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Campus Dining celebrates 40th anniversary of Earth Day

Staff Reports

Campus Dining and ARAMARK will host a number of various events around campus today to celebrate Earth Day. One of which is the 31st Annual Barefoot on the Mall. This popular event is a musical celebration enjoyed by students, faculty and staff every year.

During the event, West End Dining Hall will host a Barefoot Lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with food provided by local farmers. To continue the green trend, the lights will be dimmed and the dining hall will provide recycled straws, napkins and paper cups. Recycling bins will be set up for scraps.

Additionally, there will be a Farmer's Market on the Mall, where they will provide customers an opportunity to buy local and organic produce and learn more about incorporating these foods into their daily diets.

Other featured Earth Day programs include:

- Happy bEARTHday Earth Day Party - A special party will celebrate 40 years of protecting the planet.
iPledge Program - Students, faculty and staff will commit to environmental stewardship by "pledging" at least one earth-saving activity.
Dim the Lights - Save Energy - Energy consumption currently accounts for approximately 39 percent of all greenhouse gases emitted. During Earth Week, many dining halls and conference centers will dim or turn off the lights to generate awareness about the importance of reducing energy consumption.
Earth Day Green Menu - Many campuses are offering special, sustainable menu options during Earth Week that incorporate more vegan and vegetarian offerings, fruits, vegetables and nuts.

For more information about ECU's Earth Day events, go to www.ecu.edu/dining.

Ice Cream Social delayed

Staff Reports

Due to the rain yesterday, the ice cream social has been moved to Friday, April 23, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Wright Plaza.

The event is being held in honor of student appreciation.

All students are welcome to the free ice cream with a valid ECU ID.

Barefoot on the Mall today

Staff Reports

Barefoot on the Mall, a music festival celebrating the season, is today on the mall between Cotton Hall, Fleming Hall and the Student Health building from 2 to 8 p.m.

The event, hosted by the ECU activities board, will feature live music, games, free giveaways and food. All students are welcome to attend. Carolina Liar (myspace.com/Carolinialiar), Jason Derulo (myspace.com/jasonderulo), Crimson Refuge (myspace.com/crimsonrefuge) and Mixed Solution (myspace.com/listentomixedsolution) will be performing live.

Turn to the calendar for a specific schedule. The Student Activities Board

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Upgrade to Chancellor's house under consideration



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The Chancellor's house is up for renovations.

Will Hiebert
STAFF WRITER

The ECU Board of Trustees is considering replacing or renovating the Chancellor's residence because of its age, the board revealed in a meeting last Thursday.

Details of the project are still speculative; the board created a subcommittee to explore the possibilities on Thursday. More details could be made available at the next meeting on Thursday, July 22.

Critics of the plans voiced their opinion on the Daily Reflector Web site. The first post, authored by the online pseudonym "prototype," voices concerns about grandeur; "I let us continue to remain humble and provide students with the best education possible for the smallest amount of money. The present mansion is fine. It looks better than the housing most of the students, staff and professors possess."

The 5,153 square foot Chancellor's residence is more than twice the size of the average American home and sits in the heart of the historic district of Greenville. While the residence only houses the Chancellor and his wife, the building is used to meetings and dinners for the University.

Trustee David Redwine said the decision is tough in an interview with The Daily Reflector. "I think it is a sensitive issue, especially in the times we are in," he said. "I don't think proposing a big new residence would sit well with the general populace, but we have to do something to raise the profile of the Chancellor's house because it is too small and outdated."

The residence, known as the Dail House, finished its decade-long construction in 1931, and became the residence of the owner of Greenville's first brick manufacturing company. It was sold to ECU in 1949 for \$30,000 (\$265,000 when adjusted for inflation) and it was renovated in 1980.

The board meeting also revealed a proposal to build cell towers on campus and lease them to cell companies to provide additional money for student housing and to eliminate any dead spots on campus, citing emergency management and student service needs. Hopefully, the towers will never be needed for emergency reasons and their only uses are reading Facebook statuses and approving friend requests during class in Brewster and Rivers.

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Student Opinion of Instruction Survey crucial, faculty believes

Cassie McLean
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

From April 12 through April 25, the Office in Institutional Effectiveness is encouraging students to take the Spring 2010 Student Opinion of Instruction Survey (SOIS).

The survey, in which students are asked various questions about their instruction in each of their courses, is completely confidential.

The office reminded students in a public e-mail that "the report of results is only a group summary of the responses, showing how many students gave each rating and showing the average ratings for the group. It does not show which student gave which rating. Your name and ID do not appear in the report of the results. Also, your instructor will not see the survey results until after your final exam and after grades are posted. A list is compiled of all comments that are made."

In fact, the department encourages students to give comments to their teachers without identifying information, as they are sent to their instructors verbatim.

Chuck Rich, associate director for the Office of Institutional Effectiveness, said, "Basically, it's important for students to respond so their instructors can get the feedback and improve the instruction. It tells them to continue things they are doing well, and to change things that need improvement. Instructors can do that at their level, and their chairperson will see the results and can make suggestions to them also. So, there are at least two levels of people that are involved in working with the results."

Richard Spruill, geology professor, has been involved in the development of the survey over the years.

"I certainly participated as a faculty member in the tremendous transition in how we evaluate teaching," he said.

Spruill admits that he always encourages his students to participate and says that he has seen the tremendous impact the surveys have made over the years.

"In early days, students could comment on a teacher's teaching ability. Now, we have a more rigorous survey," he said. Spruill commented on the transition from paper surveys to the extensive online survey, as the school attempts to keep up with the changing times.

The problem, Spruill said, was the lack of participation. "What we saw is a decline in student response rates in what was otherwise a good program in assessing education quality."

Spruill attributed this drop in participation to students being unaware of the results and impact of the survey, or simply being afraid to get involved.

"A lot of students don't understand that this is an opportunity for the school to recognize its strengths and weaknesses. They need to reinforce what we're doing right," he added.

As a way to personally encourage students to step forward, Spruill talks to his students about the importance of their opinions. "I take the time in my class to really try to tell students why it's important. If we continue to grow in respect to the UNC system, we need to do a good job at retaining the best teachers."

"Tenure, promotion, annual evaluations — all of these are

impacted by their opinions of individual instructors. They tend to underestimate it and tend to think, 'It's just one more thing I need to do.' I try to encourage students to understand: the stronger the university, the greater the meaning of their degree," he said.

Spruill sets an example for other teachers to speak to their students about the survey.

Matt Pritchett, a sophomore urban and regional planning major, said he believes the school does a good job raising awareness about the survey.

"I think they do a good job encouraging it. A lot of teachers offer extra credit if a certain percentage of the class takes it. And the school always sends out a lot of e-mails and stuff about it," he said.

Pritchett said, as a student, he understands both the purpose and the importance of the survey. "It's pretty self-explanatory why we should take it."

He does have concerns about whether or not his opinion is heard and taken into account.

"I always wonder if they use it. A lot of times, you have a bad teacher and you wonder if they look at what you'd said because nothing seems to change," he said, adding, "A lot of times, I feel like it's the better teachers that encourage you to take it. If they're bad, it's almost like they don't want you to take it and say anything."

Nonetheless, Pritchett plans on taking the survey as he does most every semester.

"The purpose is to serve our students, to help make sure that education at ECU is as effective as possible," Rich reinforced.

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President Obama seeks Supreme Court nominee

Associated Press

President Barack Obama, trading carefully in the explosive arena of abortion and the Supreme Court, said Wednesday he will choose a nominee who pays heed to the rights of women and the privacy of their bodies. Yet he said he won't enforce any abortion rights "litmus tests."

Obama said it is "very important to me" that his court choice take women's rights into account in interpreting the Constitution, his most expansive comments yet about how a woman's right to choose will factor into his decision.

He plans to choose someone to succeed Justice John Paul Stevens within "the next couple weeks," he told CNBC.

Obama accelerated his political outreach and his conversations with candidates, positioning himself for one of the most consequential decisions of his presidency. He invited Senate leaders — Republicans as well as Democrats — to discuss the issue at the White House and commented briefly to reporters before their private meeting.

His rejection of the idea of "litmus tests" was standard presidential language, keeping him from being boxed in and protecting his eventual nominee from charges of bringing preconceived decisions to the bench.

Obama's pick is not expected to change the ideological balance on the court, though Stevens, the leader of the court's liberals, has played a major role in the court's upholding of abortion rights. Stevens, who turned 90 on Tuesday, is retiring this summer.

Whoever Obama picks has the potential to affect the lives and rights of Americans for a generation or more.

The president is considering about 10 people, including a newly confirmed name, federal appeals court Judge Ann Williams

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Online retailer's bid to track taxes violates free speech

Associated Press

Online retailer Amazon.com, Inc. said it is taking a stand for free speech by fighting a request from North Carolina tax authorities for information on people who bought about 50 million items since 2003.

Amazon said disclosing the names and addresses of buyers, as requested, would harm customers who may have bought

rights to sell and its customers' rights to buy books and other items "free from government intrusion into the customers' reading, viewing and listening choices."

Amazon is asking the U.S. District Court in Seattle, where Amazon has its headquarters, to find North Carolina's request unconstitutional. The company said federal action would avoid varied decisions in multiple courts "in the event other states

make similar demands for customer data." The lawsuit was filed Monday.

L a y said North Carolina tax collectors regularly ask corporations for information to help officials check whether customers are paying the taxes they owe.

"We're not doing anything here that we don't do with everybody else," he said.

North Carolina requires residents to pay taxes on online purchases if buying the same item in a physical store would result in a sales tax. But out-of-state retailers can't be forced to collect North Carolina's tax if it has no physical presence in the state.

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THE LAWSUIT: Amazon is asking the court to strike a request from North Carolina tax authorities for information on people who bought books and other items.
THE WORRIES: Amazon says such a disclosure would harm customers who may have bought controversial books or movies.
TAX COLLECTION: Officials in North Carolina and other states, faced with declining revenue in the recession, have been stepping up efforts to collect sales taxes on online purchases.



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Calendar Events

Thursday, April 22

Party at LIVE for St. Jude's
The girls from ESA will raise money for the St. Jude's Children's Hospital.
6 Bands for \$6; Rhythm Street, Shake Down, No Proof, Sweet Water Haze, Adam & King and Bossman will perform.

31st Annual Barefoot on the Mall
2-8 p.m. on the ECU Mall
A music festival to celebrate the approaching summer. The event features live music, free giveaways, various games and food for students. This year's event falls on Earth Day. If you have shoes, water bottles, paper, cell phones and accessories, please bring these items — we will have receptacles to recycle these items!
Live musical performances will include: Carolina Liar, Jason Derulo, Crimson Refuge and Mixed Solution.

Barefoot on the Mall Schedule of Events:
2:00 Magnolia Belles—Side Stage
T-shirt hand out—Cupola
2:15 Mixed Solution—Main Stage
2:45 Nubiance, DJ—Side Stage
T-shirt hand out—Cupola
3:15 Crimson Refuge—Main Stage
3:30 T-Shirts hand out—Cupola
4:00 Guest Speaker—Coach Ruff and Coach Lebo—Side Stage
4:15 DJ—Side Stage
T-shirt hand out—Cupola
4:30 Style of Motion—Side Stage
4:45 All Stars Dance Team—Side Stage
5:00 T-Shirts hand out—Cupola
5:15 Jason Derulo—Main Stage
5:45 T-Shirts hand out—Cupola
6:00 Bhangra, DJ—Side Stage
6:30 T-Shirts hand out—Side Stage
6:45 Carolina Liar—Main stage
8:00 Movie Screening of 'The Hangover'—on the mall

Lecture: "Ten Principles: From Academic Excellence to Workplace Wisdom"
Dr. C. Steve Duncan, assistant vice chancellor for Operations, Plans & Programs, will present the lecture.
SAB Presents: 'When in Rome'
7 p.m. at Hendrix Theatre
Also Friday & Saturday
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Friday, April 23

Lecture by Scott Cooper
2 to 3 p.m.
Hendrix Theatre
Cooper is marketing manager for Caterpillar's Telehandler Alliance Group and is a strong supporter of the university.

Billy Taylor Jazz Festival Concert
8 to 10 p.m.
Murphy Center

Saturday, April 24

Baseball vs. UNC Charlotte
12 p.m.

Jackets and Jewels fundraiser
8 p.m.
"Jackets and Jewels" is the theme for this year's scholarship fundraiser hosted by the Friends of the School of Theatre and Dance.
Proceeds from this event will go toward merit scholarships given by the Friends.
Tickets \$25 per person and may be purchased at WWW.ECUARTS.com.

Women's Golf Tri-match

Tuesday, April 27

Reading Day
University Awards Day
10 a.m.
Hendrix Theatre, Mendenhall Student Center

Homecoming celebration for Peter Makuck
7:30 p.m.
Bate Building (Room pending)
A homecoming celebration for the former ECU professor and editor of Tar River Poetry, Peter Makuck, whose "New and Collected Poems" will be published by BOA in April. This event is sponsored by the English Department's Creative Writing Program and is free and open to the public.

Wednesday, April 28

Reading Day
Community Service Fair
1 to 4 p.m. in Willis Building
Also, a blood drive will be held 12-5 p.m. in the Willis Building, 300 E. First St. The purpose of the Community Service Fair is to increase awareness for community

service and allow individuals an opportunity to become familiar with the various non-profit organizations within our community. Refreshments will be served and the American Red Cross will give away recyclable shopping bags for all blood donors.

International Faculty & Staff Potluck Dinner
6 to 8:30 p.m.
Old Laupus Library, Brody Medical Sciences Building

Bonnaroo Comedy Tour
MSC Hendrix Theatre 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Three comedians from the Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival will perform for 90 minutes. The performers will be Amy Schumer, Pete Holmes and Joe DeRosa.

Friday, April 30

Baseball vs. Marshall
6 p.m.

Saturday, May 1

Softball vs. Southern Miss
1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Baseball vs. Marshall
3 p.m.

Clothesline Art Show
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Primitive Baptist Church Greenville Brushstrokes and the Pitt County Historical Society Primitive Baptist Church invite you to a day of art.

Sunday, May 2

Softball vs. Southern Miss
12 p.m.

Baseball vs. Marshall
1 p.m.

Thursday, May 6

Softball vs. Elon
5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Women's Golf
NCAA Regional Tournament

Friday, May 7

Spring Commencement
10 a.m.
Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. Graduates should check in at Gate 2, under the south stands at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium by no later than 9:30 am to line up for the procession.

Women's Golf
NCAA Regional Tournament

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of Chicago.
Among the others are appeals court judges Diane Wood, Merrick Garland and Sidney Thomas, former Georgia Chief Justice Leah Ward Sears, Solicitor General Elena Kagan, Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and Harvard Law School Dean Martha Minow.

When asked if he could nominate someone who did not support a woman's right to choose, Obama said: "I am somebody who believes that women should have the ability to make often very difficult decisions about their own bodies and issues of reproduction."

He said he would not judge candidates on a single-issue abortion test.

"But I will say that I want somebody who is going to be interpreting our Constitution in a way that takes into account individual rights, and that includes women's rights," Obama said. "And that's going to be something that's very important to me, because I think part of what our core constitutional values promote is the notion that individuals are protected in their privacy and their bodily integrity. And women are not exempt from that."

Such a detailed answer raised the question of whether Obama had, in fact, spelled out a fundamental test over abortion. The White House rejected that.

"I think a litmus test is when you say, will you ask a direct question about — do you believe this? Do you believe that?" White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said. "I think the president will ask any nominee discuss how they view the

Constitution and the legal principles enshrined in it."

The Supreme Court declared in 1973 through its Roe v. Wade decision that a woman has a constitutional right to an abortion, and close questioning on the issue has been a feature of Senate confirmation hearings for some time. Federal courts have battled with the ramifications of the landmark decision, although the core ruling has gone untouched.

Obama's language largely meshed with what he said during the presidential campaign. In a Democratic primary debate in November 2007, he was asked whether he would insist that a Supreme Court nominee support abortion rights. He said then: "I would not appoint somebody who doesn't believe in the right to privacy."

Meanwhile, Obama sought a cooperative tone with his Republican critics even as the White House braces for a confirmation fight.

In the Oval Office, Obama hosted Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada, Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy of Vermont and Jeff Sessions of Alabama, the ranking Republican on the committee. He later telephoned nine more senators on that panel.

Obama praised senators of both parties for working together on a "smooth, civil, thoughtful nomination process and confirmation process" last year for Sonia Sotomayor and said he hoped for the same this time. Sotomayor replaced David Souter on the court despite most Republicans' voting against her.

McConnell and Sessions, the two Republicans who met with Obama, promised to give Obama's nominee fair treatment.

Yet in a joint statement, they sternly warned against any nominee who would "enter the courtroom with preconceived outcomes in mind, or work to arrive at the preferred result of any president or political party. A Supreme Court justice must not be a rubber stamp or policy arm for any administration."

No names of potential nominees were discussed in the White House meeting, said Reid, the Senate's top Democrat.

He said he told Obama the nominee need not be another federal judge, but possibly "someone who's an academic, someone who's held public office, someone who's an outstanding lawyer."

Obama is openly considering people outside the judiciary.

For his part, Leahy was sharply critical of the current Supreme Court, led by Chief Justice John Roberts, a nominee of former President George W. Bush.

"We have right now a very, very activist, conservative activist, Supreme Court," Leahy said, citing recent decisions. "I think this does not reflect the American people but reflects more of a partisan agenda. I would hope that the president's nominee can get us back away from that."

Obama has begun having conversations with his candidates for the court, although no formal interviews yet.

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definition of whether the company had a North Carolina presence.

Last summer, state legislators passed a law making Amazon responsible for collecting sales taxes because it had a network of local affiliates — North Carolina residents who linked to products on their blogs, promote Web shopping deals and offer coupons.

Before the change was adopted, Amazon cut its ties to those North Carolina affiliates. The company also stopped working with affiliates in Rhode Island and Colorado because of collection-enforcement laws passed in those states.

But Lay said North Carolina will pursue tax collections for the

years those affiliates were operating, even before the new law was passed.

"This is a fairness and equity issue," he said.

As the recession slashed tax collections, states have been stepping up efforts to collect from online retailers. In 2008, New York became the first state to treat local affiliates as enough of state presence to require retailers to collect sales taxes. Lawmakers in Iowa, New Mexico, Vermont and Virginia have considered similar laws, according to the Tax Foundation, a Washington, D.C.-based research group.

Last December, tax collectors auditing Amazon's compliance with North Carolina laws asked for documents listing all sales to customers

in the state between Aug. 1, 2003, and Feb. 28, the company said. Amazon estimated the volume at 50 million items.

The company said that to protect customer privacy, it did not provide customers' names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses or other personally identifiable information.

State revenue agents visited Amazon's Seattle offices for meetings about the information request last month, then hand-delivered a letter seeking the personal data by a Monday deadline, the company said. Amazon said it did not respond before filing its lawsuit.

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.

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warns that the schedule is tentative and can be changed without notice.

Registered student organizations are able to take part in the event, free of cost. This year's event will contain 64 organizations, providing information, giveaways, games and fundraisers. The East

Carolinian will have a booth set up for those interested in applying for positions.

The exciting event falls on Earth Day this year and therefore, the theme will be "Recycle your shoes, Go Barefoot!" Efforts will be focused on recycling, reusing and reducing. Students are highly

encouraged to bring items such as shoes, water bottles, paper, cell phones and accessories. A specific area, "The Green Zone", will be used to collect these items. Free clean water will be provided by the EcoPirates and Kinetico Water Systems.



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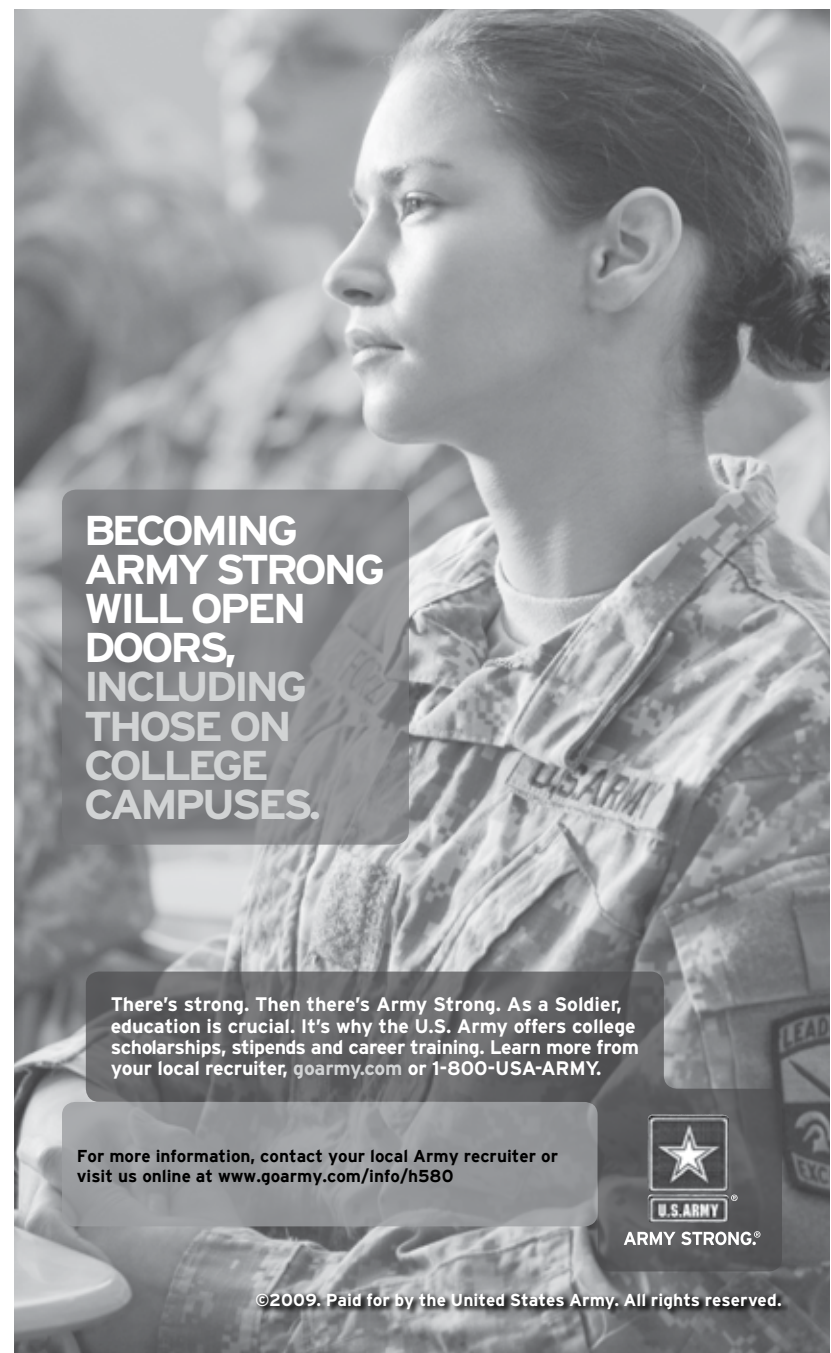

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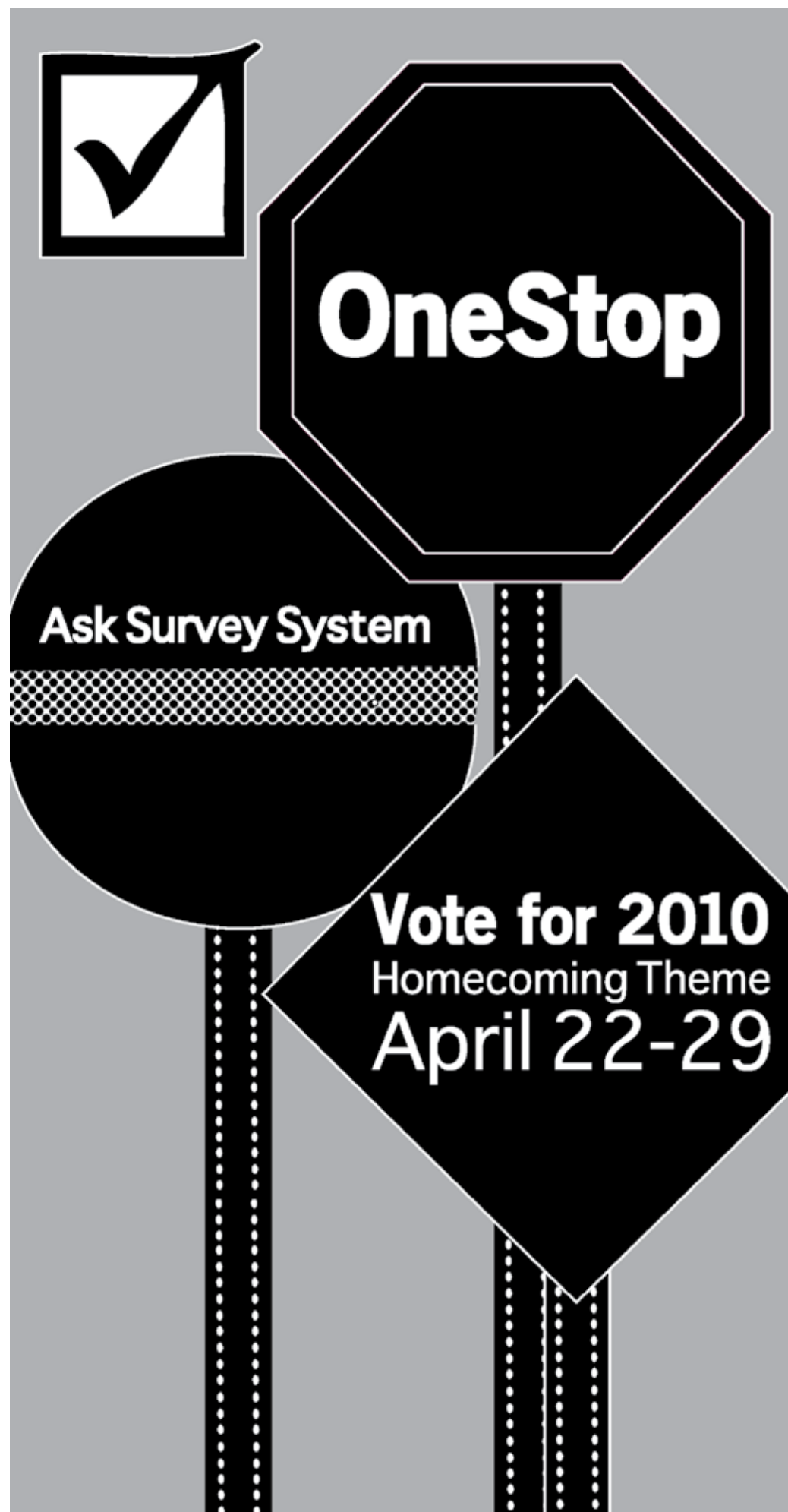
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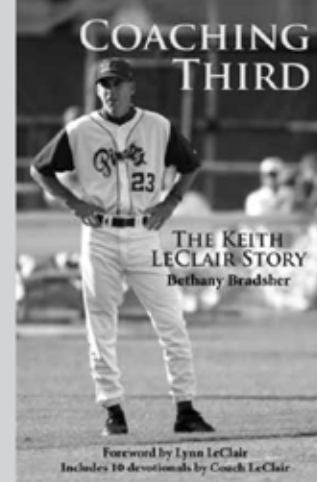
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We don't live in a beach town, so how about you stop walking around campus in bikinis and swim trunks?

I am so glad there are only a few weeks left of living on the noisiest floor in Fletcher!

To the group who laid out their towels at the NCC pool before 11 a.m. and didn't show up until 3 p.m.: Next time, look for your towel in the pool and your chair gone.

They make racer back bra straps and strap perfect for a reason! No one wants to see your hot pink bra straps from under your white tank top.

What? Franks sauce now in the Galley? What happened to my Texas Pete?? I die a little inside every time I go to the Galley. It's all about that Texas Pete... I put THAT ish on everything!!!!!!

I wish you and your whore the best of luck; I guess it takes one to know one.

Message to my friend who is leaving soon: Love You!!!

What do pirates and pimps have in common? They both say "YO HO" and walk with a limp!

To the person who thanked all of us Pirates who serve in the Armed Forces: No, thank you. It's support and appreciation from people like you that make the job so rewarding. I think I may speak for all other service members here when I say that your simple "thank you" is greatly appreciated.

I love hearing a grown man drunkenly fight and cry to his girlfriend at 3:02 in the morning right outside my window!

Sleeping with me, inviting me to your get together, and then ignoring me to talk to some girl in a trashy panda shirt is pretty much the definition of a douche. Duh.

I know it's almost summer time when my students in my night class start showing up drunk.

Obviously the only reason you tell me that you're such a bad person is so I'll talk you up, which I'm not going to do. If it pains you that much, then you'd make better choices.

You look ridiculous in that cowboy hat. Do us a favor and give it back to your friend already.

Yes we did time you. And yes you were in the bathroom by yourself for 28 minutes! What the hell do you do in there every day!?

I know you think you're always in the right, but your roid rages are making everyone hate you. Anger management classes are the only thing that could salvage your social life now.

Take pride in your University; hold the trash in your hands the extra twelve steps and throw the garbage in the trash!

It's hard to respect a person after you have railed her face.

To the girl in the thong at the North Campus pool party Saturday: This isn't Miami. I think everyone caught a disease of some sort by the time it was over.

Thank you professors for cramming the tons of work you've been slacking off on and "forgot" about until the week before finals. I love not sleeping for a week!

To the chick in Austin Computer lab that has played Lady Gaga's "Bad Romance" three times in a row... if you play it again, I'm gonna puke!

Please keep your random, pointless and idiotic questions to a minimum of five per class session. Oh, and if you don't know what constitutes a "scholarly" source for your research paper... you probably should be here.

To the next Campus Pointe resident who lets their car alarm go for 30 MINUTES: Be warned, I'm going to go all Carrie Underwood on your vehicle!

Dear Joyner: I have two words for you: Air. Conditioning. I'm pretty sure heatstroke would be detrimental to my academic success.

I don't know why people keep staring at me just because I'm drinking a beer in Joyner. I mean, you've got to take your adderall with something, right?

To the girl in my Spanish 1002 class: Thank you so much for coming in drunk at noon and bringing your grape vodka with you in your water bottle to our oral exam. It truly was the highlight of my morning and seeing you fall over twice was just priceless.

If I die tonight, I want you to know that your sister is awesome in bed.

Stop making your statuses on Facebook your life story. No one cares if you're in love with your boyfriend one day and then depressed the next. It's getting really annoying.

No one wants to see your nasty camel toe. Find bigger clothes that actually fit you. You aren't a size 4 anymore.

No I will not make out with you!!

To the guy who walks around in shorts shorter than mine: I think it's time to buy a new pair of pants.

No one thinks it's cute when you talk in your baby talk to your boyfriend all the time. Sometimes we're glad that you're never at the apartment anymore.

To the obnoxious guy in my film class: Grow up! You don't get points for saying an obvious answer out loud.



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The 5th annual Riverwalk block party a no-go

Michael Pacheco
OPINION COLUMNIST



Well, it is that time of the year where if you aren't at this party or aren't aware of its existence, you need to develop better social networking skills. The Riverwalk block party is the largest organized party of the year here at ECU and the most anticipated, essentially replacing Pi Kappa Phi's Reggae on the Lake.

At least, that is what party planner Brad Brown thought would be the case this year.

Brown, an ECU MBA student, has been throwing the same party each year for the past four years at Riverwalk. The Facebook event had an RSVP list of approximately 5,600 guests this year.

Upon reviewing the actual permit denial given to a Bradley Brown, Kaitlyn Ihly and Heather Thomas, the excuses for why they aren't allowed to throw the party are almost boring. I am pretty sure I was able to squeeze a few yawns in each paragraph of bull crap.

Excuse one: There is not enough parking for the event.

There isn't enough parking here at ECU in general; you think we give a crap about lack of parking for a party? You bureaucrats sit behind a desk all day getting paid with our

tax dollars to seriously come up with this crap? You insult my intelligence and I am not going to divulge any further into this poor crap of an excuse not to allow a party to avoid feeding your whack-job egos.

Excuse two: According to their denial letter, in reference to last year's block party, there were numerous ABC violations, damage to property of individuals within the event area and surrounding area, numerous fights and incidents of participants throwing beer cans at passing vehicles.

Well, that statement right there just further made me wish this party was still a go. Half-naked drunk people running around acting like tool bags and making a fool of themselves all day in nice weather is the most fun you are going to get here in Greenville. I mean, let's be honest, Greenville isn't famous for its tourist attractions.

But, you see, here at ECU, we students learned to compromise with that and develop these events so as to keep our sanity while out in the middle of nowhere. We created an oasis in a desert of nothing but slum-like housing areas and a river toxic enough to give you ringworm if exposed to the water. One organized party once a year is all we ask, and we get passed through the system and slapped in the face with a piece of paper denying our request, and not too mention a delayed denial.

The request was sent in by Brown on March 29, and he was supposed to hear back from the city on April 2, but didn't get an

actual response from anyone until April 14, after calls upon calls harassing the city to give them a response only to receive a letter of denial.

Also, last year and in the previous, the property management was angry they did it and threatened to throw everyone out, but this year Brown said because he doesn't live there anymore, they were asking if they could help with anything.

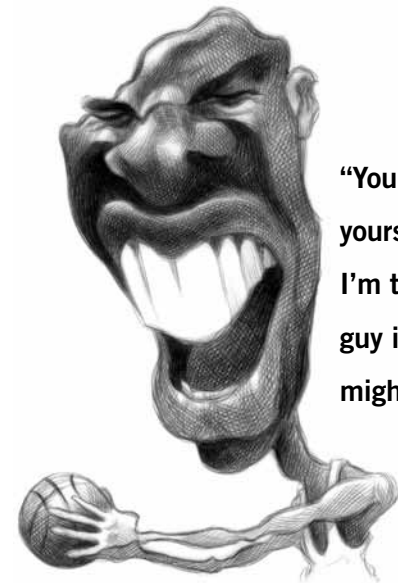
Of course they were going to extend their help. Other than annoying and cheesy commercial ads on cable television, what other better advertising does Riverwalk have other than this event?

"My academic standing was even brought up, which was completely out of line by the ALE agent, which he shouldn't know or be allowed access to. But since I am graduating in three weeks with an MBA, I had to listen, but was offended it came to that," added Brown.

I didn't realize you needed to maintain a certain GPA in order to throw a party. So all you ECU students, make sure your GPAs are in check so you can get approval from the ALE to throw an effective party.

What a joke. I could branch off onto another tangent on the latter statement from Brown but must stay on track with the main moral of the story; like all good things, the end must come.

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"You got to believe in yourself. Hell, I believe I'm the best-looking guy in the world and I might be right."

CHARLES BARKLEY

Wake up and get some sleep



Emily Winterhalter
OPINION COLUMNIST

The often-quoted proverb stating "All good things must come to an end" dates back to the 1300s — the time of Chaucer.

While most of us would hardly consider the academic-related part of each semester as a good thing, the stress level is significantly less, even during mid-terms, than anything near the hysteria we feel around final exam week.

Unfortunately, this horrific time is upon us, and the "good" part of our semester has come to an end. For many of our classes, a significant portion of the class grade relies upon our performance on these tests, and somehow the material seems to dissolve from memory each time we start a new section. If you are anything like me, a lot of review and brushing up on this semester's information will be required to get decent grades!

Not only do we have the actual final exams to study for in each class, but we are also assigned final projects, papers or other assignments deemed necessary for course completion by our instructors.

By now, we've all completed at least a semester of college and know which are effective study tactics and which aren't. It varies depending on the person whether we need background noise or complete silence to concentrate. Many people who find it too distracting to even study at home. The nearest library or Starbucks is where to go if any studying will get done for them. Personally, my bedroom is off-limits for studying, it becomes too convenient to lie down and "accidentally" take a snooze; I know that from experience. But hey, it may work for you.

There are also a lot of students accustomed to using "all-nighters" to cram in their study sessions, due to unfortunate time crunches plaguing most of us. Before college, we had all heard of university students staying up all night, fueled by coffee or Adderall, with the material fresh in their brain for the morning's exam. For any of you who have actually done this, it's not as "college-esque" as it seems. Tests on the subject have

shown that all-nighters actually decrease health and test scores. Why make your body or grades take a hit when nothing is truly gained?

In the studies conducted by an associate professor at St. Lawrence University, 111 students' GPAs were compared to their study habits. Two-thirds of the students who frequently pulled all-nighters throughout the semester proved to have lower GPAs than those who reportedly pulled only one.

Similarly, the journal SLEEP did a study on the effects of sleep deprivation to the human body. Lack of sleep is associated with side effects like delayed reaction and tendency to make mistakes, two detrimental factors to one's exam performance. In addition, a portable heart monitor tested adults following varying amounts of sleep and found that when adults receive little sleep at night, they experienced much faster heartbeats the next day. Built-up sleep deficit is also known to stress the heart significantly.

College students are already crunched for time to fulfill class requirements throughout the semester, because of important things like our jobs, fraternities or sororities and of course, our social lives. Add this to the increased amount of finals work given in each class, and multiple tests asking us to recover everything we've learned this semester, and yikes! That's enough to make anyone consider taking up meditation.

Find what personally works for you, and give yourself enough time to feel confident in your test-taking abilities. There's nothing worse than walking into an exam room panicked and under-prepared. Also, for some of you, these are your final finals, and everything college-related is nearing the end; these tests play a big role in your upcoming graduation.

Sleep deprivation can only enhance your stress, so don't limit yourself within this next week or two and have to resort to college's underrated study tactic. Sleep will be your biggest ally in conquering these exams. Summer is a stone's throw away now, Pirates! There will be plenty of reasons to stay up all night if you choose, studying not included.

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Scribbles to the Captain

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Dear Editor,

I was not surprised at the ranking Playboy magazine gave this school in terms of the top party schools in the nation. When I came to this school based on its so-called "reputation," I expected to have trouble every night finishing homework or concentrating because the houses next to mine were partying too loudly. I expected to have my phone blow up every night asking where the parties were at or drunk-dialing me at two in the morning.

However, I am pleased to come to the realization that this school did not live up to the reputation I thought it had before I came here. I feel like everyone here needs to calm

down and realize that maybe the people Playboy decided to survey are the people who tend to party often. Think about it; they determined the rankings by "online voters and student readers." Well what kind of people are going to the Playboy Web site? Certainly not someone studying for class.

This school's reputation has been created by the people who DO party, and party hard. Their word is taken as fact because as they tell someone "ECU is such a huge party school!" they take three more shots of Jagermeister and pass out.

If someone asked me if this school was a party school, I would say, "No more than State," or "No more than Chapel Hill" because that's a true statement.

Depending on who you talk to, a school could get a bad reputation or a good one, and unfortunately, it may be too hard for us to come to a happy medium where ECU is concerned.

My advice for students who resent Playboy's ranking of ECU is to prove them wrong. Graduate and become the editor of Playboy magazine (what guy wouldn't like that?) or just become successful. Rather than proving to everyone else how this school is just a regular school like the others in this state, prove to yourself that despite the labels given, you can achieve more than the others who let the labels define who they are. That's what I do.

Heather Gilroy

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Number 5 party school in Play-boy! Yeahh ECU!!

My next door neighbor changes boys like a shop owner changes clothes on a mannequin...really it's exhausting trying to keep!

FREE WEEZY!!!

Next time I wanna pee I'm just gonna go behind the truck instead of walking to a random field and losing my phone. EPIC FAIL!

Happy belated 4:20, since no one was nice enough to put it in the last Pirate Rants...unless everyone was just too stoned to remember!

I know you like to think that you're an amazing athlete, but that beer gut you're working on begs to differ.

Motivation... GET SOME!

Grow up and stop crying about how much I hurt your feels when you are not even considering my feelings!

You can't spell parties without PIRATES!!! It's official! We are the best school everrr!

How did you get into nursing school? I would run if you were my nurse!

Dear roommate: The noises you make in your sleep make me want to throw up. I cough purposefully to wake you up and make it stop!

To the guy with the skateboard who held the door open for me on Tuesday at the Old Cafeteria Complex: That is the first time someone has done that for me in a very long time. Thank you!

Dearest artistic people living in the resident halls: Yes, I know the creativity sometimes means things get messy but is it at all possible for you to clean out the sink after you dump paint into them? I'm tired of seeing your paint box in the sink when I go to brush my teeth.

When did sitting on the couch eating food get considered your workout for the day? GET OFF THE COUCH!

I thought the worst part about this huge project would be the actual work... but turns out what killed me the most was your whining! So glad to be done with this class and you!

To the girls I saw peeing by the tree at the bridge by College Hill on my way back from the library: WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU?!

To the Girl who sits in the front row of my biochemistry class: Will you shut up and let him teach?! You know who you are.

It would be great to be able to take a nap...but NO! The fat girl above my apartment won't stop walking!

When you're having sex it sounds so painful

Who needs a permit for getting drunk at Riverwalk? I don't!!!!

Next time I see you trying to get in the pants of another drunk girl, I'm going to tell your high school girlfriend from back home all about it.

I was running from a party that got busted Friday night in Riverwalk, and I threw my margarita in the woods. Is it bad that I considered going and looking for it after wards?

Whatever happened to the North Campus Ninja?!

Vote Cal Cunningham for U.S. Senate on May 4th!

Um, please stop bringing your baby to the art building EVERY SINGLE DAY. So you had a baby, aww that's cute! Keep it at home and out of my face!!

Hmmm. Earthquake in Haiti? Earthquake in China? Snow storms throughout the US? Volcano eruption in Iceland? I think the world is going to end. Time to start drinking.

Teachers: You were in school at one point so surely you remember hating all the work crammed into the last two weeks at the end of the semester? PLEASE STOP DOING IT YOURSELF!

Your music sucks. Stop forcing the entire apartment complex to listen to it.

Yes, Four Loco is that crazy.

To blonde who was too cool to hold the door for me: I know your sunglasses were dark but I know with those bug eyed lens you saw me walking right behind you. Please learn some manners because good looks suck without class to go with them.

When you're on a dating site at 19, there's a problem.

Throwing objects is the s**t, bra!



Pirates & Salty Wenches

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Bon voyage for now

Vivian Stockton
SEX AND RELATIONSHIP COLUMNIST

College life and sex tend to go hand-in-hand. As freshmen at ECU, students get their first taste of what it's like to be on their own and be free to make decisions for themselves. This newfound freedom often leads to parties, downtown, drinking and sex.

Many people have already experimented with sex before they reach ECU, but it doesn't take long for a person to realize that compared to high school, sex at ECU is an entirely different ballgame. Sex becomes much more casual in college, which often blurs the lines of many relationships.

Pirates and Salty Wenches has been very enjoyable for me to write, and I hope it is something that is continued at The East Carolinian for years to come. Countless students experience many of the same situations in their sex lives, and it's nice to know that you

aren't the only person who is stuck riding the rollercoaster of love.

I hope that I have shed light upon some confusing or taboo topics and that I have provided some insightful advice through my column this past year. My intentions were never to offend, but to address issues that people may be too afraid or embarrassed to ask for themselves.

Yes, sex for the most part is still regarded as something private and not to be openly discussed, but with the large amount of young adults partaking in sexual activity, someone needs to talk about it. Students may think they know everything about sex and relationships, but the reality of it is many of them are young or inexperienced, which prevents them from fully grasping the ramifications of sex – be it casual or with a boyfriend/girlfriend – or understanding why men and women act the way they do in sexual and romantic situations.

Sex in college is trial and error; it's an experiment that

can go good or bad. By coming to ECU, students are embarking on an arduous journey of self discovery and personal triumph and failure. The purpose of this column has been to entertain while providing advice from someone who has also been there.

Whether you heed my warnings or accept my advice is up to you. You may think I have no idea what I have been talking about, but I have been the silly freshman who looked for love in all the wrong places, the jaded girl who has felt the only way to have sex in college is to keep it casual, the lucky girl who finally found a man worth her time and the witness of multiple Pirates going through the same blunders as herself. Take everything I've said with a grain of salt, but realize that there is truth behind all I've said.

Here's to a happy and safe summer, Pirates!

Forever your Salty Wench,
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Where did the time go?



Katelyn Crouse
EDITOR IN CHIEF

As we began working on the final edition of TEC, it finally hit me that the semester is ending. Unlike many of my friends, it is just the end of the semester for me; I won't be graduating and moving away from Pirate Nation just yet. I have been given the opportunity to continue as TEC's Editor in Chief and have decided to spend another year with the newspaper I have grown to love.

This has been a building year for TEC, and just like any good sports coach, I plan on seeing this job through to the end. Each and every one of you has made this an interesting year; definitely one I will never forget. Whether you have sent a letter to me, a Pirate Rant (which, yes, I do read almost all of the ones submitted!) or just made a comment in passing, I have listened to what you have had to say. It isn't easy to make everyone happy, and I have given up the notion that it's even possible to try to do so, but I feel like my staff and I have passed the challenge of putting out a newspaper twice a

week that people will want to read.

From covering our front page with a huge pot leaf, to talking about those taboo movies you like to watch by yourself, to even characterizing the infamous "ugg sluts" with a cartoon, I think everyone can agree the year has been nowhere near boring.

Rumors are flying everywhere that newspapers are dying, which may be true. But I think TEC has a couple great years left before it may have to take to just publishing on the Web site. This is a sad reality, but it's one we all have to face. But before we put the newspaper aside for good, I hope you take some time to enjoy what you have in front of you, which is a newspaper made just for Pirate Nation with things you care about and should know about.

As I begin to watch my sorority sisters, friends and people I consider family move onto bigger and better places than Pirate Nation, I can't help but think about where I will be heading to in a year. It seems so far away, but I know it will be here before I know it. Congratulations to all of the graduating seniors; I wish you all the best of luck in the future, and I hope you do not forget where your roots are, which is with us in Greenville! You will all be missed and never forgotten... GO PIRATES! ☺

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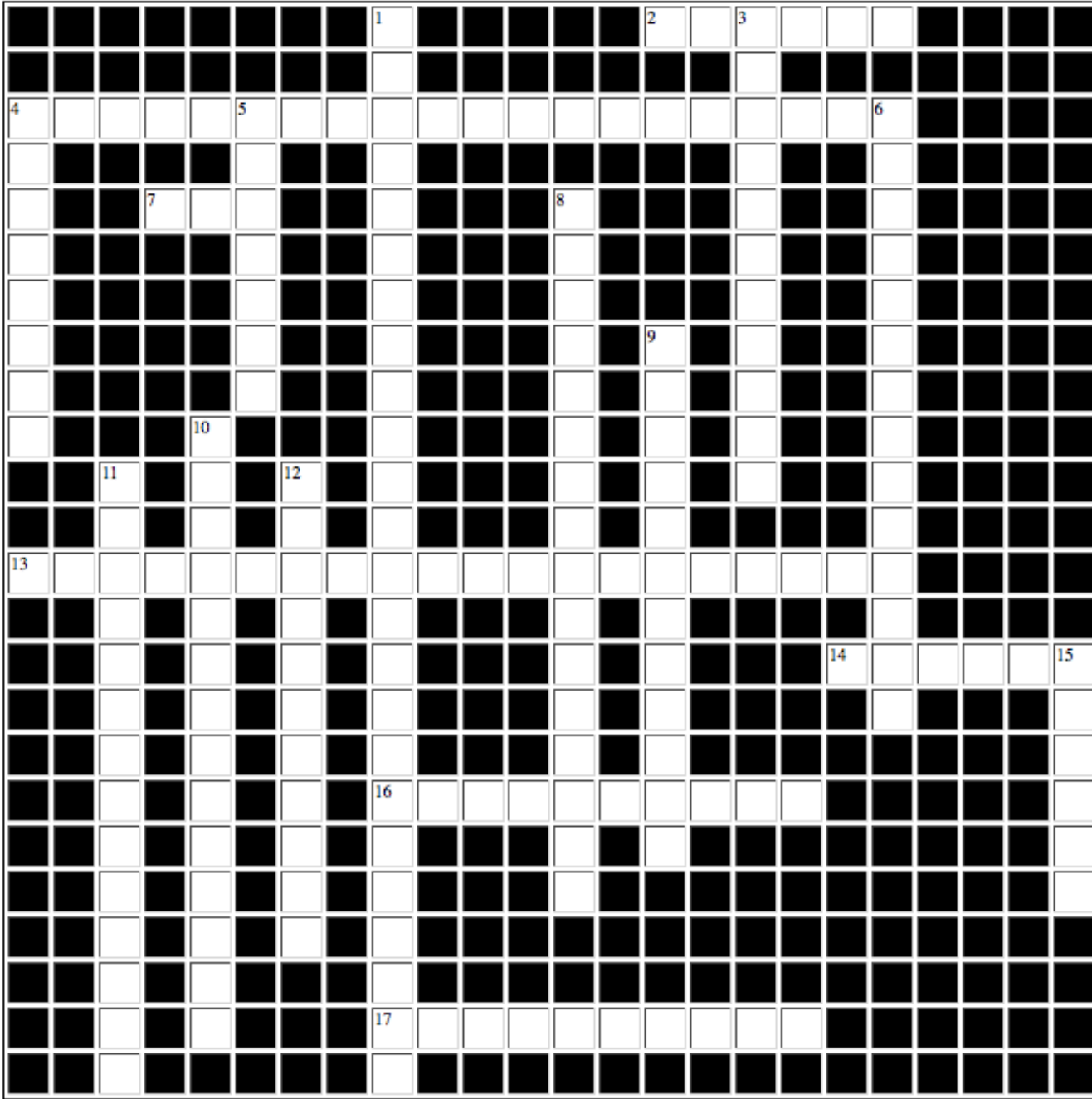
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- 4. "Father of ECU"
- 7. Number of consecutive years that ECU has been the fastest growing school in the UNC system.
- 13. Annual spring festival hosted by the SAB. (4 words)

- 14. East Carolina University's original name. (acronym)
- 16. Schools of Pitt County that helped name the Pirate mascot.
- 17. Victor shows no mercy and refuses to spare a life in return for surrender. (2 words)

Down

- 1. ECU's medical school. (4 words)
- 3. Song played

- at the start of every home football game. (2 words)
- 4. _____ starts here.
- 5. Number of fraternities in the IFC at ECU.
- 6. Oscar winning former Pirate.
- 8. Name of The East Carolinian in the 1970s. (2 words)
- 9. Most read portion of TEC. (2 words)

- 10. Pirate football new head coach.
- 11. Language every Pirate should use on Facebook. (2 words)
- 12. Rockabilly banjo playing graduate of the ECU School of Art and Design.
- 15. Bandana and earring wearing skull and crossbones.

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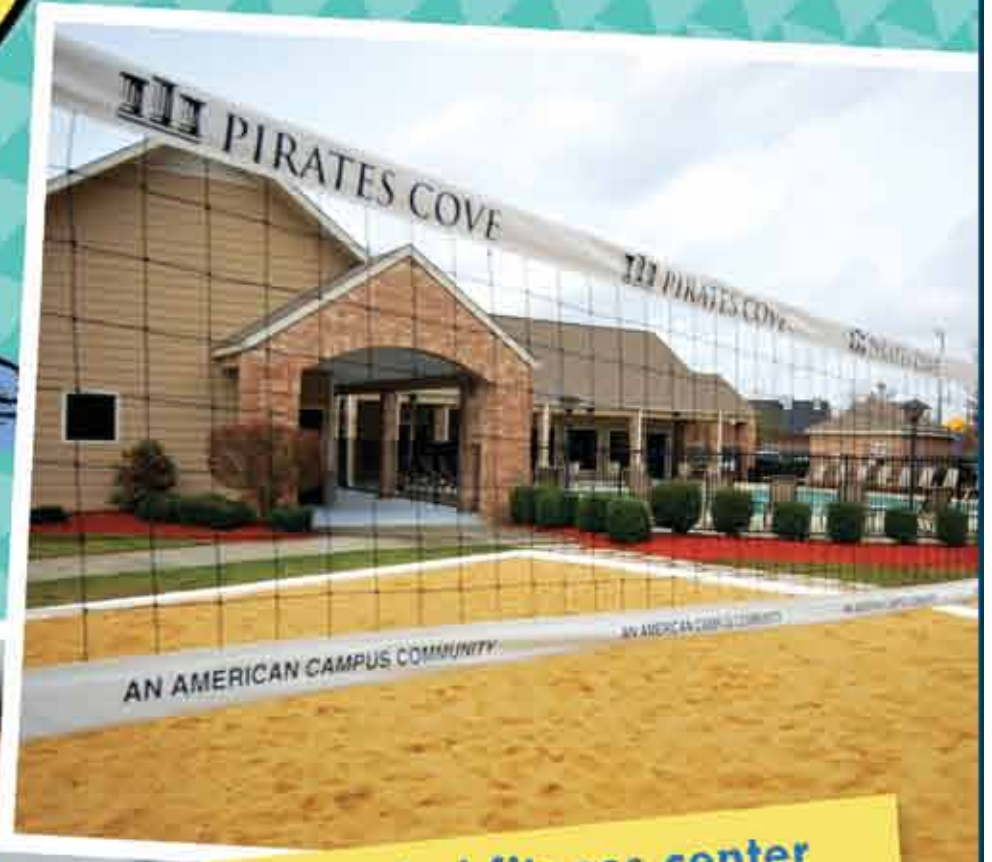
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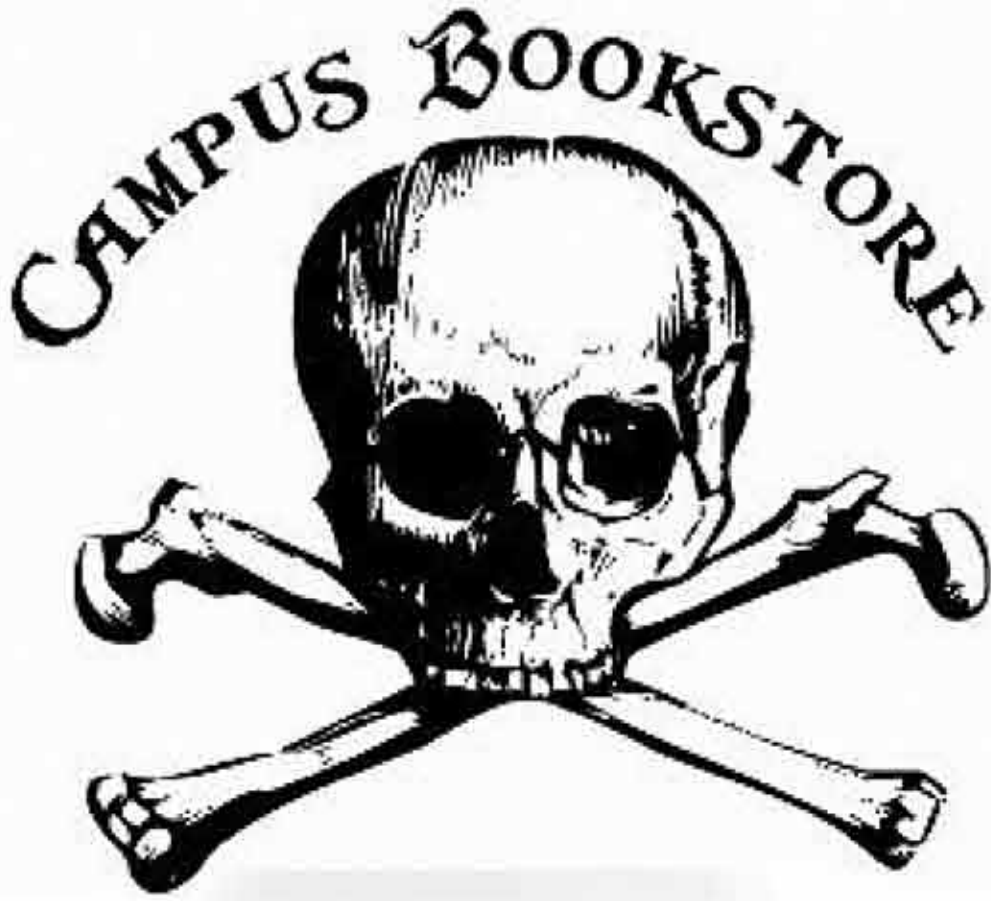
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Yasser Arafat was addicted to watching television cartoons.

Boris Karloff is the narrator of the seasonal television special "How the Grinch Stole Christmas."

Before Mickey Mouse, Felix the Cat was the most popular cartoon character. He was the first cartoon character to ever have been made into a balloon for a parade.

Bill Cosby created the cartoon characters Fat Albert and Weird Harold.

Every episode of "Seinfeld" contains a Superman reference somewhere.

The first crime mentioned in the first episode of "Hill Street Blues" was armed robbery.

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The Brady Bunch kids went to elementary school at Dixie Canyon Elementary.

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Mr. Spock was second in command of the Starship Enterprise. His blood type was T-negative.

As well as appearing on "Star Trek," William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy, James Doohan and George Takei have all appeared at one time or another on "The Twilight Zone."

The mask used by Michael Myers in the original "Halloween" movie was actually a Captain Kirk mask painted white.

Captain Jean-Luc Picard's fish was named Livingston.

Elvis Presley had a twin brother named Garon, who died at birth. Elvis's middle name was spelled Aron in honor of his brother.

Elvis loved to eat meatloaf. He weighed 230 pounds at the time of his death.

Elvis failed his music class in school.

Elvis was once appointed Special Agent of the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs. According to Elvis's autopsy, he had 10 different drugs in his body at the time of his death.

Frank Sinatra was once quoted as saying that rock 'n' roll was only played by "cretinous goons."

Jim Morrison of The Doors was the first rock star to be arrested onstage.

Sheryl Crow's two front teeth are fake. She knocked them out when she tripped onstage earlier in her career.

Popular apartment complexes host poolside bashes to conclude the spring semester

Caitlin Hale
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

With the heat of summer quickly approaching along with the final days of the spring semester, some of Greenville's most popular apartment complexes will be celebrating with a much-needed poolside bash. First off is The Landing's Reality Tour 2010 pool party, which kicks off on Saturday at 2 p.m. However, this isn't just a regular pool party. The Landing is bringing out stars from MTV's hit reality TV shows "The Real World" and "The Real World/Road Rules Challenge." MTV celebrities Mark, Paula, Johnny Bananas and Robin will all be in attendance until at least 5 p.m. Tickets are required to gain admittance to the event, but according to one of The Landing's employees, Caitie Janicki, they will not be too terribly hard to come by. "The event will be open to the public as long as they have a ticket. Residents and anyone who signs a lease will automatically get a ticket, but we will also be giving tickets away," she said. "Anyone who comes to our events this month can get a ticket. We will also be at Barefoot on the Mall, where students will have chances to win a ticket." The Landing recently gave out tickets during the housing fair as well. Campus Apartments, which is the developer and owner of The



Sophomores Bill Wallace, Allen Crowder, and Andrew Bodenheimer enjoy a warm afternoon outside at The Landing pool.

Landing, has hosted many reality tours in the past; however, this is the first one to ever take place at The Landing of Greenville. "This is the first reality tour we have ever had. But given the chance, we [The Landing] would love to do it again. In the past, the reality tours that Campus Apartments have hosted went over really well," said Janicki. During the reality tour pool party, MTV's Mark will be holding a casting call. He will

pick people he thinks would fit well into reality TV and pass their names on to his producers. A swimsuit fashion show will also take place during the event. The Landing, as well as other local vendors including Papa John's and Subway, will be providing food for the event while residents enjoy the pool, sun and fun games that will be present at the party. "We are going to attempt to be in the Guinness Book of

World Records for flip cup. The current record is 1,385 participants," Janicki added. The Bellamy will also be holding a poolside bash as well, which will take place on April 27. The event, entitled the 2nd Annual Reading Day Pool Party, will last from 2 to 6 p.m. This event is open to the public and tickets are not required. The Pierce Roth Band will be playing from 2 to 5 p.m. "We definitely wanted live music. We chose the Pierce Roth Band

because Pierce is an ECU student and one of the residents of our property. We like to support our residents, as well as ECU students," said Emily Harris, marketing director for The Bellamy. Rehab Lounge's DJ Heelz will be concluding the event. In addition to live music, The Bellamy will be providing guests with free food. "We will have about seven different vendors providing food for the event. Some include Tiebreakers, Subway, Papa John's and Chanell's Pizza. The Bellamy will be providing hamburgers and hotdogs as well," added Harris. During the pool party, The Bellamy will also be holding a volleyball tournament. Those who want to participate in the tournament will need to sign up in The Bellamy's office by 2 p.m. as the tournament begins at 3 p.m. Winners of the tournament will receive a free private party at Rehab Lounge. Runner-ups will receive gift cards from Chanell's Pizza. "Anyone who wants to come out and join is more than welcome because this is going to be a fun event. Bring your friends!" concluded Harris. So if stress levels are high, take some time for some much-needed relaxation at one of these upcoming poolside festivities. Both events are sure to be a good time!

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REAP holds annual spring fling tonight



REAP's end of the year spring fling hopes to bring excitement to the space constraint of the location; however, up to 70 guests and volunteers are expected.

The Department of Curriculum and Instruction's inclusive preschool REAP will celebrate the end of the school year with their much-anticipated spring fling from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. tonight at the Irons Building on Oglesby Drive.

The event is designed for staff of the College of Education's Department of Curriculum and Instruction and their children, as well as the students, staff and interns of the preschool.

Attendance is limited due to

the space constraint of the location; however, up to 70 guests and volunteers are expected. "It's a way to bring everyone together at the end of the year," said interim director of REAP, Ashmin Small.

"It will be a wonderful event that I am very excited about." The theme of this year's fling is Nascar. Snacks that will be in the form of cars or decorated with racing flags include cupcakes, rice krispie treats and brownies.

There are a total of 15 games and activities planned for the children, each organized and run by a separate group of volunteers. Among these are race tag, car

bingo, racecar walk (a version of cakewalk), personalized license plates, hot wheels carwash and face painting.

Head intern in charge of the spring fling's production is Yolanda Hodges, who has planned the theme and execution of the event as her internship project. REAP's staff assists Hodges and supports her efforts in every way they can. Approximately 30 volunteers, most of them teaching fellows, are also participating, along with many parents.

Project Stepp parents Christine Bouck and Dionna Manning are contributing to the racecar theme by providing checkered flags made from small wooden rods and checkered-pattern cloth. Gift card donations helped to make the affair possible. These came from Food Lion, Sam's Club, Harris Teeter, Walmart, Lowe's Foods and Kroger. Food was also donated by Jimmy John's.

Last year's theme was "picnic ants on parade," but 2010's Nascar theme is truly a



Massage Therapists will be available free for students next week on campus during the reading days.

The Relaxation Station returns to campus

Madonna Messana
STAFF WRITER

Final exams are right around the corner, and with them comes an increased amount of stress, which includes pulling all-nighters and sometimes even studying for a class for the first time all semester. Everyone wants to get exams over with and start their long-awaited summer vacations. However, there is just one last thing that students have to look forward to before the semester ends. The Student Activities and Organizations are again sponsoring a Day of Relaxation, which gives students a chance to relax before exams officially start. On April 27, the first reading day for students, there will be various "Relaxation Stations" set up for student's enjoyment. Not only will there be massages available for students, there will

also be an oxygen bar as well as a lip balm and street sign making station. Each station will take place at various locations around campus to reduce the chaos and frustration of having everyone in one place. The Day of Relaxation will be similar to the Relaxation Stations that were provided to students at the end of last semester.

The lip balm and street sign making station will be located at Cynthia's Lounge in Mendenhall Student Center from 12 to 4 p.m. "There will be two people assisting students to make their own lip balm with wax with different flavors and tints," said graduate assistant Farah Hussain. "Someone will assist students in making their own green

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PIRATE EATS

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Ethan Anderson

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One should expect to have an awesome dining experience with Lemongrass at 1904 W. Arlington Blvd. Lemongrass is a 10 to 15-minute drive from downtown and isn't too far of a drive passed South Memorial. This might come as an inconvenience to some college students without some sort of transportation. I highly recommend to those people to convince their friends with a ride to visit this great Thai restaurant.

After first walking in to the store, the first thing that caught my attention was the nifty water fountain. This and the other oriental decorations really added to the store's atmosphere and made for a fun, interesting environment. The restaurant is very quiet and dimly lit, which coupled nicely to give the place a very calm and serene feeling.

On the menu, I noticed a small paragraph, which almost seemed to be the restaurant's slogan. It read, "Exotic Thai food has become very popular, as the fact that the ingredients of most Thai foods include herbs which

is the essential key leading to good health. It is worth having Thai food, especially for people who are health conscious."

Keeping this in mind made the dining experience all that more fascinating for me, since this was the first time I had ever eaten at Lemongrass. I am particular to the fried rice dishes, which range from \$8-9. I had the choice of the Thai fried rice, Thai basil rice, Lemongrass fried rice or the vegetable fried rice. This time, however, I went for the Thai shrimp fried rice, which was absolutely delicious.

This meal came with a hearty helping of steaming hot vegetables, shrimp, egg and, of course, fried rice. This is one of the dishes that is lacking in spice, unlike a lot of the others. Spice is one of the biggest factors separating Thai food from your average Chinese or Japanese cuisine.

Specials like the Thai drunken spicy noodles (\$9.50), the basil pork (\$9.95), the beef curry (\$10.95) and the Man-churian chicken (\$9.95) are a few among many of the hot and spicy dishes Lemongrass offers.

If you are looking to spend or eat perhaps a little less, it is always a great choice to try out the soup or salad. Soups like



Two women, left to right, Larissa Johnson and Brianna Zenerovitz

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the sweet corn chicken soup (\$3.95), pumpkin and chicken coconut soup (\$4.95) and the Thai mushroom soup (\$3.95) are all great choices.

Lemongrass also offers a great fresh mango salad for \$5.95. Two of their unique spicy salads include the yam spicy seafood salad (\$9.95) or the yam spicy beef salad (\$9.95), both of which are served with rice.

If you are looking to take advantage of their lunch specials that are \$6.95, be sure to visit between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Some of their specials include the Lemongrass chicken, the ginger chicken, chicken curry, Thai-style eggplant, stir fried chicken in bean sauce and the mango chicken. All specials are served with a spring roll, house salad, fried rice or steamed rice.

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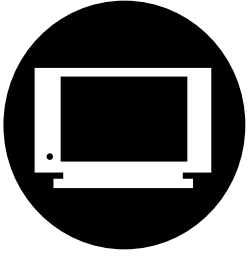
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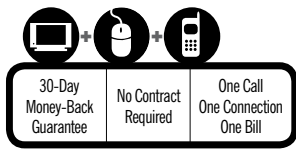
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novel idea. "It's something different that we've not done before," said Melissa Parker, lead teacher coordinator of REAP. "The children in class will be really excited about it because they've been looking forward to it for a long time."

Parker's main role for the event, which has been over a month in the making, is to oversee Hodges in coordinating and plan-

ning, as well as making sure there are enough volunteers.

There are about 20 children enrolled in the preschool who will be joined by the dozens of other attendees out to enjoy the spring fling.

This marks the end of the year not only for interns, but also for many of the preschoolers. While there will be a summer camp program beginning June 9th, most children take the summer off.

The classrooms are not only decorated with racecars. There are a number of plant pot sculptures, birdhouses, pet rocks and new gardens that the class created for Playground Day a couple weeks ago. There are also recyclable grocery bags, buckets and homemade paper that the students made on Earth Day.

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street signs, like the ones outside." Also taking place from 12 to 4 p.m. will be an oxygen bar located on top of the bar area in Destination 360. An oxygen bar is machinery that provides a higher concentration of oxygen compared to the atmosphere. It is for recreational use and can have flavored scents added. Again, from 12 to 4 p.m. there will be leather massage chairs, as well as foot massagers in the first floor study area in Joyner Library. These chairs

will be like those seen in stores like Sharper Image, where the speeds can be set to the enjoyment of the user. There will also be two trained massage therapists at Joyner Library from 1 to 4 p.m. The massage therapists will be located, along with the massage chairs, in the first floor study area in Joyner Library. Free breakfast food will also be provided between 12 to 4 p.m. in Cynthia's lounge however, food will only be provided while supplies last.

"With exams right around the corner, there is a lot of pressure in meeting requirements and making good grades," said freshman architectural design major Jack Prager. There is no better way to relieve a little pressure and take the mind off deadlines and exams than by getting a free massage.

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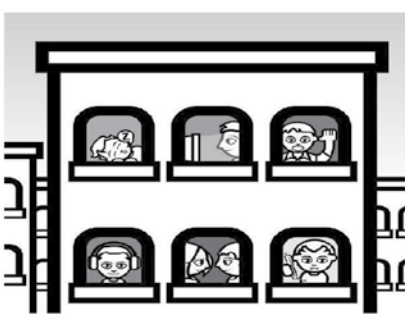
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Staff Reports

Lebo announces coaching staff

First-year ECU basketball coach [Jeff Lebo](#) announced the addition of three members to his initial coaching staff Tuesday as Tim Craft, Ken Potosnak and Kyle Robinson. Craft and Potosnak join [Michael Perry](#), who was retained from the previous staff, as assistant coaches, while Robinson takes over as the Pirates' director of basketball operations.

Craft comes to ECU after spending the past three seasons as an assistant coach to Lebo at Auburn. Potosnak was a member of Lebo's coaching staff at Auburn the past two years. Robinson, who served as a graduate assistant at Auburn for three years, spent the past three seasons as the director of basketball operations at the College of Charleston.

Craft originally joined the Auburn program as the Tigers' director of basketball operations for the 2007-2008 campaign before being promoted to assistant coach for the past two seasons. Prior to joining Lebo at Auburn, Craft spent three seasons as an assistant coach at Gardner-Webb.

Potosnak has over 20 years of coaching experience, including the last two with Lebo at Auburn. Prior to going to Auburn, he spent three seasons as an assistant coach to former ECU coach Dave Odom at South Carolina. He helped recruit one of the top 20 classes in the country, featuring future All-America selection Devan Downey.

Women's golf takes second at C-USA Championships

The ECU women's golf team fired a final round 288 and finished second at the 2010 Conference USA Women's Golf Championships. The 54-hole event was played at the par-71, 6,146-yard Canebroke Country Club.

Senior [Abby Bools](#) continued her stellar play Tuesday, posting an even par 71 for a three-day total 212, which put her in a three-way tie for second place with UTEP's Shang Huang and Tulane's Janine Fellows. The Hickory, N.C., native recorded three birdies on the day at holes No. 2, No. 9 and No. 18 for a front round 36 and back nine 35.

Sophomore [Amy Otteson](#) tied for eighth after a final round 71 for a 54-hole score of 220. [Amber Littman](#) claimed a share of 10th, her first top-10 placement of the year with a score of 221. Rounding out the Pirates lineup were [Ana Maria Puche](#) (224) in 18th place and [Coleen Estes](#) (226) in a tie for 22nd.

Tulane took the C-USA title for the second-straight year with a six-over par 858. The 27th-ranked Green Wave led wire-to-wire with rounds of 290, 283 and 25 to finish 14 strokes ahead of the Pirates (296-288-288=872). Tulsa finished third, 17 strokes behind ECU, with a tournament score of 889 (297-300-292).

Ashley McKenny of Tulane took home medalist honors with a three-under par 210 (70-68-72), while Tulsa's Kristina Merkle rounded out the top five with a three-day score of 217 (71-74-72).

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ECU travels to Lonestar State to take on C-USA leader Rice



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ECU's Trent Whitehead rounds third base on his way to score a run in a tilt against UAB last weekend.

Pirates round out first five-game week since last week of March

Michael Perry
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

ECU will hit the road for its biggest test of the season as they travel to Houston, Texas, to place Conference USA rival Rice.

The Pirates (24-13, 6-3 CUSA) will make the trip after their first five-game week since the end of March. ECU was riding a sweep over UAB but failed to extend its six-game win streak as they dropped a 12-5 decision at Campbell on Tuesday.

The Owls (23-16, 8-4

CUSA) currently sit atop the C-USA standings and will have to defend both their premier position and their home turf in the upcoming three-game series.

In the overall tally, the Pirates have a lot of making up to do as Rice holds a strong 11-3 lead.

Head Coach Wayne Graham led the Owls and has done so for the past 18 seasons. Graham is a legend among the college baseball community. He has seven years of coaching experience and since his 1992 arrival, Rice has notched an 830-317 record.

The Owls' program is known nationally for its baseball tradition and has a résumé that speaks for itself, most notably its 2003 NCAA National Champion. Rice has made the NCAA

tourney for the past 14 seasons, and also has made seven visits to Omaha since 1997.

Statistically, this season the Owls' roster holds a respectable and balanced squad with the slight edge for the pitching staff.

Rice ranks second in team pitching, just under the Pirates, with a 4.51 ERA and is currently tied with Southern Miss for least hits allowed.

Probable starters for the Owls this weekend include Taylor Wall (2-3), Boogie Anagnostou (2-4) and Jared Rogers (3-1). All three hurlers hold an earned run average under five.

Left-hander Wall leads the staff with 40 strikeouts, he's pitched a team high 57 innings and he has held conference opponents to a measly .185 at

the dish.

Reliever Doug Simmons (2-0) holds the staff's lowest ERA of 0.57, a mark reached through 14 appearance and 16 2/3 innings pitched.

It appears there is no late designated late-game closer for the Owls, but Mark Haynes and Tyler Duffey have combined for four saves on the season.

At the plate, Rice is hitting over .300 as a team, and Anthony Rendon and Jeremy Rathjen as pair of sophomore standouts lead the Owls' with the bats.

Rendon, a staple among C-USA weekly awards, boasts a team high .369 batting average. He holds the team high mark in home runs (13), run-batted (44) as well as slugging and on-base percentage.

Rathjen, who sports a .336 batting average, has a team-best 12 doubles and is only just behind Rendon with 43 season RBI.

On the base paths, outfielder Chad Mazingo is 9-for-9 in stolen bases.

In a look at ECU heading into the weekend, it will be interesting to see who will make the starts for the Pirates.

Last weekend, the rotation was adjusted slightly with Zach Woods (5-1) spearheading the assault on the Blazers, followed by Seth Maness (7-2) and Kevin Brandt (3-4).

The new weekend rotation worked for the ECU pitching staff last week as they picked up their first sweep over UAB, the Pirates currently hold a conference-best 4.27 ERA.

Mike Wright will also be an available option as Brad Mincey was the scheduled starter against N.C. State on Wednesday.

As of Wednesday, closer Seth Simmons lead ECU with a team-low 2.84 ERA. Simmons has recorded seven saves in his 19 appearances.

With the sticks, the Diamond Bucs are currently second in C-USA with a team batting average of .336.

ECU has several guys seeing the ball well currently, including Kyle Roller, Zach Wright, Corey Thompson and John Wooten.

With the two top teams in C-USA squaring off, this will be a pivotal series for the Pirates as they begin the homestretch to the post-season.

Game times at Reckling Park are set for 7:30 p.m. on Friday, 3 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday all EST.

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Football dominates ECU athletic achievements of past four years

OPINION



Jared Jackson
SPORTS EDITOR

I have been fortunate over the course of my career as a student journalist at ECU to witness some of the most dramatic, aweing and downright astonishing athletic feats and victories in the history of this great university.

Over the course of my tenure at The East Carolinian and stint as an intern at The Daily Reflector, I've dealt with some of the best people I've ever come across, whether it has been coaches, administrators, athletes or the media relations staff, who has gone of its way to assist me time and time again.

A 12,000-word column, much less a 700-word one like this, wouldn't be enough space to

write about the joyous, challenging, heartbreaking and unbelievable moments I've experienced while being involved with ECU athletics. As it's often said, "It's tough being a Pirate."

So without further ado, I present the top five moments for me personally over the last four years. Of course, limiting my selections to a handful was tough and I had to leave out some great accomplishments, but I will say that I couldn't be prouder of ECU and every athletic team that has taken a field or court since I ventured to Greenville. I can truly say that the sky is the limit for every athletics program, and under the direction of athletics director Terry Holland and his incredible staff, I fully expect ECU to become a national power year in and year out in a very short matter of time.

5. Football moves up to No. 14 in the nation

After shocking No. 17 Virginia Tech and No. 8 West Vir-



Former ECU kicker Ben Hartman nails a 34-yard field goal to give the Pirates a 34-31 victory over North Carolina in 2007.

ginia to start the season, ECU moved up to No. 14 in the AP Poll. For a three-week stretch, the Pirates were the media darlings of college football and appeared on the front page of

multiple Web sites including ESPN, Yahoo Sports and CBS Sports. Heck, I even got a little bit of face time on ESPN U. Even though injuries plagued the Pirates down the stretch, the

team was still able to capture its first Conference USA title with a 27-24 victory at Tulsa.

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NHL playoffs off to frantic start

OPINION



Hart Holloman
STAFF WRITER

With the NHL playoffs barely a week old, the action and intensity on the ice is already heating up. Every team has tasted victory so far, and the table has been set for an exciting finish to the opening round. Here's a look at what's gone on so far.

If there were any worries that players who represented their countries during the Vancouver Olympics would be tired

come playoff time, they have been eased.

In the east, it took the top-seeded Washington Capitals



The Washington Capitals celebrate an overtime victory over the Montreal Canadiens in the quarterfinals of the Stanley Cup Playoffs.

a couple of games to get their offense cranked up against Montreal, but they have not stopped scoring since in a back-and-forth series. The teams split the opening two games in Washington, both overtime thrillers, before the Caps really unloaded on the Canadians in a 5-1 victory in Montreal.

The Canadians have done a fair job of containing Caps' sniper Alex Ovechkin so far, but that has opened up the ice for Ovechkin's talented 22-year-old linemate Nicklas Backstrom, who leads all players in the series with six pints. The real test for the Caps will be whether goaltender Semyon Varlamov can hold up under the pressure after replacing starter Jose Theodore early in game two.

Philadelphia has taken a

surprise 3-1 lead over second-seed New Jersey. Chris Pronger and Mike Richards have led the way for the Flyers, who have gone to the net well and disrupted Devils' goalie Martin Brodour enough to find some timely scoring late in games. So far, sniper Ilya Kovalchuk appears to be the Devils' player interested in scoring. They will need to pick up the offense if they want to get back in this series.

Boston, likewise, has flipped the script on third-seed Buffalo. This series has been all about defense and goaltending. Boston's defensive giant Zdeno Chara has come up large on both

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4. Women's basketball improbable run to the NCAA Tournament

Basketball gets a bad rap at ECU, but that didn't stop the Lady Pirates from winning 10-straight to end the 2006-2007 season and propel themselves to the program's first NCAA tournament appearance in 25 years.

Even in facing a 12-point deficit to Rice in the C-USA Championship game didn't faze these Pirates. Before the winning streak, ECU sat at 9-13 overall and was seemingly aiming to just hit .500 on the season. But with a run that rivaled the 1993 men's team, the Lady Pirates made hoops at ECU relevant once again.

3. First football victory over North Carolina in 25 years

In one of the most exciting games I've ever witnessed, ECU's Ben Hartman drilled a 39-yard game-winning field goal as time expired to give the Pirates a 34-31 victory over hated in-state rival

North Carolina.

Growing up as a UNC fan, this was just what I needed to ditch the sky blue and become a Pirate for life. This game had it all - special teams touchdowns, missed field goals, huge pass plays and the coming-out partying for now NFL superstar Chris Johnson, who used the victory to propel him to a stellar senior season.

2. Greenville Regional victory

Trailing 6-2 after five innings of play and showing no offensive momentum, the Diamond Bucs needed a comeback. It looked bleak after a South Carolina two-run home run in the top of the eighth inning, but thanks to timely hitting and a three-run jack by Devin Harris in the bottom on the ninth inning, ECU took the tilt to extra innings.

Harris again was heroic in the bottom of the 10th in scoring Kyle Roller on a single that gave ECU a 10-9 win and first Regional victory since 2004.

1. C-USA football championship victory over Houston

Winning championships isn't usually as sweet the second time around, but that wasn't the case when ECU took down No. 18 Houston, 38-32, to claim its second-straight C-USA title, and this time in front of the Pirate Nation at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

While the Pirates dominated the Cougars all game long, it wasn't until Van Eskridge's interception in the final minute of regulation that halted a Houston comeback and enabled ECU to paint it perfect.

"Pretty awesome experience," former ECU head coach Skip Holtz said following the tilt in which fans were invited on the field to celebrate the win with the team. "I've got some mental pictures that I'll go to my grave with, standing down there just seeing the people in the stands and the student section and the electricity."

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ends of the ice so far, including both Bruins goals in a game two victory. But, his defensive presence and freakish size have been matched by 19-year-old Sabers' blue-liner Tyler Myers.

But an injury to Sabers' leading scorer Thomas Vanek in game one hasn't helped their inability to find a way past Bruins' goalie Tuukka Rask, who has been stellar with a .936 save percentage in the first three games.

Pittsburgh and Ottawa have combined for 29 goals in four games as the Penguins have taken a tenuous 3-1 advantage in this series. Sidney Crosby leads all playoff scorers with 11 points so far and doesn't look like slowing down.

Out west, the top-seed San Jose is in a dogfight against a youthful Colorado team with a lot to prove, and this series has been chippy and physical since the puck dropped in game one. The younger Avalanche squad has been aggressive on the fore check, trying to take away San Jose's

passing into the zone and to wear down the older Sharks.

San Jose defender Dan Boyle gifted Colorado a game three victory when he put the puck in his own net, trying to clear it one minute into overtime during a scoreless game. But the Sharks came back, and they took the overtime victory in game four off Joe Pavelski's winner.

Los Angeles defensive duo Drew Doughty and Rob Scuderi have done a good job of containing Vancouver's dynamic forward duo of Henrik and Daniel Sedin. So far, the Kings have done an OK job of possessing the puck and keeping the Canucks off the rush, but they will need to do a better job of containing the break if they want to move on to the next round.

Chicago has stumbled offensively so far against the defensive pressure of Nashville. The Blackhawks' forwards have found space and time on the puck sparse while the Predators have launched bomb after bomb from their

offensive blue line at Chicago goalie Anti Niemi and picked up the pieces from there.

If Chicago wants to get back in this series, the Blackhawks' scorers will need to find a way to solve Nashville goalie Pekka Rinne, who has stifled them beautifully so far.

The Detroit-Phoenix series has produced some very exciting end-to-end action in the opening games. The physicality and speed of the Coyotes has pushed the defending Western Conference champion Red Wings, who have countered with more of the same.

The Coyotes will need to continue to wear down this aging Detroit squad and make them play defense. But they will need to do it without finding themselves in the penalty box to keep Detroit's power-play off the ice. That unit has scored five of Detroit's 17 goals so far in the series.

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Tuesday, April 27 | 6:00 p.m. | Bate 1024

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Farewell Feast

Wednesday, April 28 | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | Todd Dining Hall

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Senior Class Service Project

Thursday, April 29

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Welcome to the City: Your Next Step After Graduation

Friday, April 30 | 5:30 p.m. | Mendenhall 244

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Visit PirateAlumni.com/seniorweeksvp to register for these events.

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"Timed Romance" Directed by: Rob Underhill.
Runtime: 7 min. Romance is all about timing.

"Letters From Home" Directed by: Keva Keyes.
Runtime: 9 min.

This 35mm short introduces a team of U.S. Army soldiers deployed to a remote base in Afghanistan. Prior to a mission, the always-anticipated mail call occurs. It is through this encounter that we get to know team members and witness the effects the letters have on them.

"At Dawn". Directed by: Michael Paulucci. Runtime: 6 min.
A Father and Son wake up at dawn to face the reality that the beloved horse of their late wife and mother is dying of old age.

"A Kingdom Without a King". Directed by: Richard Perry.
Runtime: 5 min.
A young superstar comes to the conclusion that no matter how much you can achieve in life, there can always be a hole left in your heart.

"Breathing Room". Directed by: Deanna Morse.
Runtime: 4 min.
This film examines nature through the lens of time. Light sweeps languidly across the tiles in a room. Outside, the flowers erupt in a riot of color.

"Healing Seekers: The Search for Cures Begins".
Directed by: Grace Kanoy.
Runtime: 42 min.
Join the Healing Seekers as they race to the ends of the earth in search of medical treatments in the most remote and bio diverse regions of the world. Rediscover ancient healing traditions before they fade into unrecorded history. This documentary is the first of the series and features the Healing Seekers team in Ecuador.

"Skylight". Directed by: David Baas.
Runtime: 5 min.
An animated mock documentary about the ecological plight of penguins in the Antarctic, possibly foretelling cataclysmic results for the rest of the world.

"Air Knob". Directed by: Nathan Fleet.
Runtime: 8 min.
Two neighbors, one a quiet, would-be folk guitarist, the other a brash wannabe head-banger, vie for air guitar supremacy in a take no prisoner battle in a sleepy suburban neighborhood.

"A Short Film"
Directed by: Rick Williamson
Runtime: 2 min
The epitome of a short western film; short actors, short horses and long credits.

"Chickens of the Sea"
Directed by: Steve Furman
Runtime: 7 min
...a sea of grass, that is. Most of the native prairie in North America is gone, and prairie chickens are rare, but if you're lucky enough to find them, they're fun to watch!

"One Day"
Directed by: Bernard Garceau
Runtime: 19 min
Joshua has left town with the body of his friend Jef, whom he killed with his car just hours before. Out of shock, he threw the body into the trunk, but not before Jef's brother Corey witnessed everything. Now Joshua is left alone with his thoughts, fears and ultimately what to do next.

"Chair"
Directed by: David Yeaman
Runtime: 14 min
A cursed chair is on the loose in this local prop house. What happens when the chair sits on you?

Wednesday April 28 3-5pm

"The Last Moments of Leopoldo Berenguer"
Directed by: Jaime Dezcallar
Runtime: 10 min
The Last Moments of Leopoldo Berenguer is the story of a man facing his decadence. Every person is king in his own life.

"Act Your Age"
Directed by: Robin Christian
Runtime: 105 min
An angry young actor must stop and re-evaluate when research for the role of a lifetime forces him to endure a week at a nursing home.

Thursday, April 29, 12-2pm

"Homebound"
Directed by: Rob Underhill
Runtime: 8 min
Inspiration that became reason, then notion, and ended without even a hint it was there.

"Pitch of Dreams : Cricket in America"
Directed by: Rohit Kulkarni
Runtime: 40 min
One of the world's most popular sports had a good run in the United States of America several centuries ago, before being overshadowed by the all-American sport of baseball. This film explores the unique and fascinating history of a sport that once enjoyed success in this country for over 200 years before fading away. About two centuries since its introduction to the United States, cricket remains an underground movement and a well kept sporting secret.

"Jalebi"
Directed by: Nawaz Ameen
Runtime: 7 min
There is a thin line between desire for the one you love and the jalebi you crave!

"138 Arlington"
Directed by: Meagan Hoacke
Runtime: 14 min
138 Arlington recounts the story of two courageous women in a Baltimore psychiatric institution who, through their determination and audacity, become survivors against all odds.

"Catalyst"
Directed by: Greg Robbins
Runtime: 9 min
A chance event leads a young man to re-encounter the love of his life, amid a strange streak of good fortune. As he reevaluates the turns his life has taken, a fateful series of coincidences shows him his true purpose - to be the muse to the frustrated artist he loved and lost.

"Bernard & Addy"
Directed by: Kurt Nolen
Runtime: 15 min
Bernard is hopelessly in love with a mysterious and emotionally distant convenience store night clerk named Addy. For months he has tried to get her attention and thinks he finally has a plan to win her heart. Unfortunately for Bernard his big night happens to coincide with a local crime boss's plan to get revenge on Addy. Despite his new found revelations about Addy, Bernard finally takes the chance and makes his move.

"4 Pictures"
Directed by: Mike Madigan
Runtime: 15 min
This personal narrative comedy focuses on Kaitlin, living and documenting a simple day to day routine. Trying to avoid change whenever possible, an unexpected revelation causes her to rethink her closest relationships.

Thursday, April 29, 3-5pm

"Masculinity"
Directed by: Mark Cabaroy
Runtime: 12 min
Masculinity is a story about insecurity and assumed identity. Two friends, Danny and Jason, try to embrace their identities while confronting the stereotypes that define them. Danny attempts to alter his effeminate ways and man up, while Jason channels his inner thug and poses as a drug dealer.

"Open Season"
Directed by: Raquel Chapa
Runtime: 14 min
Native Women give personal accounts of the experience with sexual assault.

"Father and Sister"
Directed by: Soyeon Kim
Runtime: 5 min
A chance occurrence leads to a workplace temptation.

"SMILE"
Directed by: Bruno Vaks
Runtime: 4 min
An imaginary smile flies from person to person, making their day happier and more pleasant. From the grocery store clerk to the cleaning lady, from mother to son, from a traveler to a couple, the smile changes everyone when they receive the smile.

"Americatown"
Directed by: Kenneth Price
Runtime: 77 min
Godspeed, and welcome to Americatown, home of head mountain, letter sign on the hill and giant gap in earth. Known for locally made above ground cars, an almost infinite variety of breakfast cereals and unbridled, bald-faced greatness, this little burg of exactly one thousand citizens is the only place worthy of you. That is, until one cataclysmic spilled cup of coffee sets off a chain of events destined to test the gumption of Americatown. Can the Americanians pull together and weather the madness or are they fated to crumble like so many tiny empires before it?

Friday, April 30, 12-2pm

"The Miracle"
Directed by: Jeffrey Jon Smith
Runtime: 29 min
For a chance at redemption, Tekki Lomnicki, a little person, will need all her courage, humor and imagination to face the truth about her life.

"Woke Up Ugly"
Directed by: Ryan Parker Runtime: 21 min
A neurotic man keeps waking up with a different face which prompts the girl of his dreams to confess a secret about her own affliction.

"Citizen Pratt"
Directed by: Stephen Roberts
Runtime: 9 min
Candidate Simon Pratt battles a slick opponent, his own awkwardness, and a severe case of flop sweat.

"A Glimpse of Grace: Struggle and Hope in the Congo"
Produced by: Kim Brattain
Runtime: 27 min
An artist, two doctors and a nurse, a soccer mom, an elementary school teacher, two human resources experts and a high-def documentary crew: This unlikely crew ventured to Tshikaji, Democratic Republic of Congo this summer -- completely out of their comfort zone -- to experience A Glimpse of Grace. They witnessed life and death, incredible joy and tears of faith in the midst of the most beautiful people and scenery in the world.

"Welcome to Creepville"
Directed by: Rich Gurnsey
Runtime: 3 min
An odd man with an affinity for oolong tea and rolling his 'Rs' adopts a cat named Reginald, who gets a glimpse of his new home -- and his future.

"Visit China"
Directed by: Anthony Samangy
Runtime: 12 min
Visit China explores 'American Consumerism' through visual depictions of the loss of industry in Cleveland, Ohio and its subsequent effects on our global, social and individual states.

"Blindsided"
Directed by: Mark Cabaroy
Runtime: 15 min
The beautiful blind psychic Carly St Johns is on a quest to track down the dangerous career criminal Randy Meyers with the help of her police department liaison Lieutenant Razzinksy. When fate traps Randy and Carly in the same hotel room, they must match wits in a psychological game of cat and mouse to see which one of them will get out alive.

Friday, April 30, 3-5pm

"Two Hours in the Dark"
Directed by: Chip Hackler
Runtime: 35 min
Blindsided by the success of his comedy, 'It Happened One Night,' which swept the 1935 Oscars, director Frank Capra became crippled with fear. Convinced his next film would fail, he deteriorated to the brink of death--until the day a mysterious stranger showed up, changing Capra's life, and films, forever.

"Mildred Richards"
Directed by: Marc Kess
Runtime: 19 min
Mildred, an egomaniacal, nearly bankrupt actress, enlists the assistance of her reluctant brother, Gerald, to wrest away the fortune of their elderly, ailing aunt. Mildred has nothing short of murder on her mind, as she and her brother drive to their aunt's country estate, but things get complicated by the aunt's doctor, lawyer and maid!

"Carolina Fund"
Directed by: Rebecca Ceresse
Runtime: 57 min
Change Comes Knocking is the tumultuous story of a bi-racial anti-poverty organization, called the North Carolina Fund (NCF) that boldly confronted explosive issues of race, class and politics during the turbulent 1960s, in an attempt to break the "Cycle of Poverty."

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