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Train derails in Raleigh Staff Reports

No injuries have been reported after seven train cars derailed in downtown Raleigh Sunday.

Raleigh police say the derailment has not caused any major traffic problems.

Special equipment is being used to put the cars back on track.

EPA: Clean-air rule would overturn Bush-era plan Staff Reports

The Obama Administration is proposing new rules to tighten restrictions on pollution from coal-burning power plants in the eastern half of the country, a key step to cutting emissions that cause smog.

The Environmental Protection Agency said the new rules would cut sulfur dioxide emissions by 71 percent from 2005 levels by 2014 and nitrogen oxide emissions by 52 percent in the same time frame.

The regulation, known as the Clean Air Interstate Rule, requires 31 states from Massachusetts to Texas to reduce emissions that cause smog and soot and can travel long distances in the wind. The agency predicted the rule would prevent about 14,000 to 36,000 premature deaths a year.

The rule would overturn and toughen rules issued during the administration of former President George W. Bush.

2 suspicious items lead to brief scares in NC Associated Press

Things are returning to normal in Durham after two morning scares led authorities to evacuate homes and businesses in central North Carolina.

A spokeswoman with the Durham Police Department said Tuesday that neither of the suspicious items that authorities went to investigate were a threat.

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ECU housing no longer faces space shortage



DOUG MACKENZIE | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Scott Hall is undergoing construction over the summer at the top of College Hill.

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ECU has had the reputation for the past decade of maintaining a diversified student body population while still preserving a valuable higher education for its students. Compared with other public universities in North Carolina such as Chapel Hill or N.C. State, ECU has always been able to offer dedicated students the opportunity to receive a degree in whatever they choose.

This approach has made it difficult for campus departments such as Housing and Admissions to keep up with the fast paced growth recently being experienced at ECU. From 2007 to 2008, applications for admittance sent to ECU only increased by 7.5 percent, roughly 1,100 more than the previous year. In 2008, however, the increase in applications jumped nearly 23 percent from a total of 15,000 applications to just shy of 20,000.

While ECU strives to accept and

provide accommodations for as many students as possible, with the increases in applications over the last few years, this goal has become undeniably difficult.

The Admissions Office at ECU has done their best to accommodate the growth, but campus housing has had a difficult time keeping up. In 2008, there were 4,516 incoming freshman enrolled at ECU. That is nearly 500 students too many for the available living space on ECU's campus. This has forced the

ECU Housing Department to, in a way, outsource the problem.

ECU requires incoming students to submit their housing contracts by a specified date. Any contract received after this specific date becomes "first-come, first-serve" status. This implies that once the residence halls on campus are at capacity, students who turned in a late contract will be required to live in an off-campus apartment complex.

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Supreme Court ruling affects campus ministry groups

Cassie McLean
STAFF WRITER

A Supreme Court ruling made national news last week when a judge ruled against a Christian group, The Christian Legal Society, based on the University of California's Hastings College of the Law campus. The group sued after the law school denied the group official recognition because of its exclusion of gays.

CNN reported that the dispute

was truly between a public university's anti-discrimination policies and a private party's freedom of religion and association.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was reported by CNN as saying that the law school was "caught in the crossfire between a group's desire to exclude and students' demand for equal access, may reasonably draw a line in the sand permitting all organizations to express what they wish but no group to discriminate in membership."

The university response to the demand letter sent out originally from CLS shows chief litigation counsel Steven Aden saying, "I want to assure that Hastings does not wish to violate CLS chapter's federal First Amendment Rights; however, under federal and state mandates, the College is prohibited from supporting any program or activity that would violate the civil rights of our students."

He continued, "We insist that to be one our student-recognized organiza-

tions, CLS must open its membership to all students irrespective of their religious beliefs or sexual orientation, as it has in the past."

Aden said the school was "perplexed by CLS's sudden pertinacious shift in philosophy."

As for how the ruling will affect ECU, Kellar Stem, a campus minister of Campus Christian Fellowship, said

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Rob Lange, the senior associate director of admissions at ECU, explains the process in which incoming freshmen are temporarily housed off campus. According to Lange, about 85 percent of the incoming freshmen will opt to live on campus. Of those 85 percent, the students who submit their paperwork in a timely manner will receive a room in a residence hall on campus. While the rest will still be contracted with ECU housing and paying the residence hall prices, they will have to spend a semester at a nearby apartment complex that ECU subcontracts with temporarily.

The Housing Department pays the cost differences for students living in the apartments and is able to place excess students in them. The ECU Housing Department still provides most things a dorm does, even at the apartments. For example, so that parents know their child has someone with college experience around to guide their son or daughter in the right direction, ECU requires a Resident Assistant (RA) to be on staff and living within a few doors from any and all freshmen students. This helps maintain a safe environment.

Apartment complexes in Greenville such as the Bellamy and North Campus Crossing have both had experience

in contracting with the ECU housing department for extra rooms. The Bellamy participated this past academic year and North Campus Crossing has done it for the past two years. Neither, however, has been approached by ECU for this coming academic year due to a smaller incoming freshman class. Robert Lange confirmed in an interview that there would be a smaller freshman class when he said,

"According to the freshman census, I do not think ECU will be needing off-campus housing this coming school year."

ECU wants to maintain a diverse and growing student body, but they have slowed down this coming fall semester in order to sustain a more manageable amount of incoming students. This fall, ECU will have roughly 4,100 new students, and approximately 3,400 of them will be requesting on-campus housing.

With these numbers, and a completely reconstructed Scott Hall, which is scheduled to be finished for the fall semester, ECU believes it will be able to provide housing for all the newly enrolled students.

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THE EAST CAROLINIAN | REBECCA HARTMAN

The Supreme Court decided last week that university christian groups could not refuse to include homosexuals in their numbers and still receive funding.

he was trying to figure that out. "I know that because we're at ECU, there's a constitution. I know there's a nondiscrimination clause already in there. So I'm trying to figure out what it means beyond that."

Stem said he saw the gay community as another arena the group works with. His group, he said, has always welcomed them.

"I know that we have had people that chose a homosexual lifestyle that have been a part of our group in the past. We have loved them just like we've loved anyone else. We've reached out to them in the name of Jesus just like we've reached out to anyone else."

To Stem, homosexuals are to be expected.

"We're on a campus," he said, "There are people here practicing a homosexual lifestyle. There are also people on campus cheating. There are people getting drunk. Because we're on a campus, we're a ministry group that wants to reach out and we have all these people in our group. To those that are cheating, we're trying to say, 'Hey, you need to stop cheating.' We love and accept people and try to share Jesus with them and love them."

Stem continued, pointing out that campus ministry groups face many challenges on college campuses and

simply face them as best they can.

"People lie, cheat on taxes, drive over speed limit, people don't treat each other kindly," he said.

Stem does not see the court ruling changing much about the way Campus Christian Fellowship behaves.

"Honestly, until somebody tells me differently, I don't think it's necessarily going to change what we're doing. We are not just a group of people that wants to have only churchgoers or Christians or whoever in our group. We want to reach out."

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CORRECTIONS

In the June 16th edition of The East Carolinian, the article "Nursing Hall of Fame unveiled" had several factual errors.

ECU has a College of Nursing, not a "School of Nursing" as stated in the article.

The Hall of Fame is not "in the works," as stated, but has already been created.

Those wishing to be a member of the Hall of Fame do not need to make a donation themselves but are nominated by loved ones and peers who may in turn make donations on their behalf.

The College of Nursing graduates approximately 700 students per year.

DURHAM

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Authorities had evacuated homes after someone reported finding a mortar in a yard. Durham Police spokeswoman Kammie Michael said the mortar was not live.

A suspicious package found about a mile away from the mortar led authorities to evacuate a building and shut down streets. Michael says a bomb squad determined the package found in front of a North Carolina Department of Revenue office was not dangerous.

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You know cars aren't equipped with turn singles and headlight for the car's health...

Sometimes I like to pretend that I am a lost orientation kid so people feel pity on me and give me free food!

I can't believe that the school spent all that money to redo the steps in front of Christenbury and they look exactly the same!! Raise tuition my bum!!

I don't mean to complain, but this is the second day I've gone to the library to study and I CANT TAKE THE NOISE. Would you all just go over to the student center? You can talk all you want there.

To those of you on Facebook who constantly blame the man in your life or past for your problems: Take a look at yourself before you keep blaming the others!!

Internships are great experiences but mine is giving me a glance into what my life could potentially be in the future. It's slowly killing my soul.

This second summer session class in turning into a giant disaster.

I pass you everyday on campus and I just want to drag to into the bushes and give you an all access pass to my pants!

You think Silly Bandz are for kids because you do not have friends to give them to you!

I don't think people understand just how dangerous cargo shorts really are.

There were cops riding horses downtown on the 4th of July. They were literally sitting on their high horses!

Just because you are too lazy to enroll into school doesn't mean that you and your friends can sit up all night and play music loud while I'm struggling to study...

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Reality check: No labels



Leila Falls
OPINION COLUMNIST

Recently, a few of my friends' relationships have ended badly. They never did anything remotely close to any of the shenanigans depicted in "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days." Each one of them is gorgeous and easygoing, so what's the problem? Who knows!

My friend told me that she wished guys were pre-labeled. Well, dating would be a breeze if there were labels stamped across foreheads like: "Hates Commitment," "Never Takes You Out on Dates," "Wandering Eyes," "Chronic Liar" and "Overall Jerk."

Too bad this labeling fantasy will never come true, so you have to use your own judgment in spotting any red flags. Sometimes the almost-man-of-your-dreams ends up breaking your heart. According to an unknown author, "Love is three-fourths dream and one-fourth reality. Problems usually arise when you fall in love with the dream and not the reality. But yet you find true love when you fall in love with both?"

If you reach the reality that your relationship has major problems, you have to be strong. You may even lose your cuddle buddy, the random I love you kisses and even your best friend whenever the relationship ends. As much as you want all of that back, do not succumb, especially if the bad aspects outweigh the good. Seeing the good in people is a great quality to have, but when the bad is overpowering, there's a problem. Dating a "Cheater" is not the same as a "Cover-hog" so don't lie to yourself.

When a relationship ends, hearing that one song will remind you of the good times with that former flame, but then you realize it was not meant to be. For some reason everyone hates the phrase, "If it's meant to be, it will be." Is it because it is so open-ended and vague? In reality, the phrase is true. If you ended up with the

clingy and moody high school fling, how could you have ever fallen for the sweet and hot goofball in college? Yes, it can be lonely before the man-of-your-dreams comes along, but when it happens, it's surreal. You'll forget all the heartache and even beam happiness. If he was pre-labeled "Prince Charming," it would not have been as exciting to experience the getting-to-know-him stage.

Dating is a learning experience; it will be easier to see the red flags that you overlooked before so that you can avoid repeating the past. Stepping out of looking at "your type" and giving everyone a chance is a good start. I never thought blonds were my type, but one guy changed that. Maybe that tattooed guy is a sweetheart? Don't stereotype something as kaleidoscopic as love.

Why are there so many dating books, websites, shows, etc., about finding love? Is it because no one has figured out the mystery behind it? Each love is different, so no matter what commentaries are made about it, you know the reality of your own relationship. Are you settling and being trapped in an unhealthy relationship, or are you in love and deal with occasional bickering? Even if you didn't see the red flags or get help from a forehead label, you can diagnose the reality of your relationship.

As for the labeling, too bad there is no store called Guys-R-Us or even dating reference letters available. "Love is blind" only if you avoid the reality.

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"THERE IS A LOT OF PRESSURE PUT ON ME, BUT I DON'T PUT A LOT OF PRESSURE ON MYSELF. I FEEL IF I PLAY MY GAME, IT WILL TAKE CARE OF ITSELF!"
LEBRON JAMES



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Tremayne Smith is involved in many extracurricular activities around campus.

The East Carolinian | Douglas Mackenzie

SGA's new president

Tremayne Smith discusses
ECU, SGA and the future

Veronica Carrington
STAFF WRITER

With a large host of clubs, intramural sports and Greek organizations, ECU provides its Pirates with a healthy dose of extracurricular activities. However, some Pirates like to keep their plates loaded.

For 22-year-old SGA president Tremayne Smith, being a Pirate means keeping busy.

"Being a Pirate, to me, means

taking charge of being a successful student seriously and using the tools and resources at your disposal and board the Pirate Ship of Success... when you use the tools and chart your own destiny... you should set sail on the Ship of Success like a true Pirate should," states Smith.

Hailing from Salisbury, Smith has developed a strong sense of pride in ECU and has sought to change the perceptions of the university. "ECU... a place where otherwise unachievable things are achievable... a place where tomorrow truly does begin, and because ECU is a place that expects success and achievement [and to me] it's the begin-

ning of a successful life. I want to be one of those success stories that people look at and say, 'Oh my goodness, Tremayne Smith went to ECU, I want to go there, too!'"

Smith values the priceless reward of higher education and is a double major in music education and political science. Smith hopes to start flexing his political muscles soon, stating, "I am going into politics in the very near future, beginning with local and state politics, then moving to national politics to become President of the United

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Local band brings energy to The Tank

★★★★☆

Two For Flinching plays live
show downtown

Pierce Roth
CONTRIBUTED WRITER

Downtown Greenville was in full swing this past Wednesday night. The Tank on Fifth Street had live music and a packed bar. The Pierce Roth Band, Johnny and the Breaknecks and Two For Flinching all lined up one after the other, each playing an hour-long set. After the first two acts, the crowd was pumped and alive.

As the third band hit the stage, full-out mayhem was in motion. Two For Flinching came out with heavy guitars and a quick tempo that had the bar bobbing their heads in sync. They played a good blend of original and cover songs, and the energy on stage

was intense. The bassist, Roger Helphrey, did a good job of getting the audience into the show and on their feet when he threw out clever lines like:

"Can I get PBR to the stage? I repeat... Can I get Pabst Blue Ribbon to the stage please?"

Two For Flinching is a fairly new band on the music scene in Greenville, but its members have been around ECU for a while. Their music falls in the genre of pop-punk and hardcore-thrash. Shane Sutphin (vocals and rhythm guitar) and Roger Helphrey (bass) formed Two For Flinching close to six months ago. It took them nearly half a year to piece all the members together, but the patience in finding



CONTRIBUTED | PIERCE ROTH

Roger Helphrey and Shane Sutphin of Two for Flinching perform for fans at The Tank.

the perfect team of artists seems to have paid off.

There are four members in Two For Flinching, each with a unique story. Shane Sutphin leads the band with his

> FLINCHING page A6

'Eclipse' impresses audiences

★★★★☆

Madonna Messana
STAFF WRITER

For fans of Stephanie Meyer's Twilight Saga, this past weekend fulfilled many expectations. The third installment of the series hit theaters everywhere on June 28th and it was not a surprise to have numerous sold-out showings.

During the third installment of the Twilight Saga, Bella finds herself falling more in love with vampire Edward Cullen, but she is faced with a bigger decision as she realizes her feelings for werewolf Jacob Black — both of whom are fighting for Bella's safety and also her heart.

Meanwhile, vengeful Victoria, whose true mate was killed by Edward, continues her quest for revenge as she puts together an army of newborn vampires in order to kill Bella. The area of Seattle is terrified by a string of mysterious killings and disappearances, due to Victoria's planning.

The third chapter to Meyer's best-selling series continues to spin Bella into a world unknown to everyone else around her. She must be protected against bitter Victoria and must ultimately make the decision between her love for Edward and her friendship with Jacob. As graduation approaches, Bella must make the ultimate decision — between life and death.

Finally, the third film in the blockbuster series rightfully portrays Stephanie Meyer's book. The selection of director David Slade ("30 Days of Nights," "Hard Candy") was a good choice, and the difference was definitely noticeable.

Slade was able to portray specific issues that previous directors were unable to work with. He was able to rightfully show vampire speed as the Cullens race through the forest chasing after Victoria — the scenes allow audiences to believe they are actually running at top speeds. As well as how to make Edward and the other vampires sparkle in the sunlight without looking ridiculous, he perfected the vampire skin so that it doesn't appear to be a cheesy effect.

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States of America in the year 2024, Lord willing." Transitioning from state government to the high profile hustle and bustle of the presidency should be no problem for Smith, who participates in SGA, Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity, Collegiate Music Educators of North Carolina, presenter for NC LEAD Conference, Relay for Life, as well as being a member of the American-Israel Public Relations Committee.

Smith has gotten involved in giving back to his community as well as his university and gets nostalgic when discussing his experience thus far at ECU. "My experience here at ECU has been unlike any other I've experienced. I've had opportunities here that most folks never get in their entire life... meeting and fist-bumping the President of the U.S., to driving in the motorcade for the Vice President, performing in front of an audience of over 60,000 as the head drum major of the Marching Pirates at a bowl trip, going around and meeting freshmen in their COAD 1000 classes and joining [in my opinion] the greatest group of guys, my Phi Gamma Delta brothers. ECU has changed me by allowing me to grow and mature into the mold of a success story."

For Smith, his experiences at ECU are helping him to shape SGA into a truly student-minded organization, and for the upcoming year he hopes to continue to make a positive impact around campus. "My administration and I will always strive for what's up ahead and what's up high," stated Smith. However, contrary to how it may sound, it is not all work for this Pirate. Smith enjoys spending time with his Jack Russell Terrier puppy "Roeder," named after the dean of students, Dr. Lynn Roeder.

Although he stays busy with fraternity business, he also spends plenty of time simply relaxing with his Fiji fraternity brothers. In addition, Smith claims, "I golf, vacation and watch 'Golden Girls.' I also spend a good amount of time in the evening reading autobiographies of my favorite politicians and other books on law/political subject matter."

At the end of the day, this promising Pirate stays focused on the future, where he will leave a bright path in his wake.

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smooth vocals and rhythm guitar. Roger Helpfrey, a senior at ECU, handles the backbone of the band with the bass guitar and also instigates most of the energy on stage, which keeps things fun and chaotic. Drums are on beat by Matt Clifton, a former student of ECU and talented percussionist. To round out the band, Tommy Van Arseal, also a member of HNL (a local Greenville band), plays the electric lead and rhythm with Sutphin.

The members of this band are fun and full of life, holding nothing back. They enjoy testing the limits with

their music. With a Green Day or New Found Glory-feel to their songs, Two For Flinching has high hopes and is determined to someday land a record deal and play for fans all across the world. The whole band loves playing for fans, and it is easy to see that with their music and energy on stage.

"I play every opportunity I get. I wouldn't pass up being on stage for anything!"

These were Van Arseal's words, minutes before going to rock out.

Two For Flinching is a high-energy, upbeat, fast-paced band, and their

music will not disappoint. From sing-along covers to insane originals, this band has it figured out.

Their next show will be out at LIVE, on Fire Tower Road July 18, and then again on Aug. 19. For those looking for a night of relaxing fun while listening to some live, local music, be sure to catch Two For Flinching at one of their upcoming shows.

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Eclipse hit theaters everywhere on June 28th.

Although the actors have been given ample opportunity to become comfortable with their characters, "Eclipse" gives many of the smaller characters a chance in the spotlight. Jackson Rathbone, who plays Jasper Cullen, has a much larger role in the film — telling his story prior to the time he joined the Cullen clan. Jasper plays a very important part in the vampire war, as he has training in the particular field of newborn vampires.

Nikki Reed, who plays Rosalie Cullen, is also given chance to shine in the third movie. In a key scene with Bella, Rosalie's past is told and she explains to Bella why she feels that Bella should remain human while she

has the choice.

Diehard Twilight fans, as well as regular moviegoers, are sure to fall for "Eclipse." This highly anticipated sequel contains much more humor, action and plot, and is frankly much sexier than its predecessors "Twilight" and "New Moon." The secondary characters who merely took up space in the previous movies have much more personality in Eclipse — adding to the movie's excitement. It is definitely a film worth seeing, even for those who doubt the hype of the Twilight Saga.

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Bools and Estes named Scholar All-Americans once again

Staff Reports

Senior Abby Bools and junior Colleen Estes have been named 2009-2010 NCAA Division I All-American Scholars according to an announcement by the National Golf Coaches Association (NGCA) Monday. For Bools, the selection is the fourth in her career, making her the first four-time honoree in ECU program history. Estes has a chance to join Bools as a four-time winner next season, as it was Estes's third-straight selection to the All-American Scholar Team.

The criteria for selection to the All-American Scholar Team are some of the most stringent of all college athletics. The student-athlete must maintain at least a 3.50 GPA and have competed in at least 50 percent (Division I) or 66 percent (Division II & III) of the institution's regularly scheduled competitive rounds during the year.

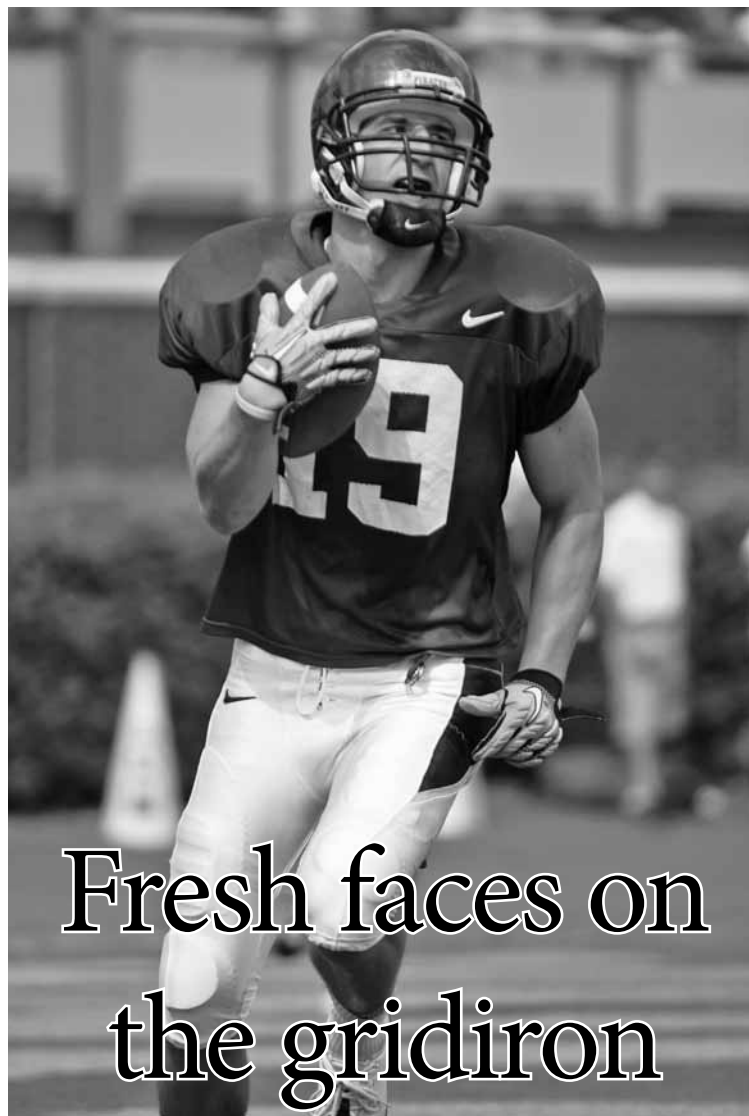
Bools, a three-time first-team All Conference USA selection and 2010 East All-Region Team member, closed her career by posting the lowest single-season stroke average in school history at 73.83. At the 2010 NCAA East Regional, hosted by ECU at Ironwood Golf Club, the Conference USA Co-Golfer-of-the-Year missed making the NCAA Championships as an individual by three strokes as she finished tied for seventh at one-under par (215). Her final round was a three-under par 69, tying her season-low mark.

The Hickory, N.C., native and history major participated in 45 career events with a 75.31 stroke average, which ranks second all time. She also claimed two tournament wins after taking home the 2007-2008 Myrtle Beach Classic and Qdoba Invitational titles.

Estes, a health fitness specialist major, participated in all 13 events for the Pirates, posting a 79.17 average in 36 rounds. She collected a pair of top-20 finishes with her season-best three-round performance at the C-USA Championships, where she tied for 22nd with a 226 total. For her career, Estes has taken part in 35 events and 99 rounds with a stroke average of 78.84. She also has a pair of top-10 and six top-20 finishes to her credit.

Off the links, Bools has been named to the ECU Director of Athletics Honor Roll eight times, C-USA Honor Roll four times, C-USA All-Academic Team three times and was the 2008 ECU Academic Excellence Award recipient. Estes is a six-time ECU Director of Athletics Honor Roll selection and three-time C-USA Honor Roll member.

In the 10-year history of the Lady Pirates golf program, six golfers have tallied 17 NGCA All-American Scholar honors.



Fresh faces on the gridiron

Andrew Bodenheimer pulls in one of his two touchdown catches during the Spring Purple-Gold game. The sophomore wide out is expected to become a fulltime contributor for the 2010 season.

Top 5 new impact players for the Pirates' 2010 season

Addison Harvey STAFF WRITER

As the 2010 season nears, ECU faithful will have to adjust to many changes to their beloved football team. The Pirates have a completely new coaching staff, new offensive and defensive schemes and a newly renovated Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. Along with all these changes, fans will have to get used to some new names on the field. With the Pirates losing nine of 11 defensive starters and a handful of offensive starters, there will be many new players contributing in head coach Ruffin McNeill's first season in Greenville.

5. Norman Whitley

While most Pirate faithful are

familiar with the onetime ECU starting running back, Whitley faded in 2009. With a new coaching staff, the senior running back has a fresh, clean slate to finish off his career as a Pirate. The Pirates' offense philosophy for the 2010 senior has many new roles for the running back core. Whitley could be a vital part of the offense as a passing target out of the backfield. The Richmond County product is elusive and has great speed that will be another weapon in offensive coordinator Lincoln Riley's arsenal.

4. Marke Powell

Aside from the Pirates' new aggressive high-flying offense, the Pirates' defense seems to have a new philosophy of blitzing and blitzing often. During spring practice, defensive coordinator Brian Mitchell made it known that his defense was also going to be aggressive and pressure opposing quarterbacks as much as possible. One face that ECU fans got to see a glimpse of in 2009

was freshman Marke Powell. Now a sophomore, Powell served on the special teams unit last season, appearing in 11 games. The 6-foot-3, 198-pound defensive end has tremendous speed from being a converted linebacker, and if everything goes as planned, Powell may be one of the new, young stars on the Pirates' defense.

3. Steve Spence

One of the more intriguing questions going into the 2010 season is who will step up on defense for the Pirates? ECU only returns two starters from their 2009 Conference USA Championship campaign and a lot of new faces are going to have to step up. One of the faces to look out for is linebacker Steve Spence. The junior from Norfolk, Va., has showed signs of brilliance on the gridiron in his three years. Spence will be one of the feature linebackers in the Pirates' new defensive scheme. The 6-foot-2, 225-pound linebacker recorded six tackles in the spring game, which may be a sign of great things for Spence in the upcoming season.

2. Justin Jones

Lots of changes are ahead for Pirate fans in the 2010 season, as they will see the football in the air more than they have in years. Since head coach McNeill has come to town, ECU fans have been talking about how the Pirates are going to air it out in 2010 and one of the more intriguing targets is inside wide receiver Justin Jones. Jones, a redshirt freshman out of Conyers, Ga., stands at a massive 6-foot-8-inches tall. Jones will create a huge matchup problem for opposing defensive backs with his height. The Georgia native will surely be one of the main targets for Pirate quarterbacks in the fall.

1. Andrew Bodenheimer

The talented redshirt sophomore wide receiver was one of the pleasant surprises at McNeill's first spring practice. Bodenheimer, who busted onto the scene late in the 2009 season, started his first game at wide receiver verses Houston. He spent most of last season on special teams, playing in all 14 games. The 6-foot-3, 195-pound receiver starred in spring practices and left Pirates fans thinking about his future in the annual Purple-Gold game hauling in two touchdown passes. With the new Texas Tech style of offense McNeill has brought with him, Bodenheimer is sure to be one of the breakout stars of the 2010 season as an outside wide receiver.

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Phoenix Suns' Amar'e Stoudemire battles the Los Angeles Lakers' Lamar Odom for a rebound in Game 4 of the NBA's Western Conference Finals. Stoudemire was the first big-name free agent to make a move, as he announced he would be joining the New York Knicks.

Free agent frenzy

Offseason signings sure to shake up the NBA landscape

Alex Serkes
STAFF WRITER

After many months of anticipation, speculation, distractions and new destinations, free agency, also known as the summer of 2010, is finally upon us.

This is easily the most talented and star-filled free agent season in recent memory, and the NBA's best and worst teams are scouring the list of the top available talent, in the hopes of landing that special player to lead them to the summit — an NBA championship.

If you are a coveted NBA fan, you don't need to read an article on ESPN or turn on Sports Center in order to figure out what superstars are available, and even where they might be heading this July. The flashy names of court we all know: LeBron James, Chris Bosh, Dwayne Wade, Amare Stoudemire and Dirk Nowitzki just round out the top 5 of the 2010 free agency class.

Other big names this year include Rudy Gay, Carlos Boozer, Joe Johnson, David Lee, Paul Pierce, Ray Allen, John Salmons, Richard Jefferson and a plethora of other players which make it possible that at least one contending team will land a decent commodity.

Since the spring, however, there has been nothing short of speculation as to where all of these superstars would be heading this July. And after thousand-dollar dinners, private commercial jet

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trips, countless gifts and packages and special treatment, some of these superstars are still undecided on where they want to continue their careers.

John Calipari could definitely take notes on how to recruit his players at Kentucky for years to come by watching these general managers dish out everything they can to get these players into their arenas.

It was reported that after the Chicago

Bulls had flown James in to pitch their say, they sent him a pair of retro Jordans with a message saying, "Can you fill these shoes?" and seven empty NBA championship ring boxes, one more than Jordan won. The front offices aren't the only ones, though; Wade has been very open on recruiting other big names to join the Heat, who he will probably resign with.

Not all of these superstars remain undecided; some have set their futures

already. Most notably was Stoudemire, who on Monday signed a five-year contract with the Knicks worth up to \$100 million. This does not exclude the possibility of another big name joining him in New York, though. Nowitzki resigned with Dallas for a four-year \$80 million deal. Gay, Pierce and Johnson also resigned with their respective teams. Gay with a five-year \$81 million deal, Johnson with a six-year \$116 million deal and


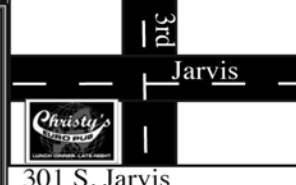
Pierce with a four-year \$61 million deal.

It is unknown where these players will go, but the pages are starting to unfold. James just held his Nike basketball camp in Akron, Ohio, where he is said to make his decision at the conclusion of the camp. Resigning with the Cavaliers seems to be the best bet. Will Bosh end up following James in a sign and trade with his former team, the Toronto Raptors? It's possible. Training camp is looming,

so these players will have to make a deal soon, and finally all the speculation will be over.

Other notable free agents still on the market include Josh Howard, Richard Jefferson, Raymond Felton, Tyrus Thomas, Al Harrington, Mike Miller, Nate Robinson and many more.

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 OF-Ichiro Suzuki, SEA
 OF-Carl Crawford, TB
 DH-Vladimir Guerrero, TEX
 P-Clay Buchholz, BOS
 P-Trevor Cahill, OAK
 P-Fausto Carmona, CLE
 P-Neftali Feliz, TEX
 P-Phil Hughes, NYY
 P-Jon Lester, BOS
 P-David Price, TB
 P-Mariano Rivera, NYY
 P-CC Sabathia, NYY
 P-Joakim Soria, KC
 P-Matt Thornton, CWS
 P-Jose Valverde, DET



National League

C-Yadier Molina, STL
 1B-Albert Pujols, STL
 2B-Chase Utley, PHI (DL)
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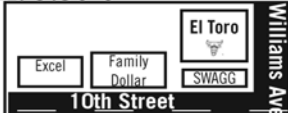
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