

OPINION: I don't know about anyone else...but I could live, eat and breath the Santé Fe wrap from Einstein Bagels in Dowdy. **A3**

LIFESTYLES: Worried about finding a ride home from downtown? Turn to Lifestyles to read about a fun alternative to the busses and taxis! **A4**

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ECU celebrates Hispanic heritage in exhibition "Art Without Borders"

Associated Press

ECU and the Greenville Museum of Art are celebrating Hispanic heritage with arts-based exhibitions, discussions, concerts and classes for students.

The Daily Reflector of Greenville reported that "Art Without Borders" begins Monday evening when artist Eddie Dominquez speaks in Speight Auditorium at ECU. The Greenville Museum of Art will display the work of Dominguez and Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer Jose Galvez, with an opening reception scheduled Wednesday at the museum.

"Art without Borders" also includes panel discussions on immigration and border issues, a screening of the film "The Wind Journeys," a children's bilingual story-time and book-making event and two concerts.

Study names NC best among 10 states for sheltering voters' rights

Associated Press

North Carolina voters will have unique choices to make this fall when they rank their top three candidates among 13 people seeking a single Court of Appeals seat.

While officials are still finalizing the mechanics of how those instant runoff votes will be counted, an outside report examining election policies in what it calls ten "swing" states in the Nov. 2 election provides comfort to some — and a warning from others about a format never used statewide in North Carolina.

The study conducted by the election reform group Demos and the good-government Common Cause said North Carolina has the strongest laws by far among the states examined to protect voters. It also said the state does a good job making sure their votes count.

They point to laws that allow citizens to register and vote the same day during the early voting period, make it a felony to deliberately attempt to deceive voters with misinformation and count the choices of voters who wind up by mistake at the wrong precinct on Election Day.

The other states examined were Arizona, Colorado, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada and Ohio.

North Carolina "ranked first among the states in the study in terms of being good for voters," said report co-author Tova Wang, a senior democracy fellow at Demos.

The high marks stem from a 2007 state law creating same-day voter registration in a 2 1/2-week period before a primary or general election and a 2005 law making clear provisional ballots cast in the correct county but wrong precinct must still be counted.

The 2005 law and other important changes designed to

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Voices for Victims hosts Take Back the Night

Jennifer Soares
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Voices for Victims held Take Back the Night: Walk a Mile in her Shoes, an event supporting victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The group of students, faculty, police officers, and supporters marched down college hill and through campus ending in front of Joyner Library.

The event encouraged everyone, including men, to wear heels and 'take back the night' to show support for all women. After the walk, organizers spoke on the matter of domestic violence, showing women that they are not alone in the fight against abuse. A candlelight vigil was held for those who have fallen victim to domestic violence and abusive relationships.

"I think it is for a good cause," said freshmen Jacob Bridges, "We should not abuse anyone because it is morally wrong."

A moment of silence was also held for Valerie Hamilton, a 23-year-old woman kidnapped and murdered over the weekend in Charlotte, NC. Monday morning, her father Earl Hamilton, Chief of Police in Concord, NC, issued a tearful plea to the public to find the man responsible. Hours later, 34-year-old registered sex offender Michael Harvey was found by FBI agents in Niagara Falls, NY.

Sophomore Mollie Daniels is a survivor who was date-raped her freshmen year here at ECU. Her former roommate and her boyfriend, people who she thought she could trust, took her into their friends bed and let him rape her. She woke up dazed and confused about what happened the night

Walk a Mile in her Shoes



Students marched and chanted their way from the top of College Hill to Joyner Library for "Take Back the Night," where male participants wore high heel shoes for the entire walk.

before, but was made aware after looking at all the bruises.

"When I woke up I thought, 'How could I let this happen?'" she said, addressing the students attending the march, "Then I realized after talking to someone that it was not my fault."

After the attack happened, Daniels reported the crime to the Greenville Police Department; unfortunately, there was not enough evidence to

press any charges. Afterwards, Daniels took the matter to the school and they too were unable to press any charges against the three involved.

"I want people to realize they are not victims but survivors and know that they are not alone," says Daniels, "Even if people do not want to speak up about what has happened to them, I want to be their voice."

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'Rebel 53' calls for entry submissions



Senior and Rebel editor Anna Vaughn Creech displays previous issues of Rebel at her office.

Art and literary magazine holds its yearly competition



A box filled with previous Rebel issues.

Rebecca Blanchette
STAFF WRITER

Rebel, ECU's art and literary magazine, is gearing up to choose

a new collection of work for their 53rd edition. Students can enter a variety of work from fiction, non-fiction and poetry to digital photo, sculpture and wood design. There

are over 20 categories in which students can submit original work.

"I feel like Rebel is a showcase of excellent student work," said editor Anna Vaughn Creech. Students are encouraged to enter as many pieces as they'd like. A panel of judges will pick the top three, and sometimes a fourth "Honorable Mention," from each category to be published in the magazine. There are multiple judges for each category and every year the panel changes.

When asked what the likelihood of winning is, Creech said it varies every year. "It depends on the category you submit to," she added, explaining that some categories get more entries than others. Rebel is introducing a new category this year: documentary

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'Spacetalking' lecture by NASA astronauts helps ECU students learn about space

Shivani Vyas
STAFF WRITER

It is remarkable to know that since the very first space flight in 1981, there are now 132 space missions to date and about 135 total flights that have been made to space.

This past Friday, ECU students were given the opportunity to learn more about life in space directly from two former astronauts themselves.

This special event was presented by the NASA Astrobiology Institute, Astrobiology@ECU, the Department of Biology and GO-Science. Steve Nagel and Linda Godwin, astronauts recruited by NASA, spoke about their space flights to the International Space Station (ISS).

NASA has led U.S. efforts for space research and exploration since 1958. Both Nagel and Godwin have been on NASA shuttles that ranged from lengths of 184 feet with wingspans of 78 feet. These vehicles have enabled astronauts to live in space.

"It is a ride of a lifetime and the launch is very exciting and powerful. It is supersonic and in 45 seconds the shuttle has already reached a speed of 100 miles per hour. While in flight, the shuttle can cover about 25,000 feet per second," Nagel tells us.

Nagel is a former NASA astronaut who first flew as a mission specialist on the Shuttle Discovery in 1985. Becoming a member of NASA in August 1979, Nagel is also a retired colonel in the U.S. Air Force. He has successfully logged 30 days in space.

Godwin became an astronaut in July 1986 and has been on four space flights, logging over 38 days in space with the experience of two spacewalks.

"It is very easy to move around in space, as you can push off and bounce off the walls of the shuttle, floating around. We often have to use types of restraints to keep ourselves leveled and even need a strap to hold our heads to our pillows while we sleep," Goodwin said.

Both NASA members assure us that although being in space is an informative and surreal journey, it is a process that entails hard work and caution.

"Taking care of your health is an absolute necessity in space because your entire body changes, including your immune system, metabolism and movement. Mainly because of the lack of gravity in space, many times crew members feel a sense of space motion sickness, which is similar to car or sea sickness."

"People wonder how we exercise in space, but we actually do have treadmills in our shuttles. We make sure to keep up with our health since not often is there an MD on board. However, we are provided with all the necessary medical and dental kits," Godwin said.

Both Nagel and Godwin highlight the importance of education and encourage ECU students to set clear goals for themselves and continue to strive for excellence.

"Perseverance and education are very necessary to be successful. Us astronauts, we are not geniuses; we are just average people who have worked hard to reach our goals. You must be willing to work hard and never be afraid to aim high," Nagel advises.

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Calendar Events

Tuesday, Sept. 21

"Art without Borders" — Sculptor Eddie Dominguez and photographer José Galvez

10 a.m. at Greenville Museum of Art (802 S. Evans St.)

Dominguez and Galvez will discuss their works. This event is free and open to the public.

Success for Life Series: SEXpert advice

7 to 8:30 p.m. at Mendenhall Hendrix Theatre.

Nationally renowned speaker, Dr. Love, answers any and all questions about sex, love and dating. This is a Wellness Passport Event.

SigEp Blood Drive

12 to 6 p.m. at SigEp house at 505 E. 5th St.

Come out and support the American Red Cross.

Wednesday, Sept. 22

Pirate Safety Day

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Mendenhall Student Center Brickyard.

A live-burn demonstration of a simulated dorm room will be at 12:30 p.m. At the event, students can see fire extinguisher demonstrations, learn about RAD (Rape Aggression Defense), sign up for ECU Alert! and register their bikes on campus. ECU groups planning to participate include ECU Counseling Center, Healthy Pirates, ECU Student Health, and Student Legal Services. At 6:30 p.m., an SBI arson investigator will present "Remembering and Learning from the Ocean Isle Fire" in Hendrix Theater. This is a Wellness Pirate Event.

Thursday, Sept. 23

SAB presents "Shrek Forever After"

7 p.m. in MSC Hendrix Theatre

SAB presents "Toy Story 3"

9:30 p.m. in MSC Hendrix Theatre

Rebel 53 call for entries

10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at EMERGE (formerly EMERGE art gallery) 404 S. Evans Street.

Friday, Sept. 24

International Affairs - Education Abroad Fair 2010

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Mendenhall Student Center Brickyard

Students can learn more about ECU's education abroad programs for summer, semester and the academic year by speaking with our international partner universities, ECU faculty directors and our current international students. This is a Wellness Passport event and it is open to the public.

The Takács Quartet

7:30 to 10 p.m. at Wright Auditorium

Cross Country: ECU Pirate Invitational

5:30 p.m.

Men's Tennis: ECU Fall Shootout

This is an all day event Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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Sunday, Sept. 26

Women's Volleyball vs. UTEP

2 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 27

ECU Cunanan Leadership Lecture Series - Laura Browder

3:30 p.m. at Wright Auditorium.

Laura Browder, author of "When Janey Comes Marching Home," will speak at ECU as part of the College of Business Cunanan Leadership Speaker Series.

Medical History Interest Group lecture

4:30 p.m. at Laupus Library, Evelyn Fike Laupus Gallery, fourth floor.

Todd Savitt, Ph.D., professor of medical humanities in the Brody School of Medicine, will present. For more info, visit www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/laupuslibrary/maps.cfm.

Colleges Against Cancer Hypnotist Event

6 p.m. and 8 p.m. in Hendrix Theatre

Cost is \$12 for a ticket (\$15 at the door) and the money goes to Colleges Against Cancer and the American Cancer Society. Tickets will be sold in Wright Plaza until Friday and again on the day of the show from 11 to 1 p.m.

Send your events to editor@theeastcarolinian.com.

Student population increase leaves some feeling crowded

Staff Reports

The 2010-2011 school enrollment rate has risen 0.5 percent, bringing the total number of students to 27,816. The increase in enrollment has brought in 143 more students than the previous year, despite economic uncertainty and higher tuition.

The retention rate for the previous freshmen class has

also risen this past year to 81.33 percent, a 4 percent increase from last year. With the increase in tuition, class sizes and crowded buses, students are left feeling a little stressed and cramped for space.

"I feel like there are a lot more people on campus," said junior Cassie Gilleland. "Trying to get to class is not easy, and the lines are longer at the bookstore

and food places."

The university discussed enrollment information at their Sept. 16 meeting of the University Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees.

The enrollment figures are as follows: new freshmen 4,193, a 6.2 percent increase; undergraduates 21,490, increase of 181 students; and graduates 6,018, decrease of 42 students.

University spokesman John Durham said in a press release, "These are very positive numbers for the university, especially considering the uncertain state of the economy and the higher costs this year. We look forward to a productive, exciting year with another record-setting student body."

"Have you ever considered transferring from ECU?"



Nicole Gardner
18, Freshman

"No [ECU] has a rough reputation, but it's a good school."



Katherine Hobbs
21, Senior

"No, I actually really like it here."



Deanna Jannzzi
24, Senior

"Yes, I'd like to live in a more artistic city."



Dale Hamilton
25, Senior

"Yes. This school has a 'party school' reputation and I don't like Greenville at all, but my specific major is only offered here."

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"Education is what really opens doors for you, but also having patience and persistence. I did several interviews with NASA before actually getting hired," Godwin tells us.

NASA wants to continue their missions in hopes of reaching distances beyond Earth's orbit. NASA's

goals are determined by Congress and the president, which are currently focused on creating more powerful vehicles with heavier lift that can be sent into space.

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For the first time ever, a police officer walked in heels at the event. Sergeant D.C. Blanchard of the Special Victims Unit walked a mile in a pair of heels in support of the cause.

"I feel that this was a way for members of the police department to show that they can relate to stu-

dents," said Blanchard, "We want to show that we empathize with the victim and that we support them all the way."

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film. How is something like this featured in a magazine? In the back of every book is a DVD, which includes the winning pieces for the media categories and animation.

Once the winning works are chosen, they are then showcased at Pitt County Arts Council at Emerge. They're shown collectively as a gallery for the entire month of October. "It's a celebration of the work," said Creech.

When the month comes to an end, the pieces are then transported to a studio where they are photographed for the magazine.

The Rebel staff will then work on designing the magazine until the spring when it will come out. "It comes out at Barefoot on the Mall. That's its big debut," said Creech. The magazines are free of charge and will also be available on racks in the Art and Design building.

Rebel comes out once a year, and every year it has a new theme. "It's kind of sort of a secret," revealed Creech of this year's theme. "Part of the fun of it is to keep it a secret." Still, students can try to guess what it is from the Rebel advertisements around campus. "People get a feel

for it with the posters," said Creech.

Rebel first came out in 1958. Since then, it has won a number of awards both nationally and internationally. These include an international award for college publication and a national Associated Press award.

"It's a great platform for students to show their work, to continue and grow and become more distinguished," said Creech of the magazine. "It's a lot more for the student community than the Greenville community."

Call for entries are this Saturday

10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pitt County Arts Council at Emerge, downtown across from the Tippy Teapot. There is a \$3 entry fee per piece. The opening of the exhibition for the winning pieces will be on Oct. 1 at 6 p.m. It is open to the public and food and drinks will be served.

To learn more about Rebel, please visit their website at www.ECUREbelMagazine.com.

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bring uniformity to state elections were approved in the wake of a legal challenge to the provisional ballots accelerated when an electronic voting machine failed to record more than 4,400 ballots in Carteret County.

"It's one of the best states. You have a better chance of having your vote counted accurately," said Joyce McCloy of Winston-Salem, founder of the N.C. Coalition for Verified Voting and a key activist involved in the 2005 law changes. "The access to the polls is very fair and reasonable."

McCloy is worried North Carolina won't be able to keep its high stature when it carries out a 2006 law for the first time requiring instant runoff voting be used statewide to fill a Court of Appeals judgeship vacated in August. She's concerned procedures for counting the votes can't meet current stan-

dards and voters won't be educated enough on the ranking process by November.

"IRV undermines the laws that earned us the public's confidence in elections," McCloy said.

Last week's study didn't examine instant runoff voting, but state Common Cause director Bob Phillips said North Carolina's ranking on other ballot access measures builds confidence that the results will be credible.

"It's going to be a reliable, accurate count," Phillips said. "I'm very comfortable with what I'm hearing so far."

State officials are preparing an education campaign about the process. The elections board is preparing to mail voter guides to 4.1 million households that provides information about the 13 candidates and how instant runoffs work.

Voters will be asked to rank their top three candidates. If no candidate receives a majority of the first-choice votes, election officials turn to the ballots of voters whose first-choice candidate was eliminated and count how many of them made one of the two top vote-getters their next highest choice. Those choices are added to the original counts of the two leaders. The candidate with the most combined votes is the winner.

State elections Executive Director Gary Bartlett said the counting process for counties that use optical scan ballots is ready, but details in counties that use electronic machines — covering 40 percent of all voters — are still being settled.

The study also praised North Carolina for declining to require voters to show a form of identification every time they vote so as to

discourage eligible voters if they lack an ID. But some state lawmakers argue asking a citizen to show identification at a local precinct actually protects voters even more by discouraging people from trying to vote as someone else.

The report found some shortcomings in North Carolina law. For example, it said, the right by someone to challenge the qualifications of a voter is too broad. Bartlett said the voter challenge law, which allows someone to challenge a voter on election day at a precinct, is considered a fail-safe against fraud.

"We have a uniform procedure for just about everything related to the electoral process," he said, adding the rules are "in-depth but they also have room for common sense at the local level."

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To the people complaining about not having room to ride their bikes on the sidewalk: it's a sideWALK. Ride in the street like the law says.

To the foreign exchange kid in my class: please stop picking your nose, staring at the booger, and wiping it on your pants. It's gross and your nostrils are inflamed.

I don't know about anyone else...but I could live, eat and breath the Santé Fe wrap from Einstein Bagels in Dowdy

Interrupt class one more time and I will literally throw you across the room followed by that ridiculous animal you bring every day. (I am not talking about the zebra backpack you insist on carrying around, I mean your friend with the hyena laugh).

I cannot stand the way my business teacher breathes through her nose. Notice I say "teacher" and not "professor." I believe anyone could teach this class.

If you get so drunk to the point that you have to knock on a random person's apartment at 3 in the morning because you can't remember your number, then you shouldn't be drinking!!!!

My coffee mug gets more action than you do.

My roommate says that my paper skeleton is a creeper for watching her while she sleeps... I just say he's lonely

Pedestrians: if you see me coming on my bike and I'm clearly trying to get out of your way, please don't step in mine. The awkward side step is hard to do on 2 wheels!

My favorite snack is juicy juice and goldfish crackers. I love being a college student.

Why have all my teachers decided to schedule a test this week? There are other dates on the calendar people!

If the pockets are hanging out of your shorts, they're probably too short.

Just saying.

To the girl on the Sunchase bus that never stops talking: we all hate you. Please be quiet.

Dear Roommate: I do not buy food for your boyfriend to eat. He has his own apartment and own food. Kthanxbai!

Yes I go home every weekend but it does not mean I do not love you... I just see you every freaking day! Plus I love my boyfriend.

To the person who left a thong in front of Brewster: why would it ever be taken off there? Were you getting in on with the Christenbury ghost?

To the guy who shouted at my friend that her flatbread pizza was not going to make her gain five pounds: you made my week!

Leave the student section like it is. We all stand up for games anyways, and without the bleachers we have more room to jump and shout.

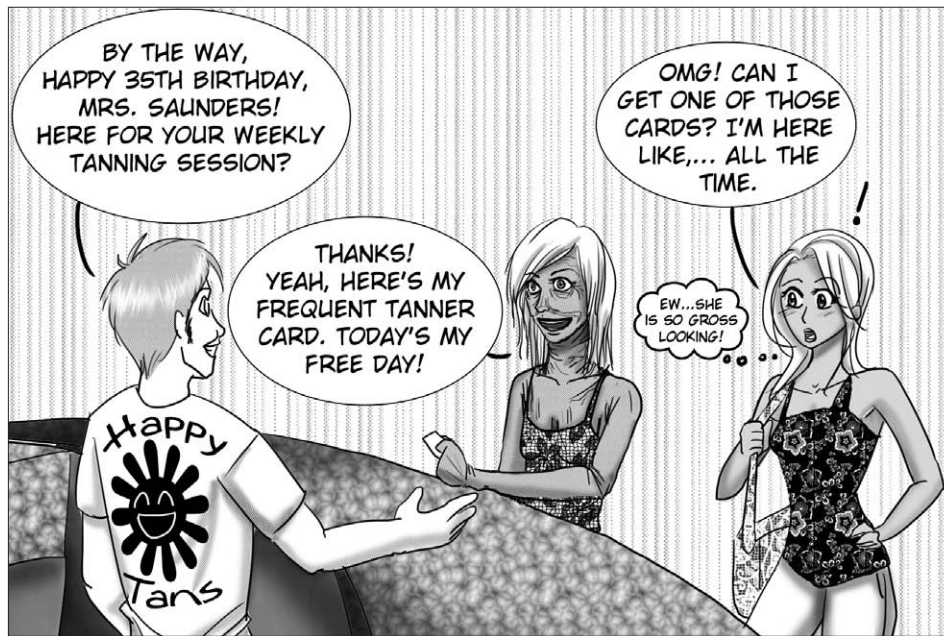
Why does everything have to have a label? Why can't I just hug another woman with my legs in friendship?

My roommate and I have an obsession with Ellen Page.

Is it bad that my professor kind of reminds me of a female version of Gollum from Lord of the Rings?

This girl in my Psych class makes dozens of tiny origami birds the entire hour and a half...what does she do with them all!?!?

More Pirate Rants on our website!!!



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Fake bakers unite



Abby Brockmeyer
OPINION COLUMNIST

Indoor salon tanning has been the contributor to skin cancer for the past 20 years. Studies have shown that ultraviolet tanners are over 74 percent more likely to develop the skin cancer melanoma than people who have never tanned in a tanning bed. Yet I, along with numerous other students at ECU and around the country, continue to put our young lives in danger by stepping inside that glass case of skin-cell-damaging glow.

Yes, fake baking is a growing epidemic and it looks like it's here to stay.

The fact is that most of us who use this deadly contraption time and time again do not admit that we all know the risks. The truth is that we have heard them since we have started tanning for our high school dances: tanning beds give you cancer, cause premature aging and are severely detrimental to your health.

By knowing these risks at a young age, most people would guess it would make me turn

my back completely to the idea of oiling up and sliding into the brightly bulbed bed and using my common sense for this matter. But I think I speak for others when I say there is just some pulling force that drives our minds to think that no matter what, we have to be tanned for upcoming events, for our self-esteem or any other excuse we can possibly come up with. The tanning bed calls to us.

Just like smoking, drinking and other nasty habits people put their bodies through on a daily basis but refuse to quit altogether and make excuses for, tanning is a habit. It's addictive and the more that you do it, the more that you feel like you're accomplishing something. During the winter, tanning beds around Greenville are packed up until our spring break trips with people waiting sometimes hours at a time to get in that tanning bed and get their daily dose of skin cancer.

A local tanning salon employee commented that sometimes there are so many people lining up to get in the beds that it's hard to clean the beds to the best of her ability. And the worst part is, now men are catching on to the tanning phenomenon and are buying memberships to get their own bronzed, tan bodies.

Everywhere around this college town you don't have to

look hard to find a nearby tanning salon offering you their newest deluxe package, and wait, a colorful sparkly bottle for just \$39.99 that will be sure to bring you to your utmost perfection glow. At many apartment and townhouse complexes renting out to mostly college students, you get complementary tanning year round.

With all of these deals, advertising and packages included, it's hard to remember that Congress put a 10 percent tax increase on tanning salons across the country. Another tanning salon employee stated that with the tax increase, the salons saw hardly any change in their business. No one seemed to notice or to have any care about it. It seems that no matter what anyone does, the pressure to look a certain way, like having a dark, tanned complexion year round, will drive us to spend whatever possible to achieve it.

Right now I will say that I haven't stepped foot in a tanning salon in around a year. But sadly, I cannot say whether that will change when it starts getting colder out and I still see everywhere around me the vision of perfectly, smoothly developed tans. The tanning beds call to us.

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Dear Editor:

I wanted to commend you for a job well done. As I picked up and read today's edition of *The East Carolinian*, like I do every Tuesday and Thursday, I was blown away and literally moved to tears. The article about Alan Riggs was truly a touching, inspirational piece. ECU and our paper should be directing our attention towards stories like Riggs' instead of following irrelevancies like "The Jersey Shore." Keep up the great reporting and let's see some more stories about the gracious actions of our Pirates!

- Casey Ferguson

I was just about to say that, you shifty plagiarist!



Ben Cochran
OPINION COLUMNIST

So, everyone knows that cheating on your significant other is bad. At first glance, it's a clear-cut case of right and wrong. But then you get into the specifics of the situation. Maybe he was being feverishly overprotective? Perhaps the relationship had been in decline for some time? Or, maybe someone insanely hotter came along? When all these other considerations cloud the issue, the lurid accusation of cheating is no longer such a black and white matter.

If cheating between people has its exceptions, anomalies

and outliers, then logic would dictate that other forms of cheating are prone to shades of gray as well. The university would have you believe that all lapses in academic integrity are equally as heinous. If plagiarism is the catch-all term used to describe violations that range from improper paraphrasing to submitting a term paper purchased off the Internet, then our definition needs revision. The offense is too broad. It's like referring to both a speeding motorist and a convicted rapist as a criminal. While the description is technically correct, it in no way engenders a full understanding of the massive difference between the individual crimes.

If I improperly paraphrase another author unintentionally, then a case could be made for innocence by way of naiveté. If I maliciously copy and paste the bejesus out of half a dozen Internet articles without having demonstrated any intellectual initiative, then I should be immediately kicked out of

school, no questions asked. In the Honor Code, either scenario constitutes plagiarism. In reality, it's the difference between accepting a drink from a guy who's not your boyfriend and accepting an invitation to play "just the tip" from a guy who's not your boyfriend.

According to the ECU Honor Code, plagiarism is defined as "copying the language, structure, ideas, and/or thoughts of another and adopting same as one's own original work." I don't like this definition because it asks me to be responsible for knowing what other people's thoughts are. I'm no Sookie Stackhouse. And I'm not about to walk around campus asking people, "What are you thinking?" Ladies: if you want to know the quickest way for a guy to lose interest in you, keep asking him that question.

Furthermore, if I were to take the Honor Code quite literally, I would be guilty of plagiarism just by writing this column. I didn't invent the

Our View

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Bleachers incident an omen for bedrails?

Everyone is aware of the recent student section bleachers incident during the first game of the season, but what about the death of Donna Sykes?

Donna Sykes, the 49-year-old mother of UNC-Chapel Hill freshman Jesse Sykes, died on Aug. 20, from a fatal head injury after falling from a dormitory bunk bed.

UNC-Chapel Hill gives students the opportunity to elevate their beds off of the floor up to 77 inches in order to provide more space. The accident caused the requests for bedrails at UNC-Chapel Hill to increase to the point where 1,000 more were ordered even after borrowing many from N.C. State. Here at ECU, requests for bedrails are not an option. According to Campus Living, supplying bedrails would be pointless since there have never been requests.

Since ECU students have the option of bunking and lofting beds on their own (with the exception of Clement and Greene residents), they are held responsible for conduct.

Victims are not always responsible for involvement in accidents. Sykes was there to visit her daughter; Pirate fans were there to enjoy the football game.

Is ECU going to wait to supply bedrails until someone is involved in a fatal accident?

Supplying each bed with bedrails would be an extravagant cost for ECU, but having some available upon request would not be ridiculous.

The idea of rails on bunk beds can be combated with complaints of the rails being ridiculous, unless it is viewed as prevention of injury or death.

ECU should follow the example set by the University of Illinois, requiring students to sign a waiver stating the acknowledgement of the risks of not having bedrails.

The common mindset is that because it did not happen here, it should be ignored. Then again, who expected the bleachers to fail?



"A lot of people have gotten into comedy because of certain influences in their lives or events that were painful, and I really have wracked my brain to figure it out. I pretty much have had a normal childhood. Maybe it was too normal."

Will Ferrell

POLL RESULTS

Do you feel the Pirates are better off with Coach McNeill?

Yes 36% No 50% Maybe 14%

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Each year, the Student Activities Board sponsors a Loud Comedy series featuring both up-and-coming and popular comedians. Last week, Derek Hughes kicked off this semester's LOL series.

In addition to Hughes, this year's comedy series includes Eric Blake, Dean Cole, the team Mal Hall and Fahim Anwar, and Steve Byrne. Each performance is free to students and the ECU community, and they will all take place in Hendrix Theatre in Mendenhall Student Center.

"These comedians were chosen based off of the [SAB Entertainment] committee decision and their popularity," explained Erin McLean, SAB Entertainment Chair. "All have toured schools all over and have been rated as top comedians for colleges."

Eric Blake, a regular headliner at comedy clubs across the United States, will continue the LOL comedy series on Oct. 13 at 8 p.m. Blake has been selected to "The Best of Comic View" on BET for four consecutive years. He was headliner for the comedy hit "War on Comedy," which aired on HBO.

Oct. 18 at 8 p.m., Deon Cole, who is one of the most requested headlining comedians in the college circuit nationwide, will be performing for students. In 2007, Cole had his own half-hour special on Comedy Central and has appeared in MTV's "Short Circuitz" and "Wild N' Out" with Nick Cannon.

In November, Fahim Anwar will perform on the 16th at 8 p.m. Anwar is a regular on the LA comedy circuit, performing at the Improv, Laugh Factory and Comedy Union. Recently, Anwar was a finalist in NBC Universal's Standup for Diversity Showcase. He is a series-regular on MTV's "Disaster Date" and can be seen on Comedy Central's new show, "Russell Simmons Presents: Stand Up from the El Rey Theatre."

Ending this semester's LOL comedy series on Dec. 1 is a performance by Steve Byrne. This past summer, his Comedy Central special "The Byrne Identity" aired, and he has also performed his standup on NBC's "The Tonight Show," "The Jay Leno Show," ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live," CBS's "The Late Late Show" and BET's "Comic View."

The SAB Entertainment Committee and last year's SAB Entertainment Chair, Jonathan Butler, now the SAB president, selected this semester's comedians last year. "Our selection process was fairly easy," explained Butler. "Last year, my committee and I pretty much decided on what comedians will be performing on campus this year."

Each year, select individuals involved in the Student Activities Board are asked to travel to NACA (National Association of Campus Activities) Nationals and/or Regional's convention. At the NACA conventions, students from numerous universities sit and talk to one another and exchange ideas for campus entertainment. Also, vendors who travel to campus for entertainment purposes try to convince the students to bring them to their campus.

"I have traveled to two NACA's since I've been involved with SAB, once in Memphis and another in Boston," claims Butler. "The majority of the comedians selected performed at NACA, including Derek Hughes, who incorporated card tricks into his routine."

The LOL comedy series is a great way for students to enjoy a good laugh. As the saying goes, laughter is the best medicine. "It's a great way for students to relieve stress. It's an option to take someone on a date," continues Butler. "And most importantly, share a good laugh with their fellow peers."

After last year's LOL comedy series, SAB decided to continue the series with different comedians, not to expect big time performers such as Dane Cook or Dave Chappelle. However, the comedians selected are up-and-coming and could end up being even funnier than the big-time names. "I believe the ECU community will really enjoy this year's LOL comedy series," said McLean. "So come take a break from classes and enjoy a good laugh!"

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Peddlin' Pirates CEO Martin Tanski pedals people around Greenville.

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Rickshaws take over the streets of Greenville

A new means of transportation that is safe, affordable and fun!

Rebecca Blanchette
STAFF WRITER

There is a new form of transportation in Greenville that's got the city talking. Rickshaws are catching the eyes of students downtown and on campus, as well as around the stadium on game days. These man-powered bicycles are providing students with a safe, fun and affordable means of transit.

There are two businesses in Greenville operating rickshaws: Peddlin' Pirates and East Carolina Pedicab. The first company on the scene was East Carolina Pedicab. Matt White, an ECU junior and owner of ECP, started up the business toward the end of 2009. He worked for a similar company in Texas before moving to Greenville and decided to start up his own rickshaw business for the positive effects it

has on a community. "When I first met Matt, I knew it wasn't about the money. He's very passionate about helping students," said the company's finance coordinator, Dave Pfeiffer.

White stopped operating the pedicabs for the winter and started back up right before spring semester of this year ended. Around that same time, Peddlin' Pirates emerged. "We like to be around town and be a part of what people do around town," said Martin Tanski, an ECU graduate and CEO of Peddlin' Pirates. "We wanted to give kids an alternative to taxi cabs, and it's more fun."

White says that he's talked to people who "don't like riding with cab drivers" because they can be sketchy and overpriced. The truth is, transportation is always a worry factor when going downtown. The buses aren't always reliable, the cab companies can overcharge and getting in a car with a stranger can make students feel uneasy. The rickshaw companies provide a cheap and safe

alternative.

"We've had nothing but a positive response," said White. "People like what we do." The companies are definitely forming relationships with students and making a mark in the community. "We have loyal customers," he said, explaining that certain people will only ride with certain drivers. "Obviously we're creating a setting where they feel comfortable." The fact that the rickshaws are riding up and down the streets at all hours of the night also provides added safety. "We're out there patrolling the streets," he points out. "It's less likely crimes will happen if someone is around."

"It's pretty interesting just being downtown and being sober," said White. "We have fun doing our job." Both companies hire ECU students as drivers who agree that the job definitely isn't boring. "It's almost like 'Taxi Cab Confessions,'" said Tanski, comparing the job to a popular HBO show. "You hear all kinds of stories by the end of the night," he adds.

"It's funny."

Students aren't the only ones enjoying this new type of transportation. "Alumni tell us what a great idea it is," said White. He explains that he has formed relationships with alumni who need transportation on game day, such as one loyal customer who has a bad back and therefore can't walk to the stadium.

Peddlin' Pirates are well known for the flashiness of their rickshaws. They have six different ones, all of which have unique names painted



East Carolina Pedicab transports people from downtown.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

FIVE GUYS BURGERS AND FRIES now open for business

★★★★☆

Katey Warren
STAFF WRITER

Once hungry patrons walk in the doorway of the new local chain restaurant, the mouth-watering aroma of America's favorite foods -- cheeseburgers and french fries -- may cause their stomachs to growl and their diets to go out the window.

The restaurant chain Five Guys Burgers and Fries opened in August on Greenville Boulevard in Arlington Plaza, and ever since, it's rare to walk past the restaurant without seeing a line formed at the register.

"If you're not ready for Five Guys, you better get ready," said Drew Flowers, an ECU student and fan of Five Guys.

With service quicker than that of many dine-in restaurants, yet with food that is fresher and tastier than that of most fast food chains, Five Guys is the perfect medium. "Every morning, our fries are hand cut and our meat is pattied," said Kevin Chesson, a manager of the local restaurant. "So our food is fresh and never frozen."

The restaurant's atmo-

sphere is similar to that of a classic American diner, adorned with red and white-checkered walls, signs and advertisements, and lined with hefty 50-pound bags of potatoes.

Rather than offering the average and boring breadbasket to customers to help them wean off their hunger until their orders are ready, Five Guys surrounds the restaurant with boxes of peanuts. This way, customers can help themselves to as many peanuts as they please -- and even take some home with them.

More importantly than the decorations, however, is the taste of the food. The Five Guys menu, which keeps it simple by offering only small and regular hamburgers and cheeseburgers, french fries, hot dogs and a few sandwiches, adds variety with its large array of topping choices. With 15 toppings to choose from, which are all free with the purchase of any menu item, customers are left with over 250,000 possible ways to order a burger.

After customers make the difficult decision of what combination of toppings will contribute to making their



Five Guys serves freshly-made burgers with unlimited free toppings.

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perfect burger, their orders enter an assembly line and they wait for their receipt numbers to be called. This assembly line, along with the Five Guys employees who keep it moving, can be seen from the dining area. The abundance of employees working behind the counter shows that the business is constantly prepared for rushes or large groups throughout the day. "There weren't five guys, but more like 25 guys making my burger," said Todd Stewart, an ECU student who recently visited the new restaurant for his first official Five Guys experience in Greenville. Once the orders are ready, the employees assemble it into the Five Guys signature brown bag and call out the receipt number.

It is at this time that the customer can set aside the

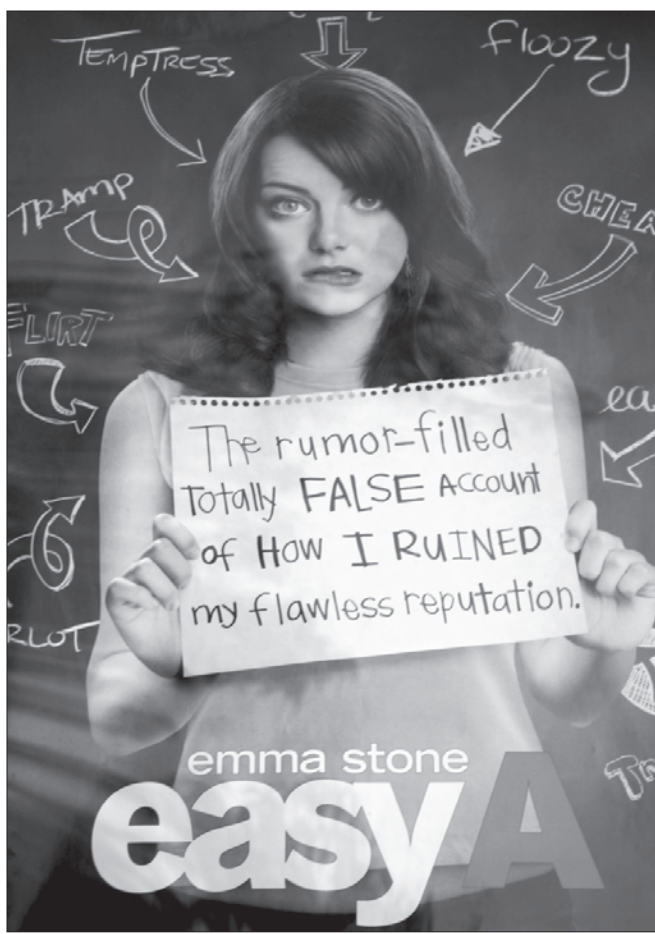
peanuts he or she has been munching on and devour his or her freshly made meal. After his first visit, Stewart left the restaurant extremely satisfied, yet in need of a cool down. "I got everything on my burger, even the hot, zesty sauce and jalapeños," said Stewart. "It actually left me perspiring a little bit, feeling like I just competed in an East Coast Wing challenge."

Matthew Johnson, also an ECU student and fan of Five Guys, agrees with Stewart. "The food was delightful," Johnson said, "and very filling for a poor college student." Johnson feels the prices, which are significantly less than those of most other dine-in restaurants, are reasonable, especially considering the notably large portion sizes.

The regular burgers are compiled of not one but two patties, and for those who dare to order a large size french fry along with their burger, they may need a friend to help them finish. Also, for those who wish to gobble down their generously proportioned meal in the comfort of their own home as well as skip the line, Five Guys conveniently offers online ordering for take-out.

With a location that's conveniently close to ECU and an atmosphere that is not only lively but also clean, the new Five Guys in Greenville will most likely continue being a popular spot to relax and chow down on classic American favorites.

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'Easy A,' starring Emma Stone, opened last Friday.

'Easy A' brings laughter to viewers

★★★★☆

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College students across the country stepped out Friday night to see "Easy A" on the big screen. The tale of a girl who has grown up with unconventional parents and feels like an outcast is one that we all know too well, but "Easy A" manages to take a played-out story and turn it into something that leaves viewers chuckling all the way home.

Loosely based off of the novel "The Scarlet Letter" by Nathaniel Hawthorne, this film uses sex, gossip and teenage angst to fuel its comedic moments. The film's heroine, Olive Penderghast, is like any other normal teenaged girl, but when she tells her bossy friend Rhiannon a lie to shut her up, nosy classmate Christian Marianne overhears and spreads the news to the school. The entire school then believes Olive lost her virginity and she capitalizes on this perception, letting people pay her to say they slept with her.

What follows is a series of awkward and humorous moments involving many different guys, a slutty guidance counselor, a priest and some small appearances from Olive's out-there parents. Many of these moments and characters are what make the otherwise clichéd story extremely watchable. However, some clichés are hard to ignore, such as Olive's love interest Todd, who she has known her whole life, and Marianne, who is the epitome of the mean girl in any high school film and whose only redeeming quality is her humorous super-Christian attitude.

Regardless, critics generally rate the film well, saying its commentary on sex in high school is actually informative and important. Some also note

the film's open-minded message and serious lesson underneath all of the corsets, stilettos and sex talk. The occasional critic gets hung up on the rather unoriginal underlying high school film formula, but most agree it is well done for the kind of film it is.

Despite some mixed reviews, "Easy A" manages to call up lots of laughter in the theater and entertain the audience.

"I was apprehensive at first when it came to viewing 'Easy A,' but the movie turned out to be a delightful Friday night feature," said freshman Stormy DeLucia, a biology major. "With all the elements of yet another cheesy high school movie, 'Easy A' was able to step away from the typical storyline while producing laughs and entertainment."

The film took the spot of number two in the box office, earning \$18.2 million in the U.S. and \$1.2 million in Australia. Surprisingly, it was beat out for the number one spot by the more serious movie "The Town," but numbers will continue to change as the films are in theaters.

The core cast includes Emma Stone as Olive, Amanda Bynes as Marianne, Stanley Tucci as Olive's dad, Gossip Girl's Penn Badgely as Todd and Aly Michalka as Rhiannon. The film is directed by Will Gluck and rated PG-13 for sexual content, language and teen profanity.

Though the recipe for this film is similar to that of various other teen comedies already made, the funny personality of Emma Stone and the sheer outlandishness of the idea make it one that movie-goers should see if they are looking for a fun, light-hearted and generally entertaining story.

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Terra McSwain hopes to start a pre-veterinary club at ECU.

ECU student works to start pre-veterinary club

Katie Fulp
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

There are a variety of academic clubs on campus for students to join; however, not every field of study is covered. One biology student was surprised to find that ECU does not have a club for students interested in studying animal sciences.

ECU senior Terra McSwain is hoping to change this by

creating a new club called the Pre-Veterinary Medical Association. McSwain realizes that there are other students around campus who are in the same situation and would benefit from having a club where they can discuss veterinary medicine. So far, McSwain has spoken to quite a few students who would like to be involved in the up-and-coming club.

"I'm interested in this club because it will provide opportunities for those who want to pursue veterinary medicine and other animal-related careers instead of having to

attend [the veterinary school at] N.C. State. Who knows, this club could help ECU to have a veterinary school one day," says Cyrus Lacuesta, a hopeful club participant.

McSwain, who is studying to prepare for a career in veterinary medicine, has leadership positions in other clubs on campus and knows what it takes to organize a club's meetings and events. She believes that students interested in the animal sciences should have an organization on campus where they can have the opportunity to

become more involved with activities related to their area of study.

"I want to be a part of a group that caters to students interested in the profession of veterinary medicine or other animal-centered professions," said McSwain. "With the development of this club, I hope to unite students of similar interests and alleviate our burden of working toward this goal (admission to veterinary school) alone."

McSwain hopes that once started, the Pre-Veterinary Medical Association can belong to the American Pre-Veterinary Medical Association (APVMA), which is a national organization dedicated to the promotion of veterinary medicine. Currently, there are only two pre-veterinary clubs in North Carolina that belong to the APVMA, which are at N.C. State and UNC-Chapel Hill.

Lee Sutton of ECU's Department of Biology, who would serve as the chapter adviser, has been helping McSwain to get the ball rolling on establishing the club.

"The importance of having a club like this on campus, like any club on campus, is to group together those with similar interests in a particular idea," said Sutton. "A group centered around veterinary medicine, stemming from interests in science, animals and health care, to be established by a biology student like Terra McSwain is a natural fit."

Sutton and McSwain have been working to promote the Pre-Veterinary Medical Association by sending out informational e-mails as well as hanging up flyers around campus. "We are reaching out to all students in hopes of planning our first meeting in mid-September," says McSwain.

Anyone who may be interested in being part of the Pre-Veterinary Medical Association should e-mail McSwain at mcswain07@students.ecu.edu to be added to the Pre-Veterinary Medical Association's mailing list.

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Katie Winn, the new coordinator for Campus Kitchens, hopes to improve the program this year.

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Campus Kitchens has new goals for the year

A new coordinator and expanding leadership team take action

Alexandra O'Halloran
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Campus Kitchens is a program that was started in Washington, D.C. by a man named Robert Egger. It originally started with D.C. Central Kitchen and eventually spread to the idea of the Campus Kitchens Project. Today there are over 30 campuses with the program, three of which include Wake Forest University, ECU and Elon.

The program opened at ECU last February and has been helping serve excess food from Todd Dining Hall and ECU catering services to those in need, in partnership with The Ronald McDonald House and The Little Willie Center.

However, this year the leadership team of nine students and counting plans to do even more. Katie Winn, the new coordinator of Campus Kitchens at ECU,

who is an AmeriCorps VISTA member, is excited to get the leadership team ready to serve.

"The students are currently in orientation," Winn said. She went on to explain that Phil Smith, from Todd Dining hall, guided the students through the kitchen so everything can be operated safely. Many students also already have their ServSafe certificate, which indicates that the student knows how to distribute food in a safe manner. Students who do not already have a certificate will be spending fall break doing so.

Winn noted that the leadership team is also responsible for ultimately making the decisions for the project's initiatives. "We are allowing them to expand on their individual visions of what they want Campus Kitchens to be," Winn said.

Michael Loeffelman, who serves on the advisory board for Campus Kitchens at ECU and as the volunteer coordinator in the service learning center, shed some light on what might be happening this year. "This year is exciting because

it is the first full academic year with the Campus Kitchens running," Loeffelman said. "We are embarking on a partnership with the Homecoming Committee for the food drive."

Loeffelman went on to explain that some of the goals with the food drive are to get people to donate foods that are needed. "Soups are not needed as much, but we need more canned fruit and vegetables," he said.

Not only is Campus Kitchens working for that partnership, but Winn said she and Jessica Gagne Cloutier, who is the service learning coordinator in the service learning center and an adviser for Campus Kitchens, have discussed the possibility of participating in a backpack program that the food bank is starting up. "They provide unmarked backpacks and fill them with food that young children can prepare for themselves," she said. "Students that they know aren't getting food on the weekend can take it home and eat it and bring the backpack back."

These are only a few possible initiatives, but Loeffelman said he believes there are more to come. "As soon as the leadership team feels comfortable, they will direct the growth," he said.

Since Campus Kitchens will only have VISTAs for three years before becoming completely student-run with the help of the advisory board, Winn hopes that she can aid them in making decisions and focusing on each person's strengths.

Winn is excited to have her position for the year and work for a cause that she cares about. "I feel very blessed to be in this situation," she said. "We've got definite growth that can happen, but I feel like they're doing so much as it is."

To find out more about Campus Kitchens as a countrywide organization, go to campuskitchens.org, or to find out more about ECU's Campus Kitchens, e-mail Katie Winn at winnk@ecu.edu.

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Detroit Lions' Jahvid Best runs for a 75-yard touchdown during first-half action against the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday. The Eagles won 35-32, but Best totaled 232 all purpose yards.

Soccer Tops William & Mary 2-1

Drops Close Match at UNCW 1-0

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With 54 seconds remaining in the match, Jessica Woodward netted her first career game-winning goal off a corner kick to give ECU a 2-1 win over William & Mary in its final non-conference game of the 2010 season.

The win, which is ECU's first in the series, moves the Pirates to 5-3, while the Tribe falls to 4-3-1.

Amanda Malkiewicz lobbed the corner kick to the back post where Woodward headed the ball toward the top left corner for her second goal of the season.

Trailing 1-0 after Katrina Smedley scored for William & Mary off a corner in the 18th minute, Malkiewicz knotted the game at one from 16 yards out with a shot to the lower right corner at the 23:39 mark. Hali Oughton was credited with her second assist of the year.

Christiane Cordero improved to 5-3 in goal after recording five saves on the day in 90 minutes of work. Grace Barnard suffered the loss in net, allowing a pair of goals and logging two saves.

Malkiewicz scored three points in the match and pushed her season and team-leading total to nine. The junior forward's assist on Woodward's goal was her third on a game-winning score this season. Her goal in the first stanza ties her for the team lead with Chrissy Gratz.

ECU was out-shot 18-6 in the contest and was edged out on corner kicks, 5-3.

Erin Pardini's unassisted goal in the 65th minute of play lifted UNC Wilmington to a 1-0 win over ECU Thursday night

at the UNCW soccer stadium. With the win, the Seahawks improve to 3-4 on the season and snap the Pirates' three-game winning streak, dropping them to 4-3.

Pardini struck for her third goal of the season, second game-winning, at the 64:24 mark of the second half as she was able to corral a deflected ECU clearing attempt inside the box and place a shot into the lower left hand corner of the net.

ECU's best chance to get the on board came in the 32nd minute, as junior Amanda Windsor was able to get through the UNCW defense unscathed and connect with a cross that she sent to the outside of the right post from close range.

"Tonight we were out-worked," said Head Coach Rob Donnenwirth. "UNCW beat us to the majority of the balls and own most air battles. I can talk about possession and decision making, which need to improve, but in the end you can't let the other team out-compete you."

Seahawks junior keeper Chandler Follett recorded her second shutout of the season and the 11th of her career as she made four saves. Redshirt freshman Christiane Cordero made six saves in goal for the Pirates, all of which came in the first half.

UNCW held a slim 10-9 edge in shots taken and enjoyed a 5-1 advantage in corner kicks awarded.

The Pirates will be back in action next Friday, Sept. 24, when they travel to Orlando, Fla., to face Conference USA member UCF with a 7 p.m. (EST) start scheduled.



ECU midfielder Jessica Woodward booted home the Pirate's game-winner over William & Mary in the final minute of play.

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OPINION



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Hard Knocks: Week 2

With NFL teams working out their early season kinks in week 1, week 2 served as a much more polished weekend for teams that got off to a slow start. This was the case for some, and others not so much.

After falling hard last week, the Bengals, Colts and Eagles were able to get right back up on their feet, looking like the 2009-playoff-caliber teams they were.

The Bengals played "smart ball" in their ugly 15-10 win over the Ravens. Carson Palmer, playing it safe, quietly won the quarterback battle over Joe Flacco, going 16 of 35 for 137 yards and no touchdowns.

However, offensive play, minimal mistakes and turnovers by the Bengals allowed them to kick themselves to victory, while Flacco had a miserable day with four picks.

Peyton Manning quickly reminded critics of which Man-

ning brother has the MVP trophy sitting in his home, as the Colts blew by Eli and the Giants 38-14, with good ol' Archie Manning watching in the background.

It was a big win for the Colts after having defensive woes against Houston last week. The resurgence of Michael Vick was apparent in the Eagles' 35-32 shootout over Detroit, as the ever-exciting quarterback had a pair of touchdown tosses and rushed for 37 yards on seven carries.

Week 2 also centered around two early surprise teams that before the season everyone thought would be making their reservations for the top five in next year's draft. Tampa Bay and Kansas City, both of which were in the top five of this year's draft, are now 2-0 under strong quarterback play and solid defense.

Once again, though, play-off-caliber teams with high expectations coming into the season struggled mightily in week 2.

Brett Favre and the Vikings looked absolutely miserable in their 14-10 loss to the Dolphins. Favre finished with no touchdowns, four turnovers and a head full of uncertainty.

It's apparent without his top receivers, Sidney Rice and Percy Harvin, "the ol' gunslinger" is having problems. Can someone get this guy Vincent Jackson?

Favre wasn't the only pro bowl quarterback to struggle, however. Vince Young and David Garrard were both benched midgame on Sunday.

Matt Moore of the Panthers and Jason Campbell of the Raiders didn't look that promising either, both benched for their backups midgame.

The Cowboys' struggles continued as well. A team total 36 yards rushing on 20 carries between Marion Barber, Felix Jones and Tashard Choice — are you kidding me?

Wade Phillips needs to do something fast or he might be expecting a call up to Jerry

Jones's office very soon.

While some perform poorly, others thrive. Philip Rivers, Aaron Rodgers and Mark Sanchez all got back on the right track Sunday. Each starting quarterback led his team to victory, all while putting up very promising numbers.

This week's top performances have to go to the rookie running back Jahvid Best in Detroit and wide receiver Andre Johnson in Houston. Best had a field day against the Eagles, going off for 232 yards of total offense, including nine catches for 154 yards and a touchdown. Johnson put up his normal numbers, 12 catches for 158 yards, and a fourth and long conversion that resulted in a touchdown and kept the Texans alive against the Redskins.

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OPINION



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If Ya Ain't Cheatin', Ya Ain't Tryin'

"If ya ain't cheatin', ya ain't tryin'." This is a phrase I have heard muttered by several athletes on different collegiate teams. All of them seem to find it as a justification for their own academic dishonesty.

I hate to burst their bubble, but I find this expression idiotically preposterous. If they want to succeed long term, I suggest that they learn to live by integrity rather than dishonesty.

I say this because although most collegiate athletes dream of playing professional sports, the likelihood that they will be very low, and even if they go pro, they're going to need something to do with the rest of their lives once they retire.

Not everyone can be Brett Favre.

Even if athletes do cheat their way through and get a degree, it is not likely that they will be able to maintain a job once they get one, because instead of learning key concepts in college, they learned how to shade their wandering eyes.

I want to see ECU's athletes succeed in their lives whether

they're playing sports or not. We should represent a degree from ECU well because the better we represent it, the better jobs we'll get because of it. Whether they like it or not, athletes are public representatives of ECU. However, I understand that it is easier said than done.

Most of us do not realize the stress that many athletes are under to do well in academics and to perform to their best in their sport. Athletes are often up at the break of dawn for morning workouts, leaving them exhausted by the time their classes start. Although many are able to keep themselves alert for the lesson, there are a few who regularly fall into deep slumbers for the entire class. I'm not sure if they've noticed, but their classmates, most of whom are supportive fans, have taken note of their conduct.

Part of me sympathizes with the athlete. We've all been there before, when we are so drained that our eyelids are burdened with weight. We've all felt the jerk of our heads slipping from the prop of our hands as we accidentally drift off, hovering over our desks. I am not knocking that. It is bound to happen to anyone with a busy

schedule at some point. But does it have to happen every single class?

The reason this bothers me when it comes to athletes, particularly athletes on full scholarships, is because most athletes get to sign up for classes before the average student.

If an athlete repeatedly falls asleep or doesn't show up, they are potentially taking a seat in that class of a student who would appreciate the value of education, not just to keep a high-enough GPA to play, but to actually learn something.

Instead, that student has to wait an extra semester to take the class because there weren't enough spaces left, meaning that they have to pay more money for tuition, even stay an extra semester to graduate in some circumstances. Meanwhile, the class they could have been in has a row of athletes who seem to think that it is a scheduled naptime.

Although some athletes seem to slack in the classroom, there are many who clearly appreciate the opportunities that have come their way.

After talking with a group of students, we concurred that it is refreshing to see athletes actively participating in class. They are the ones who I am proud to have represent me as a Pirate. It is thrilling to see athletes stand out in their sports, but it is even more glorifying to see that they are well rounded and working hard in the classroom as well. They go the extra mile, and for that they should be applauded. Way to break the barriers of the "dumb jock" stereotype.

"If ya ain't cheatin', ya ain't tryin'."

The most suitable response

to this expression is voiced through the words of former NFL Coach Tony Dungy.

"What you do is not as important as how you do it. Those are the words that keep coming back to me when I attempt to choose what is expedient over what is right. People who bend the rules to get ahead usually get caught in the long run. But even if they don't get caught, they will always know how they made it to the top. And at some deep-down level, they'll know that they're frauds and that maybe they didn't have what it took to accomplish such achievements on a level playing field."

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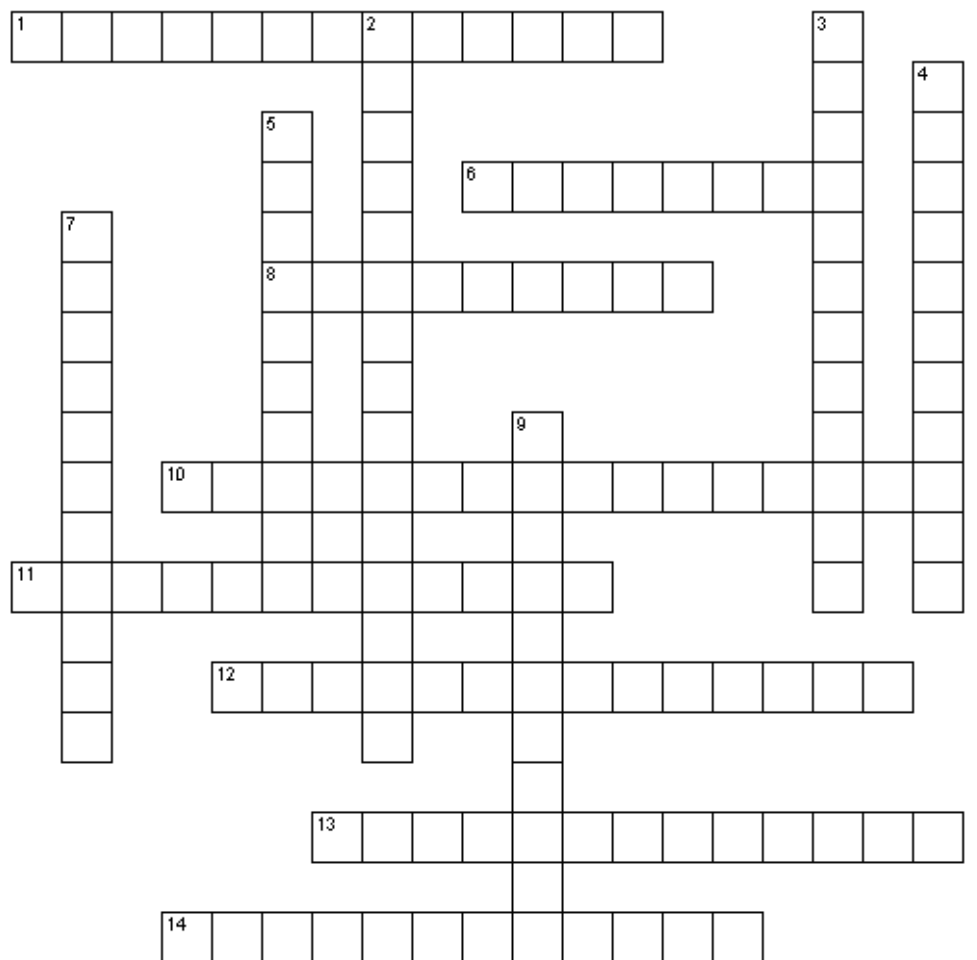
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- Tom Hanks plays the title role in this 1994 movie (7,4)
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- John Travolta is Danny Zuko in this 1978 movie (6)
- Will Smith plays the title role in this 2005 movie (5)
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- Nicolas Cage is Ben Gates in this 2004 movie (8,8)
- Tom Hanks is the voice of Woody in this 1995 movie (3,5)

Down

- Jon Voight is Defense Secretary John Keller in this 2007 movie (12)
- Paul Hogan plays the title role in this 1985 movie (9,6)
- Michael J Fox is Marty McFly in this 1985 movie (4,2,3,6)
- Holly Hunter is the voice of Helen Parr / Elastigirl in this 2004 movie (3,11)
- Bruce Willis is Dr Malcolm Crowe in this 1999 movie (3,5,5)
- Mel Gibson is Rev Graham Hess in this 2002 movie (5)

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Pirates place eighth at Golfweek Challenge

After a three-hour delay due to heavy rains overnight Saturday, the ECU men's golf team finished the opening round of the Golfweek Conference Challenge in eighth place at two-over 290 on Sunday. ECU is seven shots behind North Carolina State for second place and is just two shots out of fifth place. Host Iowa leads the field by a 15-stroke margin, shooting 20-under 268 Sunday at Spirit Hollow Golf Course. The top two individual scores from Sunday's first round belong to the Iowa Hawkeyes. Chris Brant leads teammate Brad Hopfinger by one stroke; Brant shot an eight-under 64, while Hopfinger carded a seven-under 65.

ECU junior Harold Varner fired a two-under 70 and is tied for ninth place after 18 holes. Varner, who began play on the tenth tee, birdied two of the first five holes and carded a one-under on the back nine. He also made a pair of birdies after making the turn to shoot one-under on the front nine as well.

Classmate Adam Stephenson also birdied four holes, but he bogeyed four holes and finished the first round with a score of par 72, tied for 24th-place. Senior Warren Straub and junior David Watkins each shot two-over 74 and are in a six-way tie for 40th. Ryan Eibner, who was making his first career appearance in the Pirates' lineup, is tied for 56th at five-over 77.

Greenville Men's Baseball League looking for players

The Greenville Men's Baseball League is still seeking new players. There are currently three teams in the league, and the league is in search of a fourth team. GMBL is accepting individual players as well as full teams. All those interested should contact the league via its website, www.greenvillebaseball.com.

This week in Pirate sports

Today, Sept. 21

Men's golf vs. Golfweek Conference Challenge
All day

Friday, Sept. 24

Soccer at UCF
7 p.m.

Cross-country vs. ECU
Pirate Invitational
All day

Men's tennis vs. ECU Fall
Shootout
All day

Saturday, Sept. 25

Volleyball vs. UTEP
2 p.m.

Men's Tennis ECU Fall
Shootout
All day

Sunday, Sept. 26

Soccer vs. Southern Miss
2 p.m.

Volleyball vs. UTEP
2 p.m.

Women's golf at UNCG-
Starmount Forest Fall
Class
All day

Men's tennis vs. ECU Fall
Shootout
All day

ECU, McNeill Suffer First Loss At The Hands Of The Hokies



Wide receiver Dwayne Harris makes the touchdown catch over Virginia Tech cornerback Rashad Carmichael in the second quarter. Despite the devastating 49-27 loss, the Pirates controlled the game early.

Adam Bunn

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Ruffin McNeill lost his first game as ECU head coach on Saturday as the Pirates fell at the hands of Virginia Tech 49-27 in Blacksburg, Va.

The Pirates (2-1) trailed by only three going to the half, but they were outscored by the Hokies 28-3 in the third and fourth quarters.

ECU quarterback Dominique Davis didn't have his strongest game, completing 30-of-44 passes for 251 yards with just one touchdown while throwing a season-high two interceptions. Davis's touchdown pass came on the first play of the second quarter when Davis hooked up with star receiver Dwayne Harris for 7 yards and the touchdown, putting the Pirates up at 17-7.

Virginia Tech started its comeback on the very next possession as quarterback Tyrod Taylor organized the Hokies' best drive of the season, driving 71 yards in just five plays.

Taylor capped off the drive with connection to Dyrrell Roberts for 24 yards and a touchdown.

The Pirates were able to hold on to the lead until just over four minutes to play in the third when Virginia Tech's David Wilson scored the first of his two rushing touchdowns on a 3-yard sprint to give the Hokies a lead they would not surrender.

"Tough loss today. We knew we were facing a tough task coming into Virginia Tech.

They had lost two tough games. We knew we'd catch their best shot," ECU Head Coach Beamer said. "It was a team that would be backed up against the wall. Coach Beamer's done a good job here. I've mentioned that all week long."

While the Pirates expected to get the Hokies' best shot, that didn't happen in the first half. The Hokies came out looking as if they didn't want to play, allowing ECU to jump out to a quick 17-7 advantage before the Pirates even broke a sweat.

For the third-straight week, the Pirates were able to run the football with some success, rushing for over 100 yards. But unlike the previous two outings, it wasn't an easy feat.

The Hokies' defense, which has always prided itself on shutting down the run, didn't allow running back Jon Williams to break any big runs and basically voided the running attempts of Davis, who totaled just 34 yards rushing.

On offense, ECU made many mistakes in a game that they had a chance to win all the way into the fourth quarter. With the Pirates trailing 35-27 at the start of the fourth and final quarter, Davis drove his offense down to the Hokie 36-yard line after a 14-yard run by Williams.

On the ensuing play, Davis was intercepted by Virginia Tech cornerback Rashad Carmichael, who returned it 68 yards for a touchdown, pushing the lead to 42-27, effectively ending the Pirates' last scoring chance of the game. For the

remaining 13 minutes of the tilt, ECU would not run another play inside Hokie territory.

"I spoke highly of Carmichael all week. He's an NFL guy, typical Virginia Tech cornerback. My credit goes to him and to Bud," McNeill said. "The kid made a great play, taking it down and staying in bounds. He'll be playing on Sundays."

With the Pirates' offense stalling in the second half, the pressure was put on the ECU defense to step up and make plays. A defense that was able to generate three first-quarter turnovers last week against Memphis took a step back against the Hokies, not forcing any turnovers. Virginia Tech running backs Daren Evans and David Wilson, along with others, rushed for 249 yards and four touchdowns, making up for the absence of starting running back Williams, who left the game in the second quarter with a hamstring injury.

"Ryan is a really good running back. Evans is a 1,000-

yard rusher, too. We're in a growth stage — it's not an excuse, it's just a reality," Coach McNeill said.

ECU was able to contain both the running game and the passing game in the first half, but the Hokies tore up the Pirate defense, leaving ECU 22 points down in a matter of moments.

"We did a good job in the first quarter; right before the half, we did OK," McNeill said. "There's another part of the game, right after the half and the fourth quarter. Wish I could do something magical but that's a part of the game we have to learn."

The Pirates will have two weeks to get their defense and offense back on the same track as the head into the bye week. The Pirates will hit the field again on Oct. 2 in Chapel Hill, as they take on a struggling North Carolina team that is still looking for their first win of the season.

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Running back Jon Williams celebrating one of his two touchdowns. Williams rushed 72 yard in ECU 49-27 loss to Virginia Tech.

Volleyball Notches First Win Against Binghamton

Staff Reports

After dropping 11-straight matches to begin the season, the ECU volleyball team captured a 3-2 (25-17, 26-24, 16-25, 26-28, 15-11) victory over defending America East Conference champion Binghamton Saturday after falling in four sets to Georgetown (19-25, 25-16, 17-25, 16-25) earlier in the day. The Pirates are now 1-11 overall in 2010.

For her efforts, junior Jackie Varnum was named to the all-tournament team after picking up 26 kills and 12 blocks in three matches. She hit .388 in the event after committing just seven errors.

Varnum led the Pirates with nine kills against Georgetown while Nicole Jones picked up a team-high eight digs. Varnum also posted five blocks (one solo).

The Hoyas also had the advantage in hitting (.186 to .143), kills (50-31), digging (35-29) and blocking (11.0-9.0). ECU also struggled somewhat with passing, allowing nine service aces.

With the score tied at five in the first set, Georgetown went on a 7-3 run to take a 12-8 lead and force a Pirate timeout. The advantage then grew to 16-11, drawing another timeout from ECU. The Pirates would get within 23-18 on a bad set by Ashley Malone, but the Hoyas

scored the last two out of three points to clinch the set.

ECU established an 11-5 lead in the second frame and would not let Georgetown come any closer than two the rest of the way. The Hoyas made the score 17-15 when Kortney Robinson put the ball down, but the Pirates blitzed Georgetown 8-1 the rest of the way to tie the match.

A 6-2 Hoya run that knotted the third set at eight made Head Coach Pati Rolf call a timeout. ECU could not respond, however, as the Pirates scored just seven more times in the interval.

The final set was never in doubt as Georgetown sprinted out to an 8-0 lead. ECU held off four match points, but the Hoyas ended the match with a Vanessa Dorismond kill.

The Pirates took a 2-0 lead in a match for the first time this season against Binghamton before the Bearcats rallied to tie the match with a 28-26 win in the fourth set. ECU was ahead 24-21 in the frame but Binghamton held off three match points to eventually send the game to the deciding frame.

The Pirates raced out to a 7-3 advantage in the fifth set, but the Bearcats rallied to tie it at seven. However, ECU used a 5-0 run and forced Binghamton to use both its allotted timeouts. Up 12-7, the Pirates held off another late charge from the Bearcats to clinch the victory.

Three ECU players reached double-digit kills with Lutzow, Roper and Varnum recording 16, 14 and 10, respectively. Senior Marina Gusman-Brown smashed her personal-best mark for digs, tallying a stellar 24. Lutzow and Shelby Beasley also pushed into double digits with 18 and 11, respectively. Lutzow also racked up her third double-double in the process with her kill and dig efforts.

ECU returns to Minges Coliseum Saturday, Sept. 25, as it hosts UTEP in the Conference USA opener for both teams. First serve is set for 2 p.m.



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Jackie Varnum (right) and Marina Gusman-Brown (left) leap to make a double block against the Liberty Flames earlier this season.