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## BRIEFS

### ECU student arrested and charged with burglary at Chancellor's residence



JALEESA VALES

WITN

#### Staff Reports

An ECU student was arrested and charged early Friday morning after she was discovered inside the Chancellor's residence at 605 E. Fifth Street.

Jaleesa Vales, 20, was arrested and held on a \$20,000 bond. She has an intended major of hospitality management. Vales provided no explanation for the burglary. The Magistrate's Order concerning the case stated that Vales "broke and entered with the intent to commit larceny therein."

ECU Police responded to the alarm at the residence and saw Vales inside the house before she fled to the backyard, where they apprehended and arrested her. Vales's Blood Alcohol Content was not listed in the report.

Chancellor Ballard and his wife were both home at the time of the incident. No injuries were reported.

Lt. Col. Dawn Tevepaugh, the assistant chief of police at ECU's Police Department, said that contrary to other media reports that this was the third attempted break-in at the Chancellor's residences, this was, indeed, the first.

"We've had some students walking back from downtown who cross the yard but there were no other break-in attempts," said Tevepaugh.

Chancellor Ballard said, "I appreciate the quick action by ECU police officers. They responded immediately and I have complete confidence in the way they handled this case."

Vales's next court date is set for Sept. 8.

### Hurricane Danielle swirls far out over Atlantic

#### Staff Reports

Hurricane Danielle has formed far from land in the Atlantic with maximum sustained winds of 75 mph (120 kph), and it's expected to strengthen in the next couple of days.

Danielle is the second Atlantic hurricane of the year. On Monday afternoon, it was about 1,320 miles (2,120 kilometers) east of the Lesser Antilles islands.

Forecasters say the storm could become a major hurricane by Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Tropical Storm Frank has weakened slightly in the Pacific. Its maximum sustained winds were 50 mph (85 kph), but it could gain strength again in the next day or so.

A tropical storm warning is in effect for Mexico's coast from Punta Maldonado westward to Zihuatanejo. A tropical storm watch is in effect from west of Zihuatanejo to Punta San Telmo.

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## Where have all the Pirates gone?

Samantha Hughes  
NEWS EDITOR

Once upon a time, a Pirate named Pee Dee could be found all over Greenville; his dark and mysterious form stood watch in front of the town hall, his colorful, paisley counterpart gazed out onto 10th Street from his corner, and one Pee Dee stood in front of Walmart.

But one day, there were no more statues. The lone Pirate statue near the fountain on central campus had disappeared and so had his counterparts it seemed.

"I think that they added to the town and to the pride of ECU, having a Pirate statue at any given location," said Tremayne Smith, the student body president. "It was a way for some of me and my dorm-mates to bond and get to know each other. I'm going to miss that aspect of it."

So, where did all of the Pee Dees go?

ECU Alumni Association President and CEO Paul Clifford says that's a good question.

"[That project] was sponsored by the Alumni Association and the Chamber of Commerce. The statues were around town for a little over a year," said Clifford.

After the year was up, the Alumni Association auctioned off the Pirates for private citizens to own.

"Some people put them in their garden, out by the pool," said Clifford. "We made sure that we kept at least one on campus; that's the one out in the front yard [of the Taylor Slaughter Alumni Center]."

Through a generous donation from an alumnus, Pee Dee resumed his traditional spot on Central campus at the mall. As far as the locations of the other Pirates, it is hit or miss.

"We actually auctioned 10 of them off. One was stolen and four of the businesses kept them," said Clifford.

The stolen Pee Dee was never recovered, but it isn't the first time someone stole one of the statues.

"I think it's a shame that anyone would steal a Pirate, knowing the sort of atmosphere we're in. This is Pirate Nation!" said Smith.

The other statues can be found at U.B.E., local doctors' offices' lobbies and local businesses.

Don't expect any new Pirate statues in the future, though.

"It was a great public-private partnership with us and the Chamber. It raised a good bit of money for the Alumni Association Scholarship fund," said Clifford. "But the amount of work and money that goes into that is probably not something we're going to undertake in the near future."

While the statues helped put \$21,000 into the scholarship fund, expenses such as repairing stolen Pee Dees and insurance on each statue were not anticipated.

"Personally, I'd rather see them come back if nothing more than to have something to talk about and go and look at," said Smith. "I know it provided some recreation for students. I know my friends and I would go around and take pictures with them."

Have pictures with Pee Dee the Pirate statues? Tag The East Carolinian in your Facebook photos!

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### Where did Pee Dee come from?

Pirates have been associated with Eastern North Carolina since Blackbeard patrolled the waters off the coast. Blackbeard is the model modern-day Pee Dee was based upon. ECU officially became the home of the Pirates back in 1934 and acquired the name Pee Dee in 1983, after the Pee Dee River, which runs along the North Carolina and South Carolina border. However, in the '80s, the name wasn't popular with ECU students because it was chosen by Pitt County school children, not ECU students. In 1985, the Chancellor dropped "Pee Dee" from the name.

## Pirate Express reinstated this month



TYRONE DEMERY | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Senior Connor Macrae feels that the drunk bus is a necessary service. Having 6 friends killed in drunk driving accidents since he entered college, Connor thinks the drunk bus is "one of the greatest things we offer at ECU"

University continues monitoring negative behavior onboard

Aaron Gold  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

This fall, the highly popular Pirate Express, the fare-free service that provides rides to and from Greenville's downtown, will be reinstated on Aug. 26. Although most passengers used the service responsibly, Pirate Express was discontinued in May 2010 because of continued problems including fighting, non-university passengers riding the bus, possession of alcohol, threats to ECU Student Transit Authority (ECUSTA) employees, damage to the buses and vomiting and urination on the buses.

According to the ECU Police Department, alcohol and drugs make up 90 percent of criminal behavior, including DUIs and strong-arm robberies.

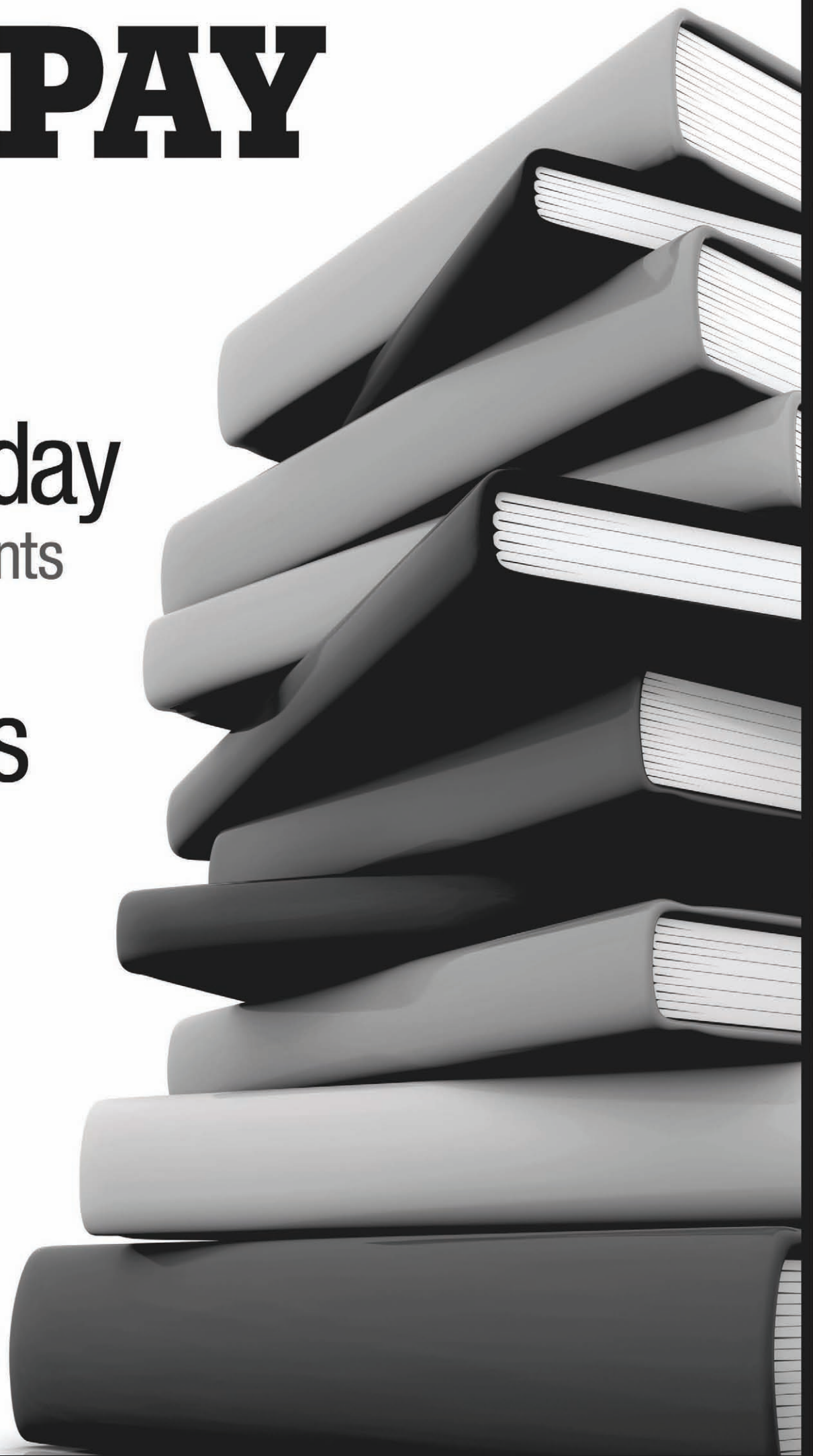
The Pirate Express' purpose is to provide a late-night service from major apartment complexes to and from Greenville's down-

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# Ch-ch-changes: Construction updates

Staff Reports

**Scott Hall**



Scott Hall, the once all-male hall is now co-ed.

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Scott Hall was 40 years old when it was torn down for renovations last year. The new structure is now ECU's largest dormitory and is capable of housing 613 students in four-person suites. The project cost nearly \$30 million.

Other dorms received some sprucing up this summer: new bathrooms and sprinkler systems were installed in some dorms. All of the bathrooms in West End dormitory Fletcher were renovated and it received new sprinkler systems along with Garrett and Aycock Halls.

Tyler Residence Hall began the first phase of a two-part operation this summer. Floors five through nine were renovated almost completely; next summer the remaining floors will also be renovated.

**The Croatan**



3 students ponder the possibilities of the upcoming building.

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The former Croatan is no more. Construction is nearing completion on the towering structure that formerly housed the Chick-fil-A near Brewster. Now the facility will be home to an expanded Chick-fil-A and a Chili's Too. This will be ECU's first LEED-certified building on campus. LEED is a third-party certification program that encourages sustainable green buildings for better environmental and health performances. The Croatan, construction workers say, will be completed and ready to be open by the end of the year.

**Wright Place**



Students enjoy the newly renovated Wright Place.

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After closing all of Wright Place's restaurants on March 26, ECU campus dining officials say that students will now be able to enjoy updated food services. The restaurants will include ECU's first Starbucks, which will have an outdoor patio, a Burger Studio where students can customize their own burgers and renovated Sbarro's Pizza and Einstein Bros. Bagels.

**The Boneyard**



Hello Pirate fans, meet The Boneyard.

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Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium construction will be ready for the opener game on Sept. 5. For the whole story on the new student section, turn to Sports.

# CALENDAR EVENTS

## Wednesday, August 25

### TEC Interest Meeting

3:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Bate 2015

Those who are interested in working for The East Carolinian can come to this meeting to learn more!

### Be Kind Food and School Supplies Drive

Be Kind to Humankind is a weeklong celebration of people and the kind acts that they perform across the globe. Please drop off school supplies and non-perishable foods at three locations: Joyner Library, second floor; Laupus Library, first floor; and the Volunteer and Service-Learning Center, Old Cafeteria Complex.

### SAB presents Letters to Juliet at MSC Hendrix Theatre

9:30 p.m.

### Uptown Greenville Umbrella Market

5-8 p.m. at Five Points Plaza (5th and Evans Street)

### Poster Sale

Posters will be sold outside of the student store from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for purchase.

## Thursday, August 26

### Technology Petting Zoo

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Joyner Library

"Technology Petting Zoo" is an opportunity for ECU faculty and staff to get hands-on experience with hand-held book readers such as the Amazon Kindle and the Apple iPad.

### SAB presents Letters to Juliet at MSC Hendrix Theatre

7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

### Winterville Watermelon festival

The 25th annual Winterville Watermelon Festival will be held Aug. 26-28 in downtown Winterville. The festival includes vendors, rides, food and a variety of live entertainment. Visit [www.watermelonfest.com](http://www.watermelonfest.com).

### Poster Sale

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## Friday, August 27

### Last day to pickup SPC Tickets at Will Call

Minges Coliseum 4 p.m.

### Pirate Fit Fall 2010

8-10 a.m. at the Student Recreation Center presented by CRW

### SAB presents Letters to Juliet at MSC Hendrix Theatre

7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

### Women's Soccer vs Wake Forest at 7 p.m.

### SAB presents Tactical Laser Tag

6 p.m. to midnight at MSC Brickyard. Dress appropriately for outdoor activity. Visit [www.ecu.edu/cs-studentaffairs](http://www.ecu.edu/cs-studentaffairs) for more information

### Women's Volleyball vs Charlotte at 7 p.m.

### Poster Sale

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## Saturday, August 28

### University Million Meals Event

All day at the Boys & Girls Club — Minges Unit

This event will package 1 million meals for international hunger relief. Volunteers may contact Mike Loeffelman at 252-328-2735.

### Wetlands at Risk: New Scientific Insights into Critical Ecosystems

1 to 4:30 p.m. at the Science and Technology Building, room C207

This free, public symposium will honor two retiring distinguished professors Dr. Mark Brinson and Robert Christian.

### SAB presents Letters to Juliet at MSC Hendrix Theatre

7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

### Women's Volleyball at 1 and 7 p.m. vs Cleveland State and Liberty

### First day of Panhellenic Sorority Recruitment

Panhellenic sorority recruitment will take place through Tuesday August 31st. See the ECU Greek life page for more details at [www.ecu.edu/greeklife](http://www.ecu.edu/greeklife)

### Winterville Watermelon Festival Concert

WRNS and Bogjangles present country sensations Jason Michael Carroll, Jake Owen and The JaneDear Girls for a concert at the A.G. Cox Athletic Complex. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$20 at the door. Gates open at 5 p.m. and the concert begins at 6 p.m. Visit [www.watermelonfest.com](http://www.watermelonfest.com)

## Sunday, August 29

No events listed! If you have events you'd like to share with The East Carolinian please e-mail [editor@theeastcarolinian.com](mailto:editor@theeastcarolinian.com)

## Monday, August 30

Last day for registration and schedules changes (drop and add) at 5 p.m.

## Call for Applications!

**Fall Deadline: September 24, 2010**

### Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity (URCA) Awards

Students can apply for up to \$3000 (including stipend) for faculty-mentored research or faculty-mentored creative activity in any discipline.

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# Available Positions!



## Applications and Deadlines

### SGA Senate:

-The Undergraduate Student Senate is comprised of both elected and appointed officials who serve the student body by originating and ratifying bills and resolutions to be executed by the Executive Council. Filing for any of the current openings in the Senate will take place on September 13th and 14th in the SGA Suite, 101 Mendenhall Student Center. Voting for the elections will be from 9am to 5pm on both September 15th and 16th. The results will be announced at 6pm on September 16th in the SGA Suite.

### Seats available:

- 11 Seats Discretionary Seat for Student Organizations
- 7 Seats Undecided General College Majors
- 3 Seats College of Business
- 2 Seats Fine Arts & Communication
- 2 Seats College of Technology and Computer Science
- 1 Seats College of Allied Health Sciences
- 1 Seat Honors College\*
- 1 Seat Junior Class Officer

\*Students enrolled in the Honors College may only file to run for one seat, either for Honors or the College of their major.

Please email Student Body Vice President/ President of the Undergraduate Student Senate Josh Martinkovic for further questions at [SGAVicePresident@ecu.edu](mailto:SGAVicePresident@ecu.edu)

### SGA Executive Cabinet:

- Purpose of the Cabinet is to advise the Executive Council (Student Body President, Student Body Vice President, Student Body Treasurer, Student Body Secretary, & Student Body Chief of Staff) on matters relating to the duties of their respective offices. Members of the Cabinet are the chief facilitators of the administration's policies and agendas.

### Positions available:

- Academic & Student Affairs
- Athletic Affairs
- Community Affairs
- Diversity Affairs
- Environmental & Safety Affairs
- Financial Affairs
- Special Projects Affairs

Please email Student Body Chief of Staff AJ Malicdem at [SGAChiefOfStaff@ecu.edu](mailto:SGAChiefOfStaff@ecu.edu)

### SGA Judicial Justices:

The purpose of the judicial justices are to assist in leading the judicial branch and advise the Chief Justice on matters related to the Freshmen leadership program-Shipmates, constitutional interpretations, elections committee and any other judicial matters that may arise. There are three justice positions available. Applications are due September 1, 2010. Please email the Student Government Chief Justice Brad Teasley with further questions at [SGAChiefJustice@ecu.edu](mailto:SGAChiefJustice@ecu.edu).

### Organization Funding Workshops:

#### Dates:

There will be 4 workshops. ALL workshops will be in the Student Activities & Organization Conference Room

1. August 20, 2010 Friday at 1:00 pm
2. August 26, 2010 Thursday at 11:00 am
3. August 30, 2010 Monday at 10:30 am
4. September 7, 2010 Tuesday at 1:00 pm

For further questions please email Student Body Treasurer Justin Davis at [SGATreasurer@ecu.edu](mailto:SGATreasurer@ecu.edu)



# Pirate Palooza 2010



Rebecca Hartman

Annual Pirate Palooza not discouraged by cloudy skies

**Shivani Vyas**  
Staff Writer

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Pirate Palooza took place this past Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. This welcome back celebration gave ECU students an opportunity to partake in various activities including inflatables, body art, and a chance to win free prizes. Aramark Catering Services also provided free food.

"It is a student affair activity that welcomes and introduces incoming freshman to the ECU campus. It creates a community environment where students can come together and express their pirate pride," Co. Chair Georgia Childs said.

Assistant Director of Student Leadership, Alex Davis, also helped manage this late night event. "My job is to advise the Student Activity Board with events that are done by the students but also events done for the students like Palooza."

"Palooza is always a good event and a great welcome to freshman, letting them know about a few things that are taking place at ECU. It is a big splash for the Student Government Association and Student Activities Board because it gives them a way to advertise themselves during the start of the year," Davis explained.

"Even with weather conditions and having to move the activities from the main field to underneath the stadium, tonight was still very successful. We have estimated that almost 3,000 people took part in the festival," Childs said.

US Cellular was the corporate sponsor of the event, along with Student Government Association, Campus Dining, Student Activities Board, Campus Recreation and Wellness, and Athletics. ECU Transit provided transportation, which allowed pirates to travel from Mendenhall Student Center and College Hill Drive. Every individual was required to have an ECU ICard for admission.

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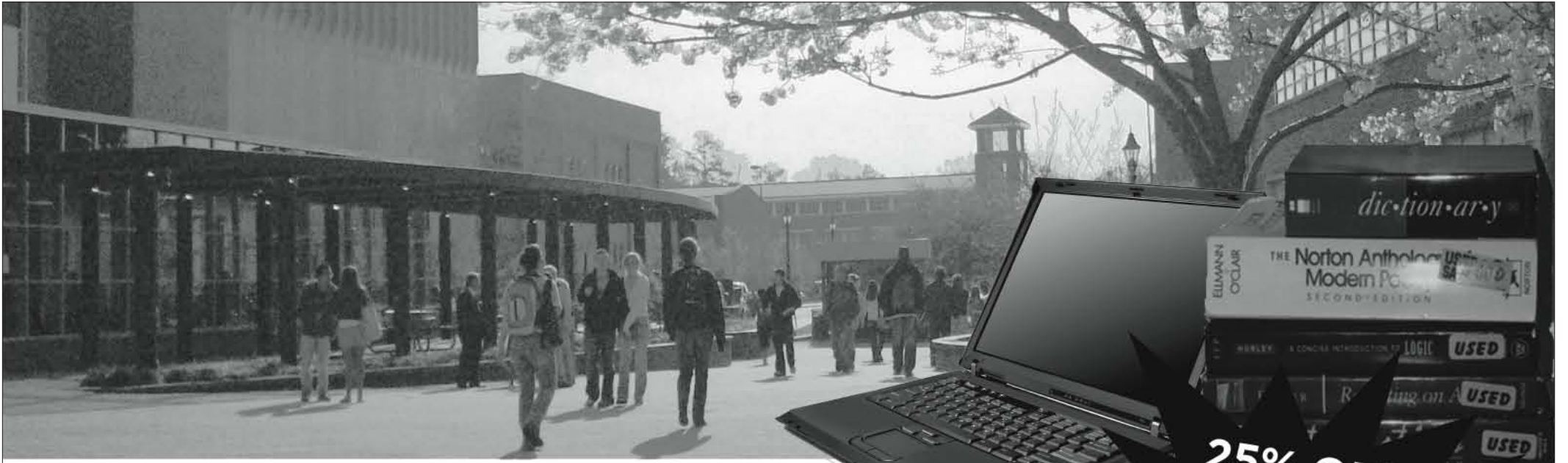


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# Background music inhibits effective studying, research says

**Hannah Jackson**  
STAFF WRITER

Turn off that iPod next time you are studying or doing homework; research has proven that listening to music while studying for an exam or when completing a task can inhibit your ability to recall information.

A new study that will be published in the September issue of Applied Clinical Psychology asserts that when memorizing facts or numbers in an order, music can impair memorization.

Participants were tested under different conditions: quiet, music they liked, music they did not like, a voice repeating the number three and a voice reading random single-digit numbers. The participants performed best in the quiet and while listening to the number three. Those studied performed worst while listening to music, whether they liked the music or not.

The changing words and notes are a big distraction when learning or recalling information. Karl Wuensch, professor in the School of Psychology at ECU, said, "Per-

formance tends to be better when the testing takes place in conditions similar to those during which the learning took place." In other words, learning and then performing the exam under different conditions, such as adding music, can cause lower performance.

Nursing student Jamie Hilman has her own study regiment. "I study mostly in my room and only use the library toward the end of the semester when things are more stressful," she said. "I usually prefer silence."

Hilman also said she has tried using both silence and music for studying but music only helps when it is a lighter subject. "Overall, the less distractions the better."

Not all students may be faced with the same type of task that was used in the study. Wuensch warned, "Take the study with a grain of salt. Students should find what works best for themselves."

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# PIRATE EXPRESS continued from A1

town area in a safe environment for ECU students and to strive to reduce incidents such as student assaults, robberies and drunk driving. The cost is split between the ECUSTA and the apartment complexes that each route serves.

Pirate Express first began in the fall of 2005 with only three buses serving only a handful of locations and quickly expanded to 12 buses, which now serve some of the largest student apartment complexes in Greenville. The service operates on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights for ECU students only.

Although Pirate Express will be reinstated this fall, if problems continue, the service will become a likely candidate for permanent termination. ECU and the ECUSTA strongly maintain that Pirate Express is a "privilege, not a right."

"I want students to look at Pirate Express as a privilege and a safety mechanism," said Dr. Virginia Hardy, the vice provost for student affairs.

"We want to continue to provide the service, but if we continue to see an increase in the specific behavior that we have listed that we will not tolerate, then the service will stop," said Wood Davidson, the director of the ECUSTA. "We cannot continue to provide it if the environment on the bus is not safe." The mission of Pirate Express

is outside ECUSTA's core mission of providing transportation services to students, staff and faculty for the purposes of facilitating learning and involvement for student success. Therefore, Pirate Express is an easy target for permanent termination because it is a non-critical and costly service.

However, the ECUSTA and the Student Government Association (SGA) agree that Pirate Express is a valuable service to not only the ECU community, but to the Greenville community as well. The ECUSTA reported in their original press release on Feb. 10 that in cooperation with the ECU and Greenville Police Departments, this service managed to dramatically reduce the occurrences of student assaults, robberies and drunk driving, making Pirate Express a huge success.

For Lt. Col. Dawn Tevepaugh, the assistant chief of police, Pirate Express is a win-win situation. "Pirate Express ultimately decreased the amount of drunk driving in the streets," she said.

According to the ECU Police Department, there was not a specific thing that decreased the crime downtown; however, Pirate Express was a strong factor in conjunction with Safe Ride and the cooperation between the Greenville and ECU Police Departments, making Pirate Express a valuable service.

This fall, the penalties for bad behavior will remain the same. The rules are displayed on each bus as well as online at [www.ecu.edu/transit](http://www.ecu.edu/transit).

Also this fall, in an effort to reduce the number of issues onboard the buses, the ECUSTA will be working closely with the ECU Police Department to ensure there is a safe environment downtown by the bus stops.

When asked what will be different, Davidson said, "There is a better alliance between the ECUSTA staff and the police department to focus on that bad behavior, that small percentage of people who do not use the service responsibly."

The ECU Police Department has limited enforcement rights off campus. However, this fall, if an incident occurs on the bus during a part of the route that is outside the ECU Police Department's jurisdiction, it will be working closely with the Greenville Police Department. The Greenville Police Department will also have access to the Office of Students Rights and Responsibilities to file a report on students who misbehave.

"Our main goal is safety, getting people home safely," said Major Frank Knight, of the ECU Police Department.

This fall, the Student Government Association is also looking

toward an improved relationship with the ECUSTA in order to inform students about the safety concern, which they also feel is the number one issue.

"We as the university are taking responsible measures so students can be as safe as possible while enjoying their social life," said Tremayne Smith, the incoming student body president. "The system that we have put in place is designed to help students and provide them this privilege. We are only hurting ourselves by not appreciating it."

The ECU Police Department recommends that students take certain precautions in order to avoid trouble downtown such as knowing your limits, being aware of your surroundings, knowing who you are with, and if you are alone, they suggest riding Pirate Express or Safe Ride. In addition, Dr. Hardy believes that it is important for students to respect their student drivers and to understand that when they ride the Pirate Express, they are not only representing themselves, but their institution too.

"ECU is a fantastic institution that provides a wonderful education and a comprehensive student experience," she said. "We want students to have pride in ECU, in every aspect."

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# From the Wire

## Storm knocks down tree that cheered Anne Frank

Associated Press

The monumental chestnut tree that cheered Anne Frank while she was in hiding from the Nazis was toppled by wind and heavy rain on Monday.

The once mighty tree, now diseased and rotted through the trunk, snapped about 3 feet (1 meter) above ground and crashed across several gardens. It damaged a brick wall and several sheds, but nearby buildings — including the Anne Frank House museum — escaped unscathed. No one was injured, a museum spokeswoman said.

"Someone yelled, 'It's falling. The tree is falling,' and then you heard it go down," said museum spokeswoman Maatje Mostart. "Luckily no one was hurt."

A global campaign to save the chestnut, widely known as The Anne Frank Tree, was launched in

2007 after city officials deemed it a safety hazard and ordered it felled. The tree was granted a last-minute reprieve after a battle in court.

The 150-year-old tree suffered from fungus and moths that had caused more than half its trunk to rot.

Two years ago city workmen encased the trunk in a steel support system to prevent it from falling, but that failed under windy weather Monday.

The Netherlands' Trees Institute, one of the most prominent supporters of the preservation project, said it was "unpleasantly surprised" by the news of the tree's fall early Monday afternoon.

"On the advice of experts in tree care, it had been calculated that the tree could live several more decades" with the support structure, the institute said in a statement.

"Alas, in the event it seems that nature is stronger."

The institute said it didn't know why the support structure had failed.

Many clones of the tree have been taken, including 11 planted at sites around the United States and dozens more around Europe, including 150 at a single park in Amsterdam. It is not clear whether a new tree will replace the original one on the same spot, since it grew in the backyard of a private home.

The tree's owner has not yet made it known what he will do with the wood and bark, Mostart said. The tree is estimated to weigh 60,000 pounds (27 metric tons).

The Jewish teenager made several references to the tree in the diary that she kept during the 25 months she remained indoors until her family was arrested in

August 1944.

"Nearly every morning I go to the attic to blow the stuffy air out of my lungs," she wrote on Feb. 23, 1944. "From my favorite spot on the floor I look up at the blue sky and the bare chestnut tree, on whose branches little raindrops shine, appearing like silver, and at the seagulls and other birds as they glide on the wind."

She also wrote: "As long as this exists, ... and I may live to see it, this sunshine, the cloudless skies — while this lasts I cannot be unhappy."

Anne Frank died of typhus in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in March 1945. Her diary was recovered and published after her death. It has become the most widely read document to emerge from the Holocaust.

## SeaWorld fined \$75,000 for whale trainer's death

Associated Press

The federal job safety agency fined SeaWorld Orlando \$75,000 on Monday for three violations uncovered while investigating the February death of a trainer who was grabbed by a killer whale and dragged underwater.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration categorized the most serious violation as "willful," or showing indifference or intentional disregard for employee safety. That citation, carrying a \$70,000 penalty, was for exposing workers to drowning hazards when interacting with killer whales.

The agency proposes not allowing trainers to have any physical contact with Tilikum, the killer whale responsible for trainer Dawn Brancheau's death in February, unless protected by a physical barrier.

The OSHA report described Tilikum as having "known aggressive tendencies." The six-ton whale was one of three orcas blamed for killing a trainer in 1991 after the woman lost her balance and fell in the pool at Sealand of the Pacific near Victoria, British Columbia. Tilikum also was also involved in a 1999 death, when the body of a man who had sneaked by SeaWorld Orlando security was found draped over him.

Sea World trainers were forbidden from getting in the water with Tilikum because of the previous deaths. But the killer whale still managed to grab Brancheau's long hair as she laid on her stomach on a cement slab in three inches of water. The cause of death was drowning and traumatic injuries.

The OSHA report also suggests that trainers not work with other killer whales at the park, either in the water or out of water, unless they are protected by a barrier, deck or oxygen-supply system underwater.

"SeaWorld trainers had an extensive history of unexpected and potentially dangerous incidents involving killer whales at its various facilities, including its location in Orlando," OSHA said in a statement released with the report.

The second citation, deemed serious, was for failing to install a stairway railing system beside the stage in Shamu Stadium. That citation carried a \$5,000 penalty.

The third citation was considered "other-than-serious" and was for failing to have weather-protected electrical receptacles at the stadium. That citation didn't have a penalty.

SeaWorld spokesman Fred Jacobs said the park will contest the citation.

"SeaWorld disagrees with the unfounded allegations made by OSHA today," Jacobs said in a statement.

Meanwhile, a former director of health and safety at SeaWorld Orlando went public Monday with allegations that SeaWorld tried to obstruct the investigation by blocking OSHA investigators from coming to the property and refusing to give the agency some documents, charges the theme park denies. Linda Simons, who was fired in April after only two months on the job, has filed a whistleblower lawsuit against SeaWorld with OSHA.

"SeaWorld did not want to cooperate at all," Simons said in a telephone interview. "They really felt that if the information was going to get out to the public, it would hurt their business."

SeaWorld cooperated fully with OSHA, said Jacobs, who accused Simons of threatening the theme park with negative publicity if she didn't get a payment from the company. Simons' attorney, Maurice Arcadier, said his client never tried to extort SeaWorld but was seeking reinstatement and back pay.

## Ex-Marine convicted of killing pregnant colleague

Associated Press

A former Marine was convicted Monday of murder in the death of a pregnant colleague who accused him of rape, an allegation that threatened to derail a military career that had earned him promotions and praise.

Cesar Laurean, 23, of Las Vegas, was found guilty of killing Lance Cpl. Maria Lauterbach, 20, of Vandalia, Ohio, in December 2007. The two were assigned to the same logistics unit at Camp Lejeune, the base in Jacksonville that is home to about 50,000 Marines. The trial was moved because of extensive pretrial publicity.

The former Marine corporal was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole for first-degree murder.

The victim's mother, Mary Lauterbach, read a tearful statement before the judge imposed the sentence. She told Laurean to remember the pain in his mother's face, and to think of the daughter who will have to live with the shame of a father who is a killer.

"Now you will have time to think about your shame, time to think about your failures," Mary Lauterbach said. "There are many people out there who will die today, people who would love to have the time that God has given you."

One juror said the panel didn't

believe the theory presented by defense lawyer Dick McNeil that someone else, perhaps Laurean's enraged wife, could have killed Lauterbach with a single swing of a crowbar that fractured the victim's skull. The jury of seven women and five men deliberated for three hours Monday before convicting Laurean.

"The thought entered our minds, but everything pointed to the fact that he is the one who did this crime," juror Brenda Peters said. "We went back over every speck of evidence that there was, piece by piece. That's how we reached our verdict."

Neither Laurean nor his wife testified during the trial.

Laurean's father, Salvador, and sister Blanca said they wished more of the testimony would have explained the problems the ex-Marine had with Lauterbach, whom the higher-ranking Laurean was ordered by superiors to help shape up.

"He's a nice, nice guy," Blanca Laurean said. "He doesn't deserve everyone thinking he's the worst man in the world. He's not."

McNeil told the court Laurean would appeal his conviction.

Laurean also faced three other charges of robbing Lauterbach of her bank ATM card, and of theft and attempted fraud for allegedly trying to use it to withdraw cash. He

was found not guilty of the robbery charge, but Laurean was convicted on the fraud and theft charges.

Lauterbach's rape accusation never was corroborated, but a Marine buddy testified Laurean told him the sex was consensual. A DNA test would prove later that Laurean was not the father of Lauterbach's child. She was seven months pregnant when she died.

Even if the rape accusation was false, the married father of a young child faced having his career derailed for committing adultery with a subordinate, District Attorney Dewey Hudson said. Laurean had already faced an order to stay away from Lauterbach, and his Marine superiors said a hearing on the rape allegation was approaching.

"He was a married man. He was her boss. He had sex with her," Hudson told jurors in his closing argument. "He's damned if he does or damned if he don't."

Laurean, who was born in Mexico, fled his home and was on the run until police arrested him in April 2009 in the Mexican municipality of Tacambaro. Prosecutors agreed not to seek the death penalty so Mexican authorities would return Laurean, who was born in Guadalajara, to the U.S. Laurean was kicked out of the Marines after fleeing as investigators closed in.

Testimony showed that hours before Lauterbach was last seen alive, she withdrew \$700, left a note for her roommate saying she was quitting the Marines, and bought a bus ticket to El Paso, Texas, on the Mexican border. Lauterbach told the ticket agent that her child was fathered by a fellow Marine she was barred from seeing, but that she expected him to join her soon.

The same Marine buddy, Lance Cpl. Blake Costa, testified that Laurean told him he wanted to tell Lauterbach she could stay with his relatives in Mexico, where he would send her money and join her later.

Laurean knew that once Lauterbach was declared a deserter, her already shaky credibility within their unit would be destroyed. He hoped he would be cleared to continue his career, Hudson said.

Lauterbach's charred corpse was discovered nearly a month later in a hole under the firepit Laurean built over the grave, prosecutors said.

"It almost worked. She bought the ticket," Hudson said. "But something happened at his home that day. And then he used a second plan, and that was smashing in her head with a crowbar."

## DEA seeks Ebonics experts to help with cases

Associated Press

Federal agents are seeking to hire Ebonics translators to help interpret wiretapped conversations involving targets of undercover drug investigations.

The Drug Enforcement Administration recently sent memos asking companies that provide translation services to help it find nine translators in the Southeast who are fluent in Ebonics, Special Agent Michael Sanders said Monday.

Ebonics, which is also known as African American Vernacular English, has been described by the psychologist who coined the term as the combination of English vocabulary with African language structure.

Some DEA agents already help translate Ebonics, Sanders said. But he said wasn't sure if the agency has ever hired outside Ebonics experts as contractors.

"They saw a need for this in a couple of their investigations," he said. "And when you see a need — it may not be needed now — but we want the contractors to provide us

with nine people just in case."

The DEA's decision, first reported by The Smoking Gun, evokes memories of the debate sparked in 1996 when the Oakland, Calif., school board suggested that black English was a separate language. Although the board later dropped the suggestion amid criticism, it set off a national discussion over whether Ebonics is a language, a dialect or neither.

The search for translators covers a wide swath of the Southeast, including offices in Atlanta, Washington, New Orleans, Miami and the Caribbean, said Sanders. He said he's uncertain why other regions aren't hiring Ebonics translators, but said there are ongoing investigations in the Southeast that need dedicated Ebonics translators.

Linguists said Ebonics can be trickier than it seems, partly because the vocabulary evolves so quickly.

"A lot of times people think you're just dealing with a few slang words, and that you can finesse your way around it," said John Rickford, a Stanford University linguistics

professor. "And it's not — it's a big vocabulary. You'll have some significant differences" from English.

Critics worry that the DEA's actions could set a precedent.

"Hiring translators for languages that are of questionable merit to begin with is just going in the wrong direction," said Aloysius Hogan, the government relations director of English First, a national lobbying group that promotes the use of English.

"I'm not aware of Ebonics training schools or tests. I don't know how they'd establish that someone speaks Ebonics," he said. "I support the concept of pursuing drug dealers if they're using code words, but this is definitely going in the wrong direction."

H. Samy Alim, a Stanford linguistics professor who specializes in black language and hip-hop culture, said he thought the hiring effort was a joke when he first heard about it, but that it highlights a serious issue.

"It seems ironic that schools that are serving and educating black children have not recognized the legitimacy of this language. Yet the

authorities and the police are recognizing that this is a language that they don't understand," he said. "It really tells us a lot about where we are socially in terms of recognizing African-American speech."

Rickford said that hiring Ebonics experts could come in handy for the DEA, but he said it's hard to determine whether a prospective employee can speak it well enough to translate since there are no standardized tests. He said the ideal candidate would be a native speaker who also has had some linguistics training.

Finding the right translators could be the difference between a successful investigation or a failed one, said Sanders. While he said many listeners can get the gist of what Ebonics speakers are saying, it could take an expert to define it in court.

"You can maybe get a general idea of what they're saying, but you have to understand that this has to hold up in court," he said. "You need someone to say, 'I know what they mean when they say 'ballin' or 'pinching pennies.'"

## 3 dead, 4 wounded in shootout in central Virginia

Associated Press

A man who shot and killed his son and nephew and wounded four other relatives had been involved in an ongoing family dispute over a piece of property in a rural central Virginia neighborhood, authorities said Monday.

Sheriff's deputies had been called to the property nearly two dozen times in recent years — including once earlier in the day Sunday — before Charles P. Steadman Sponaule, 52, opened fire on his family members, Louisa sheriff's Maj. Donnie Lowe said.

Sponaule fired at two deputies and unleashed his pit bull at them before deputies responded, fatally shooting both Sponaule and the dog, said Corinne Geller, a Virginia State Police spokeswoman.

Deputies had been called out to the property around 2 p.m. Sunday and a dispute was resolved. But they were called again around 4:45 p.m. when Sponaule opened fire with a .22-caliber semiautomatic target pistol, Geller said.

Sponaule shot and killed his son, Charles P. Steadman Jr., 23, and nephew Mark A. Cooper Jr., 23. Also shot were his sister, Kitty L. Cooper, 41; brother-in-law Mark A. Cooper Sr., 45; and nephews Gerald A. Steadman Jr., 26, and

Jason C. Steadman, 27.

Jason Steadman was flown to the University of Virginia Medical Center with life-threatening injuries. Gerald Steadman was held overnight for observation, and Kitty and Mark Cooper Sr. were treated and released.

P.T. Spencer, a member of the Louisa County Board of Supervisors, said Monday that Sponaule and two other relatives had an ongoing dispute over a 1.5-acre lot.

"We've had problems with them," Spencer said of Sponaule's family.

Geller said there were multiple residences on the property, and that Sponaule lived at the home where the shootings took place.

Court documents show that the property was assessed at \$52,100. Sponaule's mother deeded it to him and five others, including Kitty Cooper, in July 2002.

Since 2001, deputies had been called out to the property 23 times, but the disputes had never gotten physical, Lowe said.

On Monday, several people gathered outside the weathered mobile home with boarded-up windows, telling reporters to leave the property, located off a dirt road. A few dogs were held in a pen in the front yard.

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Just because I'm going abroad doesn't mean I'm leaving you.

Looking at WITN.com: four different robberies on a Saturday. WTF Greenville?

To my next door neighbors: it ONLY took you a whole week to take your trash from in front of your door to the dumpster, it's not like it stunk or anything.

Dear Freshmen Girls: Enjoy having all the male attention while it lasts...you'll be like the rest of us next year!

Alright boys, try not to fall for the first freshman girl you see...there are plenty of experienced seniors out there too; we just have a few extra pounds on us!

Four months until graduation!!! :)

Ready to watch ECU win another CUSA Conference Championship!!!  
ARRRGHHH!

To everyone in my little town who thought this wouldn't happen for me: I'm now a senior! I'm doing so much better than you ever could hope to do for yourself—and that makes me feel d\*\*\*\* good!

So they're going to build a mosque near ground zero. World Trade Center must have blocked the view to the east.

Dear Guys: just because I'm on the pill doesn't mean I don't want you to wear a condom, it's called STDs something the pill does not prevent!

I've graduated but I still love reading Pirate Rants while I'm at work so keep posting and making my day!!!

Why do people ask "Your not from here are you?" when it is clearly obvious?

For Sale: One set of morals. Price negotiable.

I have an intellectual crush on an Opinion columnist. Don't tell my boyfriend.

Dear My Darling Ex-Boyfriend: You annoyed me by showing it in my face that you have a fiancée for 6 months. But last night I got engaged and today your fiancée dumped you. I really love karma.

Dear Ex-Roommate: you know exactly where you can go. I had him first and I can take him back whenever I want. So you can go buy yourself a bigger toy to help pass that lonely time. Luv ya!

To the cutie driving the Landing/Bellamy bus last Wednesday during the rain monsoon: thanks for turning down the air! We were freezing!

To the person complaining that the desks don't accommodate the "hefty" people on campus: I've got news for you, the majority of students on campus don't resemble some grotesque land whale, so it doesn't make sense for the university to buy desks to accommodate the few of you who are too lazy to hit a treadmill once in a while.

To the people that complained about orientation buses: The buses did come 15 minutes apart...why complain about something so little? Duh, new students need to know how to get places. It's not that big of a deal. How juvenile and absurd to be so jealous of orientation buses.

Winslow's is classy and their sangria is delicious!

Can't wait to sit behind the end zone this season and distract the other team!

It is just too hot outside.

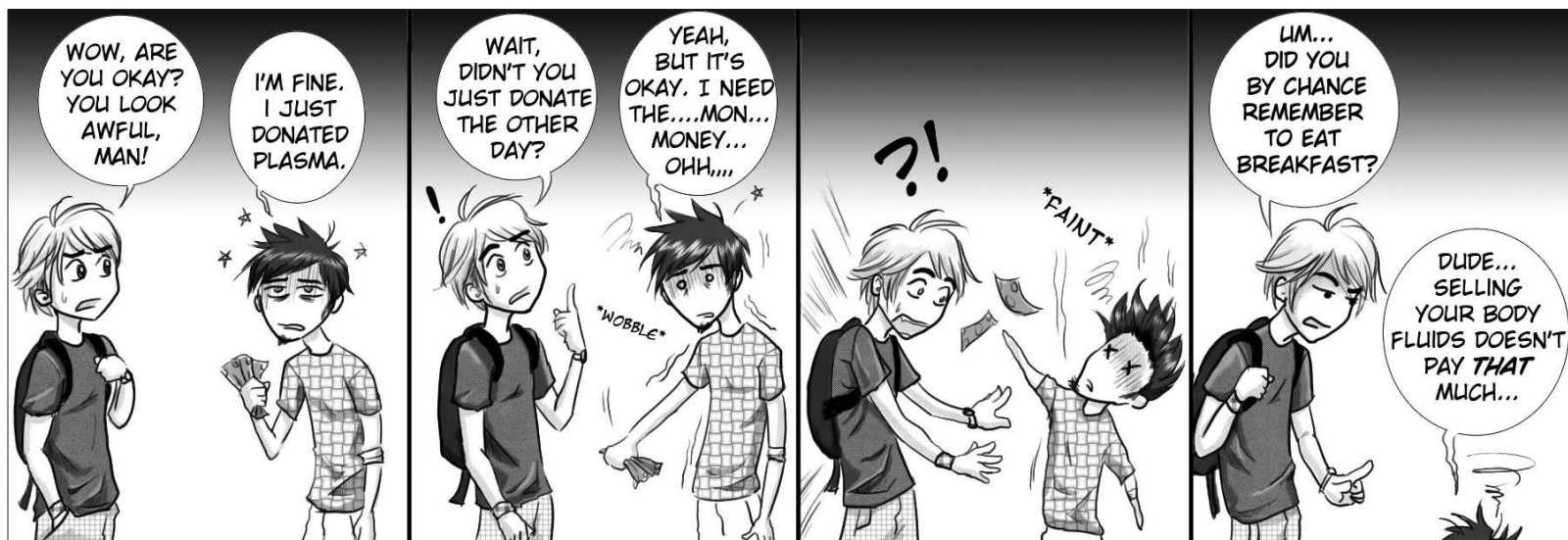
To the cute short guy on the 4th floor of Jones: I think you're the hottest guy I've ever seen. I love it when our eyes meet in the dining hall. Please say something to me next time we're in the elevator together! P.s. I have a single room! :)

Loving the new computers at the front of the library. Thank you ECU!

I have only three words to say upon seeing a girl wearing a see thru white dress with a blue thong: stay classy Greenville.

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## Bruised arms and needle scars don't necessarily mean heroin junky



**Ben Cochran**  
OPINION COLUMNIST

Summer has been great and just like Steven Segal movies, TRL and McCarthyism, all great things must come to an end. Yes, McCarthyism was great. There's nothing like the threat of an imminent Communist takeover that causes you to take a good, hard look in the mirror and know that what's staring back at you is pure, unadulterated American citizenry. God bless us. Anyhow, a sure sign that summer has ended is that every store in a 10-mile radius is completely out of double-ply

toilet tissue, which signifies one thing: students are back in town. I am wholly aware of how much I've missed everyone now that all the streets are more crowded than a Beijing rice market.

After having made the road trip back to Greenville, moved everything into your current residence and caught up with all your friends, you'll probably only be cognizant enough during syllabus week to realize that if you're anything like me, you're probably in way over your head this semester. By the time Thursday rolls around, you'll be all too eager to let loose and hit up downtown to proactively assert your routine of ample relaxation. The problem is that after tuition, books and some form of required health insurance are paid for, the leftover funds for entertainment can oftentimes be lacking — and

"beer funds" was a line item that was conspicuously missing on my financial aid package.

Greenville is busting at the seams now that we're all back. Part time jobs are scarce. If you have too much self-respect to get a job waiting tables, babysitting or wearing a pop-star headset while you fold clothes in some overpriced store, then you can easily be tempted to take the path of least resistance to make a few extra bucks on the side. For some of you, that might translate into selling your blood plasma.

An anonymous former employee at a blood plasma center who now works for the Brody School of Medicine stated that for the average person, "it usually only takes about an hour to donate." According to the former employee, a person can donate up to eight times a month while being compensated \$180

during that time. Now I understand that sometimes money can be a little tight, but you can't seriously consider selling your plasma as viable alternative to finding a part-time job. For one, it's quite literally selling your body. If lying in a room while some stranger pumps your body for an hour so you can turn a quick buck sounds desirable to you, then there's a whole other career path that you might want to consider — relocation to Las Vegas or Amsterdam is beneficial, so I'm told.

But besides that, we're college students. We have so much more to offer the world than our plasma. Yes, the plasma you sell could help save the lives of burn victims, shock and trauma victims, newborns and birthing mothers, organ transplant patients, etc. But plasma is an indiscriminant commod-

ity. Whether it's gathered from Joe the plumber or Geraldo the exotic brain surgeon and hot salsa dancer is inconsequential. It's not like going to a sperm bank where the donor will contribute 50 percent of the genetic makeup of your child, where a calculated decision is required between specimen A and specimen B; it could very well be the difference between having LeBron James or Danny Devito.

My point is simply this: We are all intelligent people. We have more to offer the world than our plasma. Let the phlebotomists draw from whom they may, but let us be more discerning in what we do for our discretionary funds.

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## New E-mail System Status

The ECU e-mail system has migrated over the summer. ITCS has sent many notifications alerting the change, but that did not prevent students from ignoring until they were prevented from logging into the system. The new software provides each account with a 10 GB mailbox, built-in chat and 25 GB of storage space. The storage space can hold documents, photos and music. However, students have experienced problems with the upgrade. There is a lengthy process of setting up new Pirate ID's and difficulty in transferring personal files without losing them from glitches. Now the university is up-to-date and many faculty members believe the new system has made it easier to contact students. Several universities in the state of North Carolina have switched to Google, which is a more overall user-friendly e-mail system. But like ECU, others are now a part of a server hosted directly by Microsoft.

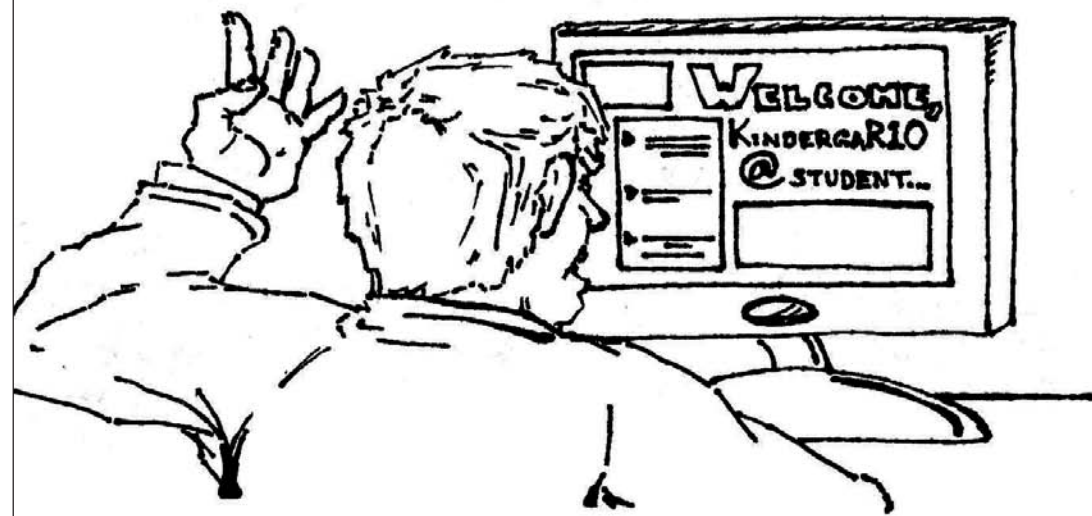
Revamping the e-mail system is an improvement, but not for students. For students, it has been more of a hassle than a benefit. The old system was simple and easy to use, beneficial for college students. The new e-mail system has led to students having longer, more confusing e-mail addresses. What about the students who have long or exotic last names? For them, explaining how to spell your e-mail address is

no longer a quick exchange. It is also tedious for returning students to transfer all of their saved information and learn a new username. Many students are in agreement that the con-

fusion and hassle hardly seems worth it. Students want to send and receive e-mails as quickly as possible, because they are not interested in all the upgrades. It is no longer the '90s, when

e-mail was exciting because it was the main form of social networking over the Internet. Students are more interested in features found on Facebook than any associated with the

expansion of e-mail storage. As of right now, the fumbling associated with new e-mail addresses is frustrating.



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Sure, anyone can write a Pirate Rant, but shouldn't you be more involved with TEC? This is your newspaper and we want to work to connect more to your interests and be the best news source ECU has to offer. This semester, we hope to communicate more of your opinions into the paper by expanding our online community and the resources of communication, along with greater visibility on campus. TEC is looking forward to active participation from all our readers! We want to hear your opinions!

Are you looking to do more than just offer ideas? Are you TEC savvy? TEC is holding an informational meeting Wednesday for anyone who is interested in working with our paper. If you have a passion for writing, editing, advertising, photography, Web design, graphic design and layout or cartooning, we have various positions open for applications.

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# An arm for a book

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As college students, we have a lot to look forward to when starting a new school year. There is the excitement of new classes and meeting new people, and there's always the joy in knowing you are one step closer to graduating. But with all of the positives, there is always that one negative that emerges every single year... expensive textbooks.

Shell shock is how I would describe myself the first time I had to purchase textbooks for college. It was the fall semester of my freshman year and I clearly remember walking into the store with my printed book list. I had what seems like five or six textbooks that were required, and after the nice gentleman in the store helped me find them, I went to checkout. Keep in mind, I was only months out of high school and although I knew I would have to spend some money on textbooks, I was still latching onto the fact that in high school books were free.

The time period between me walking up to the counter until the moment I walked away, I went through a phase of several distinct facial expressions. Shame on the clerk for scanning the cheapest book first, because as \$12.00 popped up on the screen, I made the "Eh, that's not as bad

as I thought it would be" face. The next book was a little higher in price. My head tilted slightly to the side and my eyebrow rose. I was sincerely concerned that I had just paid \$40 for a book that I more than likely would never open. I shook it off and waited for the clerk to scan the next one. "You've got to be kidding me," I thought as \$110.00 appeared on the screen. I looked behind me to see if anyone else seemed shocked that I was getting ready to throw down a hundred spot on a book. A biology book to beat all! By this time I was thinking to myself, "Do I really need this book? I mean really? I can learn about atoms and plants online... for free."

Now, despite the fact that I know the money that goes into textbooks, I still am shocked each time that I step up to the register to purchase books. I do, however, find the slightest bit of comfort in the fact that I am not alone. More than 20,000 ECU students are experiencing the same thing as I am, at the beginning of each semester of college.

The average student spends \$400 on textbooks per semester. That is \$800 per year and \$3,200 in the span of the average student's college career. That is not counting summer courses or the money spent if you decide to obtain a higher level of education. We spend all of this money on books, but for what? We use them for one

semester, and come December and April we are lining up to sell them back to the university. And if you're lucky enough and they actually buy the books back, you are on average getting one fourth of your money back.

We are college students, which means most of us are broke or at least headed in that direction. We shouldn't have to spend so much money on these books every year. But luckily, there are other options to the expensive textbook crisis. There are several sites online dedicated to providing students with cheaper textbooks. Chegg.com offers students the opportunity to rent books per semester for one fourth of the cost of the original price. So far, Chegg.com has saved students over \$300 million in textbook expenses. Other sites for buying textbooks include Amazon.com and Half.com.

Most of the students at this university are willing to walk into the local bookstores and spend full price on textbooks. Accessibility and convenience could possibly be stopping students from saving money when it comes to textbook purchases. Just keep in mind as the beginning of the semester approaches, there are other options that will benefit you when buying textbooks.

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**Taurus (April 20-May 20)**  
 -- Today is a 5 -- You're tempted to spread yourself too thin. Conserve energy and keep the big picture in mind, to get anything done. Accept what you get.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)**  
 -- Today is a 7 -- Mentally you're completely ready for a new angle. Emotionally, you need to wait until later in the day to figure out the best direction.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)**  
 -- Today is a 6 -- Get together with an associate to consider the big picture. Remaining mired in details stops the action. Move forward with imagination and optimism.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
 -- Today is a 7 -- You and a partner identify key opportunities that carry you forward in business or pleasure (or both). Don't lose sight of values as you try something new.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
 -- Today is a 6 -- In order to break free from the norm, every team member has to pull together early today. Around noon everyone can go their own direction.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
 -- Today is a 7 -- Early in the day, you're confused about the best direction to take. Later you see why it was unclear, and you push forward with gusto.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
 -- Today is a 7 -- Resist independent action until you have consulted with others. Someone throws a monkey wrench in the works, if you're not careful.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
 -- Today is a 6 -- Someone in your household presents a problem that you must take care of immediately. Applying cash to the situation helps greatly. Remain objective.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
 -- Today is a 6 -- You want control now, but demanding it gets you nowhere. The more cheerfully you express your independence, the more likely you are to get your way.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
 -- Today is an 8 -- You're almost finished with an independent project that tickles your fancy. Soon others will inject their opinions. So be prepared for changes.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
 -- Today is an 8 -- Eliminate all possible distractions, as you use what may be your last opportunity to complete your work. Let others handle their problems.

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ECU and Pirate Facts

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Founded in 1907 as a teacher training school, the first location considered for the school was New Bern, N.C. Greenville was ultimately chosen because it provided a "safer haven" than a port town for the female students.

The official school colors of ECU are Purple and Gold ... any other colors associated with ECU are unofficial.

Pirates were adopted as the school's official mascot on Feb. 26, 1934, only one of three Division I universities to have such a mascot. The other schools are Seton Hall University in New Jersey and Hampton University in Virginia.

East Carolina College was granted university status in 1967. ECU is currently the fastest growing university among the 16 campuses within the University of North Carolina System and the third largest with enrollment of over 24,000.

The pirate captain utilized a "red flag" hoisted on the ship's mast after a major victory at sea to communicate with his crew as to how to deal with the captured. A red flag signaled "No Quarter" or "No Mercy" for the victims.

A pirate's gold earring was a symbol identifying him as a survivor of being shipwrecked and marooned.

Each pirate mate lived by an established code of conduct that was strictly enforced. Each crew had a system of earned rank with specific duties.

Booty was a pirate's term describing captured loot or treasures.

Most pirates designed and utilized a custom "Jolly Roger" flag as their signature, quickly identifying them on the high seas. These flags were concealed below decks and hoisted high on the main mast just prior to attack.

Old gold coins carried a cross symbol, not for religious reasons, but to serve as a mark so they could be cut and equitably divided among mates.

You need your student ID to get into the game with your student ticket.

When tailgating... food and beverages are a must, but no glass containers. Alcohol is permitted, if you are 21.

On-duty police officers and ALE officers are around the tailgating field.

Be sure to bring a rain jacket to football games if there is even a slight chance of rain because umbrellas are not allowed inside the stadium.

Tailgating fields open four hours before weekend games. On weekday games, they open at 5 p.m. Be sure to get there early because lots fill up fast.

Register at the Career Center for updates on new positions, interview tips, resume development and information about future careers.



This year's SGA officers, Tremayne Smith, Josh Martinkovic, Justin Davis, Kristina Dortschy, Brad Teasley, and Katina Cooper, pose for a picture with SGA mom Katina Cooper.

## Getting to know your SGA

SGA's executive branch has big plans for ECU and the future

**Alexandra O'Halloran**  
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLES  
EDITOR

This year's executive branch of SGA consists of President Tremayne Smith, Vice President Josh Martinkovic, Secretary Kristina Dortschy, Treasurer Justin Davis and Chief of Staff AJ Malicdem.

With the new platform, SGA plans to engage the student body, become involved in the community, keep student expenses low, become visible in the media and collaborate with the administration.

These are important to President Tremayne Smith and his presidency. He noted, "The main priority is fulfilling the platform and becoming as engaged with the student body as possible."

While Smith has great aspirations for his presidency, he was not always interested in running for the position. However, he worked with SGA previously

and decided to run.

Smith ran unopposed and now has many political aspirations. "I have a list of the next 20 years of my life in politics on my desk," he said. "I just got an internship with Senator Kay Hagan and I plan on going to law school."

He also noted that after law school he would like to pursue other political opportunities.

Smith gets support from other members, such as Vice President Josh Martinkovic. Martinkovic was chief of staff last year and is the first vice president to also be president of the undergraduate senate. He noted, "It is the first year this has



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happened and it is going to set a precedent for years to come."

Martinkovic explained that if there is any kind of legislation to be passed, he oversees it as senate president, and as vice

president, he supports Smith's goals.

"I attend monthly conferences," Martinkovic said. "I fill in for Tremayne if he needs me to." Like Smith, Martinkovic plans to attend law school, but still has a year left at ECU.

Working beside Martinkovic and Smith is Chief of Staff AJ Malicdem. He noted he did not originally plan to run for a position with SGA, but lost the election for president with Alpha Phi Alpha and changed his mind. "I'm a go-getter and saw the Chief of Staff application and applied," he said. "Tremayne e-mailed me the first day of summer school and told me I got the job."

Malicdem said his job is to manifest the platform into events for students. He also emphasized the importance of keeping in touch with administrators and collaboration.

Unlike Smith and Martinkovic, Malicdem would like to get his MBA and ultimately work for the FBI.

The only female member of the executive branch is secretary Kristina Dortschy, who worked with SGA as a freshman and is now a sophomore.

Dortschy said that she was

approached to participate in SGA. "As a sophomore, this year is a huge step up," she said.

She is a German and Spanish major and plans to attend graduate school after graduation.

school. He has no plans to continue in politics after graduation.

SGA plans several events on campus and participates in many areas throughout the year.



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Like Dortschy, Treasurer Justin Davis never expected to be a part of SGA. "I didn't want to be in it to be honest with you," he said, "but I roomed with Tremayne last year and was given the opportunity."

He noted that it ended up being a great decision and he is happy to be a part of the evolution of SGA. Davis is a nursing major, but intends to go to dental

but one thing Smith wanted students to know is, "We may not always be here [in the office], but we will always get back to you or point you in the right direction."

To find out more about SGA and the new plans for the year, go to [www.ecu.edu/sga](http://www.ecu.edu/sga).

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### PIRATE EATS

## Eating Wright

New dining venue opens in Wright Place

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The newest eatery on campus opened last week just in time for the start of classes. Wright Place is freshly renovated and now includes Burger Studio and Starbucks, along with newly overhauled Sbarro and Einstein Bros. Bagels. Wright is now set up in a way that seems to be more fitting for the swarming crowds that come during class time.

"It gets so crowded in Wright around lunch time and I am really glad there is a new place to eat," said junior Kimmy Cruz. "I can't wait to try it."

Burger Studio is set up much like popular student eatery Sheetz. Customers create a specific order on the touch screen computer and it is made fresh. Burger Studio serves differ-

ent types of burgers, chicken sandwiches and veggie burgers. When I tried out Burger Studio, I ordered a veggie.

The options for what to put on the sandwich are interesting and somewhat extensive. There are, of course, the average options like tomato, mustard, mayo and cheese, but it's not just American cheese on Burger Studio burgers. There are at least six different types of cheese to choose from. I decided not to get the same old American cheese that is normally on burgers and get only cheddar.

After the cheese is selected, patrons get to pick what type of vegetables or toppings to put on the sandwich. The customer is given options including caramelized onions, grilled red peppers, guacamole and a fried egg. I chose pickles and guacamole for my veggie burger.

The last step to creating a Burger Studio masterpiece is the sauce. The sauce list is the longest one. It includes several different kinds of mustard and mayo, chipotle sauce, A1 and



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Kacia Holmes and Doavonte Federicke order food with the new touch screen at The Burger Studio

something called 'buffalo blue sauce.' I decided I would stick with plain mustard.

The sides offered are several types of side salads, curly fries and fresh cut fries. I chose curly fries to go with my veggie burger with cheddar, guacamole, pickles and mustard. The fries and the burger were very tasty. I was especially impressed with the veggie burger. Not every eatery can do a good veggie burger.



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Sarah Hemsch enjoys a Starbucks coffee at the newly renovated Wright Place



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The Wright Place reopens with a cleaner, brighter look.

Although the food was good, I was the only person in line and I still had to wait about ten to fifteen minutes. I guess fresh made food is not always fast. Also, I shouldn't have been surprised when only the burger and fries with no drink cost me \$7.85. I should have known that it wouldn't be cheap on campus, but I no longer have a meal plan and worked my summer away making less than that an hour.

In addition, there is another new eatery being built where the Croatan once was, and the building seems to be near finished. It is said to open in January 2011 and will hold an expanded

Chick-fil-A and a Chili's Too. Students and staff will be excited to have a restaurant-style place to eat on campus.

"The Chili's Too will be our first restaurant concept, and we're all excited about that," said Joyce Sealey, food service director at ECU, in an article from ECU News Services.

But until then, when those hunger pangs inevitably strike during a long day of classes, head over to Wright Place and create yourself a work of burger art.

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Friends remember the great times they had with Tommy Falcone, who passed away on Aug. 9.

upbringing, but he was always very mature. He was sometimes his own role model. He was very close to his mom, though," says Morahan of the Red Bank, N.J., native.

"He was such a momma's boy," Iacone agrees.

While in Red Bank, Falcone participated in school sports, including basketball and football, and was a star member of the chess club as well.

After graduating from Red Bank Regional High School, Falcone moved to Greenville to attend ECU.

Falcone attended ECU in the fall of 2008, and afterwards transferred to Pitt Community College. Falcone was

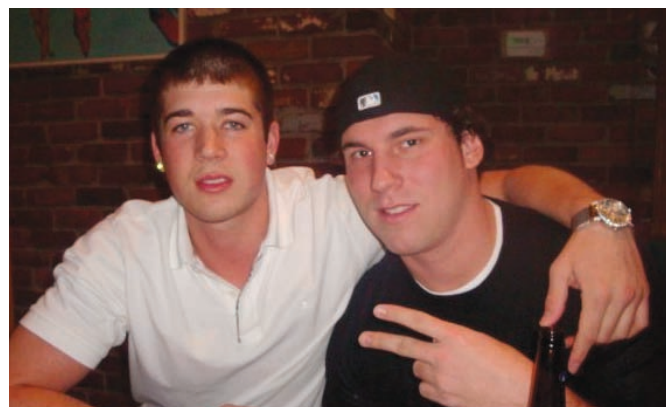


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"He loved how close his group of friends were and he was so loyal to his friends. He never let us get mad at each other. He kept the group together; he never let us fall apart. He loved his crew," Iacone added.

Friends know that Falcone changed their lives for the better. Morahan said, "He gave me a much wider perspective on things. He taught me to always try to enjoy life, don't stay down and upset for too long. Keep moving forward."

"He definitely knew how to make a dull moment bright," Shea



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aspiring to be a doctor.

"He wanted to go into medicine. He dreamed of being a doctor. He cared so much for people. It fits," said Morahan.

Falcone's friends say Tommy was more than capable of accomplishing his dream of attending medical school. "He was very smart, he could have easily done it," said Shea.

Friends agree that there will not be a day that goes by that they will not miss Tommy.

"I am going to miss him so much. We always did everything together, whether it be sitting on the couch talking

about anything from religion to girls or going out to the pool. It didn't matter what we did, but we always had fun," said Shea.

"We are going to miss him a lot. He was our best friend. We were all best friends," said Iacone of Tommy and their close-knit group of friends.

A memorial service was held Monday night to celebrate the life of the individual friends couldn't say enough good things about.

Falcone's friends turned out by the dozens to support the event and many plan to attend the trial as well.

"I plan to be there every day sitting in the front row to support Tommy," Iacone said.

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# Remembering Tommy Falcone

Former ECU student is tragically killed

Caitlin Hale  
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Charlie Morahan, a junior sports studies major and Falcone's roommate of three years, shares his favorite memory of one of his best friends, which he feels shows Falcone's true compassionate and caring nature.

"When you're roommates, you rely on each other for a lot. I lost my credit card and since I'm from England, it would take a week or two for me to get a new one. Tommy loaned me \$200 just to keep me going, I didn't even have to ask him. He knew I lost my credit card so he just gave it to me. I really appreciated that."

And it seems as if Morahan is just one of many whom Tommy would be willing to do anything for.

"He was a great guy," said Ryan Shea, a senior business management major and Falcone's most current roommate, to WNCT. "If I needed a favor, I could count on Tommy. I could call him in the middle of the night, 'Yo Tommy I need a ride home; I need help,' he would be

there in a second, wouldn't even think about it, he would be there every time. If he knew something was bothering me, he would go out of his way to make sure I felt better."

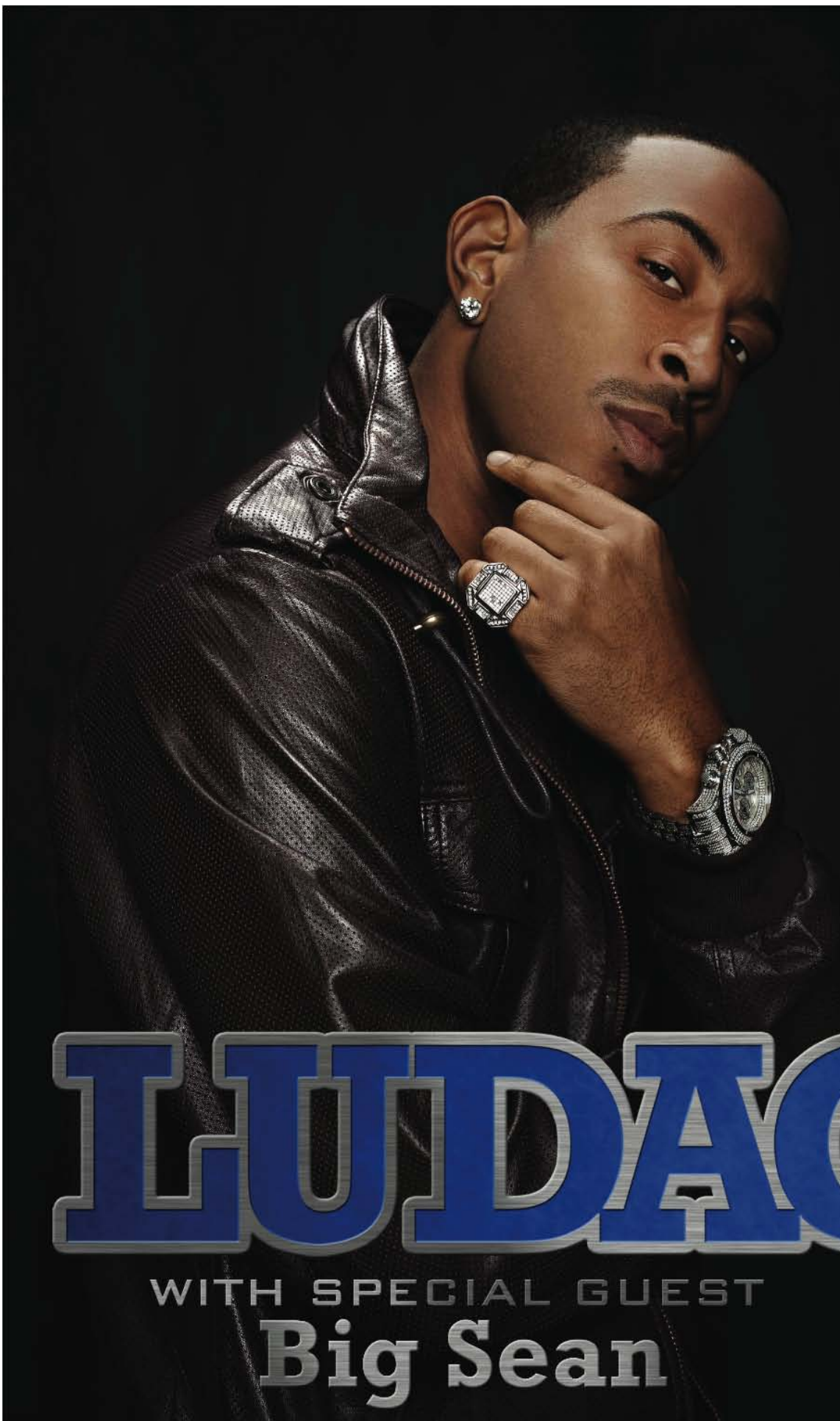
Friends of Falcone say that his willingness to always help was one of his most endearing traits.

"That's probably my favorite thing about Tommy. He cared so much. He was really friendly and always wanted to help people, however close. A friend, a friend of a friend, it didn't mater," Morahan said.

Tom Iacone, an ECU alumnus and close friend of Falcone, agreed. "I always got advice from him. He was always giving advice when you didn't even ask and he always had something to say. He was always trying to steer his friends in the right direction."

Friends say Falcone has always been a very caring and mature individual, even though he had somewhat of a rough childhood.

"He had a little bit of a tough



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# Tommy Falcone memorial service

— August 23, 2010 —



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A candlelight memorial was held during the service to honor Falcone's life.



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Those who attended the event lit candles to honor Falcone.



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The service was held at St. Paul's Church, located on East 10th Street.

# Classes can be scary, but the kitchen doesn't have to be

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Your first apartment - if you're a typical college student, it can be a little overwhelming.

You're out of the cramped dorms, a good thing, but you're also out of the dorm cafeteria. Cooking real meals for yourself may sound intimidating, especially when it's just so easy to whip up a box of macaroni and cheese or order delivery pizza.

However, with the right tools and trusted standbys, cooking on your own can be done quickly, cheaply and, most importantly, in a healthy way.

But first, you need to set up your kitchen. To help you or the newly renting college student in your life get off to the right start as another fall semester nears, we've assembled five lists of five tips that will help you get started in your first kitchen.

And when you're ready to try a little cooking, try the five recipes that we've selected from "The Everything Healthy College Cookbook" by Nicole Cormier (Adams Media, 2010, \$10.85).

### HEALTHY TIPS FOR THE COLLEGE COOK

Cormier offers some advice for eating and cooking healthy in your new digs:

When buying groceries at the store, shop the perimeter - that's where you'll find the healthiest food.

When choosing vegetables, fresh is always best. If prices are high and produce is out of season, frozen vegetables are another alternative. Canned veggies, while not as ideal as fresh or frozen, are an OK alternative as well. "Rinse them well so you get rid of up to 90 percent of the sodium," Cormier said.

Try a new, healthy food like quinoa. "It's this up-and-coming whole grain that more and more people are finally catching onto; it's been around forever," Cormier said. "It's a superfood because it's a protein and a fiber." It's also versatile - use it in salads, stir-fry and tabbouleh,

among other things.

Go green and make your own window box. That way, you can grow your own herbs and spices year-round.

Before you go shopping, make a list. But organize it according to categories like fruits, vegetables, protein, whole grains, snacks and fluids. "If you see a balance on the piece of paper, that means that your grocery cart is going to be more balanced," Cormier said.

### 5 PIECES OF COOKING EQUIPMENT

A cookie sheet: Sure, you can bake cookies, but you can use it for just about anything you need to bake in the oven.

A mixing bowl: Better yet, invest in a set of stacking mixing bowls. They're inexpensive, and you'll have the right-sized bowl for anything from mixing to serving to storing.

A slow cooker: You probably didn't consider taking a crockpot to college, but it's a great tool to use. "You can pretty much cook anything in a crockpot," said Cormier. Try experimenting with vegetables and stews for warm, filling meals in winter.

A colander: Otherwise known as a strainer, a colander is indispensable. Use it for all of the pasta you'll be making, or for draining fruits and vegetables. Want a shortcut? Many pots now have lids that double as strainers, which means less cleanup.

A nonstick pot, pan and skillet: OK, that's three items but you will need an assortment of pots and pans for stovetop cooking. Although you might be tempted, avoid buying the cheapest pots and pans you can find. They can be coated in chemicals that get into your food, and cheaper pans are likely to wear out quickly. Instead, invest in some better quality that'll last.

### 5 SMALL UTENSILS

Measuring cups/spoons: While it's perfectly fine to experiment with your cooking, you might want to start off by

measuring each ingredient. That way, you'll know how to adjust the flavors for next time.

A spatula (pancake flipper): It's a little like the Swiss army knife of kitchen tools. Get a nonstick spatula and use it for cooking eggs, flipping pancakes and burgers or as a serving tool - you're sure to come back to it time and time again.

A cutting board: You might want a few in different sizes and thicknesses. Some are thin blocks of plastic, and others are thinner and can bend, allowing you to move food around easier and funnel it into pots and pans.

A can opener: It's one of those small things that you forget about until you need it.

Set of knives: Like the pots and pans, think about quality more than what's cheap. You can purchase a good set of knives, but there are three big ones to look for: a chef's knife, a bread knife and a paring knife.

### 5 COOKING TERMS TO KNOW

Braise: This involves cooking meat or vegetables in butter or oil until brown, then cooking it in a covered pot while immersed in cooking liquid on low heat for a long period. This tenderizes the meat and makes it more flavorful.

Simmer: To cook slowly on a lower heat setting. This is common in sauces and other liquid-based dishes.

Sear: Cooking quickly over very high heat, this seals in the juices of what you're cooking.

Saute: To quickly cook over high heat.

Steam: To cook over boiling water. This is actually better than boiling, as it retains more inherent nutrients.

### 5 STAPLE FOODS

Olive oil: Nicole Cormier, registered dietitian and author of "The Everything Healthy Cookbook," advised you get in the habit of cracking out olive oil instead of butter. "(It's) a monounsaturated fat, which actually helps your cholesterol levels," she said.

Pasta: It's great to have in the pantry because it has a long shelf life and is easy to make. Pick up a few different noodle shapes and also other varieties. In particular, try whole grain pasta, which Cormier recommends.

Frozen vegetables: Cormier said there's no excuse for skipping out on vegetables. Use them as a side dish, or part of the entree, or even add them to soups to make your meals more hearty and filling.

Chicken: It's basically the meat version of the potato and it's incredibly versatile. You can freeze it until you need it, and you can cook a large serving and use it throughout the week in other dishes like soups, salads, pasta and sandwiches.

Leafy greens: Making a salad isn't hard. While grocery stores usually sell plenty of bagged varieties for a shortcut, it's a lot more cost-effective to buy fresh heads of lettuce or spinach leaves and make a salad yourself.

5 HERBS AND SPICES  
Garlic powder: Garlic is both tasty and good for you. When you're low on time, add garlic powder to your dish when you can't crush or mince fresh garlic.

Basil: You'll quickly learn how well basil and tomato go together. It works wonders in Italian dishes and on pizza, so give it a try.

Lemon pepper: Great for chicken and fish dishes, this spice adds a bite of citrus for some zing.

Crushed red pepper flakes: Another versatile spice, you can add it to just about anything for a nice kick of heat.

Some seasoning blend: Think Italian seasoning or any of the other numerous options for adding flavor to food. Experiment and see what kinds you like, and what you like to use them for.

You'll quickly learn that it isn't too hard to cook and eat well at the same time. Bon appetit!

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# Barefoot by the Pool kicks off the new school year

North Campus Crossing hosts back-to-school bash

**Katey Warren**  
STAFF WRITER

ECU students, alumni and Greenville residents gathered at North Campus Crossing pool last Saturday to celebrate the end of summer with live music, games and giveaways.

An estimated 3,000 Barefoot by the Pool tickets were given away to North Campus Crossing residents, their guests and listeners of local radio station and host of the party, Bob 93.3.

Live music was provided by special guests Boys Like Girls, We the Kings, White Tie Affair and local band Spare Change.

"I feel like it's going to be a good, clean, fun day," stated Sarah Brock, an employee at North Campus Crossing, prior to the event. Since Brock worked at Barefoot by the Pool last year, she looked forward to having Guenn of the Ace & TJ show on Bob 93.3 host the event for the second year in a row.

Lines began forming outside the pool around 10:30 a.m. and gates opened at 11 a.m. As the day went on, the pool became increasingly crowded with residents and guests that were looking forward to the

live concert. "I feel like this is ridiculous how many people show up to events like these," said Andrew Kunkle, a North Campus Crossing resident and ECU student. "That's one of the reasons I love living here at North Campus."

Since the bands got off to a late start, the schedule for



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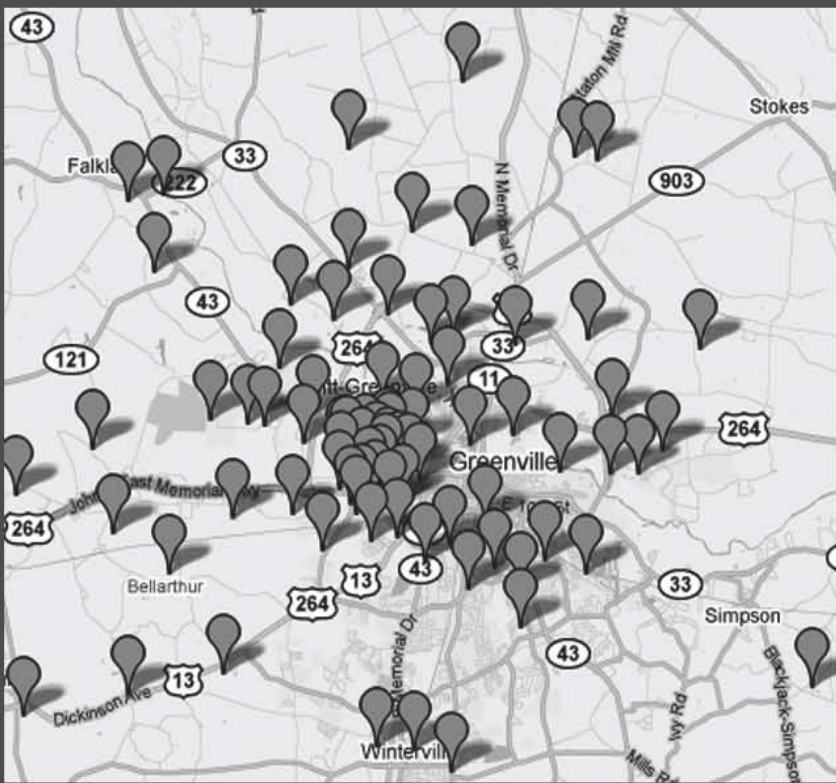
the day was pushed back and many attendees stayed until well after 5 p.m. However, the delayed start did not deflate the guests' excitement for the concert. Mike Chuckrey, a 23-year-old ECU student who attended the event, looked forward to spending the entire day at Barefoot by the Pool and didn't mind having to wait for

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North Campus Crossing hosted a back to school bash featuring Boys Like Girls, We the Kings, White Tie Affair and Spare Change.



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# Start off the year with fun, free events

Students are encouraged to participate in welcome back activities offered on campus

**Madonna Messana**  
STAFF WRITER

There are several events students have to look forward to in the first couple weeks of school this semester. The Student Activities Board, as well as other organizations, has been working hard to provide exciting and enjoyable events to get students thrilled about the new semester.

"This year, ECU is focusing a great amount of attention on improving conditions for students and has deemed 2010-2011 the 'year of the student.' Here at SAB, we feel as if every year is the year of the student, and we try to incorporate that idea when it comes to our event planning," commented Jonathan Butler, SAB president. "With all the stress college has to offer, we try and provide something students can look forward to. Something to help celebrate college."

In order to get students excited about a new year here at ECU, SAB has organized a "Tactical Laser Tag" event. This will be the first event of the year put on by SAB, and it will take place on Friday, Aug. 27, from 6 p.m. until midnight in the Mendenhall Student Center Brickyard. This is the second time the event has been organized. "It was a blast, students loved it and wanted more," stated Butler, on last year's event. Students must have their ECU ID to play and it will be on a first-come, first-served

basis, so arrive early.

SAB has also arranged movies to play in Hendrix Theatre, to kick start the new semester. From Wednesday, Aug. 25, until Saturday, Aug. 28, "Letters to Juliet" will be showing, and from Wednesday, Sept. 1, until Saturday, Sept. 4, "How to Train Your Dragon" will be playing.

On Sept. 8, caricature artist Adam Pate will be doing free 60-second caricatures on Wright Plaza from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

This year, students are urged to "Plunge into Purple" with several events lined up in the first couple of days of the semester that will surely get students excited about the new school year. The Plunge into Purple Committee invites students to take full advantage of all opportunities offered this year.

"The mission of Plunge into Purple is to facilitate events that welcome students to the excitement and traditions of ECU through education, socialization and involvement," stated Angela Marshall, coordinator of Plunge into Purple.

The Get a Clue involvement fair will showcase several of the opportunities to be involved on campus as well as in the community. It is offered to new and returning students and is a great way to find out all of the ways to become involved. Get a Clue will take place Tuesday, Aug. 31, at 1:30 p.m. on the Mall — so come out and get involved with the university as well as the community.

T-Shirt Swap will also take place at Get a Clue. Students can bring a T-shirt that represents another university and swap it out for a FREE ECU T-shirt. All swapped T-shirts will be

donated to area Goodwill Donations Centers and it's a great opportunity to start reppin' that Pirate purple!

On Thursday, Sept. 2, at 2:30 p.m., students are given the chance to meet with faculty, academic resources and advisers to get information on how to be academically successful. This event will be located at the Cupola in the middle of the Mall. There will also be an ice cream sundae bar open for all attending students. In case of rain, the event will be moved to Mendenhall Student Center.

Purple Impressions will be a first year mixer, with a Pirate twist. On Wednesday, Sept. 8, at 7 p.m. in Ledonia Wright Cultural Center, students will be able to make lasting impressions in several "3-minute interactions." Hors d'oeuvres will be served and "all shades of purple" are welcome.

Wrapping up the events of Plunge into Purple is "Dancing in the Streets," located at the bottom of College Hill on Thursday, Sept. 9, at 6 p.m. Students are encouraged to lay out on the lawn, enjoy live music and some dancing, play games, win prizes and more during this final event. Dinner by ARAMARK will begin at 4:30 p.m. and "Dancing in the Streets" begins at 6 p.m.

With all of the events and opportunities provided for students in the first couple of days of the semester, there is no reason not to jump on board and begin having fun. Come out and enjoy all of the FREE food, fun and excitement offered at ECU and get ready for another amazing semester as a Pirate!

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one of his favorite bands, Boys Like Girls, to perform.

Once the show started, crowds of eager fans formed around the stage while others enjoyed the music by dancing near the pool. "Everyone was singing along with the bands, especially at the end when Boys Like Girls came on the stage," said Lucas Jackson, a North Campus Crossing resident and ECU student. "Overall, the bands really made the party a lot more lively," Jackson said.

Throughout the event, various sponsors passed out giveaways such as sunglasses, beads, hats and inflatable rafts to the attendees. To keep

guests entertained while they were waiting for the bands to begin playing, raffles and games, such as corn hole, were provided, as well as free food and drinks.

Barefoot by the Pool T-shirts were sold for \$10 each to raise money for Ace & TJ's Grin Kids, a charity that provides trips to Disney World for children with special needs.

North Campus Crossing staff ensured security at the event by hiring Staff One Services and four off-duty Greenville police officers in addition to their own security staff. "My main concern is just to make sure everybody is safe and to keep the peace," said Major

Kevin Smeltzer of Greenville Police Department. Though Smeltzer and the other off-duty officers were initially worried that the combination of large crowds and alcohol may lead to fights, the event ran smoothly and without any major incidents.

With the help of heightened crowd control and security, popular live music, multiple giveaways and good weather, Barefoot by the Pool proved to be an event that attendees look forward to experiencing again. "We want to continue to do this event annually," said Corey Hunt, an ECU alumni and employee of North Campus Crossing.

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## Are you TEC savvy?

Become a part of your campus newspaper! The East Carolinian will be holding an information session on Wednesday, August 25th. Students who are interested in writing, editing, advertising, photography, web design, graphic design and layout, and cartooning are urged to attend! Location: Bate 2015 Time: 3:30-6:30pm

## Student Activities Board film schedule

Aug. 25 – Aug. 28: Letters to Juliet

Sept. 1 - Sept. 4: How to Train Your Dragon

Sept. 8 - Sept. 11: Sex and the City 2 -and- Iron Man 2

Sept. 15 - Sept. 18: Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time

Sept. 22 - Sept. 25: Shrek Forever After -and- Toy Story 3

Sept. 29 – Oct. 2: The A-Team

Oct. 13 - Oct. 16: Get Him to the Greek

Oct. 20 - Oct. 23: Grown Ups

Oct. 27 - Oct. 30: A Nightmare on Elm Street (2010)

Oct. 29: The Rocky Horror Picture Show

Nov. 3 - Nov. 6: The Twilight Saga: Eclipse

Nov. 10 - Nov. 13: Despicable Me

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# Pirate Profiles showcases ECU's diverse student body



REBECCA BLANCHETTE | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Senior Johnny Alfredo, 21, is currently being featured on the ECU website as a Pirate Profile.

## Pirate Profile's selection process is unveiled

Rebecca Blanchette  
STAFF WRITER

Every time students visit the ECU website, they probably see the face of another student smiling back at them. With one click, readers can find out their unique stories, find out what impact they have on the university and discover what their personal experience at ECU is like. So how are these students chosen?

Every semester, 12 to 15 students are recommended by faculty or staff members for Pirate Profiles, the most visited part of the ECU website. Somewhere between 8 to 10 students are actually chosen to be featured.

"We're looking for unique stories and diversity," says senior web designer Bob Dry. Dry, along with web editor Meagan Williford, are responsible for choosing which students to feature out of those who are recommended. "Pirate Profiles are a way for the university to highlight a very diverse, accomplished, intelligent student body we have here," says Dry. "We enjoy doing them," adds Williford.

All types of students are featured, from undergraduate to graduate students, transfer to returning students, to army, air force and ROTC cadets. "They're [Pirate Profiles] a real way to showcase different programs," says Dry. He aims to cover students from every major and background and is always "looking for areas that have not yet been featured." Those chosen are mostly recognized for something they have accomplished at ECU that has in turn affected the student body.

The candidates are first asked to fill out a questionnaire, which

asks general questions such as their age, major, hometown and why they chose to attend ECU. They are then interviewed in person, where they are asked deeper questions, such as what talents they may have, their favorite memory at ECU and what mark they hope to leave behind.

This past semester the interviews were recorded and partially posted as an audio feature on the profiles. The profiles also include questions and answers as well as photos. The profiles show up as a banner on the ECU homep-

age, as well as on the sidebar of different pages on the site. All of the profiles are featured at once. The banner randomly pulls one profile each time the site is visited. The students are featured for an entire semester until a new group is chosen.

"We're here to serve students and it's really amazing how many different kinds of students we have," says Dry. "The biggest benefit these bring to the website is high school seniors can see these and relate to them and decide to come to ECU," he adds. "We're going after the future student."

Pirate Profiles started in the fall of 2007. Ever since then, their popularity has grown and students have been trying to squirm their way into getting one. "It was one of my goals at ECU to get on Pirate Profiles. I was like 'Man, I deserve to get my shine on!'" said Johnny Alfredo, who was recommended and chosen for Pirate Profiles for this year's spring semester.

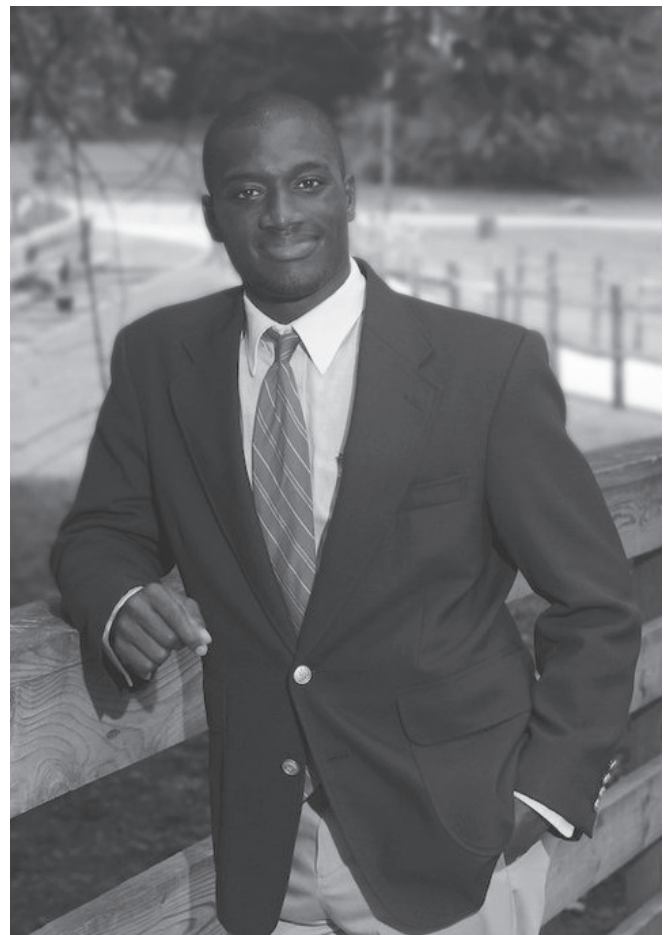
"Pirate Profiles gives students the opportunity to see diversity at ECU," says Alfredo. "It highlights smaller parts at ECU that don't get a lot of shine." He is a senior mathematics major who started a poetry club entitled Word of Mouth at ECU in October of 2008. His unique club, which has in turn affected the student body, made him a great candidate for Pirate Profiles.

Alfredo is also a tour guide at ECU, and is often recognized by prospective students because of his profile. "I can rarely go on campus and someone not recognize me," he says.

When asked about the interview process, Alfredo says, "I just wanted to be myself." He adds, "Don't try to be a Pirate Profile. Just be yourself and they will find you."

The website's faculty is currently in the process of interviewing candidates for the fall semester. Keep your eyes open for a new batch of students toward the end of September. To view all of the current profiles, please visit [www.ecu.edu/pirateprofiles](http://www.ecu.edu/pirateprofiles).

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SGA President, Tremayne Smith, was chosen to be featured in a Pirate Profile.

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Freshmen Paul Dodge and Dennis Kronenwetter hang out in their Fletcher Hall dorm.

## Why your roommate matters

Factors such as GPA and weight prove to be affected by a student's roommate

Marlana Sifter  
STAFF WRITER

Moving is always an adventure, but moving in with a stranger can make for an even more questionable situation. The experience may determine the success of a student's first semester of college.

First-year students are the subjects of many studies on roommate relationships, mostly due to their lack of previous relationships prior to college. One such study by Harvard social scientist Nicholas A. Christakis found that for every happy friend a person has, that person's probability of happiness increases 9 percent, and for every unhappy friend, that chance decreases by 7 percent.

These small influences are seen from health habits to free-time activities. According to a study co-authored by an assistant professor of economics at Marquette University, Olga Yakusheva, a woman with a heavier roommate, tends to gain two pounds less on average than a woman with a thin roommate. The explanation behind this is that because four out of five women who are overweight practice diet and exercise, these habits rub off on their roommates who previously did not have these routines.

However, influence does not always come as a positive. Another study by Harvard researchers of a large, public university found that a nondrinker rooming with a drinker was more likely to begin drinking and to subsequently experience a fall of 0.4 of a point in GPA, regardless of previous academic standing. These findings were found predominately among males, and persisted even after the roommates had separated.

"Maybe your roommate is no longer there, but because you've got into the habit of drinking, that influences lives longer," said Dan Levy, co-author of the study.

Christopher Davis, small business owner and a senior majoring in women and gender studies, says he is not surprised.

"If your roommate is doing something, and you two are friends, you are more likely to follow along in their activities."

These observations are supported by psychologist Dr. Margo D. Maine, who says that some freshmen become uncomfortable their first year away at school, and will cling to a more confident

increased risk of domestic dysfunction. A survey of randomly matched roommates at Berea College in Kentucky showed that study time can be curtailed when a gaming system is brought into the room. On average, the distraction lowered a roommate's GPA by 0.2 of a point.

The presence of video games certainly does not guarantee strife, however. Asuka Tsurusaki, a junior art major concentrating in illustration, says that she and her roommate had a system worked out.

"Study time was easy for the both of us. I brought my PS2 in, but I only played it when she was in class and vice versa."



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Roommates Eve Varian and Kim May take it easy in their Scott Hall dorm room.

roommate.

To avoid unwanted influence or alien living conditions, freshmen may plan on rooming with someone they already know, but this may or may not solve the dilemma. Davis, who roomed alone his first semester, thinks a person is actually better off living with a new face than with a buddy.

"I wouldn't really know, but from what I've heard from others is that random assignments are often better because living with a friend 'never' works... But I've also been told most people don't like their roommates."

Gamers are also at an

The option between having a roommate or living alone might be a more detrimental difference than it seems. Even with potential conflict and headache, the presence of a fellow student is often a helpful and rewarding experience.

"People should definitely have roommates at least in freshman year, so you can learn how to be courteous and respectful," Tsurusaki said, adding that her roommate "gave me hope that there are good roommates."

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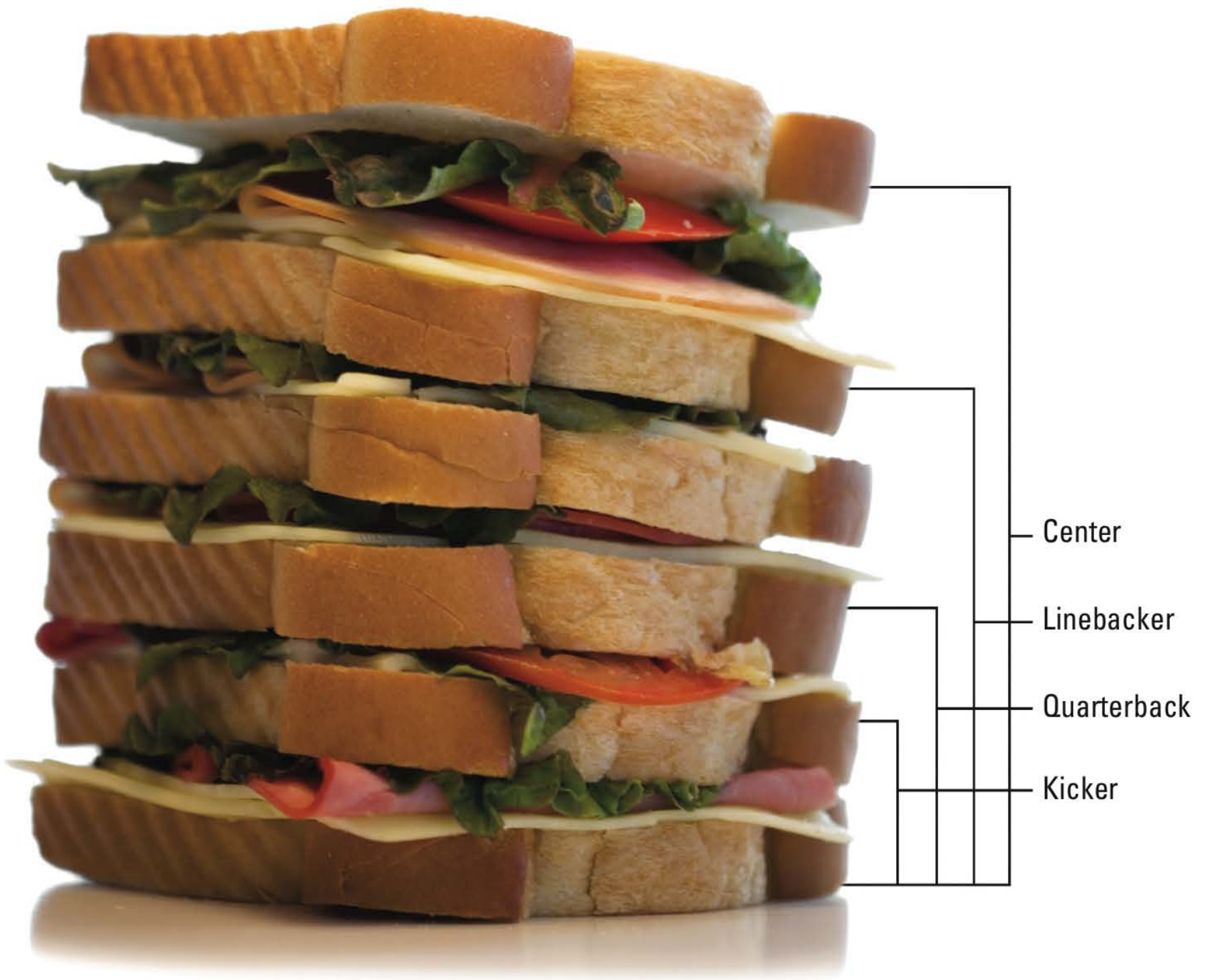
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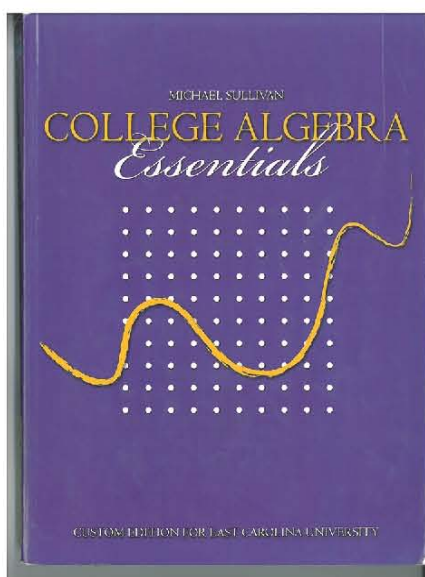
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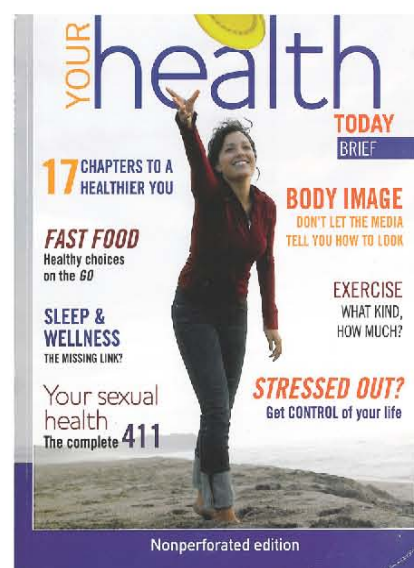
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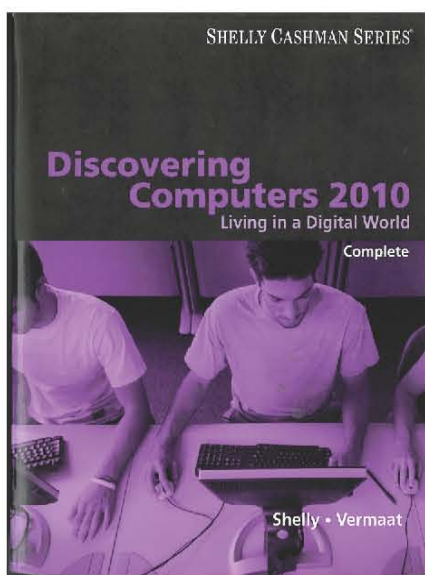
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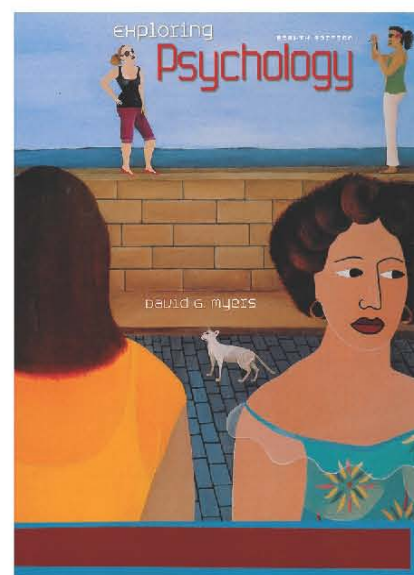
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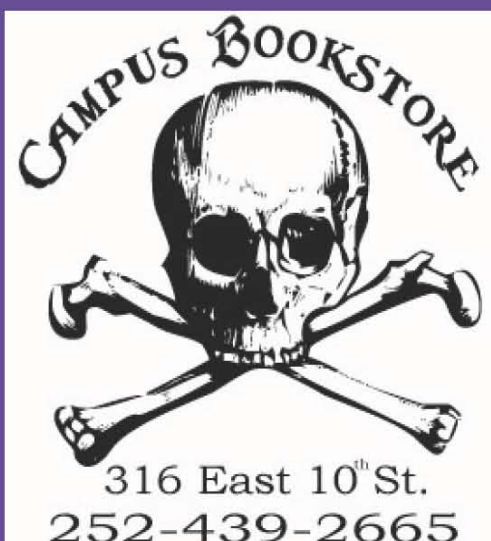


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## Cross country and soccer to hold open tryouts

The ECU cross country and track and field programs will hold open walk-on tryouts Sept. 8 at the J.H. Rose High School track, starting at 3 p.m., Head Coach Curt Kraft announced Monday.

All interested men and women must complete a tryout history and physical form prior to Sept. 7. The form can be downloaded online or picked up in the ECU Athletic Training Room, which is located on the first floor in Ward Sports Medicine Building. If the form is not completed and returned to athletic training personnel, students may not try out. For more information, students can contact head cross-country coach Dan Lee by phone at 252-737-1416, by e-mail at leeda@ecu.edu or in person at 117 Scales Field House.

The ECU soccer team will hold an organizational meeting Tuesday, Aug. 24, at 6:30 p.m. inside Scales Field House to discuss the 2010 walk-on tryout procedures, Head Coach Rob Donnenwirth announced Monday afternoon.

If you are interested in attending this meeting, please e-mail Coach Donnenwirth at donnenwirth@ecu.edu.

## How does Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium stack up in C- USA?

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The completed expansion to Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium will add an estimated 7,000 seats as well as a full Hi-Definition score and video board. The renovations are a sign of the past success and hope for the future of ECU football.

### Adam Bunn

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The first step to becoming a major college football program is having a venue that measures up to the standards set by the best in the country. With the new expansion of Dowdy Ficklen Stadium, ECU is well on its way to achieving that goal.

This past week, construction of the new additions to Dowdy Ficklen was completed — giving the Pirates a stadium that they cannot only be proud of, but a venue that will immediately help the game-day atmosphere. After closing in the west end zone with 7,000 student seats, Dowdy-Ficklen now has a capacity of 50,052.

Gone is the old worn-out scoreboard, which has been

replaced by a brand new, state-of-the-art video board. The complete score/video board boasts a Hi-Definition video screen that measures 84 feet wide by 28 feet tall. This will allow fans to see all the action on the field as it happens.

Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium's updated horseshoe design is sure to be a fan favorite that will hold in the sound for better intensity. These additions would never have been possible without the successes of the past five years under former head coach Skip Holtz. Without ECU's two consecutive conference titles, paired with five or six winning seasons, a stadium expansion would have been completely unfounded.

While the new additions to Dowdy-Ficklen have provided

Pirate fans with excitement for the upcoming season, there is probably an underlying feeling around Greenville of anxiety over what team will be on the field come Sept. 5.

An all-new coaching staff, 28 graduating players and all-new offensive and defensive schemes may have ECU students and fans wondering whether this year will be a step back from the back-to-back Conference USA titles of the recent past.

Taking over for Skip Holtz, new coach Ruffin McNeill has instituted an all-new offensive system simply known as an all-out-air attack. Very similar to the offense he worked with at Texas Tech, the scheme relies heavily on the decision-making abilities of his quarterback.

With the loss of Patrick

Pinkney, the Pirates will be relying on a new quarterback in Boston College transfer Dominique Davis, who has not played meaningful snaps in a college football atmosphere since he transferred.

No matter the inexperience factor of the quarterback position, wide receiver Dwayne Harris returns as the Pirates' number one downfield threat. His presence alone should ease the transition process of the new signal caller. Harris has been the Pirates' go-to receiver since arriving at ECU, and there is no room for him to let up on his performance with a very young group of players at all the other skill positions.

Many analysts will be expecting the Pirates to have a major fall off and use the 2010

season as a re-building season, but those close to the program see this season as an opportunity to surprise a lot of doubters.

At points this year, there is the possibility this group will look lost, unmotivated and maybe even a little scared, but all those things are to be expected when you lose more players than any other program in the FBS.

Despite the excitement and pressure, there is no mistaking that with the new expanded facilities and the talent level that calls Greenville home, when this group hits its stride, it will be quite the show to see.

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# Through the eyes of 'the PLAYMAKER'

A look at Harris heading into his senior season

### Lorianna Whitford

STAFF WRITER

Amongst a sea of purple jerseys and helmets filled with roaring enthusiasm, the football is spotted spiraling past waving arms, swirling through implacable currents of

excitement and suddenly each spectator stops, inhales in unison ... you can almost hear the pigskin meet the hands of the one who seems to have defied all laws of gravity... And the crowd goes wild! Touchdown.

Who could hold such power? Who could have the ability to make a crowd nervous then excited all in the same moment?

Dwayne Harris. His reputation has attracted titanic amounts of attention as he nears his final season at ECU. He is known locally and all over the college sports world as a wide receiver who should not be underestimated. His skills are best compared to a Venus flytrap; once he has snatched the ball out of the air, there is no getting it back from "the Playmaker."

During the past three

years, Harris has contributed greatly to many Pirate wins as a receiver and as a kick returner.

Surprisingly, Harris did not always play receiver. From the deep south of

Championship.

Phillips Brooks, a U.S. Episcopal bishop, wrote in the 1800s, "Character may be manifested in the great moments, but it is

**"I try to live up to the team's hype, the fan's hype and the coaches. It's hard job, but at the end of the day, it's still a game."**

Decatur, Ga., he signed from high school with ECU as a highly demanded quarterback. Without a doubt, moving Harris to receiver was a chance worth taking and oh how it has paid off. Now as a receiver and former high school quarterback, Harris described how playing quarterback in his earlier years has helped him as a wideout.

"I know how the quarterback is supposed to run the routes; I know where they're supposed to throw the ball, so I think it just gives me an advantage of making a lot of different plays in very different situations," Harris said.

Not that Harris is counting, but he has racked up the pre-season honors, earning a spot on the Conference USA pre-season first team offense as well as being named to the Hornung Award Watch List and the Biletnikoff Award Watch List. Not surprising for the Most Valuable Player of the 2009 C-USA Conference

made in the small ones."

This statement holds true today, and it seems that Dwayne Harris has gotten the memo because not only is he an impressive athlete, but he is also a young man of humility, character and integrity.

"This all could be taken away from me at any time," Harris emphasized. "An injury could end my career and a lot of people don't get this chance, so staying humble just gives me a chance to realize I've come a long way and I still have a long way to go."

As a prime example of a dedicated student athlete, Harris has his priorities in order. He explained his position, "Getting a degree is my foremost goal in college. Not a lot of people get to go to the NFL, so it is important to me to have fun as a student and as a football player."

Harris takes what it means to represent ECU as a student athlete seriously and goes out of

his way to present himself, Pirate Athletics and the university well.

"Being someone who a lot of people know, you want to have a good image. You don't want people to have a bad perception of you, so I find it best to try to uphold my image as much as possible."

Harris spoke highly of the new coaching staff. "I love these guys. It's a younger coaching staff so they can relate to us a lot better than some coaches we've had before."

When he isn't spending time at football practice or in class, Harris indulges in his favorite food, macaroni and cheese, and takes time to let his body rest from the beating that football can often give to its participants.

During these moments of rest, Harris enjoys catching up on the latest action movies and sometimes sneaks a cartoon into his movie line-up.

Harris not only likes a little diversity in the type of movies he watches, but he also enjoys many genres of music, "A lot of people don't know I listen to country. I like country music. I also like rap, R&B, a little bit of everything."

A sense of deep appreciation was evident in the expression on his face as he spoke of his gratitude toward his fans.

"I'd like to thank a lot of people ... I'd like to thank my mom, my dad, my grandparents, all of the people who support me, and all of the people who support the game of football," Harris said humbly. "The most important thing I've learned on the field is to play like it's your last time, to play so you won't have any regrets."

Harris shared some words of wisdom and explained how he handles the many expectations he has to face this season.

"I try to live up to the team's hype, the fan's hype and the coaches. It's a hard job, but at



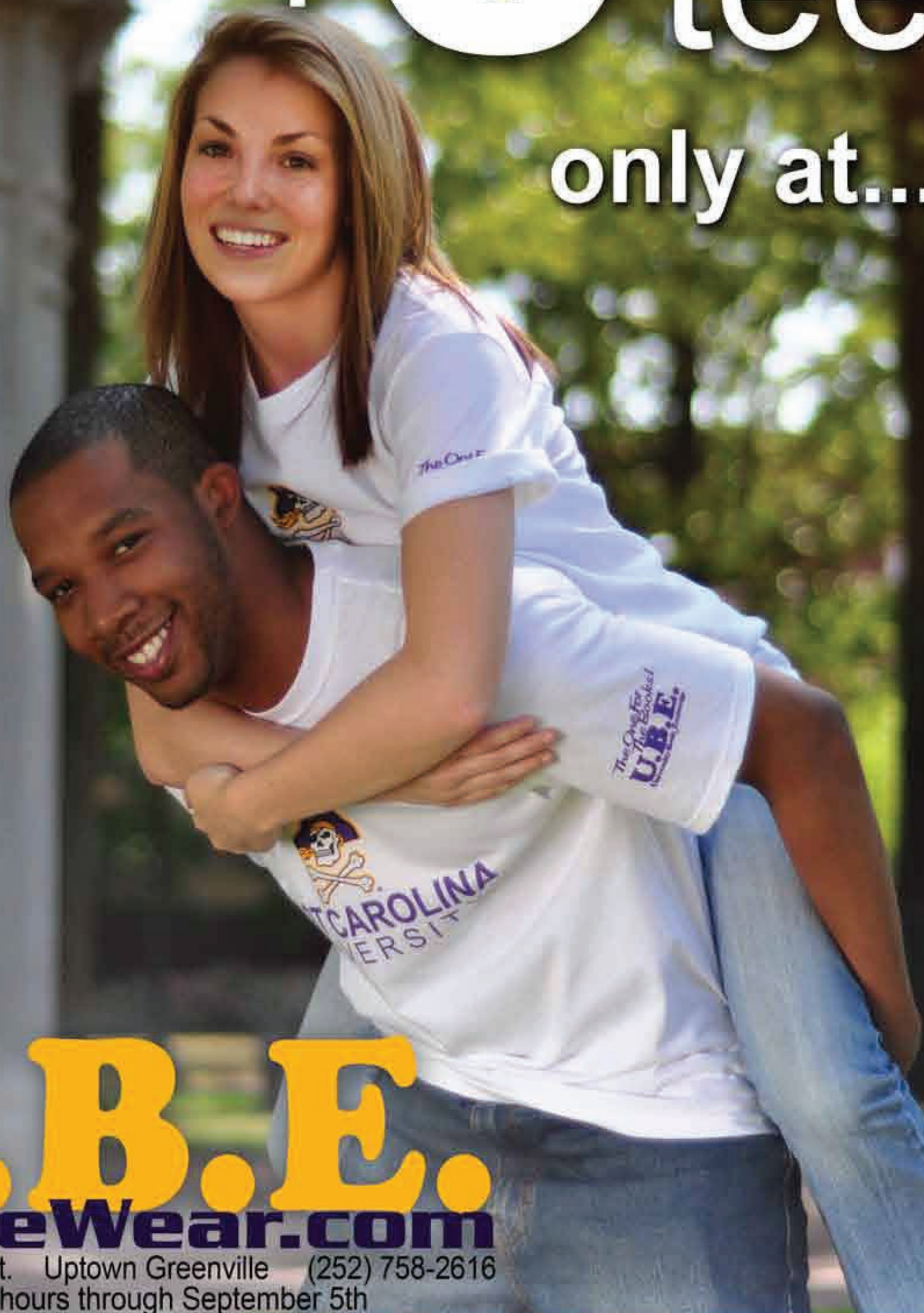
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# ECU tops Francis Marion in soccer home opener 4-1

Pirates return seven top scorers for 2010 season

**Stephen McNulty**  
STAFF WRITER

The ECU soccer team returned to play last week after a disappointing 2009 season. Last fall, the Pirates finished with a 9-7-3 (4-6-1 C-USA) record, tied for eighth in the conference.

This year, the Pirates bring back each of their top seven scorers, including last year's leader Amanda Malkiewicz. Among ECU's list are preseason all-conference players Bailey Wilcox and Amanda Broz.

Malkiewicz, a junior forward, started all 19 games for the Pirates and led the team with 16 points, including six goals, in 2009.

"She really puts a lot into what she does here," Head Coach Rob Donnenwirth said. "[Malkiewicz] plays a lot in the summer and really wants to be our go-to player this year."

Wilcox, a senior forward and midfielder, led ECU with seven goals and was named to the All-Conference USA Second-Team as a junior. Wilcox was named to the All-C-USA Preseason alongside fellow senior Amanda Broz.

Broz played in 18 games in 2009, making 10 starts between defense and midfield. Topdrawer-soccer.com recently listed Malkiewicz, Wilcox and Broz among the top 20 players to watch in C-USA.

ECU squared up against Francis Marion on Sunday in their second match of the season. The Pirates got help from four different scorers in a 4-1 victory. The win evened the Pirates' regular season record to 1-1.

From the start of the match, ECU seemed to be in charge.

"I felt like we were pretty in control of the game," Head Coach Donnenwirth said, "but I was disappointed on the goal we gave up on the free kick."

Malkiewicz scored the first goal of the season for the Pirates on a penalty kick in the 19th minute. FMU quickly answered back with a header off of a free kick.

In the 37th minute, Chrissy

Gratz scored what would be the game-winner on an open net after the Patriots' keeper misplayed the ball. Butler added a goal from 35 yards out; Wilcox netted a header in the box to add to the lead.

The game was delayed in the 79th minute due to lighting in the area. After an 18-minute delay, officials called the match. Christiane Cordero received her first win as a Pirate, logging four saves in the victory.

ECU opened up the regular season Friday night against four-time defending Southern Conference champions UNC Greensboro. UNCG struck twice early in the first half.

The Pirates narrowly missed on scoring attempts by Malkiewicz and sophomore Stephanie Shaw. Cordero made her collegiate debut at keeper for ECU, but allowed the only two shots she faced to find the back of the net. The Pirates failed to get their feet back under them, and fell 2-0.

The Pirates played a tune-up exhibition against Virginia Commonwealth on Aug. 13. Senior Tricia Tufts netted ECU's only goal in the 38th minute. The Pirates managed to hold the lead through regulation, but VCU struck even in the second of two predetermined overtimes.

Construction progress permitting, ECU plans on playing only its first three home games at the North Campus Recreation Complex before opening the new Olympic Sports Complex Sept. 10 against N.C. State. The soccer stadium is set to have 1,000-seat capacity, including a pressbox and added fan amenities.

ECU soccer returns to action Friday, Aug. 27, at 7 p.m. The Pirates will host 10th-ranked Wake Forest at the North Campus Recreation Complex.

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Chrissy Gratz celebrating after she booted the game winner at the 37:54 mark in the Pirates' 4-1 win over Francis Marion.

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Student Pirate Club section at Dowdy Ficklen Stadium, cheering during contest last season.

# Pirates top season ticket mark for third time in five years

**Staff Report**

For the third time in the last five years, ECU's football season ticket sales will officially be classified as a record-breaker.

A total of 22,338 tickets have been sold as of 5 p.m. Friday, which eclipses the previous standard of 22,000 established in 2007. The ECU Athletics Department has now surpassed the 20,000 mark for the fourth consecutive year, setting the stage for possible new attendance standards at an expanded Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium this fall.

With a 7,000-seat end zone construction project that will

increase the stadium's capacity to 50,000 in time for the Sept. 5 opener against Tulsa, the Pirates will be in a position to push their turnstile count to unmatched levels under first-year head coach Ruffin McNeill.

In addition, Student Pirate Club membership has soared past its previous high of 7,800 with a current enrollment of 7,831. With a season ticket included as a benefit of membership, ECU's overall number of sold seats reaches past 30,000 for the first time in program history.

ECU has established program attendance standards its last three seasons. The Pirates drew a total

of 249,219 fans in 2007 before setting back-to-back regular season average records with league-best 42,016 and 43,191 clips in 2008 and 2009, respectively. The increases have been a reflection of season ticket success at the box office in the last four years, following a then-record of 16,258 in 2006 with the aforementioned 22,000 clip in 2007, a 21,160 total in 2008 and a 21,293 figure last fall.

ECU enjoyed sell-out crowds for all six regular season contests a year ago, standing 14th among all FBS programs with a 100.44 capacity percentage. The Pirates also topped all Conference USA

members in attendance average for the past two championship-winning campaigns and stood third nationally among all Bowl Championship Series non-automatic qualifiers in 2009 -- trailing only BYU (64,236) and Utah (45,155).

Individual game and season ticket packages remain on sale, including a limited number of upper deck \$120 Summer Savings promotional tickets through Sunday, Aug. 15.

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## HARRIS continued from C1

the end of the day, it's still a game," Harris said. "I just go out there and play hard and hopefully relax and let the motivation of the game come to me."

Dwayne Harris will be one of many talented athletes to watch during the 2010 season and he shared some of his hopes for Pirate football.

"I'm looking forward to a great season. It's my last year, I'm just going to enjoy it, live it to the

fullest," Harris said. "Whatever happens will happen, but obviously I want to go out as a winner, as champions again. I think the coaching staff is excited, I know I'm excited, I know the fans are excited to see what happens Sept. 5th, so we'll just take it one day at a time."

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Inside receiver Dwayne Harris on his way to the end zone in a contest last year.

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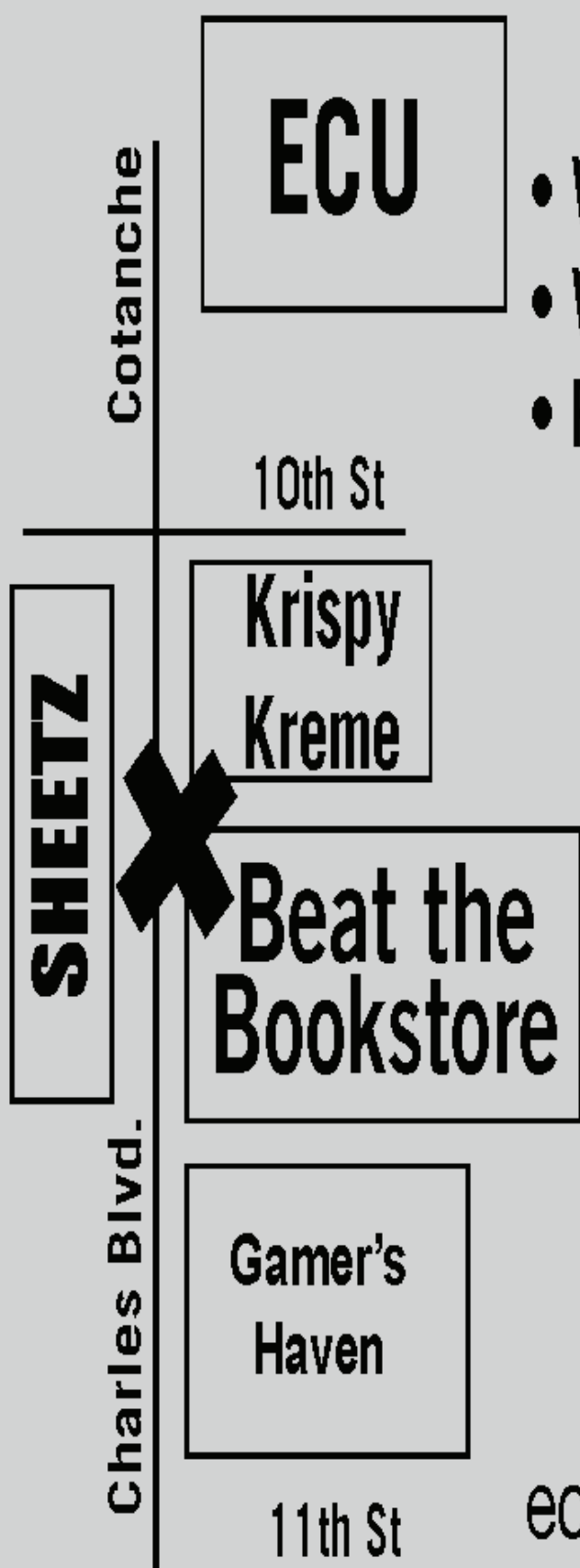
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# C'mon...Is it September yet?



## OPINION

Breaking down the 2010 Pirates

Alex Serkes  
STAFF WRITER

Bob Dylan once wrote, "The times they are a changing," and the 2010 ECU Pirates football team is certainly feeling the effects of change. With new coaches, a new system and an updated stadium, it is obvious to any diehard Pirate fan that the athletic department did a little renovating and redecorating.

The biggest news to hit Pirate Nation in the spring, of course, was the abrupt decision made by Skip Holtz to leave the Pirate program and accept the head-coaching job at the University of South Florida. Appointed now to steer the captain's wheel on the ship is former Texas Tech Assistant Head Coach and ECU alumnus Ruffin McNeill, who along with new offensive coordinator Lincoln Riley will look to install his shotgun spread attack.

But with all this change, how will the Pirates fare in 2010?

Breaking down the season, you will see that the Pirates have a lot of obstacles in their path heading to a 4th consecutive bowl appearance.

Adjusting to a new coach in a new system is no easy quick fix. Chemistry like that must build over time. With any football team success, chemistry starts with the quarterback, and with the graduation of five-year quarterback

Patrick Pinkney, a three-way battle for the top spot has emerged.

Sophomore walk-on Brad Wornick ended offseason drills as the most effective quarterback over scholarship players Dominique Davis and Rio Johnson, which most likely was not the best news for the team.

The quarterback situation will definitely be a struggle for the Pirates this season, but once a solidified starter is crowned, there should be no problem moving the ball through the air in this new pass-happy offense.

Another factor to keep an eye on this preseason and into the season as well is the development of the defensive front seven for the Pirates. The starting front seven for the Pirates last season were all lost to graduation or the NFL Draft, most noticeably front four Linval Joseph, C.J. Wilson, Scotty Robinson and Jay Ross.

The Pirates' offensive backfield also is the setting for some drama and issues. After the team's most talented back Brandon Jackson was sent packing for an arrest in the spring, running backs Jonathan Williams, Giovanni Ruffin and Michael Dobson will need to step up to help solidify that backfield and take the pressure off of whoever may be under center.

The schedule doesn't look to a walkthrough either.

Having to play at No. 10 Virginia Tech, at No. 18 North Carolina and at Southern Mississippi, as well as the addition of conference games against N.C. State and Navy, there are no cupcakes on this menu.

The Pirates' conference schedule does not look to be that tough from first glance, but Tulsa, Memphis and Southern Methodist at home certainly help balance out a schedule that includes seven road games and two preseason ranked opponents.

Despite the questions that



Running back Jon Williams looking for a break in the defense. Williams will be a vital asset to the ECU backfield this season.

hover around the 2010 Pirates, the Pirates still have one of the top offensive weapons in Conference USA in senior wide receiver Dwayne Harris.

After flirting with taking on the NFL Draft, Harris returns off

an amazing year where he had 83 catches for 973 yards, both ranked second in school history.

Harris will look to thrive in McNeill's new spread attack, where he will surely be targeted on the majority of passing plays.

Keep in mind that this same system helped produce the numbers put up by Michael Crabtree at Texas Tech in 2008, and the same could be for Harris in 2010.

The Pirates will have to deal with the tough change in 2010

quickly in order to get back on track, and hopefully they will find themselves playing in January once again.

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- 9/10 - 9/12 **CRW Family Weekend**  
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- 9/16 **King and Queen of the Halls**  
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### Intramurals

- 8/31 **Flag Football, Volleyball, Co-Rec Softball, Wiffleball Captains' Meeting**  
5:00 PM, MSC Hendrix Theatre
- 9/29 **Soccer, 3-on-3 Basketball, Team Handball, Dodgeball Captains' Meeting**  
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# 2010 ECU sports schedule for August and September

## Football

9/5/10	vs. Tulsa	2 p.m.
9/11/10	vs. Memphis	12 p.m.
9/18/10	at Virginia Tech	1:30 p.m.

## Soccer

8/13/10	at VCU	7 p.m.
8/20/10	at UNC-Greensboro	7 p.m.
8/22/10	vs. Francis Marion	2 p.m.
8/27/10	vs. Wake Forest	4 p.m.
9/3/10	at Old Dominion	7 p.m.
9/6/10	vs. Niagara	12 p.m.
9/10/10	vs. N.C. State	4 p.m.
9/16/10	at UNC-Wilmington	7 p.m.
9/19/10	at William & Mary	2 p.m.
9/24/10	at UCF	7 p.m.
9/26/10	at Southern Miss	2 p.m.

## Volleyball

East Carolina Classic		
8/27/10	vs. Charlotte	7 p.m.
8/28/10	vs. Cleveland State	1 p.m.
	vs. Liberty	7 p.m.
Delaware Invitational		
9/3/10	vs. Rutgers	4:30 p.m.
9/4/10	at Delaware	12 p.m.
	vs. Sam Houston State	5 p.m.
Wake Forest Black and Gold Challenge		
9/10/10	vs. Campbell	4:30 p.m.
9/11/10	vs. West Virginia	10 a.m.
	at Wake Forest	7 p.m.
Georgetown Classic		
9/17/10	vs. Furman	7 p.m.
9/18/10	vs. West Virginia	10 a.m.
	at Wake Forest	7 p.m.
Conference play		
9/25/10	vs. UTEP	2 p.m.
9/26/10	vs. UTEP	2 p.m.

## Cross Country

9/3/10	Covered Bride Open	5 p.m.
9/10/10	Seahawk Invitational	All Day
9/17/10	Wolfpack Invite	All Day
9/24	ECU Pirate Invitational	5:30 p.m.

## Men's Golf

9/19/10	GolfWeek's Conference Challenge	All Day
9/20/10	GolfWeek's Conference Challenge	All Day
9/21/10	GolfWeek's Conference Challenge	All Day
9/27/10	at VCU Shootout	All Day
9/28/10	at VCU Shootout	All Day

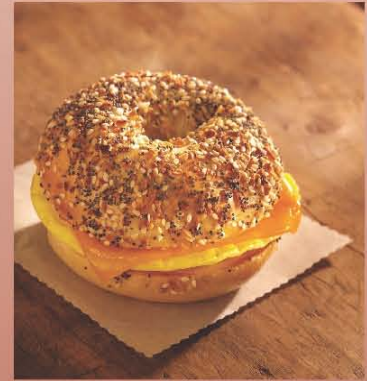
## Women's Golf

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9/27/10	UNCG-Starmount Forest Fall Classic	All Day
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# Piniella steps down as Cubs manager

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CHICAGO — He has been wearing a professional baseball uniform since 1962 in Selma, Ala., and so it was understandable that the final realization “of my last time to put on my uniform” made Lou Piniella cry openly and unashamedly.

Sunday was what he called his “final final,” as he peeled off his Cubbie blues and prepared to go home to Tampa to tend his ailing 90-year-old mother.

“It’s been very special to me,” Piniella said between the tears. “I’m going to go home and do the things I have to do and enjoy my retirement.”

His retirement will come 37 games sooner than he expected after announcing on July 20 that this would be his final season. In between, he missed four games in San Francisco when his mother was hospitalized, which followed him missing three games for the death of her brother.

“I didn’t think my career would end this way but, you know, my mom needs me home,” he said. “She hasn’t gotten any better since I’ve been (back). She’s had a couple other complications, and rather than continue to go home, come back . . . it’s not fair to the team, it’s not fair to the players.

“So the best thing is just to step down and go home and take care of my mother. That’s basically it. I’ve enjoyed it here. In four wonderful years I’ve made a lot of friends and had some success. This year has been a little bit of a struggle. But, look, family is important, it comes first. My mom needs me home and that’s where I’m going.”

Piniella’s managerial seat for at least the rest of this season will go to Cubs’ third base coach Mike Quade, who will receive strong consideration for the permanent job. Alan Trammell will be remain as bench coach, but is not a candidate for next season.

Piniella departs with a 316-293 record in three-plus Chicago seasons, including Sunday’s 16-5 loss to the Braves at Wrigley Field. But that includes becoming the first Cubs manager in 100 years with consecutive post-season appearances 2007 and ‘08.

He played in the major leagues for 18 years, most notably with the Yankees where he appeared in four World Series. He managed for nearly 23 seasons and was manager of the year three separate times. His 1990 Reds won the World Series.

His leaves as the 14th win-

ningest manager in baseball history.

“It’s been a long time,” he said. “I’ve been blessed. God’s given me the health and the ability to do this job and I’m appreciative.

“When I announced my retirement earlier in the season I thought, we’ll finish the year and go from there. Unfortunately, that hasn’t happened. I’ll have plenty of time to reflect.”

When asked if broadcasting — something he did before he took the Cubs job — or a front-office consulting post was in his future, he said:

“I haven’t given my future any thought at all.”

Piniella leaves with the respect of the Cubs’ front office and most of the clubhouse. “From last August on, it hasn’t gone the way anybody would like, but from a personal view, I’m very indebted to Lou,” said GM Jim Hendry, who hired him. “I think he did tremendous things. I hope that he gets to live the rest of his life in good health and spend a lot of time with his family.”

New Cubs chairman Tom Ricketts said in a statement that Piniella “helped raise the bar here and for that we’ll be forever thankful.”

Pitcher Ryan Dempster, who was converted from reliever to starter under Piniella, said that “the season didn’t go like we wanted it to but the most important thing is family and he gets to be with his mom and be around her.”

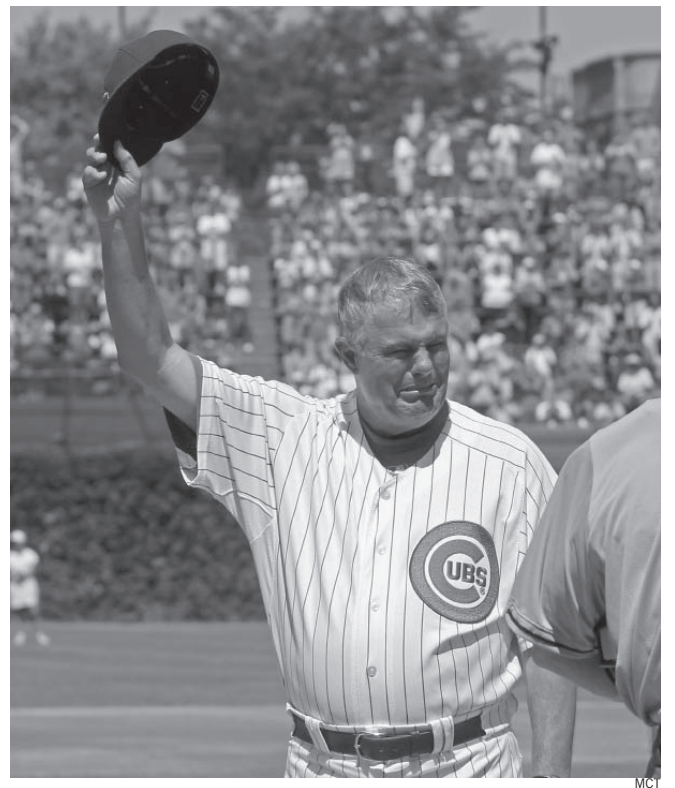
“There’s a lot of great moments,” Dempster said. “Down the stretch here, I think there’s been a lot more negative talk and negative feel because of where we are and let’s try and remember all the good things that went on here.”

Pitcher Carlos Zambrano, who was sent home after a dugout tirade by Piniella and was later suspended, refused comment.

That’s just part of a very trying season for Piniella, who refused to reflect on his long and mostly glorious baseball career.

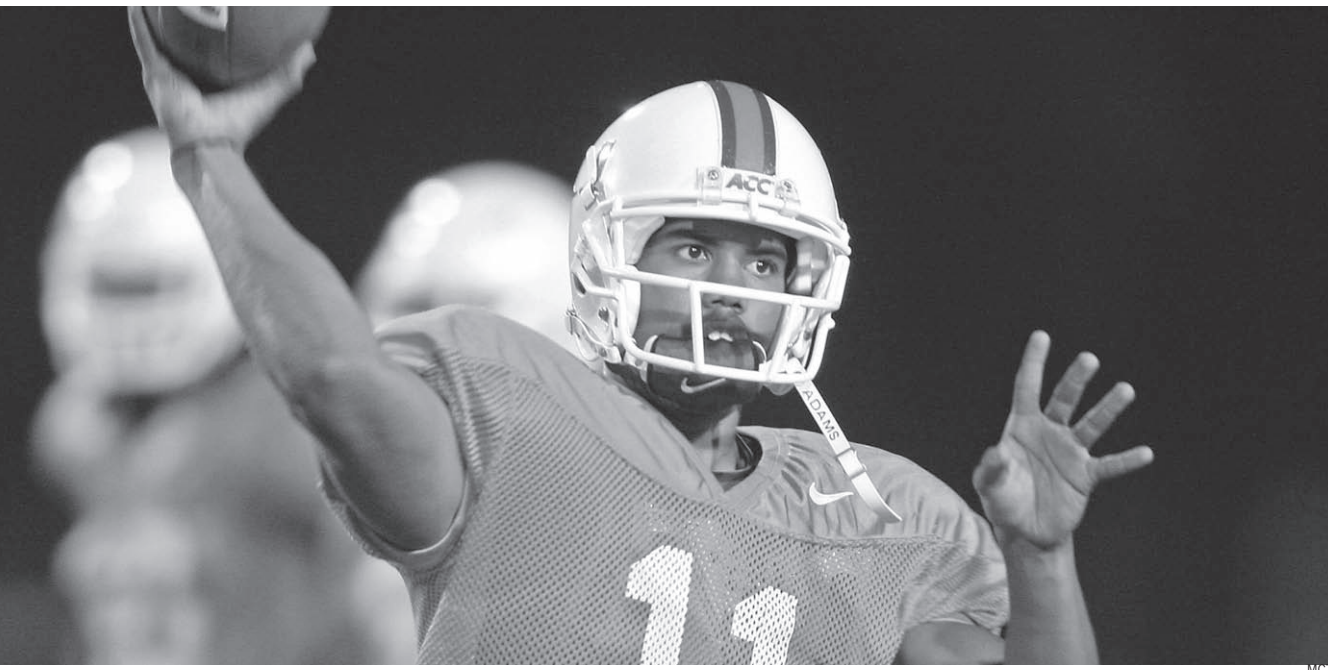
“I haven’t had any time to reflect on anything,” he said. “I’m not going to. I don’t need to. I have plenty of time over the winter to reflect on my four years here, 19 years I’ve managed other places, and my career.

“I’m not much of a reflector anyway.”



Chicago Cubs manager Lou Piniella tipped his hat towards the cheering crowd at Wrigley Field in Chicago, Illinois, on Sunday, August 22, 2010.

# No. 11 Hurricanes have a strong nucleus returning



Quarterback A.J. Highsmith throws a pass as the University of Miami Hurricanes holds a spring practice scrimmage at Lockhart Stadium in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on Thursday, March 11, 2010.

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Randy Shannon inherited a program allegedly going South Beach and has quickly retooled the ‘Canes back into an almost-national title contender.

“We’ve won five games, seven and nine, we keep improving every year,” Shannon, entering his fourth season, said at the recent Atlantic Coast Conference media days.

Is it all about the “U” again? No, but Miami is working its way through the alphabet, and this year it’s going to be all about the “D.”

Is it flashback time to the 1980s and ‘90s and the turn of the century, when Miami claimed its fifth national title with a win over Nebraska in the Rose Bowl and its sixth national title a year later with a victory over Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl?

Wait, that second part didn’t happen, but might have had referee Terry Porter missed the bus and not made a pass interference call that remains questionable to this day (just seeing if you’re awake, Buckeyes fans).

Miami, after riding out the Larry Coker slow bleed, even though he actually had only one bad season, is working toward a swagger team that doesn’t make you call the SWAT team.

A lot of us overheated early last year when Miami opened the season with wins against Florida State and Georgia Tech, only to watch the Hurricanes go to Virginia Tech and get whacked.

Miami finished 9-4 with a strong nucleus returning, led by junior quarterback Jacory Harris, directed by Mark Whipple, one of the game’s top offensive coordinators.

Miami finally got around in the off-season to giving its head coach a four-year contract extension, which ended the embarrassment of Shannon’s being the ACC’s lowest-paid coach.

Shannon has done a good job with Xs and O’s and a great job cleaning up Miami’s reputation.

Get this: Miami and Duke were the only two ACC schools to finish in the top 10% nationally in the Academic Progress Report.

Still, it’s not enough for some basement Internet operations. One called “Canes Pundit” had the gall to put Shannon on its “officially on the hot seat” list, claiming that if the team didn’t win the ACC soon or were to “suffer” through another four-loss year the seat would start billowing smoke.

Someone should start an Internet site that tracks Hurricanes Internet fans (critics) who don’t support the program.

Miami ranked 90th last year in NCAA attendance, filling its stadium to only 63.47% of capacity. That put the “U” one spot below “W” Wyoming and one ahead of “US” Utah State.

By all means, fire the coach if he goes 9-4 again.

Miami might lose that many again and still be pretty good. Get a load of this schedule: After the Sept. 2 home opener against Florida A&M, the ‘Canes play consecutive road games against Ohio State, Pittsburgh and Clemson before coming home for a breather against . . . Florida State.

It all hinges on the maturity of Harris, who threw 24 touchdown passes last year but also a league-leading 17 interceptions. Off-season surgery to Harris’ throwing-hand thumb appears to have gone well.

“Jacory doesn’t have to be the guy who does everything,” Shannon says. “He just has to be a part of it.”

Also, you have to love a team nicknamed “Hurricanes” handing the ball to true freshman named Storm Johnson, named to the Weather Channel’s preseason “storms to watch” list.

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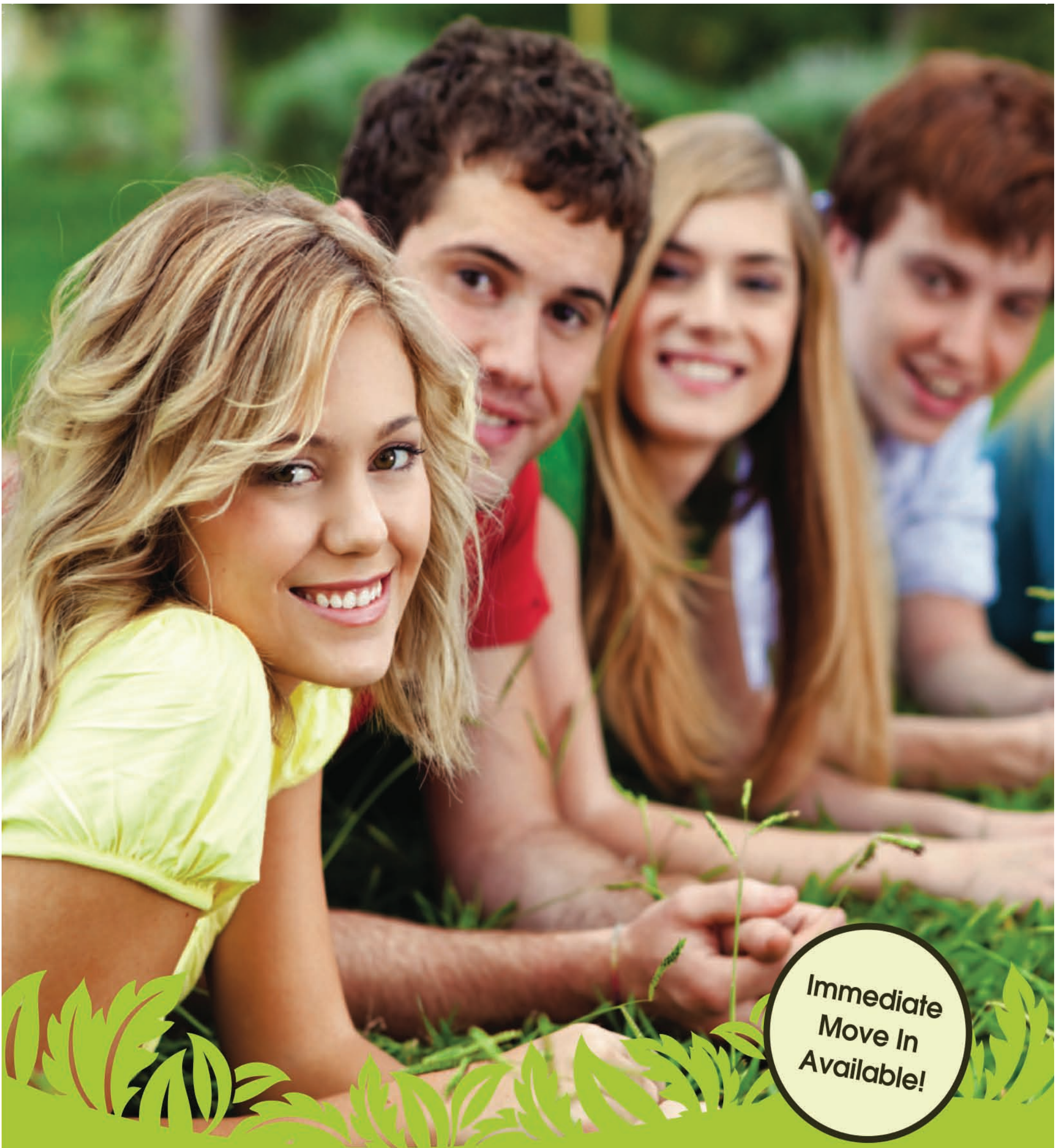
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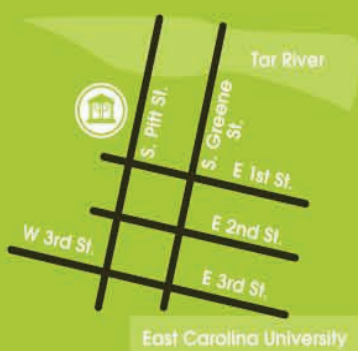
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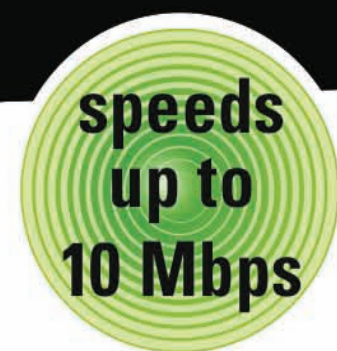


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