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Alleged murderer of UNC student enters guilty plea



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Demario Atwater agreed to a life in prison sentence for the murder of Eve Carson.

Staff Report

The man charged with the death of former UNC Student Body President Eve Carson entered a guilty plea last Thursday. Durham's Demario Atwater agreed to a life in prison sentence without the possibility of parole. His guilty plea waves him of a trial and makes him ineligible for the death penalty.

Carson was working on a paper early in the morning in March 2008 when Atwater and another suspect unlocked the door to Carson's residence. Carson was killed after an armed car jacking and executed after being forced to withdraw \$1,400 from an ATM. Atwater revealed in a letter to his girlfriend that Carson was shot four times by a .25 caliber handgun, which, according to investigators, she would have survived from if she hadn't been shot by a sawed-off shotgun by Atwater.

The second suspect, Laurence Lovette, Jr., was under 18 at the time of Carson's murder, and is also accused of killing Duke graduate student Abhajt Mahato in January 2008. Both Lovette and Atwater were on probation in March of 2008.

Atwater's formal sentencing will happen in federal court on Sept. 23.



Umbrella Market opens up

Chris Thomas
STAFF WRITER

Uptown Greenville is sponsoring the Umbrella Uptown Market, a weekly, seasonal event to promote commerce in the downtown district of the city. The market, which runs from May 12 to Sept. 15, features a wide array of selections from fresh produce to jewelry to books and records.

Starting at 5 p.m., patrons can go to the corner of 5th and Evans Street, view the various booths, sample local food and drink and even listen to live music. The event, now in its fourth year, is not only a staple for the downtown district, but is a promotion for another weekly event on the other side of town.

"We wanted to try and encourage people to buy fresh produce from the farmers market on Country



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Vendors sell flowers, fruit, jewelry, books and more at an open-air market downtown.

A new mode of communication for all Pirates



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Kisha Stankback checks her email at a Joyner Library computer station.

Shivani Vyas
STAFF WRITER

ECU students were presented with a new e-mail system this month. ITCS launched the enhanced Microsoft Outlook Live on May 10.

ITCS Training and Communications Coordinator Jennifer Raby said the purpose of this change was not only necessary, but also a great advantage to students.

"The new Outlook Live system provides students with a much larger inbox. Over the years, we have received requests from students for larger inboxes because they were running out of space, and Outlook Live now provides that extra space. It is an all-in-one package that contains a Skydrive for more file storage space," Raby said.

"Also, with features like the built-in chat that lets you chat with other students and ECU faculty and staff, it is a better solution all around for student e-mail. Plus, with all the students we currently have and our increasing numbers, we might eventually hit a limit on the server e-mail space. With students now using Outlook Live, we aren't concerned with limited e-mail server space," Raby said.

Although the new e-mail system has been a major improvement, "the transition period has been the biggest challenge for not only us, but students also. We changed all students' PirateIDs to make them more personal. This is a big improvement for students, but it will take some time for students to get

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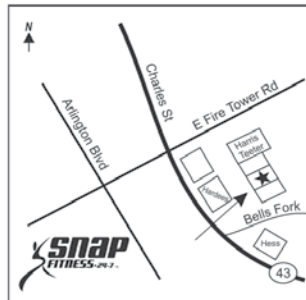
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Home Road," said Debbie Vargas, chair of the Promotions Committee for Uptown Greenville. "It's also an incubator for a more permanent farmers market location. We want to have a downtown farmers market."

Vargas also said that the market is a promotional tool for Downtown Greenville as well. Booths for the store Sojourner and Ham's Restaurant were present on May 16. According to Vargas, the Umbrella Market has played a role in the growth of the downtown district and has grown in size itself.

"It has grown little by little," said Vargas. "Uptown Greenville is under contract with the city, which has allowed us to increase promotion of the market, which has increased vendors and participants ... it's been a really neat, diverse turnout."

Vargas said there were somewhere between 250 and 300 attendees the first week of the season, triple from the first year. Businesses have benefited from it as well.

"We've seen people make downtown shops a part of their daily shopping habits," said Vargas.

Non-downtown businesses also use the Umbrella Market to promote themselves and are encouraged by Uptown Greenville.

"We were invited out here," said Michael Gillikan of the Winterville Seafood Company. "This is our first time ... we've only been out

here a few minutes and we've sold a bunch of seafood."

New up-and-comers are also using the market to introduce themselves to the community, like Nina Rose and Mike Bergman of Local Yogurt, a frozen yogurt store based in Raleigh.

"We're about to open a second store in Greenville," said Bergman. "I'm a Pirate alum, so it's nice to be back."

Still, others are merely members of the community just doing what they love most and sharing their passion with the community.

"I'm out here to sell jewelry and just have a good time," said Howard Shokler. "I've been out here every week since the market began three years ago. For me, it's all for the fun of selling and maybe paying for my diesel [RV]."

Though there's fun to be had at the market, the real reason for it is grounded firmly in business and with the hopes that an open-air market can bring people inside the stores.

"They might come out weekly and buy their produce or pick out some jewelry," said Vargas. "Hopefully, they'll stop into some of the anchor stores that are in the downtown district as well."

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used to this new way of doing things," Raby explained.

Raby also understands that, "some students did not even know about the new e-mail system, so they have not been able to log into their needed resources, including Blackboard and OneStop. However, over the summer, we will continue to advertise the new system through TEC, student orientations, the ECU Web site and many other ways to ensure students know about the change. We want to make this transition period as easy as possible for students."

Overall, many students and faculty had positive feedback concerning the new system.

Senior Sophy Nthiga said, "I enjoyed the new layout of the e-mail, as it matches our school colors, which makes it feel much more personalized. However, I had to re-add all my previous contacts and notes since they were not automatically transferred, which was somewhat of a hassle."

Art professor Beth Blake said, "I love the new e-mail system. It has been easier for me to tell which e-mail addresses belong to which students. The new e-mail addresses

include the student's last name, as opposed to the older addresses, which just included the initials and birthdates. This makes things much more organized."

Raby reassures the school that although the change will be a challenge, students should feel free to "call our Help Desk or Student Help Desk (252-328-9866 or toll free 1-800-340-7081), or come by Austin 103, Rawl 106 or room 3300 in the Health Sciences Building. When the fall semester starts, we will also have staff readily available in a few locations across campus to help with the transition. Students can also go to www.ecu.edu/studentemail for answers to all questions."

"We know this is a big change for students, but it is a much better e-mail system, and we are here to help them in any way we can," she said.

Current ECU students will have access to their old Piratemail accounts until Sept. 30, 2010. This gives students a chance to move any old information stored in their Piratemail accounts to Outlook Live.

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I'm really tired of the people in my apartment complex not picking up their dog's poop. It smells bad here because of all of you; learn to bring a bag and some hand-sanitizer.

I know where not to go when I need to print off something. Rivers is way too loud with the drilling. I hate it for the people who have class in this building.

The 'Back flipping' drum major will miss you too! It's just that now, as Student Body President, I get to be Drum Major for the entire University!

I'm all right with ECU updating the email but why did they have to make our email addresses so LONG!

Guys who have long hair just look plain DISGUSTING! Wash it and cut it off!

Do people in retirement homes make new BFFs? It seems kind of pointless. They should just be BFs.

People in the library: Stay the @\$&# off your phones. I have no problem pouring this hot coffee all over your head.

If you are going to be fake... Stop wasting my time.

I try to register for the same classes as you, not because you are smart, but because I've had a crush on you since middle school.

To the guy who gave me a pencil to keep for forever in the Science and Tech building on Monday, THANK YOU!!!!

You know, I hate busy bodies. Instead of worrying about what I'm doing, how about doing your own job?

Am I the only one that hates when you get on your Wii fit board and its says "OOOOO!" What are you trying to say that I am a fat a**?

To all the smokers: Clean up after yourselves!!!

I don't care how good of a singer you are. You do not impress anyone around you who is obviously studying, so shut up.

Every time I read a Pirate Rant about annoying roommates sleeping all day and staying up until 2 a.m. doing work I always text my roommate to see if she wrote it.

I can get that girls want guys to be the ones to start the relationship, but could you at least even it out some by helping to start the friendship that comes beforehand?

Dear friend: I can't do the "yes dance" when I'm wearing my Snuggie - sorry.

Dear best friend: Stop belching in the middle of lunch. It is gross and makes us all look bad!

Conquer the summer daze



Leila Falls
OPINION COLUMNIST

Attending summer school: An attempt to catch up on classes and hopefully decrease the workload for the next semester. Easy? Maybe if you take a ridiculously effortless course, which is hardly the case these days.

Summer school classes move faster since there is less time, which means more work. Sometimes winging it works out, but if you end up taking a complicated science

class, you are in for a definite struggle. The class sizes are typically smaller, so kiss the curve goodbye and any chance of avoiding obnoxious people that scour the classroom to find you. However, the icing on the "Why am I not in Europe for the summer" regret cake, is the weather.

Experiencing summer weather in Greenville is similar to surviving the Sahara. It's hot, humid and usually sticky.

When all you have to do is relax by the pool, the weather is fine, but when you have summer school, that's another issue. Whether you ride a bike to school or walk, you turn into a sweaty mess no matter what you wear. Driving to school leads to your

car getting assaulted by vengeful pollen and even though you walk a shorter distance, you always end up just as gnarly as everyone else. Too bad there's not a bucket of water that appears from nowhere to soak you with water like in "Flashdance" or a requirement for everyone to carry around one of those Super Soaker water guns from the '90s.

According to the Weather Channel, the current pollen forecast for Greenville is high with temperatures reaching as high as 104 degrees Fahrenheit. So as you can see, I'm not being dramatic about the intensity of the Greenville wilderness - we're in for a long, hot and sweaty summer this season.

Sometimes I feel like I'm in a daze when

I'm walking back from summer classes. The sun is staring at me, I feel like I'm walking on a never-ending version of one of those flat escalators at the airport and my house seems like a mirage - dazed and confused is an understatement.

How do you conquer the daze from the piercing summer weather? I once saw a girl in one of the auditorium classes leave and return with a different outfit on. At first I thought she was crazy or really desperate, but then I realized that she brought a change of clothes because of the weather. In reality, she was the most comfortable. She didn't have to worry about looking or smelling sweaty.

Most people think that carrying a hand-held fan is just as shameful as carrying a fanny pack. Sure it's weird, but it's effective. Avoid the ones that squirt water (unless you test it out) because somehow they always seem to malfunction right next to someone who is not too happy about getting your assistance to cool off.

CrisisTimes.com explains, "Drinking water at regular intervals helps your body remain cool and decreases sweating."

So bringing water is a must. Put it in one of those fancy water containers if you get annoyed with wet bottles from the store.

It may sound like I'm preparing you for a major hike, but believe me, when you feel like a sumo wrestler's armpit and show up to an auditorium of only 30 students and end up being the token sweatball, these precautions are genius.

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5 Five things we're obsessed with this month

1. Skype

With most of our friends moving back home for the summer, Skype almost becomes a necessity. This program allows users to make voice calls over the Internet, while also using the video conferencing feature so that Pirates can see their long lost mates, even when they are miles away.

2. Healthy eating & exercise

It's no fun laying poolside when you know you don't look your best. Healthy eating and exercise helps fix this problem! Plus, now that school is out, many of us finally have some extra time to hit the gym!

3. 'Prince of Persia'

This movie adaption of the hit video game series has lots of people talking. This big budget film, which hits theaters this Friday, has fans wondering how similar this summer blockbuster will be to its predecessor, the "Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time" video game.

4. Banana Boat VitaSkin

While having a tan during the summer is undoubtedly "in style," it doesn't necessarily have to come from the sun. Try Banana Boat VitaSkin instead – it's inexpensive, doesn't streak, lasts days and comes in various shades, including light, medium and dark. But, the big bonus here is that it doesn't increase your chance of skin cancer like "real" tanning does!

5. Employment

Since school is out (for some of us anyway), many Pirates finally have time to get a part-time job and earn a little extra cash! Plus, having a summer job can cure the summertime blues when the thrill of having nothing to do wears off and boredom sets in.

The skinny on staying fit

Try these tricks to look instantly slimmer this summer

Lynsey Horn
STAFF WRITER

The sun is out and so is school. Everyone is headed to the pool and baring their bikini bods, but it's hard to keep active and stay bathing suit slim when students usually spend their free time during the summer lounging by the pool or relaxing at home.

One of the quickest ways to slim down for the pool or beach is to pop an anti-gas pill before heading out. While these pills will not help users lose weight, they do get rid of bubbles and stomach upsets, therefore making the user's stomach look its flattest. It's also a good idea to plan eating around your pool time. For those who plan on an afternoon pool trip, opt to eat an early lunch, therefore giving food time to digest and settle. Sporting a bikini and a stomach full of food is not hot.

Lately, it has become popular to try a detox diet or a fast. Celebrities are constantly talking about how these types of diets work wonders. However, many nutritionists will claim these types of diets are unhealthy because the body does not get all the nutrients it needs. While this is true, it is fine to use a short fast to detoxify the body or kick off a healthy diet. A three-day grape-only diet can knock off a few pounds, help clear up skin and leave users feeling healthy and rejuvenated. The effects may be short-lived, but it's a great way to prepare for a



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University Manor residents show off their bikini bodies relaxing at the pool.

beach vacation.

Nutritionist Charles Passler is an expert on fad diets and he said that a break from the normal eating routine can be helpful in mentally analyzing what is consumed on a daily basis and why. This can be helpful to those who participate in "emotional eating," as well as simply eating out of boredom. Making those connections can help you make healthy choices in the future.

Another food choice that can help drop a few pounds is switching to a balanced vegetarian diet. Ordering cheese pizza instead of pepperoni or a large fry instead of a burger meal is not going to help. Try some vegetarian recipes at home. Eatingwell.

com has some delicious vegetarian recipes like Portobello Philly cheese "steak" and vegetarian taco salad. Chandler Hatcher, a rising junior who was recently admitted to nursing school, claims she often chooses not to eat meat, simply because it is often healthier and made her feel better. "Even though I love meat, some weeks I just decide not to eat it because I feel so much lighter and healthier. Besides, if I don't eat meat, I am almost forced to eat better ... mostly more vegetables and sometimes fruits."

Another easy diet plan is to try one of the popular challenges that are religiously advertised in magazines, television, the radio, etc. Examples include the Special K

challenge, the Honey Nut Cheerio non-challenge and even the Activia challenge. Special K provides support and offers plans for different types of people. They even have a chocolate-lovers plan. Activia may seem like it is not designed for young adults or college students (as it aims to "regulate" your system), but with the odd schedules and fatty fast food diets college students keep, stomachs are often a little off kilter. Having a balanced digestive system can help the body retain less fat.

Having a healthy diet can also be

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Having trouble finding a summer job?

Look outside the box for more opportunities

Madonna Messana
STAFF WRITER

A good job can be hard to come by, especially for those wanting to make money and enjoy the work that's being done.

Finding a job can be an even harder obstacle during the summer, considering no one really wants to spend their sunny days off from school inside working. Unfortunately enough, most students need summer jobs to be able to pay rent, car payments or just to have some extra money.

When looking for a summer job,

there are many important factors to consider, including interests, summer classes, prior engagements and time and energy. In addition, there are several different areas for students to look into for jobs, as many cater to the specific interests and needs of students.

For students looking to stay outside all summer while working, a good area to look into is employment as a life-



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English major Sherri Allen checks inventory at the Beer and Wine Market in Winslow's Tavern on 5th Street.

guard or a camp counselor. While the benefit of both jobs is the chance to stay outdoors all day, unfortunately the responsibility is tremendous, as in most cases the safety and even lives of younger children is in the hands of both the counselor and lifeguards.

For the counselors and the camp lifeguards, the chance for a paid vacation is a perk, as well as reliving childhood memories away at camp. Aside from a camp lifeguard, there are also lifeguarding opportunities available at neighborhood and community pools. Both the camp counselor and the life

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helpful in maintaining a healthy sleep pattern, which is very beneficial when trying to shed some pounds. While sleeping, the body produces a hormone called leptin that decreases appetite and increases energy.

Being active is always helpful in staying slim and bikini ready. A little exercise can go a long way. Walking to campus for summer classes and taking the stairs instead of elevators is obviously an easy way to get a little exercise. Spend some time in the pool doing a few laps or playing volleyball instead of lying in a chair all day. Also, it is a smart idea to maximize the calories burned from simply walking. Save up some money

from the summer job and purchase a pair of Reebok Easytone tennis shoes. They significantly increase the use of leg muscles and butt muscles.

Finally, one of the easiest ways to cut down on a few calories is to modify one of the obvious favorite poolside and nighttime activities. Opt for a light beverage. So for those who aren't too excited about hitting the gym for a rigorous workout every day, try these easy tricks and tips to achieve that desired bikini body!

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guarding jobs include the extra costs of becoming certified in specific areas — specific to the needs of the location of hire. Certification areas may include lifeguarding courses, first aid and CPR certification and others.

The restaurant industry is also a good place to look into when searching for the perfect summer job. One benefit of employment in the food industry is that the job can usually be continued throughout the entire year — not just for the summer. Most restaurants offer host or hostess opportunities, as well as server opportunities. The perks of working in the restaurant also include the ability to work as a host and a server — on slow nights, working as a host is a good way to make minimum wage when the chance to make tips isn't promising.

Servers work for tips; so nightly pay fluctuates depending on how busy the restaurant gets and how much the patrons tip. Unfortunately, not everyone tips 15-20 percent of their bill — and even when they do, sometimes it doesn't add up to much. On a good night, a server could make over \$100, but that isn't the case each and every night. Some nights they could go home with \$25 or less.

Other opportunities in the restaurant industry lie in fast food, which are usually minimum wage paying jobs. The restaurant industry can be demanding and a lot of hard work, but it doesn't come for free. Most businesses offer discounted food for employees, which is nice as long as every paycheck isn't spent on the food.

Employment opportunities can also be found in the retail industry. Pay can be based on minimum wage or off of commission, depending on the store. Hours in retail can be similar to a 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. job, which can make for a very long workday when things get slow.

And of course, there are opportunities all over campus for students to find work. These jobs usually pay above minimum wage (\$8-9

an hour) and the employers usually are very understanding when it comes to setting hours around a student's class schedule. Also, these jobs are, for the most part, located in central campus, so students can either walk or take the bus to work, which further increases profits due to the lessened need of gas.

Depending on what kind of money a student plans to make, as well as his or her interests, greatly factor in to the search for a summer job. For students taking summer courses, working in a restaurant or on campus is ideal because hours can be very flexible, opposed to a retail job in which hours normally take place throughout the day. Students looking to stay outdoors all summer should look into lifeguarding and camp counseling; however, this can be very time consuming.

The hunt for a summer job can be difficult, time consuming and frustrating. "I've gone to a ton of places and put in multiple applications. It's been two weeks and no one has called back," said sophomore communication major Matt Kugler, proving the search for a job can be very difficult. However, for his older brother Josh Kugler, junior recreation and leisure studies major, applying early paid off. "Two months after I applied as a lifeguard for the city of Greenville, I finally got a call back offering me the job — just in time for summer. Luckily, I already had training and experience, which helped in landing me the job."

For students on the hunt for a summer job, do not get disappointed or discouraged after filling out countless applications. It takes time, and a great job doesn't always fall into the hands of students — but when it does, hold onto it. And for students working jobs back at home, be sure to ask about transferring to the companies' locations in Greenville when the fall semester begins to ensure a job when returning back to school.

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ECU senior Abby Bools was one of 12 golfers named to the 2010 East All-Region Team by the National Golf Coaches Association last week. The NGCA announced the 2009-10 student-athletes' and coaches' awards for Division I Women's Collegiate Golf on May 21.

Bools, a three-time first-team All-Conference USA selection, closed out her career at the 2010 NCAA East Regional, hosted by ECU at Ironwood Golf Club, posted a three-under par 69, which tied her season-low round and claimed a share of seventh place, and missed making the NCAA Championships as an individual by three strokes. She carded a 54-hole score of 215, one-under par for the tournament, and collected her ninth top-10 finish of the season and 25th of her career.

The Hickory, N.C., native participated in 45 career events, 125 rounds and posted a 75.31 stroke average, which ranks second all-time. She has two tournament wins to her name, taking home medalist honors at the 2007-08 Myrtle Beach Classic and Qdoba Invitational.

During her senior campaign, she posted a 73.83 stroke average, which is the lowest single-season average in school history. In 13 events, Bools recorded six top-five's, nine top-10's and 10 top-20's with her best finish coming in the 2010 C-USA Championships.

Pirates set to compete in the Charleston Classic

ECU will be one of eight teams playing in the third annual Charleston Classic in 2010. The 12-game, three-day tournament will be held Nov. 18-21 at the Carolina First Arena in Charleston, S.C. Tournament pairings and game times will be announced at a later date by ESPN Region Television, Inc., a subsidiary of ESPN.

The two teams that remain undefeated throughout will face off in the championship game Sunday, Nov. 21, on ESPN2.

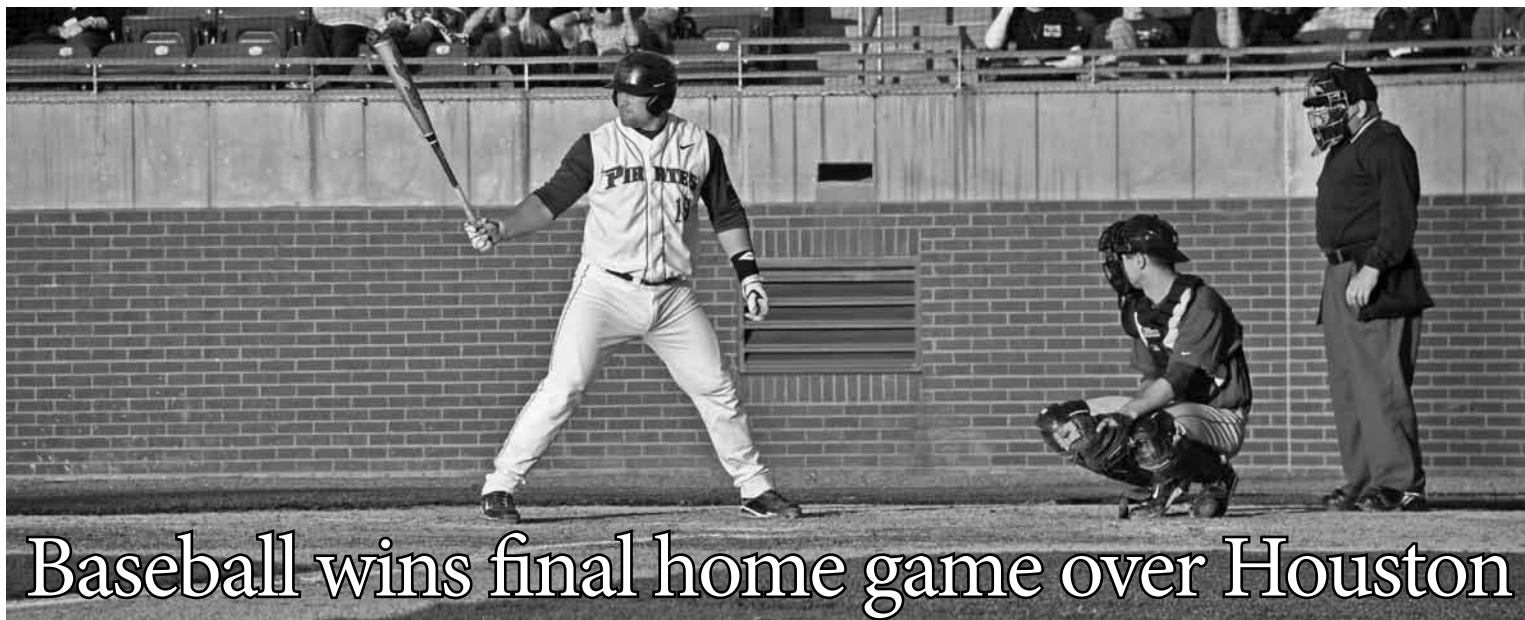
The field for the Charleston Classic will include Charlotte, ECU, George Mason, Georgetown, N.C. State and Wofford. The two teams that will round out the field will be announced at a later date.

Four of the teams in the field played in the 2009-10 postseason, including NCAA Tournament participants Georgetown and Wofford. N.C. State played in the National Invitation Tournament, and George Mason played in the CollegiateInsider.com Tournament.

The 2010-11 campaign will be the Pirates' first under new head coach Jeff Lebo. Lebo, who spent the past six seasons as the head coach at Auburn, has averaged nearly 18 wins per season during his 12-year coaching career.

ECU will return all five starters for the upcoming season, including leading scorer (15.5 ppg) and career assists' leader Brock Young. The rising senior was a third-team All-Conference USA selection this past season and a candidate for the Cousy Award. Darrius Morrow, the team's leading rebounder the past two seasons, and Jamar Abrams, a double-figure scorer each of the past two years, also return as starters off last year's squad.

SPORTS



Baseball wins final home game over Houston

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Kyle Roller smacked a game-winning single through the right side in the seventh inning to mark his 200th career RBI.

Pirates earn sixth and final seed to the C-USA Tournament

Michael Perry
SPORTS EDITOR

It was a game of inches Saturday at Clark-LeClair Stadium as ECU prevented a sweep for Houston with an 8-6-comeback victory to earn the sixth and final spot in the Conference USA Tournament.

The Pirates dropped their Thursday

contest 8-6 and lost the series to the Cougars on Friday with a 7-6 decision.

Trailing by a pair heading into the bottom of the seventh on Saturday, the Pirates (31-25, 11-13 C-USA) pushed across three runs to mark the final tally of 8-6.

"We don't control our own destiny, which is what you don't like, but all we can do is come out and win, and do a little scoreboard watching," ECU head coach Billy Godwin said. "It almost looked like it wasn't in the cards and then our guys hung in there

and kind of grinded through it."

Corey Thompson would even up the contest at six-all as he lined a single through the left side to score Cam Freeman from second base. Thompson went 3-for-4 at the dish, plating four runs on the day, including a third inning three-run blast.

Kyle Roller followed up with a chop past first base to score Trent Whitehead, regain the lead and pick up his 200th career RBI. Roller's game-winner served as a redemption performance for the designated hitter as he

went down strikes three times prior in the tilt.

"I was trying to spark us anyway I could and I just got myself in bad hitter's counts," Roller said. "We've got a little bit of momentum going on our side. We know we know we can do this, and we look forward, hopefully, to carry it into Houston."

With a 7-6 lead, catcher Jared Avchen connected on a gaper to right-center to score Thompson. Roller would

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Softball drops regional final to BYU

ECU tallies 44 wins, most since 2005 season

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The ECU softball team took a 2-0 lead but could not hold on as BYU used a six-run fifth inning to come back and claim an 8-3 victory and the Austin Regional Championship. Senior Marina Gusman-Brown and junior Sissy Jimenez drove in runs for the Pirates (44-18).

BYU (46-11) will make its first NCAA Super Regional appearance in program history next weekend against the winner of the Tucson Regional. The Cougars' J.C. Clayton picked up four hits to pace the 17-hit attack, and Jessica Purcell-Fitu drove in two runs.

Junior Toni Paisley (31-11) took the loss as she went 4 2/3 innings, allowing seven runs on 12 hits and a walk. She



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Softball made it to the Austin Regional final against BYU with wins over Iona and Texas.

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also be sent home but would be tagged out to end the inning.

The Pirate defense backed up their three-run seventh inning with a scoreless eighth and ninth for the Cougars (24-30, 11-13 C-USA).

On the hill, ECU's Brad Mincey (3-1) earned the win as he tossed 3 2/3 scoreless innings of relief. Lefty Kevin Brandt and starter Shawn Armstrong allowed a combined six runs on five hits.

In the top of seventh frame, the Cougars advanced runners to the corner with no outs. Mincey then fanned Zak Pressley and forced M.P. Cokinos into a 4-6-3 double play to save the inning.

Houston leftfielder Caleb Ramsey robbed John Wooten of a six inning long ball as he made a leaping catch in left-center to protect Houston's 6-4 lead. Devin Harris tagged a solo shot on the next at bat to left-center to cut the lead to one run.

Chris Gosik drove in Wright on a deep wall ball to the right-center gap, tallying ECU's first run of the game. Freeman lined a single up the middle to advance Gosik to third.

Thompson then stroked a 3-1 pitch into the jungle for a three-run homer as the Pirates took a 4-2 lead in the bottom of the third.

Early on in the contest, the defensive woes continued to nag the Pirates as Wooten and Freeman combined for three middle infield errors.

On Friday, ECU lost their final C-USA series at the hands of pinch-hitter Matt Creel, who ripped a three-run homer in seventh to roll on to a 7-6 Houston win.

Seth Simmons (2-4) would suffer the loss due to the three-run round-tripper and starter Seth Maness gave up the first four runs on a career high 14 hits in his 5 2/3 innings-pitched.

With the Friday night victory, the Cougars clinched their spot in the C-USA Tournament.

The Pirates dropped the weekend opener on Thursday as Houston posted seven runs in the third inning to take a 7-2 lead and hold on from there.

Cokinos jacked a three-run home run in the frame, which turned out to be the game-winner.

Starting pitcher Michael Goodnight (6-7) lollled the ECU batters to sleep as he fanned seven in seven innings for the win.

Zach Woods (8-4) took the loss as he gave up all seven runs in his 6 1/3-inning tenure.

The No. 6 seed Pirates will begin their post-season action against No. 1 Rice at Cougar Field in Houston, Texas, Wednesday at 4 p.m. The Owls swept ECU earlier this season and lead the overall series 14-3.

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also struck out one to finish 2010 with an ECU-record 356 whiffs. Despite the setback, Paisley's 31 victories are the fourth-most in single-season Pirate history. Sophomore Faith Sutton threw the final 2 1/3 frames, allowing one run on five hits while fanning two.

Paige Affleck (32-8) picked up the victory as she scattered nine hits and gave up three runs. She issued three walks and struck out four.

The Pirates had the first scoring opportunity of the game. With two down in the bottom of the first, senior Vanessa Moreno singled to left field before Gusman-Brown drew a walk to put runners on first and second. A called strike three kept the Pirates off the board.

In the top of the second, BYU's Andrea Ramirez led off with a single to right field, but Caschjen Davis-Atagi popped into a double play as her bunt attempt was caught by first baseman Jimenez, who doubled Ramirez off first base.

The Cougars completed the comeback with a six-run top of the fifth to take a 7-2 lead. Clayton led off with an infield single off the glove of a jumping Sumner, and Quioch

beat out a grounder to Aona.

Following a foul out to Gusman-Brown by Ramirez, Davis-Atagi drew a walk to fill the bases. A Purcell-Fitu double drove in two before back-to-back, one-run singles by Willard and Vance-Kellum drove in the third and fourth runs of the inning.

Delahoussaye plated the fifth run with a foul-out sacrifice fly to Sumner down the right-field line. Clayton singled to third base to drive in the frame's final run. Sutton entered and struck out Quioch to end the inning.

In the bottom of the frame, the Pirates scored the game's final run. ECU loaded the bases with no outs on a single to right field by senior pinch hitter Nicole Jordan, a Sumner walk and a Merrida single off the glove of Quioch to third base. A fielder's choice by Moreno forced out Jordan at home before a fielder's choice by Gusman-Brown retired Moreno at second but drove in Sumner. A Jimenez groundout ended the contest.

ECU finished the season with 44 wins, the program's highest total since recording 55 in 2005. The Pirates also captured their first Conference USA regular season and tournament titles.

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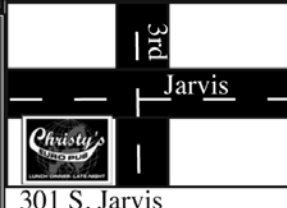
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