cord du roi* or "cloth of the king."

In French, *essay* means "to try, attempt."

There are about 5,000 different languages spoken on Earth.

Chevrolet tried marketing a Chevrolet Nova in Spanish-speaking countries – it didn't sell well because "no va" means "doesn't go" in Spanish.

In Italy, a campaign for Schweppes Tonic Water translated the name into Schweppes Toilet Water.

In Papua New Guinea, there are villages within five miles of each other that speak different languages.

More than 26 dialects of Quichua are spoken in Ecuador.

No Spanish words begin with the letter W (except for those of American-English origin).

The stress in Hungarian words always falls on the first syllable.

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Return of the Greeks

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The Greek community compete in friendly games for greek week.

The Greek Community takes part in a week of friendly competition paired with community service

Lynsey Horn
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The sun is out, the weather is warm and all the Greeks come out to play. Greek Week is here once again!

Once a year, the ECU Greek organizations come together, as a whole, for a week full of competitions and community service events. Greek Week is a practice

that universities and colleges across the country have participated in for years. It is a great chance for sororities and fraternities from Panhellenic Council, Interfraternity Council and National Pan-Hellenic Council to join together to help their local communities and show the strength of



ECU Greek Life.

This year's Greek Week started Sunday and runs through Friday. Each day has a different event that the Greek community hosts and attends. Anyone is invited to attend the events and watch the competitions. Sunday's kickoff event was the Greek Olympics, which consisted of powder puff football, kickball, tug of war, a hot dog eating contest and a torch relay. The all-Greek community service event was held on Monday, during which members from each team came out to promote the census. During this time, the Greek community helped fill out census forms and inform people of how important it is to return the census.

Keith Tingley, director of Greek Life, feels strongly about this event and its importance. "For every 1,000 people who live in Greenville and do not return their census forms, the city loses \$1.5 million in funding," Tingley said. The census is an important issue to the entire country that can be addressed locally, which is why the students who planned Greek Week decided to focus their community service efforts toward it.

Today, there will be a volleyball tournament at the Phi Tau Fraternity house at 3:30 p.m. Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity and Delta Zeta Sorority are hosting their annual philanthropy events on Wednesday. Sigma Phi

team performs with members from each organization in a fierce talent competition. The final event and awards ceremony will be at the bottom of College Hill on Friday at 3 p.m. NPHC will be hosting a cook out that all students are welcome to attend.

At the end of the week, one team is declared Greek Week Champion, which is based mainly on participation from each team and also on winners of different events throughout the week.

Last year, the winning team was Kappa Delta, Delta Chi, Chi Phi and Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Before last year, Greek Week had fallen by the wayside because lack of enthusiasm from students to plan the event. The responsibility of planning had been given to Greek Life staff members and therefore it did not reflect the interests of the students. This year, Meredith Middleton, Panhellenic director of programming, Clayton Kidd, IFC administrative vice president and Ina Johnson, member of NPHC sorority Sigma Gamma Rho Inc., planned a Greek Week members of the Greek community are proud to attend.

Tremayne Smith, member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and SGA treasurer, summed up the week by saying, "With all the differences in letters, colors and creeds that there are in Greek

Epsilon has a blood drive at their house on Fifth Street from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Delta Zeta's Big Man on Campus is in Hendrix Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Big Man on Campus is a male beauty pageant in which a few ECU Greek gentlemen strut their stuff and show off their talents for a good cause. Tickets are \$8 at the door and all proceeds go to Delta Zeta's national speech and hearing-impaired philanthropy organizations.

In addition, the 2010 All-Greek Talent Take Down will be held in Minges Coliseum from 6 to 7:30 p.m. A group from each

Life on our campus, it is refreshing to know and to see that all of Greek Life realizes that no matter what separates us, there is something that binds and bonds us as Greek community, and that is the fact that we are Pirates. That is demonstrated in our camaraderie and fellowship on the playing fields and throughout the year."

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Third annual "Medicine and Music Working Together" fundraising event for the Grimesland Free Clinic

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In order to raise money for the Grimesland Free Clinic, the ECU School of Music will be putting on a fundraising event entitled "Medicine and Music Working Together." The clinic, located in Grimesland, is open every Sunday from 12 to 4 p.m. and is free and welcomes anyone in need of basic primary care services.

The clinic is run by medical students and is also staffed by one volunteer physician each Sunday. The clinic offers free medications to patients for basic medical needs; the medicine is prescribed to patients by the volunteer physician.

Pre-Med undergraduates are also encouraged to sign up to volunteer at www.ecu.edu/org/ppci. It is a wonderful volunteer opportunity for prospective medical students, which will also allow them to gain knowledge and experience.

"Medicine and Music Working Together" will be a concert event that will be put on by the ECU School of Music in order to help raise money for the clinic.

The concert will be held in Wright Auditorium at 8 p.m. Tuesday night. All concert proceeds will benefit the medical student activities at the Grimesland Free Clinic. Admission to the event is free; however, a \$10 donation is suggested and all donations are appreciated.

"We'd like to welcome anyone and everyone to come out and see a fantastic concert and support a good cause," stated second-year ECU medical student Andrews Afanador. Afa-

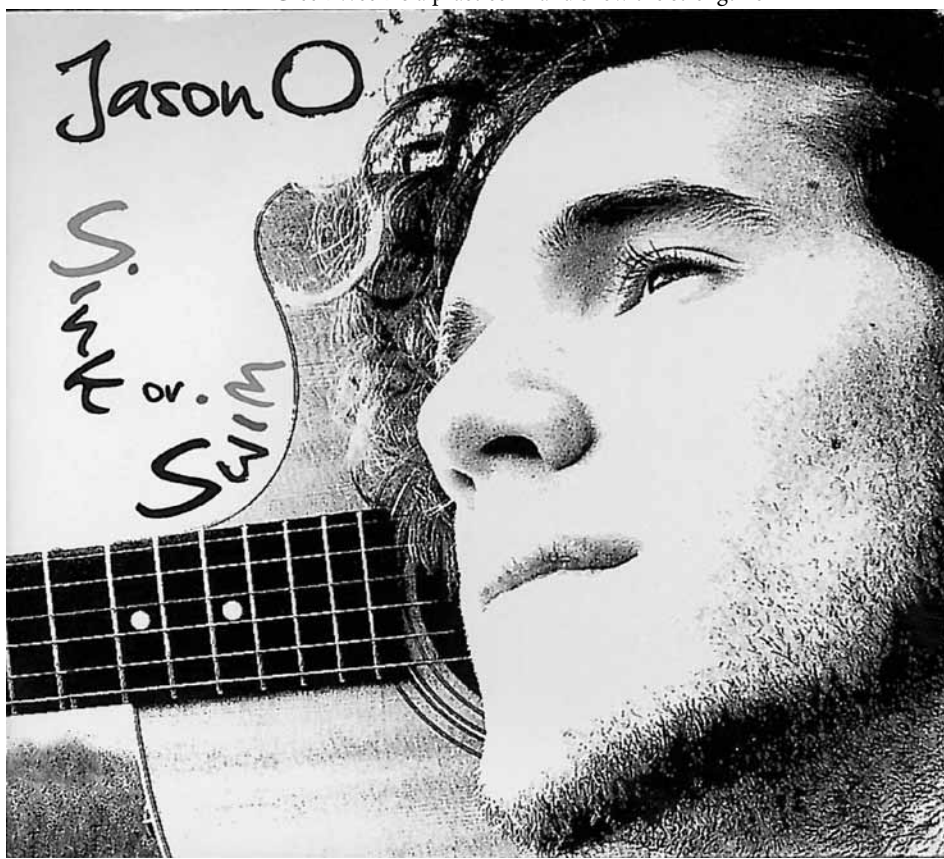
nador is co-director, along with Joey Chow, who is also a second-year ECU medical student, of the Grimesland Free Clinic.

According to Afanador, 85 percent of patients seen at the Grimesland Free Clinic are Latino, which creates the need to hire onsite interpreters at the clinic. The fundraising event will raise money to pay for medications, as well as interpreters, and will also aid the volunteers to help those in need.

Prior to the concert, there will be a silent auction, which will include several items that have been donated by local shops and boutiques around Greenville. The silent auction will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday night and will be followed by the concert. Proceeds from the auction will also be beneficial to the Grimesland Free Clinic, as well as the medical student volunteers. Items up for auction include rounds of golf donated by local golf courses, paintings, ceramic bowls and other artwork donated by local artists. There will also be photography, pottery, accessories and gift certificates that have all been donated by local business and other individuals.

The event will be comprised of music by the ECU School of Music Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band and Concert Band. The student volunteers at the Grimesland Free Clinic urge those interested to attend and donate what they can so that the group can continue to provide care to those in need.

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Jason Olcese, Pennsylvania native, is performing tonight at 7 p.m.

Jason O plays tonight at the Topsy Teapot

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The melodic beats of one-man band Jason Olcese can be heard tonight at the free concert held in downtown's Topsy Teapot from 7 to 9 p.m.

A dynamic mix of indie rock and jazz, Jason's sound covers anything from acoustic guitar and percussion to French horn and piano. His latest album, "Sink or Swim," is a wide variety of instruments, with some songs featuring harmonica, trumpet, clarinet and even the banjo. The many components of Jason's music are performed by a process of live looping, which allows him to record with multiple instruments on stage while singing.

"Looping really revolutionizes the way the music is played. It's not just a dude with a guitar, singing," said

Jason. "It's cool because it happens right there. There is no prerecording. Looping allows it to have that acoustic vibe but with fuller sound."

The Topsy Teapot serves as a great local venue that gives audience members the opportunity to get close to artists new to the professional arena while in a relatively small setting. A full house is expected, so those who would rather not stand should come early for a seat.

Based out of Pennsylvania, Jason launched his recording career while still in college, earning a B.S. in psychology with honors in music at Penn State University. Since 2002, with the release of his first album, "Simplify," he has recorded a total of six independent albums and over 150 songs.

He is described as a healthy mix of indie rock

artist Jason Mraz and looping musician Keller Williams, combining lyrical talent with novel performance techniques.

Growing up with parents who are both music educators, Jason began playing his first instrument at the age of five. As a drummer for most of his life, he first picked up guitar at 17 while playing with a band he was part of at the time.

After graduating college, he moved to New York City to pursue a career in music. However, after finding himself more often a pizza delivery boy than a singer, Jason moved back to his home base in Pennsylvania. He has been playing music full time ever since.

On April 17, Jason will play a private party for Sena

African Students Organization hopes to bring enjoyment to the campus community with 'Africa Night'

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ECU is home to Pirates of all races, creeds, religions, nationalities and cultures, and with so many blending together, it is no wonder that new student organizations form every semester.

With groups such as Asian Students Association, Caribbean Students Association, S.A.L.S.A and BSU, it is no wonder that African Students Organization, or ASO, has found its place on ECU's campus.

Since its founding in 2005, ASO's goal has been to educate ECU students, faculty and the Greenville community about the different issues, cultures and values that pertain to Africa.

ASO has achieved an outstanding reputation for promoting African awareness by visiting local high schools and middle schools to educate students and volunteering in community events such as the International Festival, Multicultural Family Day and the Gulu Walk.

ASO consists of students, graduate and undergraduate, who are either directly from the continent, share ties with the continent or have an interest in learning about life on the continent.

ASO embraces students of all kind but hopes to reach out to students coming from Africa and provide them with an organization dedicated to the preservation of their culture, as well as the transitioning into their new one.

In accordance with the found-

ing mission of ASO, the group seeks to promote the unity, progress and strength of students of African descent, as well as those of non-African descent on campus, and foster leadership and relevance of innovative programs that will be provided by a passionate group of students with an interest in service to the community as well as Africa itself.

Each member of ASO serves as an "ambassador" of his or her various countries. Furthermore, the organization continuously displays leadership for America and the global community by continually demonstrating great pride in their skin colors.

Because ASO is not the only African-based student organization in the college network, the group

also strives to cooperate with other African student organizations at North Carolina colleges in order to promote unity and understanding among Africans at different universities.

To help showcase the different cultures of Africa, ASO will be hosting a two-night event this week.

Prior to the main event, ASO will host a banquet on Friday, April 16, at 5 p.m. in the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center that will consist of food, interaction with different cultures and guest speaker Dr. Lathan Turner.

Turner is the associate dean of students at ECU, as well as an influential speaker amongst the ECU community.

The banquet is free to all ECU students and staff, as well as visitors

from other schools across North Carolina. This event will provide students an opportunity to learn about different cultures, as well as meet members of ASO.

ASO will be hosting their 4th annual Africa Night, "Across the Line," on April 17 in Hendrix Theatre at 6 p.m. For this special event, fashion shows showcasing traditional and modern African clothing and dancing from the male and female dance teams will be presented. This event will be free to ECU students and staff. For non-ECU students, the show will cost \$5 for an advance ticket and \$10 at the door. For more information, contact Betty Foh at BSF0404@ecu.edu.

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tor Bob Casey in Pennsylvania. His next show will be a live one-hour recording for Scranton's local MPR station at the WVIA Live Homegrown Music Radio Concert April 19.

This will be the third time he has played at the Tippy Teapot, where he says there has always been a good crowd in the past. Singer Kara Carlson will open the night with her music from 7 to 8 p.m. Jason will start at 8 p.m. and will play at least until 9 p.m. He will perform a selection of music from across his repertoire of albums.

"I've seen him play dozens of times; it never gets old," said Eric, a friend of Jason's who will attend the show. "I always love to go see them. His music has got a fun sound that anyone can enjoy."

Jason will be on Pirate Radio Station WZMD at 2 p.m. to promote tonight's show.

To get an idea of what Jason's music is like live, visit his YouTube video, "Jason O says HI."

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QUICK & EASY


Chicken Saté with Ponzu Sauce
This dish calls for a wine that's bold yet refreshing. Dry rosé does this admirably.

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| <p>4 (6-ounce) skinless, boneless chicken breast halves</p> <p>1/4 cup packed light brown sugar</p> <p>1/4 cup sake (rice wine)</p> <p>1/4 cup rice vinegar</p> <p>1/4 cup fresh lime juice</p> | <p>2 teaspoons low-sodium soy sauce</p> <p>1 teaspoon dark sesame oil</p> <p>1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper</p> <p>1 garlic clove, minced</p> <p>Cooking spray</p> |
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1. Prepare grill.
2. Cut each chicken breast half lengthwise into 4 strips. Combine sugar and next 7 ingredients in a small bowl; stir until sugar dissolves. Combine chicken and half of sake mixture in a large bowl. Let stand 10 minutes. Reserve remaining sake mixture.
3. Drain chicken, discarding marinade. Thread 1 chicken strip onto each of 16 (8-inch) skewers. Place chicken on grill rack coated with cooking spray; grill 2 minutes on each side or until done. Serve with remaining sake mixture. **YIELD:** 4 servings (serving size: 4 skewers and about 1 1/2 tablespoons sake mixture).

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Tozzi breaks school record at Georgia Invitational

Sophomore Nicole Tozzi became the latest ECU track and field athlete to break a school record in 2010, as she set a new standard in the javelin throw to pace the Pirates at the Georgia Invitational.

Tozzi threw 48.14 meters to surpass Krystal Pabey's mark of 46.71 set in 2003. She now has two event wins in the past two weeks after capturing the title last week at Wilmington.

Tiffany Harris highlighted the sprinter's participation, winning the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.44. Tamara Little and Tanisha Glover also picked up third and fourth place in the event. Amanda Lapp and Samantha Lichtner were first and second in the 800-meter run, clocking in at 2:16.21 and 2:16.79, respectively. Additionally, Brittany Copeland secured second in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 4:30.17.

In the field, Tynita Butts, fresh off her school-record performance in the high jump last week, took third this time with a 1.71-meter effort. She then duplicated that finish in the long jump, capturing third again at 6.10 meters. Additionally, Camelia Morman snatched fourth in the triple jump with a mark of 12.15 meters.

Kim Kanala was just two-tenths of a meter off of her season high in the discus, as she threw a 43.73 to finish fifth. Donisha Brown did, however, set a new season best, recording a heave of 54.75 in the hammer and producing a second-place result.

In addition to Tozzi's mark in the javelin, Taylor Harris used a 36.90-meter throw to grab third place.

Ron Wright was the lone ECU male sprinter to participate in the meet, as he took eighth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 49.38. Dillon Hawley and Cory Hampshire teamed up to capture fourth and fifth in the 5,000-meter run at 15:06.79 and 15:43.60, respectively. In the hurdles, Mario Briscoe and Randy Bolton both turned top-10 performances in the 110-meter event, ending up in seventh (14.36) and 10th (14.65). Bolton also represented the Pirates in the long jump, earning sixth place with a mark of 6.40 meters.

Miles Coats racked up 14.34 meters in the triple jump to garner fifth place before Dennis Aliotta finished seventh in the shot put at 16.90 meters.

Aliotta also grabbed fifth in the hammer, registering a mark of 56.73 meters. Also appearing in the top five for the Pirates was Matthew McConaughy in the javelin, as his 64.63-meter mark was good for fourth.

Brandt named Pitcher-of-the-Week

ECU sophomore Kevin Brandt has been named Conference USA Pitcher-of-the-Week following his career-best performance in Sunday's 3-2 victory at Memphis that gave the Pirates a series win on the road league officials announced Monday afternoon.

Brandt tossed his first career complete game in the series finale against Memphis on Sunday, striking out a personal-best 11 batters. He allowed two runs (one earned) on four hits with no walks for his third win of the season.

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Softball drops hard-fought series to UAB

Paisley picks up 32nd shutout in Sunday victory

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The ECU softball team (23-14, 6-3 Conference USA) hosted conference rival UAB Blazers this weekend in a three-game home stand.

After failing to score a run in Saturday's doubleheader, the Pirates rebounded to take Sunday's contest.

It took just two runs for ECU to get the win in the final tilt behind another stellar outing by ace Toni Paisley.

Cristen Aona led off the sixth inning with a single to left but was able to advance to third on an error by UAB's outfielder. Kauai Tom followed with an RBI single that gave the Pirates their first run of the weekend. Later in the inning, Sissy Jimenez doubled to left center to score Tom and give the Pirates a 2-0 lead.

"The credit goes to Kauai and Sissy for knocking the runs in," Aona said. "It was a great relief to get the runs. I know Toni can hold it down ... she always keeps us in the game."

The second shutout of the week for Paisley was the 32nd of her career and tied her for second on the ECU all-time list. Paisley struck out eight and only allowed two hits in Sunday's contest while the Pirates combined for seven hits by six different players.

Head coach Tracey Kee was in high spirits following Sunday's victory.

"Win or lose, I could have walked away from (Sunday's game) feeling a lot better than I did (Saturday)," Kee said. "I felt their effort was there, I felt their focus was there, and I felt their



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Toni Paisley fires home a pitch in a contest earlier this year.

energy was there and if they bring those three things, they are a very good ball club."

The late game on Saturday had a little less drama as UAB beat the Pirates easily. The Blazers hopped out to an early 3-0 lead in the second inning off of home runs by Mandy Lowman and Kate Armstrong.

UAB then added on two more runs in the top of the fifth to take a demanding 5-0 lead on back-to-back bases loaded walks by Faith Sutton.

Sutton finished with seven strikeouts and five earned runs. Only Charina Sumner and Kai Clark were able to reach base safely in the game. UAB's Lauren

Webster struck out 11 Pirates in the two-hit shutout.

Saturday "was probably the most frustrating days we have had this season," Kee said. "Our approach was not there offensively. When we watched film, our batters saw how many hittable pitches they actually got and how many times they did not do anything with it."

Despite arguably one of her best performances of the season, Paisley walked away with a loss in the opening game Saturday afternoon.

Neither team could find the way past third base in the contest until two outs in the top of the 11th inning. Sallie Van Kirk hit

a two-run triple to snap ECU's scoreless innings streak at 42 frames. In the bottom half of the inning, ECU got runners on second and third with two outs before Marina Gusman-Brown was picked off at third to end the game.

Paisley went all 11 innings, striking 13 batters and only giving up the two runs. The Blazers' Alisha Smith matched Paisley's effort by also going all the way and striking out seven Pirates.

"Saturday was more disappointing than anything for all of us," Paisley said. "Usually when it is 0-0 for so long, we know we are going to get it ... but even

though we were so close for so long, it just never felt right."

The Pirates began the weekend atop the C-USA standings but tumbled to a tie for fourth with UTEP, who comes to town next weekend.

But first, the Pirates travels to N.C. State on Wednesday for a tilt of instate rivals. ECU swept the Wolfpack in two games last season. Next weekend's home stand against the Miners begins with a Saturday double-header at 1 p.m. and wraps up with a 12 p.m. first pitch on Sunday.

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Woods off to a historic start as a Pirate

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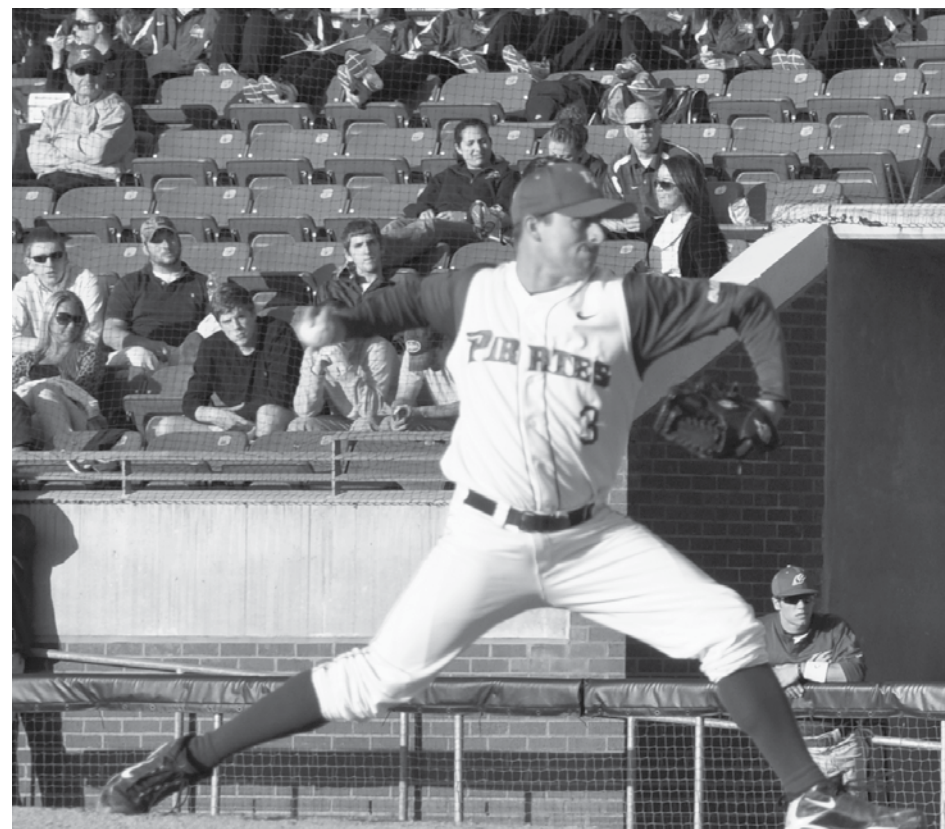
If his 15-strikeout performance against Elon and his 57 total strikeouts were not enough to vouch for ECU junior right-hander Zach Woods, then his poise, pitch control and overall win-at-all-costs demeanor would supply ample evidence that he is one of the most dominant pitchers on the Pirates' staff.

A junior college transfer from Louisville College, Woods has made a name for himself this season pitching several contests with the command of a big league hurler. He pitches at the upbeat tempo of a no-huddle offense, working his pitching count like chess moves, and when the Ks start rolling, Woods gets even better.

Yet Woods, the walking definition of a team player, would never admit to his personal efforts, even after his fanning of 15 Phoenix batters, the most by a Diamond Buc pitcher since Hal Baird in 1970.

"When I'm out there, I'm just pitching," Woods said modestly following his win over Elon. "I don't care how many strikeouts I get as long as we win. I don't care. 15 strikeouts is just a plus."

Thus far, Woods has been named Conference USA Pitcher of the Week, as well as being



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ECU pitcher Zach Woods struck out 15 batters against Elon a couple weeks ago in a Pirate victory. The strikeouts were the second-most by a Diamond Buc in the last 40 years.

named Louisville Slugger National Player-of-the-Week.

Currently, the native of Virginia Beach, Va., has recorded a 4-1 record on the mound with 45 1/3 innings pitched and a

team-low 3.18 ERA.

Sure, his statistical achievements are impressive, but what brought him to this breakout season is even more intriguing.

Woods has diligently battled

to be a Pirate. He was recruited out of high school to play at ECU, but fell short of the academic qualifications. Most guys would have given up, but Woods went to Louisburg, made the

grade on and off the field and then transferred.

"I went to Louisburg. It was a great fit for me there; I got my grades up and it helped me out a lot," Woods said. "Thankfully, Coach Godwin still wanted me here (ECU), so I committed here once again."

Finally in Greenville, Woods was set to join the Pirates for the 2009 season, but a nagging elbow problem would make Tommy John surgery necessary, providing one more obstacle for Woods to tackle.

"I think it was something that built up over time," Woods said of his injury. "But hey, I'm back now, so that's all that matters to me is that I'm back now helping the team out."

Since recovering from surgery, Woods has become a big proponent of correct pitching mechanics, and for good reason.

"Before I had surgery, I thought I was doing all the right things, but apparently I wasn't. I got out here and learned the hard way," Woods said. "You've got to do everything the right way at all times or else it could result in some severe consequences, such as surgery."

Woods finally reached his goal of playing for the purple and gold, an accomplishment that was longer than expected, and yet he persevered.

WOODS continued on A9

Diamond Bucs pick up first C-USA series win of season

Staff Reports

Sophomore Kevin Brandt struck out a career-best 11 batters and tossed his first career complete game, helping ECU to a 3-2 win over Memphis and its first Conference USA series win



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Kyle Roller, seen in a game earlier this year, went 5-for-6 and scored three runs in a 20-9 ECU win over Memphis on Saturday.

of the season. With the win, the Pirates improve to 20-12 overall and 3-3 in league play, while the Tigers drop to 14-18 and 5-4.

Brandt (3-4), who picked up his third win of the season, retired 19 of the last 20 Tigers he faced, with Trey Wiedman reaching on an error with two

outs in the ninth. From the third inning on, Brandt fanned seven batters, including Adam McClain, to end the game. Brandt allowed two runs (one earned) on four hits without allowing a walk.

Memphis' pitching staff was equally impressive, retiring 21 Pirates in a row from the fifth inning on when Kyle Roller reached on an infield single to short.

Ryan Holland suffered the loss for the Tigers in allowing three runs on six hits in 2 2/3 innings. Dane Sharp held ECU in check by giving up one hit with six punch-outs in 4 1/3 frames. Heath Hatfield tossed two innings of no-hit ball with a pair of strikeouts.

ECU jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first on Kyle Roller's double to right center, scoring Corey Thompson from first.

Thompson drew a one-out walk, then came home on Roller's 12th double of the year.

Memphis responded with a run of its own in the bottom of the first frame, tying the game at one. Chad Zurcher doubled down the left field line with one out and came around to score on Tyler Huelsing's single to right field.

Jared Avchen's double to left center gave ECU a 3-1 lead in the second. Devin Harris and Philip Clark registered back-to-back singles before Cam Freeman reached on a fielder's choice, putting runners on the corner for Avchen, who stroked a first pitch offering from Holland.

Huelsing pulled the Tigers within one, 3-2, in the third on a sac fly to center that scored Zurcher, who singled to left field and advanced to third on an error by Zach Wright.

On Saturday, the Pirates rolled past the Tigers in a 20-9 victory.

Roller, who went 5-for-6 and scored three runs on the day, was one of six Pirates with multiple hits and multiple RBI on the afternoon. Avchen, Philip Clark, Trent Whitehead and Zach Wright each had three hits, while Thompson added a two-hit performance. John Wooten, who smacked his fifth home run and first career grand slam, tied Roller and Wright with four RBI on the day.

Pirate starter Seth Maness (6-2) picked up his sixth-straight win as a starter and improved his career record in C-USA play to 14-1 in 18 starts. The

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Mickelson claims third Master's title

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Nothing was going to stop Phil Mickelson in the final round of the Masters. Neither trees nor challengers were going to interfere with his goal Sunday of embracing his wife in a special, emotional victory hug behind the 18th green.

Highlighted by the shot of the tournament, a 207-yard dart through a narrow gap between two trees to within three feet of the pin at the par-5 13th, Mickelson birdied four of his last seven holes to win his third green jacket, and definitely his most significant one.

Mickelson — who finished 3 strokes better than his closest challenger, Lee Westwood, became the eighth player in history to win three Masters, but his real reward came as he approached his wife while walking off 18. Amy Mickelson was diagnosed last May with breast cancer, and her trip to Augusta was the first time she had accompanied her husband to a

tournament city since then.

As tears welled up in their eyes, the couple shared a lengthy embrace, a few kisses, and another long hug before Mickelson proceeded to sign his scorecard.

"It's been an emotional year," he said, "and I'm very proud of my wife and the fight and the struggle she's been through. It's been a difficult year and to come out on top in this tournament is very emotional. ... To be on the other end and feel this kind of jubilation is incredible."

Mickelson said he wasn't sure if his wife, who had been following the tournament from home, would make the trip from their rented home to the Augusta National Golf Club. He said the medications she must take leave her sick and without energy, and "she's just not up for a lot this tournament can provide."

"To have her here and share this moment and share the joy of winning on 18 and to share this with my (three) kids is something

that we'll look back on the rest of our lives," he said.

To make sure of the moment, Mickelson, 39, found a way to consistently wiggle out of trouble Sunday. The lefthander hooked three consecutive tee shots at the 9th, 10th, and 11th holes into the woods on the right but walked off with pars all three times.

Leading by 1 stroke over

Westwood, the 54-hole leader, Mickelson started putting his foot down with a 20-foot birdie putt at 12. His driver deserted him again at the next hole, a dogleg par-5, and his ball came to rest on pine straw. To reach the green, he

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Phil Mickelson embraces his caddy Jim Mackay after winning the Masters on Sunday.

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"I came down here after high school on a visit and I just fell in love with the coaching staff," Woods said. "One of the biggest things was all the players and the respect that they have for the program and for each other in the locker room."

Woods is a real winner on and off the field, and his goals are team goals — something that was instilled in him by his biggest baseball influence, his late grand-

father Henry Salyers.

"Ever since I've been throwing, he's always been striving to make me realize, 'Hey you've got some talent, you need to make sure you do the right things outside of school and in school,'" Woods said. "When he passed away, it made me want it that much more, to commit to what I'm doing and to not screw up."

Woods needs no vouching for, and he needs no added inspira-

tion as he has his own motivation to help the Pirates by whatever means possible.

The next time Woods makes an appearance, notice his windup and how he fearlessly paints corners with a 3-2 pitch count. If it seems like he's pitching like a guy making up for lost time — it's because he is.

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right-hander worked six innings, allowing six runs (five earned) on nine hits with seven strikeouts and a pair of walks, and moved into 13th place on C-USA's all-time-wins list with 24.

After Memphis took an early 1-0 lead in the first off, Chad Zurcher's third home run of the season, the Pirates responded with seven runs in the top of the second and never looked back. Clark started the scoring when he singled down the left field line with one out and advanced to second on a failed pickoff by

Fraser. Avchen followed with a single to left, scoring Clark to knot the game at one. Whitehead reached on an infield single and Thompson loaded the bases with another single. Roller put ECU ahead for good when he was plunked for the 50th time in his career (school record) scoring Avchen.

On Friday, ECU wasn't as lucky as Memphis squeaked out a 6-5 victory on a bases loaded single by Jacob Wilson.

Seth Simmons (1-1) suffered the loss after allowing the winning

run in the ninth on three hits with three strikeouts in an inning of work. Zach Woods pitched seven strong innings, giving up three runs (two earned) on seven hits with four punch outs, while Jake Harris and Shawn Armstrong each went 1/3 of an inning.

The Pirates will be back in action on Tuesday, April 13, when they play host to Campbell with a 6 p.m. first pitch scheduled.

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would have to aim a shot between two trees.

The shot came out perfectly, coming to rest three feet from the hole. Although Mickelson missed the eagle putt and settled for a birdie, he was in control of the tournament.

"It's a shot that only Phil could pull off," said Westwood, who has a second-place finish and three thirds in his last eight majors. "I think most people would have just chipped that one out. But that's what great players do, pull off great shots at the right time."

Mickelson went up by three

after a 2-putt birdie at No. 15. His only knee-knocking moment after that came at 17, where Westwood birdied, and he sank a 5-footer for par. He walked up 18 to thunderous applause and put a ribbon on his victory by knocking down a 10-foot birdie putt.

Then, the hug.

"I don't normally shed tears over wins," he said. "When Amy and I hugged off 18, that was a very emotional moment for us, and something that I'll look back on and just cherish. This has been a very special week."

Mickelson fired his second

straight 5-under-par 67 to finish at 16-under 272, 3 strokes ahead of Westwood, who had a 71.

Anthony Kim tied for low round of the tournament, a 65, and surged into third at 276.

Tiger Woods, in his first competition in nearly five months, was all over the place but somehow finished in a tie for fourth with K.J. Choi at 277.

Choi actually held a share of the lead with Mickelson after a birdie at the 10th hole but faded with bogeys at 13 and 14.

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