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Space shuttle Discovery, seven astronauts blast off

Associated Press

The space shuttle Discovery and seven astronauts rocketed into orbit Monday on one of NASA's final stockpiling missions to the International Space Station, its takeoff flames bringing an early dawn to the coast with this last scheduled shuttle launch in darkness.

The liftoff, less than an hour before sunrise, helped clinch a record for the most women in space at the same time.

Three women are aboard Discovery, and another already is at the space station, making for an unprecedented foursome. The shuttle should arrive at the orbiting outpost Wednesday.

In a rare treat, the space station passed over the launch site 15 minutes before Discovery blasted off and was easily visible, resembling a big, brilliant star in the clear morning sky with the moon as a dramatic backdrop. Spectators were mightily impressed, and there was a chorus of "Ooooooh." By launch time, the outpost had traveled almost all the way across the Atlantic.

"It's time for you to rise to orbit. Good luck and Godspeed," launch director Pete Nickolenko told the astronauts right before liftoff.

"Let's do it!" replied commander Alan Poindexter.

Discovery could be seen with the naked eye for seven minutes as it shot upward, adding to the show. And almost as an encore, the exhaust plumes fanned out in spirals across the sky, turning pale shades of rose, peach and gold in the glinting sunlight.

The six space station residents gathered around the dinner table to watch the launch on a laptop computer. "We are absolutely delighted to have our friendly comrades joining us here in a couple of days," said spaceman Timothy Creamer.

"Stand by for a knock on the door," Mission Control radioed.

Only three shuttle missions remain after this one. NASA intends to retire its fleet by the end of September, but is unsure what will follow for human spaceflight. NASA's moon exploration program, Constellation, already has been canceled by President Barack Obama.

The space station will continue operating until 2020 under the Obama plan.

Poindexter and his crew will spend nine days at the space station, replenishing supplies. The astronauts will install a fresh ammonia tank for the cooling system — a cumbersome job requiring three spacewalks. They also will drop off science experiments as well as an extra sleeping compartment, a darkroom to improve picture-taking from the lab's high-quality window, and other equipment totaling thousands of pounds.

Discovery's flight was the 35th in the shuttle program to begin in darkness and, barring unforeseen problems, the last. The mission was delayed more than two weeks because of this winter's unusually cold weather. So instead of an afternoon launch, the shuttle took off before sunrise, pushing all the action into the graveyard shift.

The mission will last nearly two weeks and coincide with the 29th anniversary of the first shuttle flight on April 12.

Once combined, the shuttle and station crews will number 13: eight Americans, three Russians and two Japanese.

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ECU student rallies to support injured Marine

Emily Cunningham
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On March 20, Rob Richards, the husband of ECU student Raechel Richards, was injured while on duty in Marjah, Afghanistan. Richards, a Corporal in the U.S. Marines in the 1st Battalion, 6th Marines, sustained injuries from shrapnel in his neck and legs.

Richards was injured while standing next to a remote detonated IED during a foot patrol. He is currently being hospitalized in the Bethesda National Naval Hospital in Maryland.

In order to elicit support from friends and family, his wife, Raechel Richards, created a Facebook group entitled, "Support Rob Richards." According to Richards, the amount of support the group has generated has been both surprising and welcoming. "It was initially just for family and friends, but now it's mostly military families, businesses and random people who want to give their support. Most of them are strangers," she said.

The group asks members to wear a hexagonal nut as a necklace, bracelet or key-chain in order to demonstrate their support of Rob. The hexagonal nut is a symbol of a piece of shrapnel that was lodged between Richard's larynx and carotid artery after the explosion. According to Raechel Richards, had the shrapnel gone in any other direction, her husband's wounds would have been fatal.

Richards stated that because of the Facebook group, which currently has over 5,000 members, she has received over a hundred messages from people with pictures of themselves wearing a hexagonal nut in support of Rob.

As for Rob Richards's current condition, his recovery process has been remarkable even for his doctors to witness. According to his wife, Richards is recovering rapidly and is finally able to talk, albeit with a raspy voice. "The doctors are dumbfounded that he's healing so quickly," she said.

Richards said that the doctors were able to remove the shrapnel



CONTRIBUTED BY RAECHEL RICHARDS

that had fractured Rob's vocal box, but had to replace his Adam's apple with titanium mesh.

While the doctors were greatly surprised by Rob's quick recovery, his father-in-law, Ed Bradford, was not.

"When I first saw him, I knew he was going to be okay," said Bradford. He also praised his son-in-law for his determination and spirit.

"He's just about one of the finest young men I've ever met, and if you want to know about a man's character, ask his father-in-law," he said.

In a recent article from AOL News, U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Michael

L. Oates, the director of the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, stated the threat of IEDs in Afghanistan is rapidly increasing.

"It's almost doubled in volume in IEDs in the last year; the number of casualties has reflected that," said Lt. Gen. Oates.

Richards explained that though her husband's injuries are severe, he has immediate goals to start walking without his cane and

to eventually walk or run in the Hope for Warriors race that will be held in May at Camp Lejeune. She has no doubts that her husband will be able to fulfill his goals. "One thing about Rob is that when he puts his mind to something, he gets it done," she said.

Richards, a senior studying communications and public relations, said she was a little wary of letting classmates know about her personal situation even before her

husband's injuries.

She said, however, that her classmates at ECU have been very supportive and considerate of her situation. "My professors have been really understanding and accommodating. I've been really blessed," she said.

Rob Richards is a scout sniper in the Marines and is currently scheduled to fulfill his military service in 2011, but his wife said that he will be reenlisting immediately. "He loves being in the Marines," she said.

The couple met while they were both living in Orlando. After Rob joined the Marines and was stationed in Camp Lejeune, Raechel decided to enroll at ECU. They plan to celebrate their three year anniversary on April 15.

Richards said that after her husband is released from the hospital, they plan on taking a much-needed vacation.

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Students and SGA Members inquire about the new constitution at an open-forum discussion.

SGA drafts new constitution, students vote

Cassie McLean
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SGA welcomed interested students and faculty yesterday to an open-forum discussion in Bate regarding the association's newly completed constitution.

Members of the council presented and explained the many structural changes to a small, but curious audience.

Most of the changes, they explained, were made to the legislative and judicial branch rather than the executive branch.

Antonio J. Virella, Jr., the undergraduate senate president, explained the changes to the legislative branch. "The main one is that the senate president will now be the vice president. Secondly, the class presidents will also be class senators," he said.

He added, "Basically, we gave more meat to what was already there. We added to stuff we did this year and gave more meat to many of the vague job positions."

A public relations committee

was added to the division as well.

Virella commented on what he believed was going to be the student body's most noticeable change: "A lot of people believe SGA is a funding board," he joked, adding, "The changes to the appropriation process will be the most significant change. In the past, funding took weeks; it was a long process and was very complicated. Last year we wrote a senate bill and this year it was passed."

Instead of having to let SGA know about expenses a year in advance, committees around the campus can expect a rolling fund. "It used to be that in May, literally, they had to pick out their expenses a year in advance. There is no more annual funding, but rather, emergency funding, or rolling funds," Virella said.

Also added to the new constitution was an amendment to give more voice and power to the student body.

Matt Blackman, senator for SGA, explained, "Students can collect 100 votes and put together an

amendment." Blackman explained that after a student puts together an amendment, it will be voted on by the senate and then, upon passing, the student body.

"This change assures that if students feel strongly about something, you can guarantee it is heard by your senate. Previously, changes had to be brought up by a senator," Blackman said.

SGA members made diligent efforts in the past weeks to assure students could have access to the new constitution.

Of the new constitution, Virella explained that it was much different than the past.

"It has many clear definitions; it is concise. Students can easily pick it up and read it ... We saw many of the critiques and comments given by students about the past constitution and they said, in essence, it was trash. They said it was very complicated to read and that we should revamp the whole thing. And that's exactly what we did," he said.

Brad Teasley, student body

'Lawyer' for US missionaries faces removal to the U.S.

Associated Press

A man who acted as a lawyer for U.S. missionaries accused of kidnapping 33 Haitian children after the devastating earthquake will face a hearing this month on a U.S. extradition request, an official said Monday.

It had been unclear whether Jorge Puello would be extradited to the U.S., where he is wanted on smuggling charges, or El Salvador, where authorities allege he led a prostitution ring.

Gisela Cueto, an assistant general prosecutor for the Dominican Republic, told The Associated Press on Monday that Puello will face extradition to the U.S. at an April 28 hearing even though the El Salvador charges are more serious.

Puello was wanted in El Salvador for alleged crimes against children; sexual exploitation of minors for pornography and prostitution; organized crime; and human trafficking.

He is wanted in Vermont and in Canada for allegedly smuggling illegal immigrants and in the city of Philadelphia for purported probation violations related to fraud charges, according to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Puello initially served as legal adviser and spokesman for the 10 U.S. Baptists who were detained in Haiti on child-kidnapping charges in February, but authorities later identified him as the man wanted in El Salvador.

He attracted international attention when he provided the missionaries with food, medicine and legal assistance. One of the Baptists' Haitian lawyers, Aviol Fleurant, told the AP that Puello absconded with \$30,000 in legal fees the Americans had raised for Fleurant.

Puello says he is innocent of all accusations.

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Dear Automatic Flushers: I am still here no need to go off every time I make a move! I promise I will let you know when I am done!

To the Girl at the Bellamy who wears the Ray Bans with the Blue and Pink hat: You are very attractive and I like your style. Signed, Look for my hat.

You sure do love to run your mouth. Say another comment about me under your breath next time you see me, I dare you.

Don't you EVER question my beer pong skills!!!

The girl from my Tuesdays 8 a.m. Health 1000 class must have seen my Pirate Rant on Thursday...she finally clipped her toenails :) GO PIRATE RANTING!!

School is just a soul sucker!

I chose ECU over UNC for grad school because 1) I bleed purple, 2) UNC stands for "Ugly Neutral Color," and 3) You cant get a beer for \$1 anywhere in Durham. Once a Pirate, always a Pirate.

If the girls are considered Northface Ugg sluts then does that make the equivalence of a guy a kaki pant Sperry fairy?

To the whale on the seventh floor of Fletcher: Please walk lighter, I'm sick of being afraid my ceiling is going to cave in.

To the guy that kicked my 10 lb dachshund twice at the dog park: I hope someone that weighs 200 lbs more than you kicks you in the ribs!!!

To the girl who lost her OneCard: Pay it forward. Help two other completely random people.

When you call and I don't pick up, that doesn't mean call me on your friends phone!

To the "boys" who think it's "so cool" to do burnouts at 2 a.m., I want to know: Does it make you feel tough burning that rubber?

I know you have some personal issues and I know your very fragile but I cannot take care of you anymore! It's killing me!

Dear Roommate: When I lay down on my bed that is a hint that I am trying to go to sleep. Don't continue to stay up and make as much noise as you can. I can't help it that you stay up until 3 a.m. and want to sleep in until noon. Some of us have lives! Be more respectable! Thanks!

To my current beau: I would gladly sleep in your dorm room if your beddings didn't look like the last time they saw water was the beginning of semester! It's just gross!!

Why do we have to show our On-Card's to get into a computer lab? If we're not a student, we won't be able to access the computers anyway since we wouldn't have a PirateID or Passphrase...

Every time I see a group of tourists walking on campus I'm tempted to yell "Purple!" and see if they yell "Gold!" in response. :)

Even when I put 10 fingers up instead of 5, I STILL continually lose "Never Have I Ever"!!! So frustrating!

The girl who kept making eye contact with me during her date at Chico's on Monday: You were absolutely beautiful. Same time next week minus the guy?

My guy neighbor keeps saying "pre-marital relations." It's not the 50's... It's not even the 1900's anymore! You can say "sex" and it won't offend me. It's weird.

I feel like everyone knows the East Carolina rule: If the girl passes out on you anything below the waist is off limit. You fiddle with her boobs and move on.

Why isn't "The Cracken" a choice for the Student Section?? We should be known as an unstoppable and feared group.

To the typical ECU girls: If you're a whore who acts single and has a boyfriend, don't flirt and give me your number no matter how good you think I look, I don't want what's left...just for future reference.

Maybe if I had boobs and a vagina the bus wouldn't leave when I'm walking towards it.

YOUR DOES NOT EQUAL YOU'RE! You're in college; so stop with all of the elementary school grammatical errors!

ECU or Greenville police really needs to do something about the crime here...how are we pirates and WE are the ones getting robbed for our booty!?

To the girl who slept with my boyfriend and called me psycho: I know where you live...how's that for psycho??

If you don't know what you want, don't mix me in with your game. My heart is fragile.

I love the fact that you love cookies and ice cream and dogs as much as I do.

I turn off my TV every single time a Suddenlink commercial comes on TV...I won't give them the satisfaction of annoying me!!

OPINION

He's got great legs and he knows how to use them



Ben Cochran
OPINION COLUMNIST

With warm weather finally here, it is officially shorts season. All winter long, our legs have ached to get back out into that glorious sunshine. Few things are as exhilarating as annually exposing those creamy white hammies in a tradition known as Spring Fever.

I love this time of year; women in shorts is a sight that rivals only that of a fully stocked beer fridge, a Ferrari 308 GTSi, a pristine Hawaiian coast or a 2 a.m. text message from a girl that reads, "Can you give me a ride home from the bar?" Done and done.

But the warm weather smiles on both the women and men alike. As wonderful as it is to see a girl in shorts, it is equally as terrific to experience the thrill of a most welcome draft as a shorts-wearing male. However, this refreshing experience is being robbed of men by current fashion trends.

It is simply unacceptable for men to wear shorts above the knee, unless you were a guy who grew up not playing baseball. And as the iconic American cartoon rooster Foghorn Leghorn so insightfully put it, "There's something kind of 'eh' about a kid that's never played baseball." Can you imagine what Scotty Smalls would have been like had he never discovered the Sandlot? He would still be alone in his room, playing with his "Erector Set," no doubt.

We men have grown up trying to avoid the faux pas of misjudging the line between socially acceptable shorts and those of Lieutenant Jim Dangle. For too long I've heard it said that women can wear short shorts but men cannot.

The problem is that women, when in mixed company, will go to great lengths to show their

displeasure for short shorts on men. In a group of close female friends, they sing an entirely different song altogether. Why do women get hot and bothered by men in uniform? Because UPS delivery men and Navy men in short khakis remind us all that, while oftentimes a good deal paler and hairier, men can have some downright sexy legs. I know you've all seen that older guy around campus with the fabulous legs. Some of you women have even complained about how he has better legs than you in the Pirate Rants.

While Comedy Central characters, UPS delivery men, national heroes and local celebrities are proof that men ought to be able to wear short shorts without ridicule, perhaps the best example of a man who can strut his stuff is none other than Tom Selleck. A bit beyond his prime, in the early '80s he was all the rage in the best television series of all time: "Magnum P.I." Not only were his shorts so short that he displayed his prominent pineapple basket whenever he sat down, but he also had no fear of being criticized for his chest hair. It was as if he surgically fused a bear pelt to his muscular chest. And women loved him.

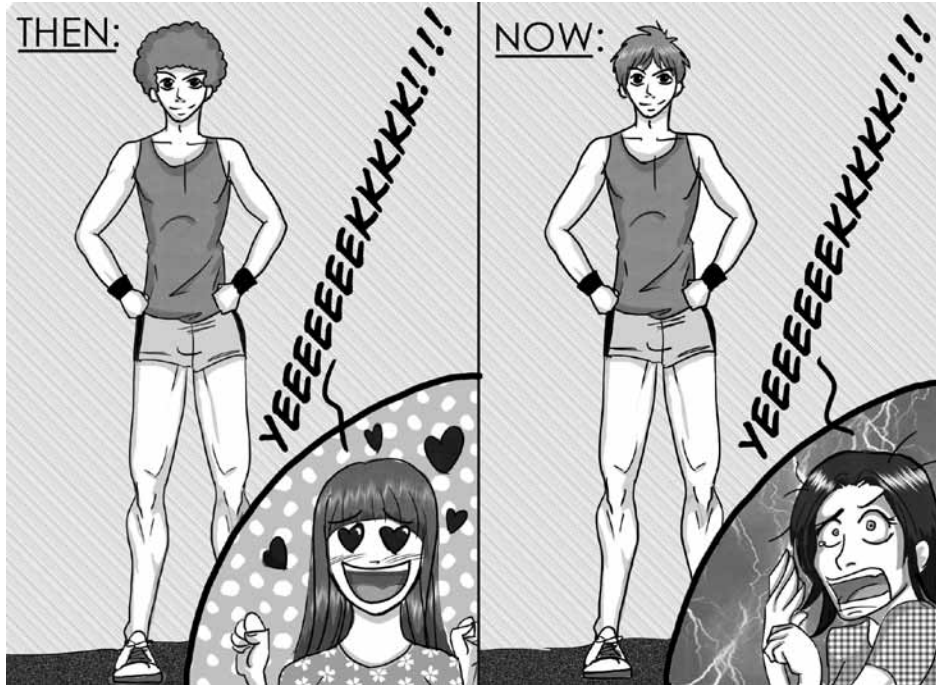
Today, men are too preoccupied by living within the confines of someone else's standards. Usually, that someone else is a woman who has been watching too much "Oprah" or reading too much Cosmo. It's time for men to reclaim their masculinity. I, for one, accept myself as a male. I am spearheading an effort to embrace masculinity by wearing J. Crew khakis with the 5-inch inseam. True, I might expose the occasional moose knuckle every once in a while, but this is what the Lord gave me and the rest of you can just deal with it. All are welcome to join me. For those of you who are too afraid, have fun continuing in your subservience as you play dress-up for women who emasculate you on a daily basis.

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"I grew up knowing I could have had a million different lives. It makes your life mysterious and your imagination go wild."

KT TUNSTALL



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Neighborhood schools are for racists!



Michael Pacheco
OPINION COLUMNIST

So, not sure if any of you have heard about how the Wake County educational system is restructuring itself and "going back" to neighborhood schools. To illustrate this change, take my neighborhood in Wakefield for example — those living in Wakefield will go to Wakefield High School, middle and elementary, etc. This should make sense, no?

Well, a year or so ago, they redistricted for gerrymandering purposes. Those of you who have no idea what gerrymandering is, it is a form of redistricting to suit the political needs by distributing, in this case, education, to make sure EVERYONE has an opportunity to get a good education in a public school.

This is just fine and dandy except for the fact that, and let me refer back to Wakefield, it has caused a rupture in the neighborhood of Wakefield itself, almost cutting the neighborhood in half, forcing some of the students to go to Wake Forest High School. Now, Wakefield is not far from Wake Forest so the commute isn't "horrible," per se, but that isn't the point.

My parents chose for us to move to Wakefield for the sole purpose of convenience. My brother was just entering middle school and the high school is

right next to it, so naturally this was appealing to my parents. Luckily, the redistricting didn't affect my brother when he was in high school (I had already left for college), but some of those students who were just entering their freshman year had to go to Wake Forest.

Not to mention, Wakefield had to build a "freshman center." It was this dingy old refurbished building — I believe it used to be a Food Lion — on the border of Raleigh and Wake Forest (not walking distance from Wakefield). They had to build this "freshman center" to accommodate the increasing student body due to redistricting.

The Wake Country School Board felt it necessary and feasible to bus students from all the way by Triangle Town Center, which was at least a 20-30 minute drive (not taking into consideration morning traffic to the city center away from the suburbs).

The purpose of this was to give the "poor" a chance at a good education. When they say "poor," they really mean African-Americans because only African-Americans are poor. There is no such thing as a poor Caucasian.

What a joke! Anyways, even with the addition of trailers that took up a practice field to the addition of the "freshman center," Wakefield has been overpopulated. The same situation applies to almost every Wake County school.

On top of all this, the NAACP has been in a fit over all of this, calling the educational

board racist! RACIST! For my avid readers, you all know I love when that card is thrown.

These people calling the educational board racist apparently have never heard of "out-of-district transfer." Although annoying, if your child's education is that important and you want them to go to a certain school, then bite the bullet. Don't sit there and play the victim role and waste millions of tax dollars to redistrict the entire county just so some people can go to a high school they probably don't even want to go to.

I mean, who wants to commute 30-40 minutes in the morning to go to a school when you have a school close by?

Some sociologists are calling this move a "setback to racial times." Hey sociologists, SHUT UP! If you knew anything, you would know these schools are already segregated by CHOICE!

The first thing I noticed when moving to the South was that the schools were segregated; obviously not by law, but by their own will. I had never seen this before. Half of the people in the cafeteria were white and the other half were black and in some small corner were Asians and Hispanics.

Maybe the problem isn't with the educational board; maybe the problem goes deeper than that. Maybe, just maybe, the parents might be to blame?

Stop hiding behind that bureaucratic wall and open your eyes.

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Our View

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First impressions are the strongest

Recently, two football players from the Pirate Nation were arrested for acting up in Greenville. This resulted in one player's dismissal from the team. Rumors have also been flying about Pirate misbehavior at away games.

Students misbehave all the time, but the truth of these events is that student athletes are always in the media spotlight. So shouldn't the student athletes be more conscious of their behavior?

Many people believe that they are above the rules and student athletes are usually no exception to this. However, it is important that student athletes

be held to the same punishments and rule systems that every student follows. Perhaps student athletes should be held to higher standards since they are in the media spotlight and represent everyone in the Pirate Nation.

When athletes go for away games and act up, they are the first impression people get of ECU. And that old adage still rings true: The first impression is the strongest. Let's face it, people initially like other schools for their athletic teams. Shouldn't we strive to make a good first impression and not act like heathens?

Many teenagers look up to athletes at ECU and choose to come here because of the sports

program. This admiration can sometimes lead to emulation, and it's pretty obvious where that would lead. Not only could serious behavioral problems find their origin here, but a general weakening in the moral code at ECU could be observed. Athletes, like all public figures, should be worthy of the admiration and fame that they voluntarily seek. If a student athlete makes a bad decision, it can reflect negatively on not only their character, but the integrity of ECU.

Athletes must actively choose to make good decisions that reflect positively on the rest of the student body.

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Each of us generates five pounds of garbage a day; most of it is paper.

It takes a plastic container 50,000 years to start decomposing.

According to a market research survey, 68 percent of consumers who receive junk mail actually open the envelopes.

A 60-minute cassette contains 565 feet of tape.

The diameter of the wire in a standard paper clip is 1 millimeter, or about 0.04 inches.

Aluminum is strong enough to support 90,000 pounds per square inch.

Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.

Some Eskimos have been known to use refrigerators to keep their food from freezing.

A good-quality Persian rug, which contains 1 million knots in every three square inches, can last as long as 500 years.

A typical double mattress contains as many as 2 million house dust mites.

The side of a hammer is called a cheek.

The end of a hammer, opposite the striking end, is called a peen.

Ivory bar soap floating was the result of a mistake. The manufacturer had been mixing the soap formula and causing excess air bubbles that made it float. Customers wrote and told them how much they loved that it floated, and it has floated ever since.

Approximately 30 billion cakes of Ivory Soap had been manufactured by 1990.

The average person looks at eight houses before buying one.

The Ramses brand condom is named after the great Pharaoh Ramses II, who fathered more than 160 children.

The average pencil can draw a line 35 miles long or write approximately 50,000 English words.

The average mouse pad is 8.75 inches by 7.5 inches.

The average woman consumes six pounds of lipstick in her lifetime.

The average woman's handbag weighs three to five pounds.

Ketchup is excellent for cleaning brass, especially tarnished or corroded brass.

Kleenex tissues were originally used as filters in gas masks.

Mixing Sani-Flush and Comet cleaners has been known to cause explosions.

People in China sometimes use firecrackers around their homes as fire alarms.

Camera shutter speed B stands for "bulb."

Mosquito repellants do not repel. They hide you. The spray blocks the mosquito's sensors so they do not know you are there.

Scotchgard is a combination of the words Scotch, meaning "Scotsman," and a misspelling of guard, meaning "to protect."

Scotch tape has been used as an anti-corrosive shield on the Goodyear Blimp.

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'Campus Kitchens' serves as great volunteer opportunity

Marlana Sifter
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Junior Charisse Stevens (temperature checks) sliced honeydew in the Todd Dining Hall freezer delivery to rental, and then we serve onsite."

Recently introduced as the newest service-learning project at ECU, Campus Kitchens is an effort that seeks to feed Greenville's in-need families year-round by gathering, delivering and serving the excess food from dining halls.

Run exclusively by student volunteers and overseen by community partner coordinator Shawn Moore, the job of participants is to provide local meals using food from Todd Dining Hall. So far, the meals are delivered to both the Ronald McDonald House on Moye Boulevard and the Little Willie Center, a youth organization located on West Fifth Street.

One of three student team leaders, Charisse Stevens, a junior communication major, says the role of volunteers is threefold.

"Every meal we deliver has to have a protein, starch, veggie and dessert," said Stevens. "After we make sure all the food is cooked and stored, we wait until

organization out of Washington, D.C., is also known for recruiting other businesses and groups for food donation. While 85 percent of Campus Kitchens' food comes from dining halls across the country, the rest is a combination of farms, grocery stores, restaurants and farmers markets.

Maureen Roche, who as director of Campus Kitchens is in charge of managing, marketing and funding, says the project grew out of its parent organization, D.C. Kitchens, in 2001. However, Campus Kitchens targets not only college campuses, but also encourages high schools and other student groups to become involved. "At any given time, we are helping up to 40 different schools develop their own kitchens and office space," said Roche. The program is growing rapidly. With only 13 Campus Kitchens across the country in the fall of 2007, the number of sites has now doubled in the two and a half years since then to amount to 26.

work with farms, community-supported composting, job training... Students are doing tremendous amounts out of Campus Kitchens and helping their local communities to develop," Roche said.

ECU's branch hopes to follow suit in the near future. "Right now, we are starting to ask local grocery stores and restaurants for donations, but as of now we don't have any donors," Stevens said.

The group also hopes to feed more people by expanding their client base and recruiting cooking shifts. Currently, student volunteers are in the process of putting together a Web site and blog for the ECU Campus Kitchen.

The first major hurdle the project has yet to overcome is the summer semester. "The main challenge this summer will probably be volunteer recruitment. Most people will probably not be focused on volunteering," Stevens said.

The amount of food able to be donated will reportedly

not suffer, according to Stevens, because thanks to a grant, they have the ability to buy what they need.

Campus Kitchens is supported by the grant, as well as donations, and expects to begin active fundraising soon. The funding will be imperative as the project starts to run out of its essentials; namely pans, delivery bags and even the money used to buy extra side dishes.

Roche says that national funding comes from donations, corporate sponsorships, foundations and organizations. She says that total funding is a little less than \$1 million a year.

Though still purely a national effort, Campus Kitchens has also helped to start a companion project in the UK.

ECU is the first school in the UNC system to start a Campus Kitchen. The first school in North Carolina to open one, Wake Forest, began their Campus Kitchen in 2005.

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iPad: Enlarged iPod or popular new technology?



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The iPad is loaded with enough features to successfully operate as an auxiliary laptop.

Caitlin Hale
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Apple released its newest high tech gadget this weekend, and so far it has seen only rave reviews. The new iPad, which is a tablet-style computer weighing in at 1.5 pounds and only half an inch thick, has Apple fans talking. But what can this slender new device actually do?

Vividly display books and newspapers? Check. Surf the web? Check. Ability to play fulllength videos? Check.

Play music? Check. Display photos? Check. Capability to purchase and download apps? Check.

And to think, all of this is going to be done on a 9.7-inch glass touch screen. So maybe the better question is, what does this device not do? So far, no one is complaining about anything this glorified iPod Touch isn't doing.

"I don't have a Macbook, or really anything that's from Apple, but I've always wanted one. I feel like the iPad might combine all of Apple's best products into one... which definitely makes it worth the money," said Graham Johnson, a sophomore criminal

justice major.

The iPad "is so much more intimate than a laptop, and it's so much more capable than a smartphone with its gorgeous screen," said Steve Jobs, Apple CEO. "It's phenomenal to hold the Internet in your hands."

But with the high prices of the iPhone and iPod Touch, this high tech device could only be much more pricey, especially considering its "gorgeous screen."

Surprisingly, however, the iPad isn't completely budget breaking.

iPads will start out at \$499 for a Wi-Fi model with 16GB of internal storage. For those who want a little more memory, the storage can be doubled to 32GB for an extra \$100. If that isn't enough, consumers can buy

the 64GB model for \$699. And if Wi-Fi isn't enough either, iPad owners will have the option of adding 3G connectivity for an extra \$130. AT&T is so far providing data plans for \$14.99/month for limited use, and \$29.99/month for unlimited use.

"\$499 is actually a lot less than I expected... it's actually affordable. With the iPod Touch being around \$200, I expected the iPad to be much more expensive," Johnson claimed.

So far, Apple claimed it sold more than 300,000 iPad devices on the first day [April 3] of their debut weekend. Furthermore, new owners of this device have downloaded more than 1 million iPad

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The Ragbirds are set to perform at the Tippy Teapot starting at 10 p.m.

The Ragbirds are performing tonight

An unusual band brings a new sound to Greenville

Lynsey Horn
STAFF WRITER

Their music has been described as world fusion, ethnic rock and many other ways, but to them it is "infectious global groove," and according to lead singer Erin Zindle, it is ultimately the only thing The Ragbirds feel built to do.

The Ragbirds are a high-energy folk rock group from Michigan that travels the country and the world playing their music for anyone who will listen. The band started five years ago with singer/songwriter Erin Zindle. She is an energetic performer who sings and plays violin, mandolin, banjo, accordion and piano. She is married to the band's drummer, Randall Moore, who plays congas, djembe, timbales, table and percussion.

Her brother, Ty Zindle, has been a member of the band for two years. He also sings and plays electric and acoustic guitar. The band has changed some over the years, but currently Travis Harrett and Max Lockwood play percussion. Lockwood also provides vocals.

The band is constantly traveling around the country performing in different states and looking for new fans and new faces. They have been performing around 140 shows a year for the past few years and do not plan on stopping anytime soon. And not surprisingly, all their hard work is starting to pay off, especially in Japan. There, they have a record label as well as performed at a Japanese music festival for at least 5,000 people. For Erin Zindle, it was an overwhelming experience that left enough of an impact to inspire her to take Japanese lessons.

The Ragbirds are passionate about their music, but they are

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applications from Apple's Web site and bought more than 250,000 electronic books from its online store during the first day of sales.

"It's going to be a game changer," said Jobs. "iPad users, on average, downloaded more than three apps and close to one book within hours of unpacking their new iPad." But even with all these attributes, is the iPad really worth purchasing, especially if an iPhone or iPod Touch is already owned? Well, furbo.org decided to take initiative and answer just that question, and according to the site's benchmarking tests, "On average, the iPad is about twice as fast as the iPhone 3GS."

So while this device might not be an earth shattering, revolutionary piece of technology, it is a familiar device that is surprisingly handy. And because of this, this completely desirable new device is soon to be hitting ECU's campus within no time

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also concerned with doing their part for the green movement. Their newest CD, "Finally Almost Ready," released this year, is being made from recycled plastic trays. The biggest impact the band has on the environment is from their travel. To reduce their carbon footprint by 90 percent, The Ragbirds had a Ford E-350 diesel van converted to run on waste vegetable oil. To power this van, the band will literally drive up to fast food restaurants and ask for their used oil that otherwise would have been thrown away. To The Ragbirds, this is not a gimmick. This up-and-coming band is very conscious of how everything they do affects the earth. Not only is helping the earth personally important to the band, but it is also an entertaining experience to speak to shocked restaurant managers at each new stop.

Reveal Arts magazine described The Ragbirds as "Astounding International Eclecticism!" Others say they are a mixture of gypsy, middle-

eastern, Americana, rock and Latin influences, all stirred with a Celtic fiddler's bow or a blend of world beat, folk, gypsy and rock roots, all tied together with strong pop sensibilities. No matter what musical terms are used to describe them, The Ragbirds are eclectic. They have a different sound that listeners will not find on most radio stations. They are an original combination of any and all music styles. According to Erin Zindle, their music is hard to describe, but it is music in which listeners can experience a connection.

This out-of-the-ordinary band of birds is coming to Greenville to share their infectious global groove with the Pirates. They will be playing downtown at the Tippy Teapot tonight at 10 p.m. To learn more about The Ragbirds, visit their Web site www.theragbirds.com, find them on Facebook or simply come see them tonight!

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Pirate softball sweeps UCF

Staff Reports

The ECU softball team used an unearned run in the first inning, and home runs by seniors Charina Sumner and Nicole Jordan to record a 6-0 victory over UCF Saturday afternoon, which completed the three-game series sweep.

With the three wins, the Pirates (20-12, 5-1 C-USA) end the weekend alone in first place in Conference USA.

For the second time in two seasons, ECU swept UCF (22-16, 7-4 C-USA) without allowing a run from the Knights.

Last season, the Pirates picked up a pair of 3-0 wins before closing the series with a 5-0 triumph.

On Friday, ECU won both games by 2-0 scores. Junior Toni Paisley (15-7) picked up her fifth win of the week as she allowed five hits and two walks in the complete game. It was the 30th shutout and 69th victory of her career.

ECU jumped on Cole for an unearned run in the top of the first. Senior Christina Merrida slapped a single into left field, and Sumner followed with a single through the left side. An infield pop-out put senior Vanessa Moreno at the plate with two down. She hit a grounder toward the right side that Marissa Menendez at first base misplayed, allowing Merrida to come all the way around from second and score.

The Pirates used a Sumner three-run home run to take a 4-0 lead in the top of the third. Senior Marina Gusman-Brown led off with a four-pitch walk, and Merrida beat out an infield single before Sumner's long ball cleared the bases. It was Sumner's second homer of the week after not hitting one since her sophomore season.

In the top of the sixth inning with two outs, Jordan entered as a pinch hitter and sent the 2-2 offering over the wall in dead center field for a 5-0 Pirate lead. It was Jordan's first career home run and third career run batted in.

ECU added its final run in the top of the seventh, as junior Sissy Jimenez led off with a single through the right side, went to second on a sacrifice bunt by senior Cristen Aona, advanced to third on a Gusman-Brown fly-out to the warning track in left center and scored on a single up the middle by Merrida.

Paisley retired the Knights in the seventh to seal the win.

Next up for ECU is a non-conference doubleheader at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Hampton (13-21).

Ask the Sports Editor

Any questions on ECU, professional or other collegiate sports? Have any comment or concerns? Drop a line to sports@theeastcarolinian.com and perhaps a response to your question will appear in future editions of TEC.

ECU falls short against Tulane in third game of C-USA opening series



ECU infielder Corey Thompson prepares to throw to first base in a game against South Carolina earlier this year. Thompson had three hits and three RBI in Saturday's win over Tulane.

Pirates take game two of Tulane series, 15-6

Hart Holloman
SENIOR WRITER

The ECU baseball team opened conference play with a series loss against Tulane over the weekend. The Green Wave (19-10, 4-2) took the series opener Friday night before splitting a doubleheader on Saturday with the hometown Pirates (18-11, 1-2).

The Pirates outscored the visitors 25-23 during the series, but a lack of timely hits plagued the home side throughout weekend, as they were left to rue their missed opportunities to take a series off a top conference

opponent.

"We're disappointed," ECU head coach Billy Godwin said after Saturday's second game. "Our goal is to win every series. We always think we're going to sweep, but that's tough to do in this league. But when you play at home, you always want to walk away with the series win."

Tulane made an auspicious start to the weekend in the first inning of Friday's opener when catcher Jeremy Schaffer hit a grand slam off starter Kevin Brandt. ECU played close the rest of the game, but they were unable to overcome the early deficit and lost 10-5.

The grand slam aside, Brandt did not pitch poorly. Of the eight runs scored by Tulane

in his 6.2 innings of work, only three were earned, and his eight strikeouts were a game high. The Pirates were just unable to find a big inning at the plate to get back in the game.

ECU's Austin Homan and John Wooten had two hits and an RBI apiece, while Kyle Roller added two RBIs on one hit to lead the offensive attack. Every starter, with the exception of Trent Whitehead, recorded a hit in the contest.

The first game of Saturday's doubleheader saw the Pirates' bats wake up to the tune of 18 hits in a 15-6 victory. This time it was ECU that jumped out to the early lead, when the Pirates put five on the board in the first inning at the expense of Tulane

starter Matt Petiton. Roller hit a three-run bomb over the scoreboard to start things off for the Pirates, and they never looked back. Wooten pushed two more across in the first frame with a 2-RBI single. ECU extended their lead in the bottom of the fourth inning, putting two across during a two-out rally.

ECU starter Seth Maness kept Tulane off the board until the fifth when the Wave put two runs on the board through a Nick Boulosa double.

ECU answered in the bottom half of the frame with four more runs. Tulane then countered in the top of the sixth with four more runs, knocking Maness out of the game in the process. The Pirates rounded

out the scoring for the game in the bottom of that stanza with another four-spot to stretch their lead to the final margin of 15-6.

Every ECU starter recorded at least one hit and one run, and Devin Harris was the only one not to record an RBI. Homan hit the first home run of his ECU career in the fifth inning off Wave reliever Alex Byo on his first pitch after entering the game. Zach Woods recorded his first save of the season after working 3.2 scoreless innings in relief of Maness.

That set up an evening rubber match with a winning record in the conference on the line for both squads. Tulane led 4-3 early after the second inning. ECU starter Mike Wright was pulled after only one inning of work and three runs conceded. Shawn Armstrong came in for a long relief outing and pitched admirably during his five innings on the bump.

ECU gave up a run in the sixth and two in the seventh before closer Seth Simmons came on to stop the bleeding. The Pirates were able to pull back two runs in the eighth and had a chance to tie the game in the ninth, but their bats let them down and the opportunity went begging as the Wave held on for the 7-5 victory.

"Our guys are competing," Godwin said after the game. "We're just coming up a little short. You can see it in that dugout, and we've come up to bat late in games with chances to win and we just haven't come through."

Corey Thompson added, "We just came up a little short. The losses are tough on everyone. You want to go out and win the series and it sucks when you come up a little short like this."

The Pirates resume conference play this weekend when they travel to Memphis for a three-game tilt with the Tigers.

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Football, basketball coaching changes poise an uncharted, exciting time for ECU athletics

OPINION



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Change is an aspect of working in athletics that is inevitable, and supporters of ECU are going to have to transition and deal with two new coaching regimens in the 2010-2011 season.

In 1988, my father was the head coach of the men's soccer team at ECU. While my dad had a passion for coaching and the university, he wanted more job security as he and my mother started our family in Greenville. He elected to move to coaching at the high school level at J.H. Rose High School in Greenville.

If my father had not stepped down as the head coach of the now non-existent men's soccer team, chances are high I would not have grown up in Greenville and been able to attend ECU.

Now that former head football coach Skip Holtz has decided to move on to a different university to lead their football program, and former head basketball coach Mack McCarthy has decided to move into an administrative role in the athletic department, the Pirate Nation must cope with big changes.

While the football team had immense success under their former head coach, Pirate fans have a lot to be excited about with the new coaching staff orchestrated by head coach Ruffin McNeill. The former Pirate football star is making his first head coaching appearance in FCS football at his alma mater.

Though McNeill has never been a head coach, he did lead the Texas Tech Red Raiders to a win in the Alamo Bowl as the interim head coach and has been extremely successful

as a position coach at multiple universities and as a defensive coordinator at Texas Tech.

McNeill also brings with him the youngest coordinator in FCS to lead a unique and exciting style of offense in Lincoln Riley. The offense that Riley and McNeill are bringing to Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium helped Texas Tech earn a spot in 10 straight bowl games.

The Pirate football team enters the 2010 season with a tough non-conference schedule, playing Navy, N.C. State, UNC and Virginia Tech, along with conference games in an always-improving Conference USA.

But this season, the Pirates have an improved approach on the offensive side of the ball. Under McNeill and Riley, the Pirates are going to find the end zone at a faster and more frequent pace with their pass-heavy offense than in the Holtz era.

Who doesn't get excited

about the thought of ECU scoring more points than what we are used to in a new-and-improved expanded stadium? I know I do, and if you don't, you need to get on the ECU football bandwagon and support this new-look team.

Everybody is aware of the struggles the ECU basketball team has been through in the past five years, but there was a time I can remember when the Pirates had a solid basketball team.

Before Coach McCarthy and Coach Ricky Stokes, the basketball program was led by Bill Herrion. Under Herrion, the Pirates were competitive in C-USA when the conference had teams such as Marquette, Louisville and Cincinnati.

My fondest memory of ECU basketball is when I was sitting in section 211 with my father, when the Herrion-coached Pirates defeated Marquette, a

team led by Dwayne Wade and ranked in the top 10.

While this may seem like a long time ago for most readers, the Herrion era only recently ended after the 2004-2005 season.

The ECU basketball team has its third head coach since Herrion and this hire may spark a fire in the dormant program. Jeff Lebo enters the 2010-2011 season as the Pirates' new head coach, and his hire should excite students and fans of ECU.

Lebo is a tough nose coach who had a successful collegiate playing career and even a short stint in the NBA. Lebo won 24 games at Auburn in 2008-2009 and turned around programs such as Tennessee Tech and Chattanooga. The former North Carolina star has stated that his Pirate team, even in the face of defeat, will hustle the entire game and strive for improvement every day; that is what

made the Pirates successful under Herrion.

The ECU basketball program can only get better, and it may start with the students and fans of ECU.

At the start of next season, instead of waiting to see if the Pirates will make vast improvements before you spend two hours at Minges Coliseum — why not come out, pack Minges like it used to be in the early 2000s and support this new basketball program along with Coach Lebo.

Change is inevitable, and it is something we need to embrace this upcoming year and in future years. While we have had great athletic success over the years, it is a new and exciting time to be a fan of ECU.

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ECU's newest head coaches, Ruffin McNeill (left) and Jeff Lebo (right), will usher in a new era in Pirate athletics next season.

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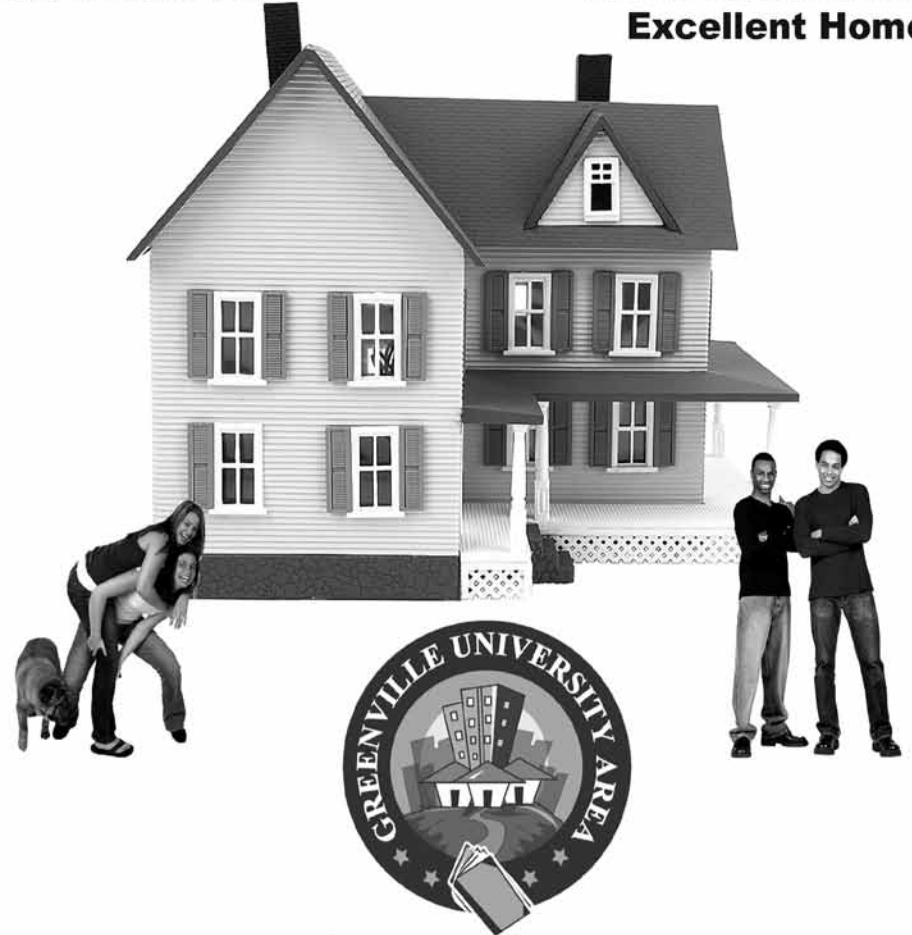
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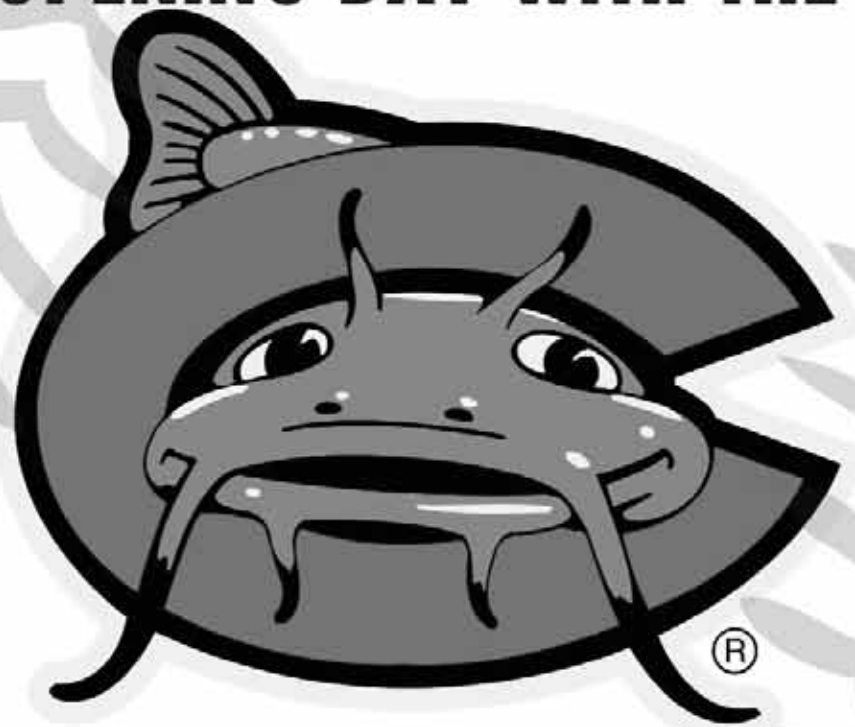
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