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City councilwoman & ECU to host town hall meeting in Mendenhall

Staff Reports

Marion Blackburn, Greenville city councilwoman, will host a town hall meeting tonight in junction with ECU's Dean of Students Office, the SGA and the City of Greenville.

The meeting will be held in Mendenhall Student Center Room 244 at 7 p.m.

Topics to be discussed include crime and safety on campus, the new Student Code of Conduct and the possibility of a non-alcohol downtown venue.

Panel members will include ECU Police Chief Scott Shelton, Greenville Police Chief William Anderson, Greenville Fire Chief Bill Ale, Greenville City Councilwoman Marion Blackburn, ECU Dean of Students Lynn Roeder and ECU Director of Environmental Health and Campus Safety Bill Koch.

Marion Blackburn is a District 3 city council member. District 3 includes ECU's campus and surrounding areas.

NC State grad aims to convince more children to learn how to swim

Associated Press

Twenty years before Cullen Jones earned an Olympic gold medal in swimming, the New Jersey-native nearly died in the water.

"I almost drowned when I was 5 years old, and that's how I got introduced to swimming," Jones told about 40 children and their parents Saturday at Fayetteville State University. "My mom had me taking swimming lessons within the week."

Since winning gold along with Michael Phelps in Beijing two years ago, Jones has traveled the country and encouraged black children to take swimming lessons. He was the second black American to win Olympic gold in swimming.

Jones, a 26-year-old graduate of N.C. State University, conducted a two-hour lesson in the Capel Arena pool before sharing his message. Many of the children who participated — mostly members of the Fayetteville YMCA Sea Dragons swim club — were white, but not all of them.

Kashon Fowler, an 11-year-old boy who joined the team last year, said he was thrilled to take pointers from a gold medalist. His mother, Karenda Fowler, said she enrolled her son in swimming lessons at an early age.

"He loves it," she said after watching Kashon swim a swift 50-meter freestyle. "Knowing how to swim is so important."

Jones said he was shocked when he learned that nearly 70 percent of black children can't swim. Black boys and girls are three times more likely to drown than white children, according to a 2008 study by USA Swimming.

"There are a lot of parents, I've found, what they're doing is because they are afraid of the water, they're projecting that fear onto their kids," Jones said. "So the kids don't know

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WEB POLL

Are you afraid of bed bugs?

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BEDBUGS

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Jennifer Soares
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Bedbugs are on the rise around the United States, especially on college campuses and surrounding off-campus housing. Recently, several hotels, apartments and dormitories throughout the nation have been affected by the growing pandemic.

ECU has had no known cases of the parasite, but officials are urging students to be on the lookout.

"There have been some students that have had concerns of bedbugs," said Aaron Lucier, director of housing operations. "But there have been no confirmed sightings of the bugs once they have been checked out by professional staff."

Student housing has been active in trying to prevent any kind of infestation, specifically focusing their efforts to stop bed bugs before they happen.

"We do an extensive pest control regiment in the summertime in all the rooms," says Lucier. "During the school year we do follow-ups requested by students."

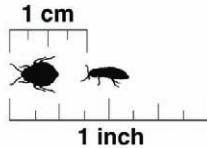
Bedbugs are a reddish-brown color with no wings and can grow to approximately 7 millimeters. During the day, the parasite hides in wood furniture, floors and walls. They typically emerge at night to feed on human blood, and are usually hidden in the lining of the mattress or within the bed sheets.

Infestations were steadily decreasing in the U.S.; however,

Don't let the bedbugs bite

It's becoming more than a cute saying as reports of bedbug infestations are increasing in the United States.

Color: Light reddish-brown, darker just after feeding
Shape: Oval, flat, flightless, six legs
Size: Adults can be about 1/4 inch (6 mm)



What to look for

- Itchy red welts in the morning that weren't there the night before
- Dark spotting on mattress, box springs and bed frames from bedbug fecal matter
- Spots of blood on sheets and mattress

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Source: AP, National Pest Management Association, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Graphic: Angela Smith

What to do

- Experts say professional exterminators, with several follow-up visits, may be needed

How to avoid

- Examine secondhand furniture and luggage after trips
- Check hotel beds for dark spots, place luggage on a rack instead of the floor when traveling

there has been an increase in domestic and international travel and a decrease in the availability of pesticides to control the bugs.

On Sept. 21, the first annual Bedbug Summit was held outside of Chicago. They discussed the growing problem as well as prevention tips. Bedbugs do not transfer any kind of diseases, but the bites and assumptions associated can cause financial, emotional and physical problems.

"I am not too worried about bedbugs," said junior business marketing major Darien Johnson. "When I first moved in to the (College Hill) Suites, my parents wanted me to check for any kind of bedbugs just to be safe."

Student Health has set up a

website to inform students on what to look for when it comes to bed bugs. The appearance of swollen marks usually happens on the face, neck and arms. Sometimes these bites can be confused with mosquitoes and fleas because they produce the same markings.

Other signs include bedbug skeletons on mattresses and/or sheets, musty odor smells, small blood spots from feeding and small feces on or by the bedding and furniture.

Curtailed of bedbugs can be difficult because the host is typically a person who is moving boxes, beddings, luggage or furniture from an infested area to a clean area. The parasite can be hard to

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Hispanic Heritage Month celebrated by artists in 'Art without Borders' exhibition

Hannah Jackson
STAFF WRITER

Last Tuesday was the opening of the "Art without Borders" exhibition at the Greenville Museum of Art. It featured ceramic platters by Eddie Dominguez and black-and-white photos by Jose Galvez. This opening is only a small part of a series of events that are celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month.

Art without Borders, or Arte sin fronteras, is hosted by ECU and the Greenville Museum of Art; the numerous activities introduce the work of many local, national and international Latino artists from Sept. 20 to Nov. 7.

Jennifer Valko, the associate professor of Hispanic Studies here at ECU as well as an organizer for the event, discusses the overall goal of Art without Borders. "It will raise awareness and stimulate us to contemplate the Latino experience in the United States," she said.

Eddie Dominguez's ceramic platters are meant to reflect the global world and confront issues of aging, human frailties, physical and psychological disability, traumas and loss. Jose Galvez, on the other hand, has been using black-and-white film for over 40 years to create a powerful record of the Latino experience in America. He seeks to honor the moment by capturing it without disturbing, altering or embellishing it. Both artists' work serve to document their personal experiences of being a Latino as that identity evolves beyond a stereotype.

In addition to the Art without Borders opening, there will be an exhibit at Joyner Library featuring works by Peter Eversoll, panel discussions on immigration and border issues and collaborative research projects with Latinos in North Carolina, museum guide training for art students, a bilingual story-time and art workshop for children, a screening of the film "The Wind Journeys" and concerts featuring the three-time Grammy-nominated band "Tiempo Libre" on Oct. 19 and the band "Spam Allstars" to close out the series on Nov. 5.

The goal is not only to increase the number of events of this type but to educate students and people of the community about Latino history. Several of the events will feature sessions where students can learn more about their history.

On Sept. 30, Pulitzer-Prize winning photographer José Galvez will use a selection of his images to talk about the Latino experience in the United States.

Valko talks about the different ways students can become more engaged in the project. "Some talks highlight personal histories, while others focus on the recent history of Latino immigrants or allude to the history between the United States and Latin America," he said.

"There will also be panels that will discuss art by immigrant women and address issues related to the controversial Mexican border fence. For students and community members who are interested in local and regional issues of importance to the Latino community, the Nuevo South Action Research Collaborative will also be having a roundtable discussion."

The organizers of the exhibition, as well as Valko, have a hope and purpose for this project. "Art without Borders will hopefully motivate not only ECU students but others to organize or demand similar culturally and intellectually enriching, large-scale, collaborative projects like this one in the future."

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SGA holds first Senate meeting



Student members of Senate meet to be sworn in Monday.

Staff Reports

The Student Government Association held their first meeting of the 2010-2011 school year on Monday, September 27. This was also the first time that the Vice President of the Senate, Josh Mar-

tinkovic, is acting at the President of the Senate.

Chief Justice NAME swore all cabinet members in after reading a brief statement and the Appropriations Committee announced they would hold their meetings Tuesday's at 6:00 p.m.

An announcement will also be made early next week to determine the candidates for the Communication and Public Relations Committee candidates.

Nominations for the Chief Clerk Pro Tempore position were approved and include Britney Mumford and Michaela Steward.

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'Orpheus Descending' opens this week at ECU

Chris Thomas
STAFF WRITER

On Sept. 30, it's curtains up on a new season of plays and musicals for the ECU School of Theater and Dance. The school will kick off the school year with a play by one of America's most famous and respected playwrights, Tennessee Williams, who penned classics like "The Glass Menagerie," "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" and "A Streetcar Named Desire."

This week, though, the School of Theater and Dance will premiere its own production of "Orpheus Descending," a play that director Gregory Funaro is especially fond on.

"It's not widely produced," said Funaro. "but it exhibits all themes found in Williams plays. I love this play and I believe it's the best

Williams has to offer."

"Orpheus Descending" takes place in a dry-goods store in a small, southern town and follows the story of a pair of star-crossed lovers: Lady Torrance (a woman who runs the dry-goods store) and Val (a wanderer who takes a job at the store). The story of Val and Lady is tragic, but also universal, according to Funaro, despite the fact that the play is over 50 years old.

"This story really appeals to me," said Funaro. "It is a tragic, passionate love story about two people who can't be with each other. The play's plot is common because people are always searching for something and when they find it, it's life-changing."

"It's an emotionally challenging play," continued Funaro. "Every key on the keyboard of

humanity is played during the course of the play."

At the core of the show, though, is a learning experience for the theater students at ECU, who undergo training and must complete a curriculum Funaro says is "rigorous." It includes two years of acting classes, theater history, directing, staging and scene design.

ECU theater students must also learn and adopt the Meisner Technique of acting, a challenging technique that requires a great deal of mental and emotional discipline. Funaro says that the grueling training pays off when the students take the stage and perform for the paying public.

"They're very talented and disciplined and I believe they are well

worth their roles."

Despite a month of hard work on the show itself and years of training for both director and cast, Funaro says that rehearsals have gone fairly well and cites that this is due to a solid working relationship between actors and staff. ECU senior and co-star of "Orpheus Descending," Daniela Hart, concurs with her director. "It's been fun from the start," said Hart. "I love working with Greg (Funaro). He gives us leeway but he's in total control. The entire cast has been awesome. It's been cool to see my peers just step into their roles."

Hart will play the role of Lady Torrance, who is of Italian descent and is emotionally unstable, which adds layers of difficulty to Hart's performance. And according to Hart, Lady Torrance is a role that

is difficult to pick up.

"I was frustrated at first," said Hart. "I asked myself, 'Why am I not getting this right away?' After awhile, though, I started to pick it up and developed the dialect."

The works of Tennessee Williams are far from lighthearted, and Hart confirms the fact that this is a very tragic and warns the public that the show may be unsettling.

"Tennessee Williams messes with you, in a good way," said Hart. "Near the end, it can be troubling." "Orpheus Descending" premieres at the McGinnis Theater on Sept. 30 and runs until Oct. 5.

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Calendar Events

Tuesday September 28

Magician Kevin Hurley - Presented by Student Activities Board
8 p.m. at MSC Hendrix Theatre

ECU's SGA, Dean of Students and City Council Present an Open Forum

7 p.m. at Mendenhall room 244.

All student are welcomed. Refreshments will be served. This is a great opportunity for students voice their concerns and opinions of ECU and its community. We will be here to provide all information and answer all questions

Wednesday September 29

SAB Presents "the A-Team"

9:30 p.m. at MSC Hendrix Theatre.

Thursday September 30

"Art Without Borders" lecture and book signing

7 p.m. at Jenkins Fine Arts Building (Speight Auditorium)

Galvez uses his beginnings as a shoeshine boy as a point of departure to discuss Latino life in the United States. This free, public event is sponsored by the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, and the ECU School of Art and Design.

SAB presents "The A-Team"

7 and 9:30 p.m. at MSC Hendrix Theatre

Band Concert

7:30 p.m. at Wright Auditorium.

The ECU School of Music Wind Ensemble, Concert Band and Symphonic Band will perform.

Orpheus Descending

8 p.m. at McGinnis Theatre.

The ECU School of Theatre and Dance will present "Orpheus Descending" Sept. 30 through Oct. 5 in McGinnis Theatre on ECU's campus.

Friday October 1

John Pizzarelli in concert

7:30 p.m. at Wright Auditorium

Women's Soccer vs SMU

4 p.m.

SAB presents "The A-team"

7 and 9:30 p.m. at MSC Hendrix Theatre

Swimming & Diving

Purple-Gold 3 p.m.

Saturday October 2

"Art without Borders" bilingual story-time

10 a.m. Joyner Library.

This is a special bilingual event (English and Spanish) for children ages 2-10 and their families. Books will be read that feature the childhoods of famous Latinos. A book-making workshop will follow. Materials will be provided

Eastern Region Solo & Ensemble Festival

9 a.m. at Fletcher Music Center B0136

SAB presents "The A-team"

7 and 9:30 p.m. at MSC Hendrix Theatre

Sunday October 3

Open Mic Night - Presented by Student Activities and Organizations and ENT

7 p.m. at MSC Underground.

Acoustic & a capella music, poetry, and spoken word performances welcome. Walk up performances are allowed.

Women's Volleyball vs Memphis

1 p.m.

Women's Soccer vs Tulsa

1 p.m.

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how to swim. But the thing is, you never know when your kids might be around water."

Jones learned the lesson the hard way. As a young boy, his parents took him to a water park, where his father told him not to let go of an inner tube on a tall slide.

"When I got to the bottom, I was so small, I flipped upside down, and I was holding onto the inner tube," Jones said. "When they pulled me, out I wasn't moving. They had to perform CPR."

The experience propelled him to learn how to swim. The sport soon became his passion, despite his father's wishes for him to pursue basketball. But after a few years in the pool, Jones started beating all the other boys in his age group.

"I grew up in the inner city, so the thought that I could go to college for swimming — I never thought that was possible," Jones said. "But that's what happened."

As one of the fastest swimmers

on the planet, Jones now holds the distinction of being only the third black man to make a U.S. Olympic swimming team.

He said he hopes to see many others join him on that list.

Back at the pool Saturday, Jones dove into the water to demonstrate proper form in the 50-meter freestyle. He sprang from the board and seemed to move effortlessly through the water.

"Dude, that guy is magic," one of the boys shouted as the swimmer flipped in the water and sprang off the wall to begin his return. He finished the swim in about 22 seconds, a little shy of the American record he set back in 2008.

Kashon looked back to his mother and smiled. He said he wanted to keep getting better so he can "be like Cullen."

That's good, Jones said, because his story and success in the water are proof that, "yeah, black kids can swim, too."

Report: 10 states sell half of imported crime guns

Associated Press

Nearly half of the guns that crossed state lines and were used in crimes in 2009 were sold in just 10 states, according to a report being released Monday by a mayors' group.

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States were also ranked by the number of crime guns exported per 100,000 inhabitants. Mississippi led that list, followed by West Virginia, Kentucky, Alaska, Alabama, South Carolina, Virginia, Indiana, Nevada and Georgia.

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A.J. Malicdem was confirmed as the Chief of Staff by the head of SGA and Executive Cabinet, Tremayne Smith. Malicdem will serve as a liaison and see any platforms through completion.

There were eight positions filled in the Executive Cabinet including Malicdem. Deputy Chief of Staff is Travis Pool, Academic Affairs Kenny Blair, Environmental and Safety Affairs is Caitlin Gold, Community Affairs is Josh Carter, Athletic Affairs is Zach Blank, Special Project Affairs is Carly Terrier, and Diversity Affairs is Mark Hatcher.

Those states, the report said, have more relaxed gun laws, suggesting that "criminals and gun traffickers may favor certain states as the sources of guns."

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SGA Judicial Justices were announced and include Chelsea Roach, Meredith Shaw, Jennifer Wiesel, and Chelsea Flynt. The final order of business was to confirm the Election Committee Chairman Andrew Ross and Vice Chairman Britney Williamson.

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remove and often it requires several treatments using different methods.

To help assist in controlling any breakouts, residents should inspect their dorm or apartment before moving in. Also, regularly cleaning any living area including vacuuming and washing bed linens can help to keep out bedbugs.

Always inspect bed linens and mattress pads for any sign of an infestation. If you live in a dorm and suspect you have any kind of bugs, inform your resident adviser immediately and call Campus Housing.

If living in an apartment, contact the housing office or leasing manager to find out how they can help you and what you need to do.

"A lot of times people misunderstand the physical symptoms of what is happening," said Lucier. "Certainly if they are having bites it is a concern, but if it is bedbugs they need to be more proactive in informing us."

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Dr. Amy Reynolds, coauthor of *Multicultural Competence in Student Affairs* and assistant professor, Department of Counseling, School and Educational Psychology at University of Buffalo

Concurrent Sessions
2:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

SESSION 1
Enhancing the Climate for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT) Students
Ms. Elaine Martin, vice chair of Equality NC, and Mr. Aaron Lucier, GLBT Student Union advisor, East Carolina University

SESSION 2
Retaining and Supporting African American Men in College
Dr. Michael Cuyjet, author of *African American Men in College* and professor and coordinator of the College Student Personnel Program, Department of Educational and Counseling Psychology, University of Louisville

SESSION 3
Creating Inclusive Classrooms
Dr. Amy Reynolds, coauthor of *Multicultural Competence in Student Affairs* and assistant professor, Department of Counseling, School, and Educational Psychology at University of Buffalo

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Dear ECU professors: MWF classes end at 50 after.... therefore, starting a new lesson at 49 after is pointless. Maybe you should be the one in class so you may better understand how to tell time.

My professor makes us take a Blackboard test right after our class, which ends at 9 p.m. So if I come to the library with a real purpose, does that mean I can tell someone on Farmville to move?

FYI: If I'm walking on the right side of the sidewalk and you walk towards me, I will not move just so you can continue walking beside your friend. I will bump into you.

To the football players in my Criminal Law class. You are not cool. Everyone in this class could care less about you. Please, shut up and stop trying to be smart***es, because y'all just look like complete idiots. Thanks.

I hate when I call Lady Gaga and she's kinda busy.

To the girl with piercings in her chest and cheeks that sat beside me on the bus yesterday: do those set off metal detectors in the airport?

I came back for grad school and now I realize it's not as fun as undergrad... I wish my friends still lived in Greenville :(

If Brother Ross aggravates you so much, WHY are still standing there listening to him?

Dear roommate: don't get mad because you are not always included... so running out and slamming the door every time you leave for dramatic effect is not cool. We don't care.

Win or lose, I'm always a pirate and I love it :)

To the kid that must think I am crazy: I text you all of the time because I LIKE YOU! I want to hang out with you. Why don't you get it? I know you like me! Let's just hang out already!

To those who don't know their correct clothing size: no one wants to see your cartoon undies, or your pink thong, or your red bra, or your flappy sides. So next time you visit a department store...please ask someone to help you find your correct size, for the sake of the public!

My day was instantly better when I saw a guy in Bate come out of class and start gliding on his sneakers that turn into roller blades, you are amazing!

When Greenville drivers start driving better, I'll ride my bike on the road. Until then, I'm staying on the sidewalk. I do not have death wish.

Fall break, can you come quickly? Weekends aren't long enough.

How is it that right when I am about to get off Facebook, someone starts chatting with me? It's like they know or something...

It's the end of September and I STILL don't know what I want to be for Halloween! Give me some ideas, quick!

When I was younger I would pretend that tic-tacs were pills. I find it amusing that I still do that, if only to feel like Dr. House.

More Pirate Rants on our website!!!



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Today We Salute You, Mr. Pee Dee Pirate Mascot

Never before has one man...woman...whatever you are...made the boring parts of football so entertaining. Not only do you shake your bon-bon like no hula dancer could dare, you somehow make that grizzled polyester beard look darn right sexy. Tall? Check. Dark? Check. Mysterious? Check. Batman's got nothing on you. And he sure doesn't have nearly as many ladies hugging him.

Keep on dancing, Pee Dee.

PEEDEE THE PIRATE: THE SOUL OF ECU



Abby Brockmeyer
OPINION COLUMNIST

As I watched my first football game of the season a couple weeks ago, the scene of waves of Pirate fans whirled past me in the stadium. With the new student section now up and running, let's hope it doesn't get too shaky; football at ECU is at its peak. More than ever before, I have seen truly loyal fans who are ready to stick by the Pirate football team no matter the outcome and see to it that they have a spectacular time in the process during this season. Not only are there new and old fans that are ready to show their loyalty, but the football team is ready to go all out and play like winners.

While at the game, amongst the yelling of the ECU alma mater, the constant key shaking, that touchdown chanting and "no quarters" hand signals, I couldn't seem to take my eyes off of one giant figure.

No, I am not lusting over some football player. I'm talking about ECU's dancing, crazy mascot, PeeDee. Our rambunctious mascot has been around since 1983, when the Pirate first became associated with ECU. The new PeeDee had a makeover in 2008 and was revealed with a vengeance to be the best mascot in all the college conferences. His swashbuckling garb mixed with his vivacious dancing from the beginning of the football games all the way until the very last second made me wonder in awe, "Who is this person?"

From watching PeeDee the entire last football game, I realized that whoever this person is, he/she is friends with everyone. Not only did I witness him shaking hands and dancing with the football directors and coaches on the sidelines, but literally running sometimes from sideline to sideline getting all of the fans amped up throughout the game. His constant spunk and modern dance moves that he showcases at the football games get everyone in the stands on their feet cheering ridiculously loud for our team.

What is so curious to me, though, is that I don't have any idea who this Pee Dee is. I have seen him the past three years at ECU and his dance moves have stayed relatively the same, as well as his overall demeanor. What is even more peculiar is that every single person I have asked doesn't have a set consensus on who he is. Most have agreed that this person is a student. But, I have talked to people who think they held tryouts for the best dancer and that's who he is. Some think that the cheerleading team switches people on the team to be for each game, and one person even relayed to me that PeeDee is the chancellor because she knows that he loves to dance.

This mascot of ours is such an unsung hero for our football games. While, yes, we go there to watch our team smash whoever is unluckily trying to defeat us, PeeDee has always been that great little extra on the sidelines. He is making us laugh, getting us even more excited and being the pirate that the student body of ECU holds deep in their hearts.

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Our View

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Easy-U county recognized as honorable

Recently, Pitt County was named as one of the 100 "best communities for young people" by America's Promise Alliance. What? Yes, they are referring to the home county of Greenville. Sure this is not Detroit, Chicago or New York in regards to crime, but this little town has some major problems.

It is the same county full of illegal activities, rapes, robbery and a party reputation recognized by Playboy consecutively. It is where ECU resides, the only place where the "drunk bus" and "thirsty Thursdays" are a part of the common lingo.

Did the Alliance go to the right location? Was the ranking based on if it is a fun place to live?

Impossible, since America's Promise Alliance's website has a quote by General Colin Powell, "Together we can and we will

prepare children and youth for college, work and life."

At the top left of the homepage there is a picture of a red wagon, which typically represents the innocence associated with childhood.

The community of Greenville has and continues to hold meetings that address complaints about how tailgating influences the community in a negative way. The chaotic culture that is entailed in being a Pirate, especially a tailgating one, does not match up with the message of educational growth.

ECU is taunted as "Easy-U" and it is difficult for graduates to escape from that stigma. College towns will always have petty crime, often associated with clubs and bars, but Greenville is not just a college town — it's also partly a slum-ridden community.

Most children will never be anywhere near downtown or a house party at ECU, but there are still high-crime areas throughout the county.

Pitt County has admirable elements such as ECU's beautiful campus, top-notch medical facilities and philanthropic organizations.

The Alliance acknowledged programs such as the Link Crew, Student Success Academy, Teen Leadership and Pitt County Memorial Hospital's volunteer program.

Although ECU's party persona and the sketchy areas found in Greenville do not define all of Pitt County, it cannot be ignored.

Is it fair to receive this county recognition, especially if it is relayed to prospective Pitt County residents? It is as fair as classifying all ECU grads as "Easy-U" alumni.

So you want to be a pornstar?



Ben Cochran
OPINION COLUMNIST

Sex. Not only is it necessary for the furthering of our species, but it is also quite pleasurable. I hardly need to tell any of you that. According to a survey conducted by OnePoll.com, researchers found that men think about sex at least 13 times a day while women do so at a rate of five times a day. And while it is important to consider the legacies we leave, I'm quite certain that this frequency has nothing to do with a widespread concern for the extinction of mankind. We do it because sex feels sublime! It is the standard to which everything else compares.

As far back as the fifth grade, I remember having some form of sexual health education. I remember it was embarrassing and awkward at first. Then in high school I remember pretending to hate it even though I was insatiably curious. And I also remember a slew of horrifying facts and grotesque pictures being presented to me as a college freshman. All of it was pretty standard education; none of it was particularly gratifying.

So I was minding my own

business the other day when my girlfriend texts me a picture from her roommate's textbook. There, staring me in the face was an assortment of hand-drawn penises in various states of arousal. Mortified, I stood there, mouth agape, as if one of these erections had just been retracted from my throat. She thought it was funny because its caption read, "The Boneyard."

Inquiring further into the matter, I found out that the class with the not-quite-pornographic textbook was HLTH 2050: Sexual Health. There is only one section of this class during this semester, and it's capped at 150 students. My girlfriend's roommate is an exercise physiology major, but it's not required for her curriculum. Kara Snyder, a junior elementary education major adds, "It's always one of the first classes to fill up." And it's most assuredly not required for elementary education majors, either. Imagine that: Students are going out of their way to enroll for a class that's not a requirement. This was far too intriguing for me to pass up; I had to learn more.

So I borrowed a copy of the textbook. "Guide to Getting It On!" is wholly unlike any textbook I've ever had to buy. With chapters entitled, "Orgasms, Sunsets, and Hand Grenades," and "Balls, Balls, Balls," this textbook is seriously a treasure trove of taboo topics just waiting to be discussed. Seriously, how can you not love reading assignments from a book like that? There are even illustra-

tions that demonstrate different sexual positions. Awesome. Not only that, but the book also gives pointers on oral sex, which can be particularly beneficial — especially if your girlfriend suffers from dysphagia.

Everyone has heard the statistics about how one out of every four college students has an STD. Everyone knows that drinking alcohol impairs your judgment and possibly increases your odds of contracting an STD due to compromised decision making, but Health 2050 is different. On the first day of class, you're paired up with a person of the opposite sex and you play a version of "never have I ever." The good thing is that it's all about sex so you don't have to worry about being the first one to make it dirty — it already is. No wonder people are clamoring about this class. It's a couple of kegs and some slammin' tunes away from a righteous party. There's even a field trip planned to a toy store.

We're all in college and the vast majority of us engage in some form of sexual activity, even if it's with ourselves (yes, even you, ladies). This class addresses all issues regarding sexuality and it does so in a humorous and informative way. It is extremely relevant to both the sexually active and abstinent alike. As such, more sections should be offered per semester.

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Dear Editor,

I just finished reading your editorial regarding the bedrail/bleacher issues. I especially like the way you ended it.

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

I've had similar correspondence with Campus Living regarding the lack of locks on the bathroom doors in Scott Hall. Here's their reason: a person could accidentally be locked in while taking a shower without access to their cell phone. Then, an emergency situation could arise that would require evacuation. Thus, the person would be "trapped" in the bathroom.

As I stated to them, I worry much more about those invited or uninvited guests of one suite who feels the need to use the bathroom as a gateway to the other room. To me, that scenario is very real. ECU officials feel very secure that it won't happen because it hasn't happened at the other schools they checked with.

Sure hope they're right....

David Lilly

POLL RESULTS

Have you ever considered transferring from ECU? **Yes 49% No 51%**

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During the chariot scene in "Ben-Hur," a small red car can be seen in the distance.

In the film "Star Trek: First Contact" when Picard shows Lilly she is orbiting Earth, Australia and Papua New Guinea are clearly visible... but New Zealand is missing.

In the movie "Now and Then," when the girls are talking to the hippie and they get up to leave, Teeny puts out her cigarette twice.

If you pause "Saturday Night Fever" at the "How Deep Is Your Love" rehearsal scene, you will see the camera crew reflected in the dance hall mirror.

In 1976, Rodrigo's song "Guitar Concierto de Aranjuez" was number one in the United Kingdom for only three hours because of a computer error.

When a film is in production, the last shot of the day is called the "martini shot"; the next-to-last one is called the "Abby Singer" after a famous assistant director.

Alfred Hitchcock never won an Academy Award for directing.

Ronald Reagan did a narration at the 1947 Academy Awards ceremony.

In the early days of silent films, there was blatant thievery. Unscrupulous film companies would steal the film, reshoot a scene or two, and release it as a new production. To combat this, the Biograph Company put the company's trademark initials, AB, somewhere in every scene – on a door, a wall, or a window.

The Academy Award statue is named after a librarian's uncle. One day Margaret Herrick, librarian for the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, made the remark that the statue looked like her uncle Oscar, and the name stuck.

A "walla-walla" scene is one in which extras pretend to be talking in the background — when they say "walla-walla," it looks like they are actually having a conversation.

"Smithee" is a pseudonym filmmakers use when they don't want their names to appear in the credits.

Because metal was scarce, the Academy Awards given out during World War II were made of wood.

"Pulp Fiction" cost \$8 million to make. Of that amount, \$5 million went to actors' salaries.

In an episode of "The Simpsons," Sideshow Bob's criminal number is 24601, the same as the criminal number of Jean Valjean in "Les Miserables."

All the clocks in the movie "Pulp Fiction" are stuck on 4:20.

John Travolta's white suit from "Saturday Night Fever" was auctioned off for \$145,500; Judy Garland's ruby slippers for \$165,000; Charlie Chaplin's hat and cane for \$211,500; Elvis's jacket for \$59,700; and John Lennon's glasses for \$25,875.

Approximately 60 circus performers have been shot from cannons. At last report, 31 of them have been killed.

During the 18th century, books that were considered offensive were sometimes "punished" by being whipped.

Robert Ebert is the only film critic to have ever won the Pulitzer Prize.

A new kind of medical role

Standardized Patient Program allows ECU employee to 'act out' illnesses and personalities

Alexandra O'Halloran
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLES EDITOR

When Linda Kelly found out she was moving to Greenville from Kaysville, Utah, because of a job her husband accepted with ECU, she knew just what to do about work. Having worked with the Standardized Patient Program at the University of New Mexico at one point in her life, she was interested in pursuing the job at ECU. She contacted those in charge of the program at the Brody School of Medicine, and after much persistence, she got a response. After some correspondence, she began work again as an actor for the Standardized Patient Program, one that is used at many universities across the state and the country.

Kelly, who has held various jobs throughout her lifetime, including a job as a masseuse, a hypnotherapist and an actor for a church in which she helped train the clergy for situations, started work with the Standardized Patient Program years ago and says she adores it.

"It is by far my greatest love," she said. "I really get into it and I believe it's really very important."

The program is designed to train medical students how to react to the different types of patients and people they may encounter in real life. Kelly explained that part of why she loves it so much is because she can get deep into these different characters and do something that is important for the students to experience. She says that to get involved with this program, participants go through a training process

and then are assigned various types of afflictions and personalities that they are supposed to embody.

Since Kelly has worked on and off with the program for quite a while, she has played many different characters.

"At the University of New Mexico, I played people with depression, alcoholism and excessive smoking," she said, which were only a few of her roles there. She has also had to play family members of patients and people who have had a death in the family.

Kelly noted that one of the things some people struggle with when they work with this program is disconnecting themselves from the character when it is over. "Some people can't do depression because they carry that sadness with them for long after." She pointed out that this is why participants go through an interview and training process to see what fits them best.

Patrick Merricks, the associate director for the office of clinical skills, assessment and education, said that knowing where participants will work best is critical.

"We have people evaluate themselves," he said, meaning that when they apply, they have to fill out some information to figure out what scenarios are best suited to their personalities. He explained that there is a database of about 200 people that they draw from, depending on the scenario.

"We have hired 7-year-olds all the way up to 70-year-olds," said Merricks. He went on to say that they need the ages to vary because of the

various scenarios they have, and how much they differ.

So Kelly's work is suited to her personality, age and with what she is most comfortable. She says that, for the most part, she is always comfortable with the scenarios she is given.

"I was right at home the first time I did it," she said, but explained there have been some times where she felt a little uncomfortable, such as when she had to act a bit frantic and rush the doctor.

Kelly noted that she thinks for some

people, it probably is scary the first time they do it, but she would like to see more people get involved.

Merricks agreed and said, "If someone wants to work, we can find something for them."

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Zumba fitness classes become the new craze



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Though several ECU students participate in group fitness classes to stay in shape, the demand for one class in particular has grown immensely due to its dance-party-inspired nature.

This group fitness class, referred to as Zumba, is a 50-minute, high-energy workout routine inspired by Latin dance moves. The workout engages the entire body through resistance training, and individuals taking Zumba burn an average of 600 to 1,000 calories per class.

Last year, Zumba was added to the list of group fitness classes offered at ECU's Student Recreation Center after two students, Jordan Howe and Shayna Eisenberg, showed interest in bringing the nationally recognized program to ECU.

Howe and Eisenberg were the first of several group-fitness teachers at ECU to receive certification to teach the Zumba class, and ever since they began teaching the classes, they have recognized its rising popularity and positive influence. "Students enjoy Zumba because they don't feel like they're working out," Eisenberg said, "and they leave in a good mood."

Howe and Eisenberg work together to create their Zumba routines by integrating moves from Zumba DVDs they receive in the mail, as well as moves they find on YouTube. To keep themselves and the students taking the class interested, they switch to a new routine every six weeks. "It's so fun to teach, and I love learning new dances," Eisenberg said.

'Dead Until Dark' delivers action and intrigue

The novel 'True Blood' was based off of proves just as addicting as the show

4 out of 5 stars
Rebecca Blanchette
 STAFF WRITER

Sookie Stackhouse is a beautiful blonde bartender with an ability to read people's minds and a desire to learn more about the newly assimilated vampire population in Louisiana. "Ever since vampires came out of the coffin (as they laughingly put it) two years ago, I'd hoped one would come to Bon Temps," says Stackhouse. When she meets her very first vampire, Bill Compton, they start a romance that spirals into a world of danger, conflict and murders. Young women start showing up dead in the small town of Bon Temps, where such things never happen. "Dead Until Dark" sucks the reader into a world of vampires that becomes addictive to be a part of, and a murder mystery that

the reader can't help but want to try to solve.

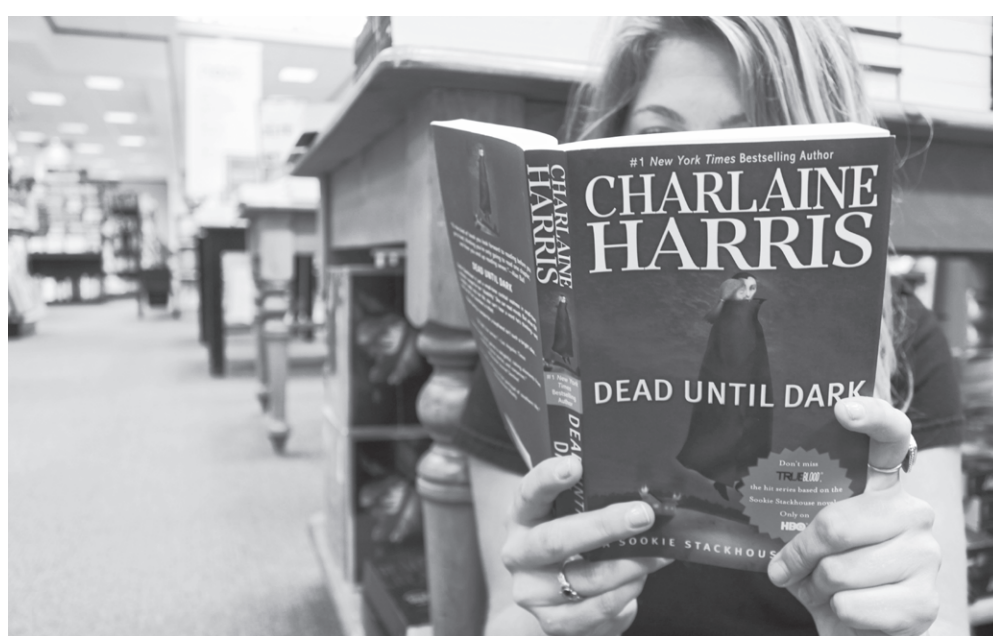
Author Charlaine Harris does a good job at burying the lead, as the mystery is not an easy one to solve. She holds the reader's attention from the first chapter to the last, packing each section with the action of murder, as well as building upon the romance of Sookie and Bill. Their relationship is delicious because it's dangerous. It's a twist on that all-familiar rebellious, yet passionate, love story between the bad boy and the good girl.

Harris's vampire characters fit most of the clichés. They cannot go out in sunlight, and they sleep during the day underground. They do not eat food, they live off of human blood and they can't stand the smell of garlic. However, Harris creates a setting where vampires live their lives openly amongst humans, where they frequent bars and order bottled blood instead of beer. It's an unfamiliar yet intriguing world that makes the novel impossible to put down.

Harris fills the pages with vivid characters, and whether they're vampires, mind readers or shape shifters, they're still relatable. Beneath the fantasy façade, they have everyday emotions such as love, lust and fear. As Stackhouse puts it, "Just because they're vampires doesn't make them bad people."

"Dead Until Dark" is the first novel of the Southern Vampire Series that the popular HBO show "True Blood" is based off of, and it mirrors the first season of the show. The themes are, for the most part, identical. However, there are more key characters on the show than there are in the novel.

Some of the characters who are only mentioned a few times in the novel are main characters on the show. The biggest difference is the existence of a character named Tara, who in and of herself creates an important subplot that focuses on her family problems. Through Tara, the show introduces witches and demons, beings that are not present in the novel.



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The novel *Dead Until Dark* is a popular book among fans of vampire fiction.

"True Blood" definitely has a reputation for its raunchiness, and "Dead Until Dark" definitely delivers that same sexual intrigue. Harris is bluntly honest with every steamy detail. These explicit

encounters aren't just limited to the bedroom either.

"Dead Until Dark" is attention grabbing and obsessive considering the book's overflow of action, sex and romance. Set in a fantasy world that readers

won't be able to get enough of, "Dead Until Dark" will have them reaching for the next book in the series immediately.

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Foundation honors Pitt for youth-oriented community



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Programs spurring from ECU helped to make Pitt County one of the top 100 communities for youth.

Pitt County receives national recognition for its service to young people

Marlana Sifter
 STAFF WRITER

America's Promise Alliance and ING-Direct named Pitt County as one of the nation's top 100 communities for youth, an honor that the county has earned for the second time.

The Alliance — a partnership of corporations, non-profits, faith organizations and advocacy groups founded in 1997 — seeks to encourage youth to graduate from high school and prepare them for the col-

lege and the 21st century workplace. Each year, the Alliance partners with ING-Direct to judge the country's top 100 communities based on youth programs, dropout prevention and support for higher education. Some 350 communities across all 50 states were nominated, while only 100 from across 37 states were chosen.

Cited as reasons for Pitt's inclusion were various programs that targeted youth, specifically the Teen Leadership Institute, Link Crew, Student Success Academy and the volunteer program at Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

The hospital is also known for training teens in clinical care, providing yet another opportunity for students to experience possible careers.

Dr. Kathleen Previll, interim senior associate dean of Academic Affairs, includes the adolescent clinic as one of the many resources that benefits young people.

"We offer specialized adolescent care at a clinic designed just for teens and see lots of young people from all over Eastern North Carolina."

Previll went on to mention a pregnancy-support group conducted by Dr. Roytesa Savage at North Pitt High, saying that they have been able to "help lower the pregnancy rate there."

ECU club sports, as well as the Volunteer and Service-Learning Center, are also major actors in the Pitt community at large. Members of a campus lacrosse team often volun-

teer their time to coach local youth, as do various other participants of club sports.

Young children are among the most numerous recipients of campus recreation programs such as "Parents' Night Out," youth lacrosse clinics and swimming are generally the most popular. Categories of 5- to 8-year-olds and 8- to 12-year-olds usually fill up every session.

David Gaskins, associate director of programs at ECU Campus Recreation and Wellness, says that his department is just one of many that serve with the Volunteer and Service-Learning Center.

"VSLC sends people to its community partners, such as the Boys and Girls Club. There is a whole list of university collaborators, and Campus Recreation and Wellness is one of these."

Outside of ECU, the United Way of Pitt County is instrumental in the youth community by making a priority of keeping kids in school. Also mentioned in the honor, the Teen Leadership Institute is an influential non-profit organization that teaches teens to be effective leaders and successful people in their lives beyond school. Link Crew is a high school transition program that works to guide freshmen into productive high school participation.

Also making the list were North Carolina's Moore County, the Fort Bragg/Fayetteville community and Durham.

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ZUMBA continued from A5

For ECU students Jenny Santangelo and Jenny Reading, the dance-inspired moves in the Zumba routines hit close to home. Both Santangelo and Reading grew up dancing, so they appreciate that this type of class is now offered at ECU. "It's different than your regular workout routine," Santangelo said, "and it makes you feel energized."

Santangelo and Reading, who try to attend Zumba an average of twice per week, recommend students without previous dance experience to take the class as well. "It helps with coordination," Reading said, "and girls without a dance background learn to use rhythm and learn how to dance on a beat." This learning experience is influenced greatly by the instructors' decision to not use a microphone to teach the class because it forces the students to engage themselves in both the music and the moves.

After teaching Zumba for the past year, Eisenberg has realized that not only do the body-energizing movements contribute to making Zumba classes exciting for students, but that the music also has a positive influence on their experience. "The better the

music, the more willing the people taking the class are willing to let loose and have fun with it," Eisenberg said. For her routines, Eisenberg uses a mix of music that includes Latin, Indian, hip-hop and current pop hits.

In addition to mixing up workout routines by taking classes such as Zumba, Eisenberg also recommends that students drink plenty of water, maintain a balanced diet, get a sufficient amount of sleep and minimize alcohol consumption to support healthier lifestyles.

Zumba classes are offered four to five times per week and the schedules for group fitness classes are printed bi-monthly and are available at the Student Recreation Center Main Office. Students must have a group fitness pass and picture identification to attend Zumba, as well as all other group fitness classes at ECU. A Gold Pass may be purchased through the Student Recreation Center for \$50, which allows students to attend an unlimited number of the group fitness classes through Dec. 8. Other less expensive passes are also offered for students who are not interested in purchasing a group fitness pass for the entire semester.

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Spend a little, save a lot on utility bills

John Ewoldt
 MCT

Being an early adopter isn't cheap. If you have to have the latest gadget to save money on utilities, you've already spent thousands on a solar water heater or a geothermal heat pump.

For the rest of us wanting to save on a gas, electric or water bill, it has to be affordable, said Jim Barnes, manager of Home Depot in Brooklyn Park, Minn.

Here are six moderate options costing \$19 to \$50 that are recommended by Barnes, Mike Frattalone of Frattalone's Ace Hardware, Tina North of Moss Envy in Minneapolis, and Consumer Reports. All have the potential to save much more on your utility bill than the product's original investment.

MOTION-ACTIVATED LIGHT SOCKETS AND WALL SWITCHES

Cost: \$20 to \$30 at Ace Hardware and other hardware stores.

No more rhetorical questions from the scold in the house asking, "Who's paying the light bill around here?" when lights are left on and no one's around. The sensor detects movement to turn lights on and shuts them off automatically within four minutes after you leave. Menards sells two models, one from First Alert (PIR720RN, \$25) that senses movement in a 360-degree radius, and one from Westek (MLC2BC, \$20) that detects movement in a 120-degree radius. Screw the sensor into an existing light socket and screw a lightbulb into the base of the new sensor. The WattStopper (\$30 at Ace) replaces the wall switch. Turn on the light at the wall switch and the WattStopper turns off the light automatically within a few minutes if no motion is detected.

Low-tech savings: Last one to leave turns out the light.

SMART STRIP SURGE PROTECTOR

Cost: \$29 to \$40 for various models at stores including

The Home Depot, Walmart and Amazon.com.

Reduce electricity usage from electronic devices such as TVs and computers that continue to draw power when off or in standby mode. Smart Strip surge protectors cut down on such "phantom" power usage when a device is not in use. Save an estimated \$39 per year, according to the manufacturer.

Low-tech savings: Unplug the offending appliance when not in use or use a standard surge protector and shut off its power switch.

REFRIGERATOR KIT

Cost: \$20 at Target or Target.com.

This device can save you money by showing the temperature inside your fridge. Ideally, it should be between 34 and 37 degrees. Use the temperature gauge to find out if you can turn the thermostat dial to a 4 instead of a 5. The monitor also has an alarm that goes off if the door is left open for 45 seconds or more.

Low-tech savings: Dial down your fridge's thermostat a notch or two.

DUAL-FLUSH TOILET CONVERTER

Cost: \$19 to \$25 at most hardware stores.

Save up to \$105 a year (up to 15,000 gallons) by flushing less water down the toilet. Rather than having to buy a new dual flush toilet for about \$350, just replace the flapper and handle on a standard toilet to accomplish the same thing. A "quick flush" gets rid of liquid and paper. A "full flush" gets rid of solids. The package says it installs without tools in 10 minutes. The cheapest one I found was at Costco for \$19 (stores only, not online, while supplies last).

Low-tech savings: Dare to implement the old saying, "If it's yellow, let it mellow."

LED LIGHTBULBS

Cost: \$20 and up, available at hardware and lighting stores and some online discounters.

It's the next generation of lighting expected to surpass the much-maligned compact fluorescent. LEDs use less energy than CFLs, are usually dimmable, and have no mercury, but they're not ready for prime time yet. They're also expensive — as much as \$100 per bulb and no one is sure how long they'll last. Less expensive models are sold at hardware stores and even Sam's Club, but they're mostly flood lights or track lights. Since the light is directional and usually less than a 60-watt equivalent, LED can make a great task light, but don't expect to start replacing your standard incandescents yet.

As many consumers learned with CFLs, keep the packaging and the receipt in case you need to return it. The cheapest ones I found were at Sam's Club (\$18.72 for two track lights, or \$19.86 for a Par 38 flood light). Look for the EcoSmart LED lights to be in Home Depot stores soon or now at www.homedepot.com.

Low-tech savings: Consumer Reports rated CFLs in its October issue and generally found Home Depot's EcoSmart brand to be a good choice.

WATER-SAVING SHOWER HEAD

Cost: Available widely at a range of prices.

Of all the money-saving products, a water-saving shower head is the most disappointing. I'll save water with a dual-flush toilet and take a five-minute shower, but if the water pressure feels wimpy, I'll return to the water-wasting "firehose" model instead. Consumer Reports likes the American Standard FloWise Water Saving Showerhead 1660.717 (\$43 at tinyurl.com/332nuls). Maybe you can return it if you hate it, but who wants to go to the hassle of removing and replacing the old and new models and looking for yet a third option?

Low-tech savings: Take shorter showers.

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Gift Aloha from the State

Inside look
at
volleyball
and softball player
Marina Gusman-Brown

Lorianna Whitford
STAFF WRITER

A gift from the shores of Hawaii has graced the fields, courts and classrooms of ECU. Cool, calm and collected, she has eclipsed all expectations of a collegiate athlete. Senior Marina Gusman-Brown is ECU's female version of Bo Jackson: A two-sport competitor with extreme passion and drive.

While most collegiate athletes enjoy the rest of the "off season," Marina looks forward to the next season. As a key component on ECU's softball team for the 2009 and 2010 season, Marina proved her abilities as a true all around athlete.

After impressing the Pirate Nation in the 2009 season, she completed her collegiate softball career in the 2010 season with the highest batting average on the softball team (.337), the most runs scored, the highest slugging percentage (.646), four triples, three sac flies, 30 stolen bases, the highest on-base percentage (.431), 40 RBI's... oh, and not to mention 13 glorious home runs, one of which secured one of the biggest victories in ECU softball history against Texas in the battle for the regional title.

Head softball coach Tracey Kee reminisced on that particular home run.

"Before she hit the home run to win the ballgame, which

is probably the biggest win in our history in softball, we knew she was going to do it," Kee said. "She just had that swagger and that's how she is."

She went on to describe Gusman-Brown's contribution to the ECU softball team.

"Some of the biggest things that she brought to our team are her intensity, her fire, her tenacity just to get the job done," Kee said.

Now, as she finishes up her eligibility at ECU, she has taken a plunge into a sport that she hasn't played since her sophomore year at Eastern Arizona Community College: Volleyball.

Coach Kee explained her take on Gusman-Brown's new conquest.

"She's just a pure athlete and has so much passion and just loves to compete," Kee said. "She's going to work hard and hopefully volleyball's reaping some rewards from her hard work."

ECU Volleyball officially has a foot in the door of the 2010 season and Gusman-Brown has already shown her abilities on the court.

Head volleyball coach Pati Rolf illustrated the range of Gusman-Brown's talents in volleyball.

"She's in the starting libero position, and that's not an easy position. Right at the beginning of the season, she was a regular defensive player and really had been doing some great things.



ERIN DUNCAN | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Marina Gusman-Brown awaiting the serve in action against UTEP, while Coach Pati Rolf observes. Gusman-Brown is a standout dual athlete in volleyball and softball.

She truly creates a calmness about the team. People love to play around her, which is why she moved into that libero position."

Gusman-Brown exudes an inspiring humility. Her determination to push forward through the busy practices and duties as a student are motivated by the importance of setting a good example.

"As the senior on this court, I try to push our youngin's to be better," Gusman-Brown said. "The team definitely pushes me. Right now we're trying to find that chemistry on the volleyball team. In softball, we found it."

Growing up in Hawaii, Gusman-Brown learned hard work from her father.

"My dad never accepted being mediocre," Gusman-Brown said. "It's the drive to prove him wrong and to enjoy the fun of the game that inspire me to keep working hard."

When it comes down to

it, Gusman-Brown's passion comes from the love of competition.

"If you kick, someone's going to kick back. I like being part of a team and working with a team. It's the joy of playing to our best ability to achieve a common goal. Our volleyball team has the ability to be very good. We're just trying to fill ourselves out."

Gusman-Brown's attitude has stood out not only on the court but behind the scenes as well.

"If I had a daughter, I would want it to be Marina," Rolf said. "She just has such a great personality. We had a children's clinic today and she was just so great with the kids. She really brings a lot of passion. She gets what's required of an athlete and the competitive nature you need to have and the good relationship you need to have with your teammates. I think that's probably her biggest asset as a person."

Gusman-Brown inspires her fellow athletes to bring love to the court. That, combined with her intense passion for competition, positive level of energy and her ability to work hard on a daily basis, makes her a standout athlete.

Gusman-Brown expressed her appreciation to the Pirate Nation.

"I love the people here. It's like home. Everybody is family. I'm very thankful for my teammates and my coaches," Gusman-Brown said. "I'm grateful to ECU for giving me the opportunity to be here."

Don't miss Gusman-Brown and the ECU volleyball team at their next home match on Sunday, Oct. 3, at 1 p.m. in Minges Coliseum.

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"When you have a team like this, a new program, it's really about building. So you got to have a lot of patience."

Not once does the team show a sign of frustration. They support each other and go into every point with all they have. This is an attribute they have obviously gleaned from their coach. Pacing back and forth down the side of the court, Coach Rolf glows with strength, confidence and advice. No matter the score, she constantly tells her players to "just keep working." And that's just what they do.

ECU will hit the road this weekend, competing against UAB on Friday and Memphis on Sunday.

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MLB managerial shuffle

OPINION



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The 2010 regular season is quickly coming to an end, and with it, the possible jobs of nearly half the league's headmen.

Fourteen managers came into this season as their final year on their contract. The list includes some of baseball's finest skipper's ever.

Lou Piniella already hung his hat earlier this season, Joe Torre passed the torch to Don Mattingly, and Bobby Cox announced prior to the season that this would be his last.

The answer to who is going to fill Sweet Lou's shoes permanently has been one of the hottest topics in baseball these past few weeks. One of the most popular names has been around Cubs Hall-of-Famer Ryne Sandberg. Sandberg manages the club's Triple-A Iowa Cubs. Some believe with the chance at an experienced manager, why hire the upstart Sandberg?

Joe Torre announced that Mattingly will officially be his successor, but what he did not announce was that he will be out of baseball next

year. Torre's name has been associated with the Mets and Cardinals jobs.

The 2010 season had a chance at being a historic one for the Atlanta Braves. It is a farewell season for Bobby Cox, who announced prior to the season that he would be retiring at the finish of the year. The Braves led the National League East for the majority of the year. Cox had one last playoff push in him. Then the team struggled and a red-hot Phillies team stole the division. Now the Braves have to fight off the wildcard to give Cox one last shot.

Another veteran manager is expected to call it quits at the end of the season. Cito Gaston spent nine years with the Toronto Blue Jays before being rehired to turn the team around in 2008. Although he did improve club, it was still not enough to ever get them out of the American League East's basement.

A few managers were dismissed this season. Don Wakamatsu for Seattle, Fredi Gonzalez for Florida, Troy Hillman for Kansas City and former Diamondback skipper A.J. Hinch all were fired already this season.

Tony La Russa of St. Louis and the White Sox's Ozzie Guillen's names are also being thrown around in managerial discussions.

La Russa's contract is up at the end of the year, and with a few other openings, you could see the legend in a new uniform next year. Guillen is close with the Marlins organization and has been talked about for the

job in the past.

Could the White Sox have finally gotten tired of his drama and finally granted him permission to talk to Florida?

The certainty of Mets skipper Jerry Manuel and Mike Scioscia for the Angels job is unknown, and a few teams have yet to agree on terms with their interim managers. Most people around baseball believe Pittsburgh's John Russell will be fired come the end of the season as Milwaukee's Ken Macha's chances at an extension is growing slimmer.

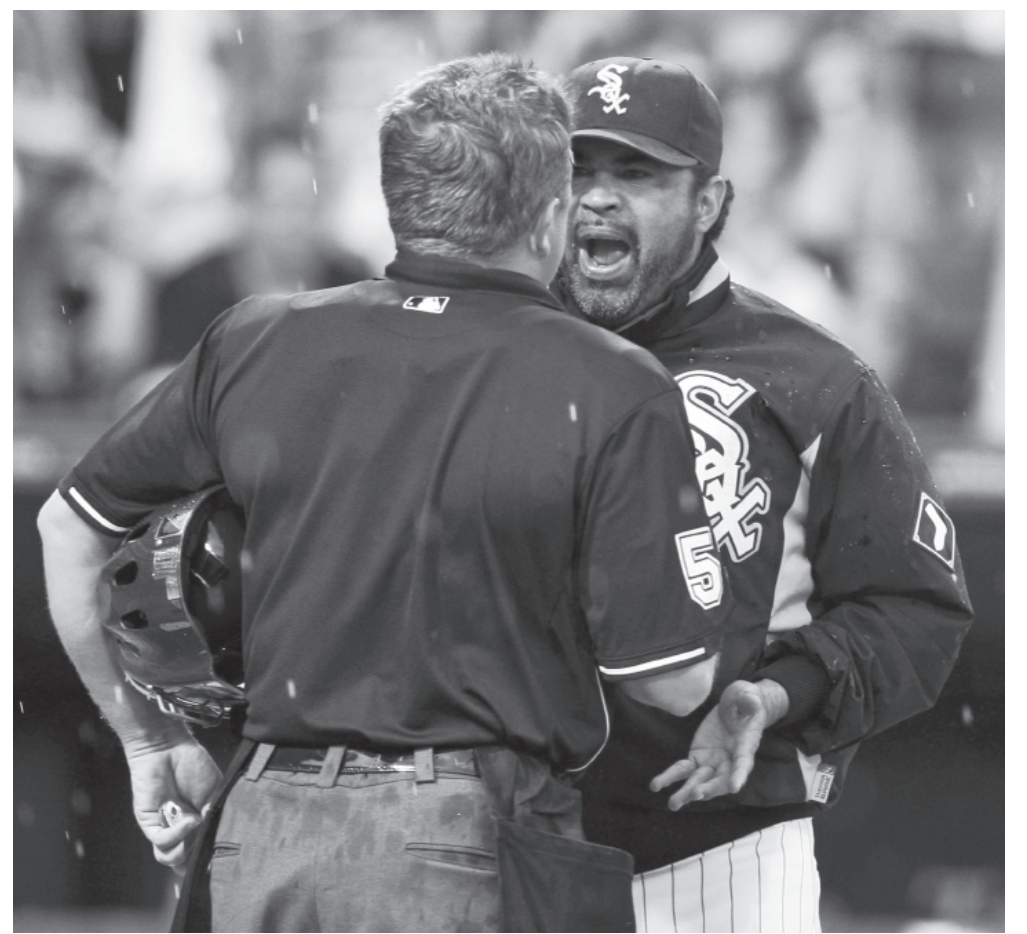
It is hard to predict how this whole off-season will pan out, at least not until after the fates of two legends are decided. Where Guillen and La Russa manage will shape the whole face of baseball next year.

If La Russa decides to leave, that could bring Joe Torre back to St. Louis. Torre would then either save Jerry Manuel's job or force the Mets to make a secondary hire.

But it really starts with Guillen. If Guillen decides he wants to manage the Marlins next year, it could be a reason for La Russa to leave the Cardinals and play for his close friend Jerry Reinsdorf, who is the GM of the White Sox. Guillen could be the domino to get things rolling, but if the likes of La Russa, Guillen and Torre stall, it could be a long process.

As the playoffs start, watch also to see how the managerial shuffle unfolds throughout Major League Baseball.

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Chicago White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen argues a call with home plate umpire Greg Gibson. The always-fierce Guillen could lead the major shift of MLB managers in the 2011 season.

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ECU tops UAB 4-1 on the road

Senior Bailey Wilcox scored a career-best two goals and added an assist as ECU picked up its first win in Conference USA play Sunday afternoon against Southern Miss, 4-1. With the win, the Pirates improve to 6-4 on the year, 1-1 in league play and extended their current win streak against the Golden Eagles to nine straight.

Amanda Malkiewicz gave ECU an early 1-0 lead in the 13th minute of play when she broke away in the center of the box and fired a shot past USM (3-6-1, 0-2 C-USA) keeper Hann Vanderboegh for her fourth goal of the season. Wilcox was credited with her first assist of the season on the goal.

The upperclassman duo teamed up again on ECU's second goal of the match, just one minute into the second half, extending the lead to 2-0. Malkiewicz placed a corner kick into the box where Jessica Woodward headed the ball down to Wilcox for her second score of the year. In the 62nd minute of play, Wilcox found the back of the net again when she received a cross pass from Kimmy Cummings, firing from outside the box, which gave ECU a 3-0 advantage.

Caty Butler got into the scoring action for the Pirates when she scored off a corner kick from Malkiewicz in the 72nd minute, padding the lead to 4-0. It was Butler's second goal of the season and Malkiewicz's sixth assist, which leads the squad.

USM's Mischa Tice foiled the shutout in the 79th minute when she came streaking into the box, heading a ball in the back of the net for her second goal of the year. Jana Mason was credited with the assist after fighting for control of the ball on the end line and placing a cross inside the box, cutting ECU's lead to three, 4-1.

Redshirt freshman Christiane Cordero notched her sixth win of the year, logging four saves and giving up one goal. Vanderboegh was touched for four goals in 90 minutes of work, while also recording four saves.

The Pirates will return home next weekend when they play host to SMU (Oct. 1 at 4 p.m.) and Tulsa (Oct. 3 at 1 p.m.). The match against the Golden Hurricane will be held in conjunction with the Second Annual Riley's Army Auction, which will be held at the North Campus Recreation Complex.

Pirates finish up ECU shootout

The ECU men's tennis team wrapped up play at the ECU Fall Shootout Sunday afternoon with nine match victories at the River Birch Tennis Center.

Massimo Mannino defeated Bertrand Moulin of James Madison in straight sets (6-1, 6-3) to claim the Flight B Championship. After dropping the opening set of the tournament, Mannino won six consecutive sets, which included a pair of straight set victories.

Henrik Skalmerud posted a 7-6 (1), 6-4 win over JMU's Yaroslav Voznenko to claim the Flight F title. Skalmerud also went unbeaten through his flight, as did Simon Escourrou through Flight H. Escourrou rallied to defeat Ville Maatanen in three sets (5-7, 7-6 (1), 10-7) Sunday.

The Pirates' Joran Vliegen, John Schmitt and Mario Martinez were all straight sets winners over their JMU foes on Sunday. ECU also took three of four doubles matches from the Dukes.

Players from the College of Charleston captured four individual flight championships, while ECU won all four doubles flights. Horvath and Vliegen teamed to sweep Flight B, as did Mannino and Schmitt in Flight C.

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Alex Serkes breaks down week 3 in the NFL

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ECU makes good use of bye week

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A bye week is generally referred to as a time to cure injuries and take a breath, but a bye week is only a good thing in certain instances.

Taking a bye week when your team is on a roll and playing really well can break the momentum of the players and result in bad play the first week back. But taking a bye after a rough stretch gives the coaches two weeks to fix any lingering problems with the football team.

For ECU, the bye week came at the best time possible. After dropping their first game of the season a week ago at Virginia Tech in blowout fashion, the Pirates needed a bye to rest up and fix some of the plaguing defensive issues that had appeared against the Hokies.

ECU's defense has been the weak link of the team so far this season, giving up an average of 41 points a game.

Coach Ruffin McNeill broke down what the Pirates experienced during the first bye week of his tenure.

"Sunday it started with just bouncing back. Tough loss in Blacksburg, so we came back Sunday," McNeill said. "Tuesday and Wednesday were very long days for us; fundamental days, big execution days offensively."

The Pirates used their week off to get both sides of the ball back in tune with each other. Against the Hokies, the ECU offensive line was not as stable as they had been through the first two games of the season, allowing the Virginia Tech defenders to force ECU quarterback Dominique Davis into mistakes.

"Offensively, we worked on execution and pass-and-run protection," McNeill said.

The defensive front generated no pressure on Tyrod Taylor in the second half, allowing him to sit in the pocket and pick the Pirate secondary apart.



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The ECU football team storms onto Bagwell Field in action earlier this season against Tulsa. The Pirates enter a crucial stretch of the season where they must tighten down the defense and continue the offensive production.

"On defense, we worked on getting off blocks and tackling, making sure we fit properly on run plays and cover routes better," McNeill said.

For ECU, the bye week came at the perfect moment, allowing this unit to become stronger as the season carries on.

"I thought we improved fundamentally. I thought the focus was there," McNeill said. "One of the main objectives going into the off week was to make sure we improved on the little things, and I believe we did that."

Getting back to game week on Sunday, the Pirates turn their attention to in-state rival UNC-Chapel Hill. The Tar Heels are coming off their first win of the season: a 17-13 victory over Big East foe Rutgers.

UNC is not the team Pirate fans thought they would be

facing coming into the season. After a summer of high hopes for the Tar Heels, an NCAA investigation into player-agent contact and a university-led investigation into academic violations have turned what looked to be a breakout year into a year where the Heels are just trying to hang on.

News came out this past week that cornerback Kendrick Burney would be suspended for a total of six games while safety Deunta Williams would be required to sit for four games, with both having to pay back hundreds of dollars for accepting improper benefits. Both have already missed three games and UNC is appealing their suspensions.

While UNC has learned the fate of two of the players who are under suspensions, they are still awaiting a ruling on 10 other players, including four

more defensive starters. To give a little background on why the rulings have taken so long, you must look at what a university must do to receive a ruling on any one player, let alone 12.

The first aspect of an investigation is the finding of some alleged misconduct, whether it be agent contact or selling your game jersey, as in the case of Georgia wide receiver A.J. Green.

After the misconduct is identified, the NCAA starts what is called a "gathering of facts," where NCAA investigators act as athletic police interviewing players, coaches and all those alleged to be involved. Once the facts are gathered, the NCAA presents the university with whether or not violations actually took place.

Then the process falls to the university. The athletic department has to apply for

player reinstatement where the university writes an explanation for the violations, stating any mitigating factors that may explain why the violation took place.

After the statement is submitted, all the school can do is sit and wait for the NCAA committee to make a ruling. And with the history of NCAA investigations, there is no timetable for a ruling. For example, Florida State had to wait over a year before their academic probe was completed.

For the Pirates, a week off provided answers to some questions on both sides of the ball that will come in hand against a depleted, but talented, North Carolina team.

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ECU setter Kasey Kavanaugh jumps high to make the block on a UTEP attacker. The Miners swept the Pirates 3-0 in both contests this weekend.

UTEP sweeps Pirates in conference opener

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ECU fell to 1-13 this Sunday after losing to UTEP in three sets: (19-25), (15-25), (19-25). This was the second day in a row that the Pirates suffered a defeat at the hands of the UTEP Miners, whose record is now (10-5).

The third set of Sunday's match was a back-and-forth affair, with ECU leading early. But a substitution error by the Pirates gave UTEP the lead and seemed to throw the Pirates off rhythm.

ECU gained the lead once more, but when the Miners

led 16-15, the lead stuck. The Pirates surged to put the game at 19-21 in favor of UTEP and then failed to score a point for the remainder of the match.

Junior Jackie Varnum didn't blame this one on lack of effort. "We always work hard. We work really hard at practice. We just need to get it to transfer into games more."

The opening set showed lots of promise for freshmen Hannah Allgood and Kasey Kavanaugh. Allgood struck fast with four early kills in the first set, finishing the game with six. Kavanaugh managed 10 assists in the first set, totaling 26 in the contest.

Solid play from juniors

Varnum and Amanda Lutzow, as well as redshirt junior Britney Roper, paced ECU throughout the match. Varnum and Roper led the team in kills, each with seven, while Lutzow had a team-high 10 digs. However, the Pirates were at the losing end of the battle in terms of kills (33-43), digs (34-59) and blocks (5-11).

The first game played between the two teams on Saturday was much of the same. ECU struggled to find consistency and lost the match again in three sets: (15-25), (15-25), (14-25). The Miners dominated the statistics in this match as well in terms of kills (38-21), digs (55-49) and blocks (8-3).

"We just have to keep the communication up and keep the positiveness and the motivation," Varnum said, not losing focus on the team's goal.

"We are really working on working together as a team rather than just focusing on a 'W'."

Coach Rolf expressed the same belief. "It's really about developing people and developing players and that's what were about."

For the Pirates, Lutzow recorded six kills on Saturday, with senior Marina Gusman-Brown tallying a team-high 17 digs.

It was very apparent the level of play changed drasti-

cally for the better after Saturday's outing.

Coach Pati Rolf stated, "Much better play. Even the score reflects that. But even just the overall feeling of the game: better defense, better offense—I think we were covering the floor better on our side. Give it to UTEP; they are a great team. They had great defense, good coverage and they blocked us well."

While losing is certainly frustrating, Coach Rolf stressed the importance of patience. "You got to be patient. You got to realize this is more long term than short term."