

PUMMEL the PACK

N.C. State travels to Greenville for the first time since 2007 for a high noon showdown at Dowdy Ficklen Stadium.



ECU

Keys to the game:

Play for 60 minutes:

For several weeks, the Pirates have been a night-and-day team. In every contest other than the Southern Miss game, ECU has failed to execute in the second half.

Limit turnovers:

When the Pirates have struggled this season, a common reason is multiple turnovers. Dominique Davis has thrown six interceptions in the last two games, and for three straight games the opponent has returned a pick for a touchdown.

Pressure Russell Wilson:

There's no denying that Wilson is one of the best quarterbacks in the country, and with any good quarterback, the key to success is generating pressure of the passer.

Adam Bunn

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The color red is a color that brings with it different concepts. The most common emotion associated with the color red is that of anger or bitter rage. This Saturday, in front of a sold-out crowd in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, the color red will fill those wearing purple will all of those feelings.

Why, you ask?

The answer is simple -- it's because the N.C. State Wolfpack will be strolling into Greenville for a showdown of in-state rivals that will be sure to make the blood on both sides boil.

This past Saturday, ECU got its ship righted and returned to the win column with an emotional comeback win over Conference USA opponent Southern Miss 44-43. Dominique Davis connected with Michael Bowman on a screen pass that went 32 yards to score the game-winning touchdown.

The Pirates offense gave another good performance, accounting for 338 yards of total offense, but mistakes proved costly against the Golden Eagles. Davis threw three more interceptions, taking his year totals to completing 136 of 216 passes for 1,439 yards with 14 touchdowns, but the interception total continues to grow as Davis has now thrown nine interceptions on the season.

For the second straight game, most of the ECU offensive numbers came through the air. In fact, 305 of the 338 yards came through the air while the Pirates rushed for just 33 yards. One has to wonder where the running game has gone over the last three weeks.

Through the first two games of the season, the Pirates rushed for 328 yards on just 71 carries, resulting in a 4.6 yards per carry average, while over the last two ball games ECU has rushed for just 97 yards on 40 carries, resulting in an abysmal 2.4 yards per carry average. Head Coach Ruffin McNeill spoke about the rushing woes during his weekly press conference.

"It's about what defenses are giving you. They did a good job. We'll do a better job of it this week. We'll stay committed to it. We have two good running backs in Jonathan, Giovanni and Dominique," McNeill said. "We have some designed plays for him and defenses have been blitzing a little bit. It's a read play so Dominique can give or keep. If the end shuffles down, it's a give; if the end runs, Dominique can keep it."

The Pirates' defense got off to a crazy start against the Golden Eagles, but a lot of that was placed on their heads by the slow start by the ECU offense. After the first quarter in which the defense was on the field for the majority, the Pirates settled down and held Southern Miss to just 16 offensive points scored for the remainder of the game, not including the Southern Miss interception touchdown.

"I was really proud of the execution of the defense. They were tossed into some tough situations early in the game at Southern Miss," McNeill said. "As we all know, you don't want to get behind anybody early, especially Southern Miss at their place. It's tough to come out of that. To be down 20-0 and hold Southern Miss to field goals was big."

Despite the defense being on the field for over 37 minutes, they held strong and were able to stop Southern Miss on their final drive to claim the victory for the Pirates.

ECU will be shorthanded defensively against the Wolfpack this week as starting safety Derek Blacknall has been suspended for the game as a result of his helmet-to-helmet hit against Southern Miss on Saturday.

The Wolfpack will come to Greenville boasting not only a 5-1 record on the season, but a quarterback who is one of the best in the country at making the difficult plays look easy.

Wilson on the season has completed 144 of 242 passes for 1,802 yards with an outstanding 17 touchdown passes and just six interceptions. Wilson leads the ACC in passing yards per game, while he directs an offense ranked first in scoring, total offense and pass offense.

"He's a dual-threat quarterback who reminds you of Tyrod Taylor with his running ability. But when he throws the football, he has zip, accuracy and field vision to distribute the football to all five receivers. When he scrambles, he's scrambling to throw the football," McNeill said. "They also have designed running plays for him. He is really calm in the offense and has great pocket presence, command and the ability to escape. We'll have to do a great job with him."

The Wolfpack boasts a bevy of receivers that are not only talented, but that have the experience with Wilson that allows them to know what he's thinking

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N.C. State

Keys to the game:

Protect Russell Wilson:

If the Wolfpack offensive line can continue to protect Wilson, he will continue to pick apart defensive backs and make life hard for opposing coaches.

Run the ball:

While the Pack's running game hasn't been stellar so far this year, they go up against a defense that allows 192 yards a game on the ground and has allowed two of the last three opponents to rush for over 200 yards.

Limit mistakes:

N.C. State comes into this game as a heavy favorite, but playing on the road is never easy. The easiest way for the Pack to escape Greenville with a win will be to hold on to the ball and limit penalties and coaching blunders.

Ranking the Carolinas

South Carolina remains on top, while in-state rivals No. 2 N.C. State and No. 3 ECU square off in at Dowdy Ficklen Stadium on Saturday at noon.

Schedules

ECU (3-3)

9/5	Tulsa	W, 51-49
9/11	Memphis	W, 49-27
9/18	VT	L, 49-27
10/2	UNC	L, 42-17
10/9	So. Miss	W, 44-43
10/16	N.C. State	12:00 p.m.
10/23	Marshall	4:15 p.m.
10/30	UCF	TBD
11/6	Navy	3:30 p.m.
11/11	UAB	8:00 p.m.
11/20	Rice	TBD
11/26	SMU	2:00 p.m.

N.C. State (5-1)

9/4	WCU	W, 48-7
9/11	UCF	W, 28-21
9/16	Cincinnati	W, 30-19
9/25	GT	W, 45-28
10/2	VT	L, 41-30
10/9	BC	W, 44-17
10/16	ECU	12:00 p.m.
10/28	Florida St.	7:30 p.m.
11/6	Clemson	TBD
11/13	Wake Forest	TBD
11/20	UNC	TBD
11/27	Maryland	TBD



Tyrone Spencer
STAFF WRITER

There is less than a week left until the BCS releases its annual championship rankings. But these rankings trump the BCS effortlessly. Although this top five carries no weight, such as this season's national championship contenders, it does provide bragging rights for any person who agrees, or it could be an irritating read for anybody who doesn't. Six weeks of the season are history and this week's list remains unchanged. My level of anticipation and excitement can only rise as the season's end draws nearer, but let's deal with the present first.



1. No. 10 South Carolina (4-1): South Carolina's latest play epitomizes all that I love

about college football Saturdays. "Games are played on the field, not on paper," perfectly describes USC's victory over No. 1 Alabama. Although I picked 'Bama to win, I was aware of South Carolina's ability to pull off this season's first major upset. The 14-point victory over the Crimson Tide catapulted the Gamecocks into the AP top 10. Hypocritically, I could say that USC can expect smooth sailing until facing Florida in November. However, "games are not played on paper," and South Carolina should not overlook Kentucky when they visit Lexington this Saturday. Next game: 10/16 @ Kentucky



2. North Carolina State (5-1): N.C. State Head Coach Tom O'Brien finally defeated his former team, Boston College, this past Saturday at Carter-Finley Stadium. His quarterback, Russell Wilson, enjoyed another three-touchdown outing, but his defense and special teams played stellar and can claim responsibility for this win. While only giving up 87 passing yards, the Wolfpack won easily, 44-17.

This upcoming weekend, N.C. State plays in-state rival East Carolina. The first time N.C. State played East Carolina in 1970, N.C. State won. The last time N.C. State played East Carolina in 2008, N.C. State won. In fact, N.C. State has won 16 out of the 26 get-togethers. Both schools are coming off of victories in which they mutually put up 44 points in their victories this past weekend. Next game: 10/16 @ East Carolina



3. East Carolina (3-2): Although the Pirates have dropped their two meetings versus non-conference opponents, ECU has gotten off to a perfect 3-0 start in Conference USA play. East Carolina's latest victory came last Saturday while visiting Southern Miss. ECU was able to outlast the Golden Eagles, 44-43, in the high-scoring four and a half hour affair. While the Pirates did many things wrong, they did the most important thing right, and that was to get the victory. Even with the bountiful mistakes, ECU scrapped backed into the game after trailing by 20 in the first

quarter and did just enough to escape Hattiesburg with a victory. This upcoming weekend, the Pirate Nation hosts the N.C. State Wolfpack. With only 77 miles and Highway 264 separating the schools, this rivalry has manufactured some extremely intense games along with tremendous hate. This Saturday will be the third time that the Wolfpack and Pirates meet in Greenville, with each winning one game apiece. Next game: 10/16 vs. N.C. State



4. North Carolina (3-2): That "unknown" running back, Johnny White was the key to UNC's third straight victory on Saturday. He had two rushing touchdowns and 90 receiving yards. The Tar Heels defeated Clemson, bringing their conference record to 1-1. Although North Carolina showcased a lackluster offensive attack, their production was just enough to outscore the Tigers 21-16. Unfortunately, the joy of a three-game winning streak was short-lived when the NCAA declared Robert Quinn, Marvin Austin and Greg Little inactive for the

remainder of the season. The Tar Heels hope to keep winning without their prime players when they face Virginia this Saturday. Next game: 10/16 @ Virginia



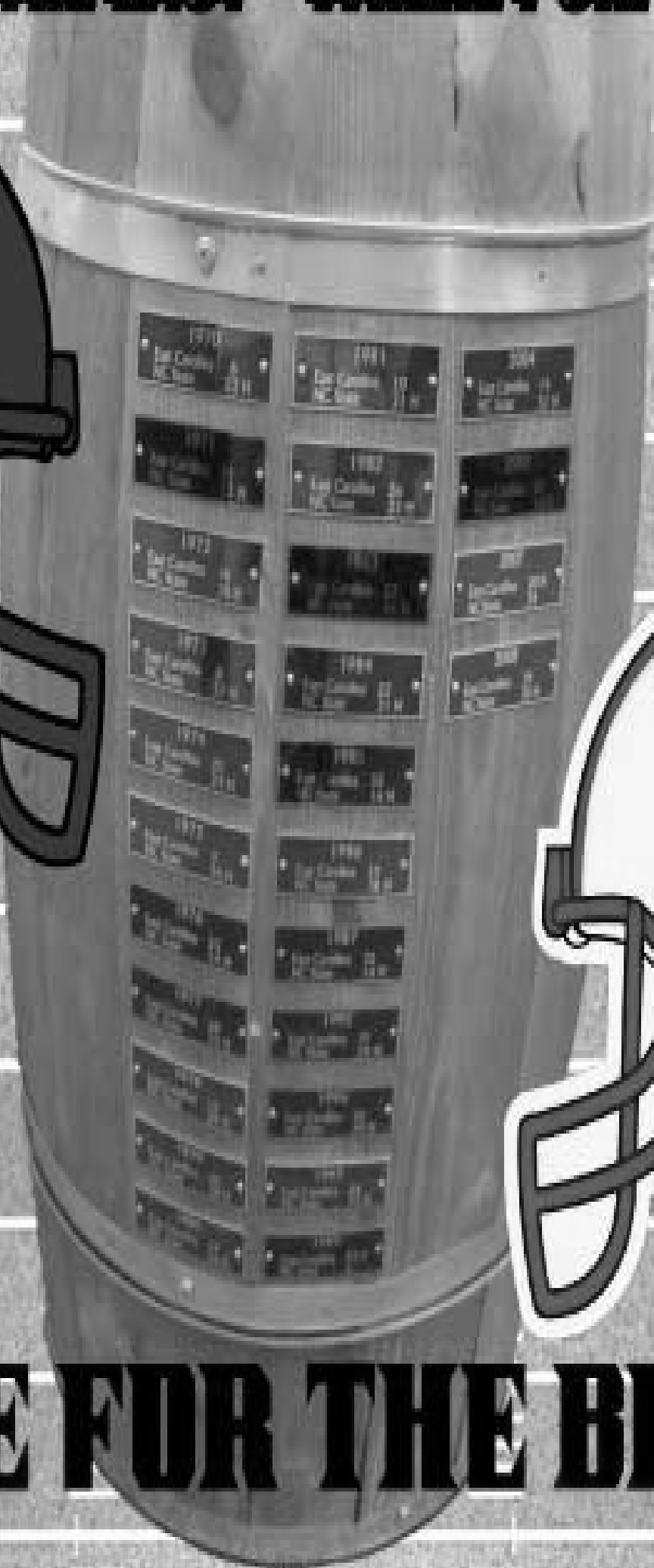
5. Clemson (2-3): At this point in the season, quarterback Kyle Parker is probably wishing he had accepted the Colorado Rockies' money and bid farewell to the Tiger football team. Clemson has lost three games in a row and are trapped in a downward spiral. Their lone victories have come over teams that combine for one total win this season. The Tigers' latest defeat came at the hands of North Carolina in a game where Clemson gained a season-low 305 total yards. Kyle Parker and his team face the Maryland Terrapins this Saturday at 12 p.m. Clemson lost this matchup last season, 24-21. Next game: 10/16 vs. Maryland

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TEC Pick'em: Week 5

TEC Pick'em in The East Carolinian's weekly college football office pool. Twelve staff members make their selections once a week on each week's biggest games. Staff members with the best records will be featured each week.



Chase Kroll
Sports Writer
Last week, (6-4);
Overall, (44-16)



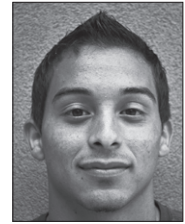
Lorianna Whitford
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Last week, (7-3);
Overall, (44-16)



Jeffrey Jones
Office Manager
Last week, (5-5);
Overall, (44-16)



Andrea Robertson
Managing Editor
Last week, (5-5);
Overall, (41-19)



Carlos Olivera
Sports Writer
Last week, (4-6);
Overall, (41-19)

NCSU vs. ECU

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So. Miss vs. Memphis

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Auburn vs. Arkansas

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Cincinnati vs. Louisville

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before he thinks it. Owen Spencer, T.J. Graham and All-ACC tight end George Bryan all are valuable targets for Wilson to throw to.

Defense was the weakness of this NCSU last year, but with the return of linebacker Nate Irving, the Pack's defense has been reenergized with a new sense of success and is one of the top defenses in the ACC.

The Pack's defense, which ranked last in most statistical categories last season, ranks third in total defense, fourth in rushing defense and third in passing

defense -- huge improvements from one year ago.

"Up front, Michael Lemon has really stood out for them the last three games. He moved into the starting lineup and is a senior who is very active. The linebackers, all three of them, are very active and mobile. Nate Irving, Audie Cole and Terrell Manning are used in the blitz packages quite a bit," McNeill said. "Nate is the guy, if you remember, who got hurt in the car accident a while ago, but he's back and very athletic and explosive. All three are really good

blitzers and are used in coverage quite a bit."

ECU will face their toughest challenge of the year against the NCSU. To win this game, both the offense and the defense are going to have to be on the same page.

The Pirates and the Wolfpack will kick off from Dowdy-Ficklen at 12 p.m. on Saturday and the game will be broadcast by the CBS College Sports Network.

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Purple Haze Event

STAFF REPORTS

Help the Pirates paint Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium PURPLE by wearing your purple shirt and other gear to the game against NC State. Show your Pirate pride as we cover the stands in a Purple Haze!

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HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

10.5 through 10.7

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Homecoming Court Student Vote
OneStop

Cannon Ball Dance in the Murphy Center
Formal Event, Cocktail Attire, Music, Court Introductions

Banner Competition in Mendenhall Room 244
7:30am-11:30am – Banner Drop Off
2:00pm – Banner Judging

Court Interviews in Mendenhall Room 244
12:00pm-6:00pm
Skit Practice – Hendrix Theater
9:00pm-10:00pm

Lawn Competition – 3:00pm
Skit Competition – Hendrix Theater
9:00pm-10:00pm

Canned Food Drive – Food Bank
12:00pm-3:00pm – Drop Off

Homecoming Concert
LUDACRIS
7:00pm – Minges Coliseum

Halftime Practice
Pep-Rally – Freeboot Friday
5:00pm-8:00pm
NPHC Step Show – Wright Auditorium
8:00pm

Float Contest – Wahl Coats Elementary
7:00am-8:15am – Float Drop Off
8:30am-9:30am – Judging
10:00am – Parade

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BRIEFS

DA: Still deciding penalty in Bible college case

Associated Press

The district attorney prosecuting a man charged with killing a student at a North Carolina Bible college says he hasn't decided whether to seek the death penalty.

The Daily Advance of Elizabeth City reported District Attorney Frank Parrish said Monday he needs more information before deciding if he'll seek the death penalty against 23-year-old Christopher David Amyx.

A grand jury in Pasquotank County on Monday indicted Amyx on a first-degree murder charge in the death of Jonathan Schipper of Havelock.

Schipper was shot Oct. 3 in a dormitory.

Both men were students at Mid-Atlantic Christian University in Elizabeth City.

Flu shots to become available to students

Staff Reports

Student Health Services has scheduled a series of flu shot clinics.

The shots will be only for current students who must present a valid OneCard at the time of the clinic visit. Students may pay for the \$8 shot using cash or check or charge it to the cashier's office to be paid at a later date. Debit or credit cards will not be accepted at the clinics.

The clinics are as follows:

Thursday, Oct. 14: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Wright Plaza/Dowdy Student Store

Tuesday, Oct. 19: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Mendenhall Student Center Brickyard

Thursday, Oct. 21: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Allied Health Building, room 2330 AND from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the first floor of Old Laupus Library

For more information regarding the flu shot clinics, contact Student Health Services at 252-737-2564.

Conference USA suspends East Carolina DB Blacknall

Associated Press

Conference USA has suspended East Carolina defensive back Derek Blacknall for a flagrant personal foul committed against a Southern Miss player.

With 11:24 left to play in last Saturday's game in Hattiesburg, Southern Miss wide receiver Quentin Pierce was going for a pass when he took a helmet-to-helmet hit from Blacknall. Pierce left the game with symptoms of a concussion.

Officials called a personal foul on Blacknall. NCAA rules called for an automatic video review by the conference for additional penalties prior to the next game.

Blacknall will miss this Saturday's game at home against North Carolina State.

WEB POLL

Will you attend the ECU vs. NC State game?

Yes

No

Check out twitter.com/ecunews and our fan page on facebook.



Police presence higher for NC State game



TYRONE DEMERY | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

An ECU Police car sits in the parking lot near the mall and Old Cafeteria Complex.

Staff Reports

The ECU versus North Carolina State University game will offer a larger police presence this year than in previous years because of the crowd expected. Fans will come from all over North Carolina to watch the sold-out game and ECU is expected to have more officers around Greenville.

"We are going to have additional officer on hand and N.C. State is sending officers, too," said Dawn Tevepaugh, assistant police chief of ECU Police.

ECU is asking that people leave enough time to enter the stadium to ensure everyone gets in their seats on time.

"The main thing we have been anticipating is that folks want to stay out in the parking lot for tailgating until the last minute and they get upset and aggravated because they cannot get into the game," said Tevepaugh.

There will also be more police inside the stadium so that fans do

not become out of control during the game or after the game and attempt to rush the field. Because police officers serve various purposes before, during and after the game, they will be enforcing rules to make sure everyone is safe this weekend.

"When students rush the field, our main concern is to make sure the players and coaches from both teams are safe because you never know what someone is thinking when they get onto that field," said Tevepaugh.

Although ECU itself is not having any alcohol checkpoints, students should be advised that there could potentially be checkpoints around Greenville.

"I am not going to the game but I do plan on going downtown that night," said sophomore Jamell Enoch. "I do plan on taking the bus because a lot of people will probably be drinking and driving downtown."

The bus stop downtown on Reade Street will have more police

present due to the large number of crowds expected.

"We want to make sure that everyone has a good time at the game, but at the same time, we want them to be safe and follow the rules," said Tevepaugh.

Gates are expected to open at 10 a.m. to allow everyone to enter the stadium two hours before kick-off. Students should get to their seats as soon as possible to make sure that they get the seats they want and make it on time. Tailgating lots will also be open around 8:30 a.m. to give everyone a chance to get to the game early.

ECU versus N.C. State game tickets sold out during one business day. Officials are expecting tailgating to be more prominent for the game because many people couldn't obtain tickets.

The only changes to ECU Transit schedules will be the discontinuation of the Blue bus on game day. The 303 Blue bus provides service to local businesses around Greenville.

Blood In Blood Out



DOUG MACKENZIE | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Community members, city officials, students and police gather to discuss gang-related violence in the Greenville area.

Jennifer Soares

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

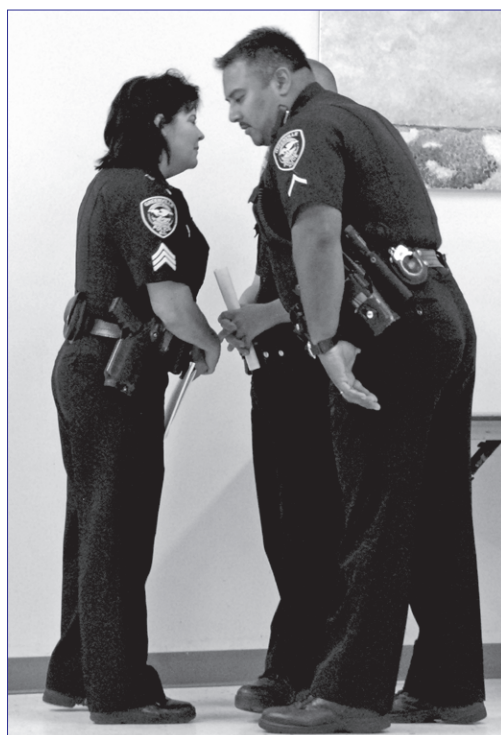
On Wednesday, the Police Community Relations Committee and City of Greenville Police Department held a town hall meeting to discuss gang presence in the city and what is being done to curtail gang-related violence.

Speakers Corporal Vaughn Wiles of the Gang Unit and Officer Paula Sauls of the High Incident Target Strikes (HITS) informed community leaders and residents on the prevalence and power these groups have over the community.

According to the Police Community Relations Committee, "The purpose of the committee is to serve as a liaison between the community and the police, to serve as an advocate for programs, ideas, and methods to improve relations between the community and the police, and to disseminate information to the community and the City with regard to the state of relations between the community and the Greenville Police Department."

In the state of North Carolina, there are no laws against being in a gang. The definition of a gang according to Greenville PD is, "Any group or association of three or more persons who have a common identifying sign, symbol or name."

"I am not an expert on gangs. The gang mem-



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Obama considers fast 'don't ask' appeal order

Associated Press

Defense Secretary Robert Gates warned Wednesday of "enormous consequences" for men and women in uniform if a judge's order abruptly allowing gays to serve openly in the military is allowed to stand.

The Obama administration may well ask for a stay of the ruling while it appeals. Justice Department officials worked behind the scenes on their response into Wednesday night with no word on when there would be an announcement. The uncertainty of the next step left gay-rights activists as well as the military in limbo over the status of the "don't ask, don't tell" law.

A day after a federal judge in California ordered the Pentagon to cease enforcing the law, Gates told reporters traveling with him in Europe that repeal should be a question for Congress — and only after the Pentagon completes a study of the impact of lifting the ban, which is due the first of December.

Allowing gays to serve openly "is an action that requires careful preparation and a lot of training," Gates said. "It has enormous consequences for our troops."

In Tuesday's ruling, U.S. District Judge Virginia Phillips ordered the military "immediately to suspend and discontinue any investigation" or other proceeding to dismiss gay service members. The 1993 law says gays may serve in the military but only if they keep secret their sexual orientation.

Phillips wrote that the law "infringes the fundamental rights" of current and prospective service members.

Gay rights advocates cautioned gay service members to avoid revealing their sexuality for fear that the Phillips ruling could be tossed out on appeal and they would be left open to being discharged.

Defense Department officials would not say what was happening to current discharge cases, or even confirm how many pending cases there might be. A Pentagon spokesman, Col. David Lapan, said no written guidance had been issued to commanders on how to deal with the court order.

An Air Force officer and co-founder of a gay service member support group called OutServe said Wednesday he will continue using a pseudonym out of concern that he could still be discharged.

"Can I come out right now and be OK? And if I made a statement would it be held against me?" asked the officer, who calls himself JD Smith and said he is an Air Force Academy graduate. He said service members are hoping the Pentagon will clarify the meaning of the court ruling.

Warren Arbury of Savannah, Ga., said he'd love to reenlist in the Army two years after being discharged in the middle of a tour in Iraq. But he's being cautious and patient.

"I think it's still way too soon," said 28-year-old Arbury, now a university student. "If I was to hear news that automatically everything would be reinstated, I'd be the first one in the door."

Arbury said he wants to know more about how the military would reintegrate gay ex-soldiers: "If I go back in I want to know, Do I get my rank back? Do I get any damages or compensation?"

The uncertainty extended overseas. When asked by a reporter whether the ruling had had any impact yet, a two-star U.S. Army commander in eastern Afghanistan suggested he was unsure anything would change and said it was unlikely that his soldiers even knew about the court order.

"If that law is changed, they'll abide by the law," but "that's probably the farthest thing from their mind" as they fight, said Maj. Gen. John Campbell, commander of the 101st Airborne Division.

The Justice Department is considering whether to appeal the Phillips ruling, and its first response may well be another trip to the judge's courtroom in Riverside, Calif., to seek a stay, or temporary freeze. If Phillips turns down the request, the Justice Department probably would then turn to the federal appeals court in California.

If the government does appeal, that would put the Obama administration in the position of continuing to defend a law it opposes.

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said time is running out for the ban on gays serving openly.

"This is a policy that is going to end," he said.

Gates, who supports lifting the ban once the Pentagon puts in place a plan for minimizing disruptions, said that besides developing new training for troops, regulations will have to be revised.

Gates and Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, face disagreement by some senior general officers on whether lifting the ban would cause serious disruption at a time when troops are fighting in Afghanistan and winding down a long war in Iraq.

The incoming Marine commandant, Gen. James Amos, and his predecessor, Gen. James Conway, both have told Congress that they think most Marines would be uncomfortable with the change and that the current policy works.

In part to resolve the question of how the troops feel, Gates has ordered a study that includes a survey of troops and their families.

Gates has said the purpose isn't to determine whether to change the "don't ask, don't tell" law, which he says is probably inevitable, but to determine how to end the policy without causing serious disruption.

Cultural values in the U.S. have shifted since the law was passed, yet there remains a powerful rhetorical weapon for opponents of lifting the ban — fear that it would weaken a military at war.

Family Research Council President Tony Perkins accused Phillips of "playing politics" with national defense.

"Once again, an activist federal judge is using the military to advance a liberal social agenda, disregarding the views of all four military service chiefs

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Death in UNC dorm may not be due to fall

Associated Press

A woman who died in her daughter's dorm room at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill may not have fallen from the top bunk as officials first thought.

A report by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner which first appeared in The Daily Tar Heel student newspaper says 49-year-old Donna Sykes of Rocky Mount may have become

tangled in her daughter's walker while getting in or out of bed, causing her to fall.

Assistant housing director Rick Bradley told The News & Observer of Raleigh on Wednesday that UNC will likely go forward with plans to buy new bed rails. Equipping 8,500 beds with rails will cost about \$250,000.

Demand for the rails soared after Sykes' death in August.

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Calendar Events

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Thursday, Oct. 13

Women's Roundtable at ECU: Financial Forum

9:30 a.m. at Greenville Convention Center. The third event in the ECU Incredible Women Series will focus on financial issues facing women and will feature Jean Chatzky, best-selling author and financial editor of NBC's "Today" show, as keynote speaker.

SAB presents "Get Him to the Greek"

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

Flu Shot Clinic

10 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Wright Plaza

Friday, Oct. 14

Swimming and Diving

5 p.m.

Women's Volleyball vs. SMU

7 p.m.

SAB presents "Get Him to the Greek"

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

The Charming Youngsters

5 p.m. at Freeboot Friday in Downtown Greenville

Saturday, Oct. 15

ECU football vs. N.C. State

12 p.m.

SAB presents "Get Him to the Greek"

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

Sunday, Oct. 16

Women's Volleyball vs. Tulsa

1 p.m.



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bers themselves are the experts," said Wiles. "My job is to ask why they are in a gang and why they commit violent acts."

Not all gang members engage in criminal activity and their main job is to instill fear into neighborhoods and residents. Gangs are also a mindset; they believe in rules and have codes they follow. Because of this, community leaders are working together to develop various programs to change gang members' ways and stop the youth of today from joining.

The HITS federal program was given a grant by the governor's crime commission and they targeted repeat violent offenders and drug criminals in Greenville. In June, HITS went through communities and picked up several offenders who were affiliated with gangs and charged them with various crimes.

"We voted to target certain people, ones that we felt held the biggest threat in Greenville," said Sauls. "We wanted to demonstrate to other people that we were very serious about crimes in Greenville so we held a meeting and made it mandatory for certain people to go."

When members met with these criminals, they asked them to stop the violence among each other and offered them ways to get out. Organizations around Greenville showed

up to give the criminals different options in educational training and jobs in exchange for their cooperation. After three months, there has been no violence between the gangs, even though most people did not take advantage of any educational training.

To date, there are 444 documented gang members in the city of Greenville; however, that number is not an exact figure because not every member documented is from Greenville. If anyone you know is affiliated with or associated with gang members, there are ways to show them that there are other ways to succeed in life.

The youth of today view various rap artists such as Lil Wayne, Gucci Mane and Snoop Dogg to be their mentors because they were in the same situation and became famous. What these teenagers do not understand is that while most of them may aspire to be rap artists, the odds of becoming famous are not in their favor. It is a known fact that gang members either end up dead or in jail. If parents take the time to educate their children and be a part of their lives, they can help to change their mindset on gang affiliation.

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and the constitutional role of Congress," he said.

Perkins urged the Justice Department "to fulfill its obligation to defend the law vigorously through the appeals process."

President Barack Obama worked with Democrats to write a bill that would have lifted the ban, pending completion of the

Defense Department review and certification from the military that troop morale wouldn't suffer. That legislation passed the House but was blocked in the Senate by Republicans.

Democrats could revive the legislation in Congress' lame-duck session after the midterm election.

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'It Just Takes One' campaign inspires students

Olivia Krukowski
STAFF WRITER

Has your day ever been turned around by something as simple as the smiling face of the cashier at Wright Place, or the lecture of your favorite professor who has always given you great insight? Often one experience or person can make an enormous difference in our lives without even being aware of their influence.

Jayne Geissler, the executive director for Retention Programs and Enrollment Services, started the program "It Just Takes One," with the aid of the Subcommittee of the Retention and Graduation Task Force, to recognize significant events, professors or experiences that have had significant impact on students' lives.

Beginning in the fall of 2010, ECU academic advisers received an e-mail they could send to their students, asking them to write briefly about a person, experience or event

that has taken place in their lives that has been beneficial to them, to show appreciation and gratitude.

Twice monthly Geissler sends a story to advisers all over campus who then have the opportunity and option to pass the story on.

"The goal in this is to know that everyone matters. Each of us have the opportunity to make a difference, but we need to own that responsibility, and we need to realize the power of that responsibility... The professors matter, the lunch lady matters, the janitor matters," said Geissler.

Another goal of Geissler's is to balance out the negativity shown by students in such things as the Pirate Rants by shedding light on a different aspect of the ECU experience.

She explained, "Some students have incredibly difficult stories. Their positive spirit gives them the power to do what they need to do. It is the ability to do good, and to be able to rebound from negativity."

As Executive Director for

Retention Programs and Enrollment Services, Geissler has also examined the effect that positive experiences and people can have on the chance that students will return to ECU after their freshman year.

Thomas Waters, a junior, agreed that showing recognition to those who improve day-to-day life is important. "I believe that this program is a great way to show how one person can truly affect our outlook on life. Many people do not realize the effect they can have on others with their simple acts of kindness."

Thomas Waters has also encountered someone at ECU who has helped him stay positive.

When asked about this experience, Waters replied, "I have had several professors who have helped me stay motivated, despite the difficulties and stress of college life."

"The goal of these stories is to focus on the positive," said Geissler.

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What professor at ECU has impacted you the most?



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Beat State! Come on now: PURPLE!!!

I was at the table first in Joyner and you asked if you could sit down. Then your friends show up for your "study group." I didn't appreciate being kicked out of my own table. Go to a study room next time, that's why they are there.

I like it on my lap while reading Pirate Rants!

To the girls running up and down Cotten's third floor screaming "T-shirt time:" Knock it off. We don't want to hear your dumb "Jersey Shore" reference.

Wanted to get this out of the way BEFORE the State game. When we're on offense, SHUT UP! Loud on defense, quiet on offense. Got it?



Leslie Baker
OPINION COLUMNIST

The one-upper is waiting impatiently to strike. His supersonic hearing has notified him that others aren't talking about him. He knows he must take swift action.

You: "I had a great time in Alaska. I went hiking and fishing and ..."

The one-upper, who has appeared out of nowhere: "I was in Alaska for six months. SIX months. I hiked through the sub-zero barren wilderness every day. No coat. Spent the rest

You think that's good? Listen to this.

of my time wrestling grizzlies and catching wild salmon with my teeth."

You: "Oh. That's so interesting."

But you aren't interested. Neither are your friends. In fact, you may be annoyed or angry. It seems that every time you encounter this person, you have to hear his exaggerated, self-centered stories.

The narrator, also known as a "one-upper," feels a constant urge to turn every chat into a competition. Anything you did, he did it 10 times better with his eyes closed.

I used to have a friend that regarded every break in the conversation as an opportunity to tell a bigger and better story. Increasingly, his one-upping got so bad that a friend and I

schemed to catch him in the act. We made up a mystery novel -- title, plot and all -- and began discussing the fictitious book with the one-upping friend. Wouldn't you know, he had read the book before we had, but couldn't recall any details because it had been so long since he'd read it.

I wondered why my friend felt he had to try so hard to impress us.

Everyone exaggerates and tells the occasional white lie for the sake of good storytelling, but what separates us from the one-upper?

According to Factoidz.com writer Sharla Smith, "It's not just what is said, but the manner in which it is said, and the individual's tiring repetition and elaboration, which delineates a

typical conversation from that of monopolizing boastfulness."

But why does the one-upper behave this way?

I discovered that very little research has been conducted on these people. Everyone just seems to brush them off as narcissistic or insecure.

However, I believe the problem lies elsewhere. These people seem to lack someone in their lives who loves and appreciates them, and they feel they must brag about themselves in order to feel worthy and loved.

Still, dealing with a one-upper isn't easy. You may feel compelled to one-up the one-upper. While this is entertaining, it's probably going to make the situation worse.

If you have a one-upping friend, you may want to sit them

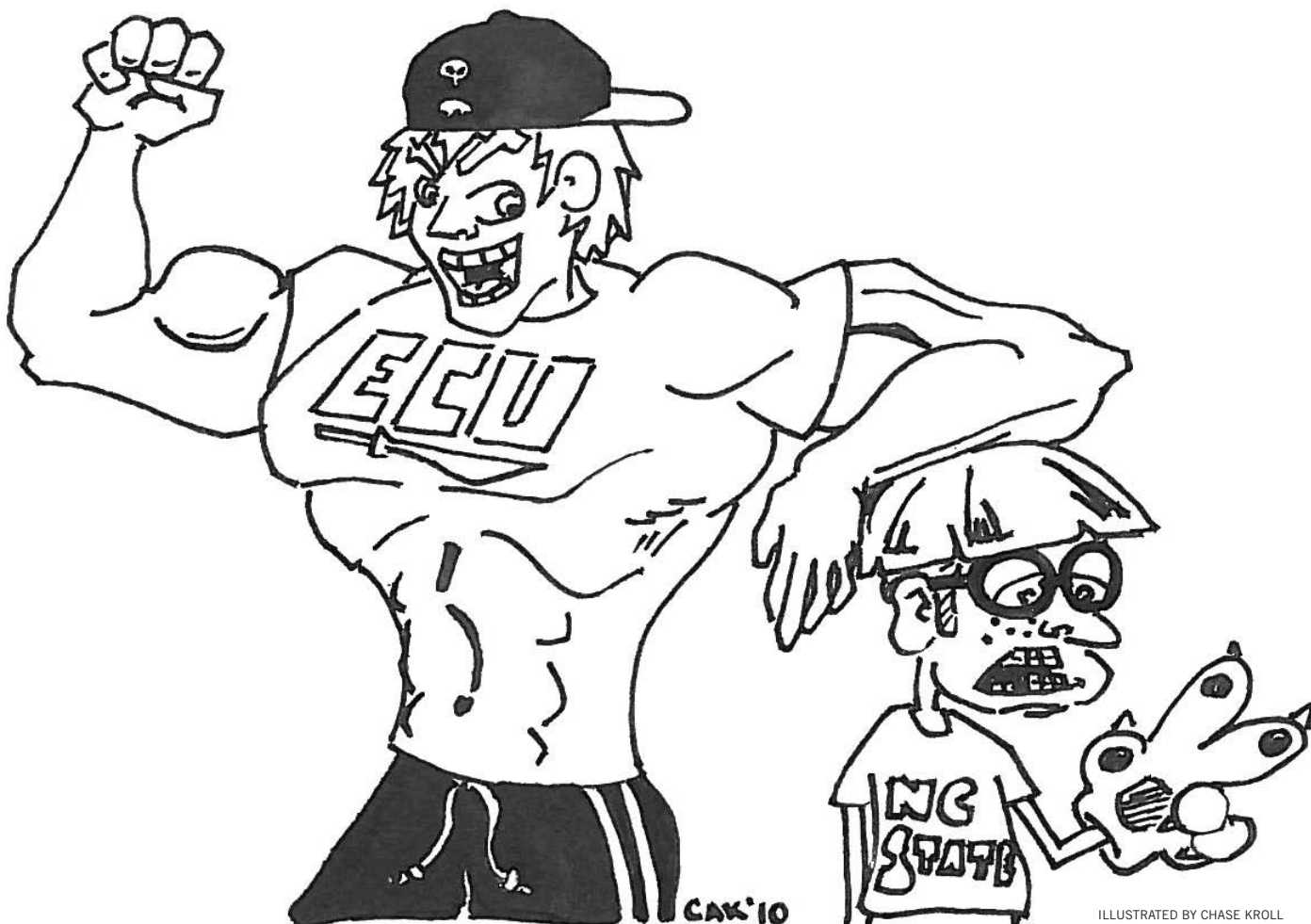
down and say, "I know you're probably not aware of this, but you constantly try to outdo me in conversations. I feel as if you don't value what I'm saying."

Your friend is probably oblivious to his behavior. Bringing it to his or her attention may help tone down the one-upping and improve your friendship.

If you are a one-upper, then you probably already know what to do, because you read this article before it was even written. But in case you forgot, remember this one rule: Listen more than you speak. Respectful silence impresses others more than arrogant boastfulness.

But I'm sure you already knew that.

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It pisses me off when my teacher told us to have a great fall break and then we have an exam on the Wednesday we get back. What a b****!

Dear British dude in my class: What is WRONG with you? I was perfectly fine when you were in stupid basketball shorts, long socks, and Adidas flip flops! But did you continue to look like a dork? Nooooo, you had to get all cute!!! Isn't it enough that I swoon at your insanely hot accent? OBVIOUSLY NOT! Uhh. This is a British thing isn't it?

Dear English professor: I saw you at the bar over Fall Break. You were really wasted. Thank you for making me laugh.

So since Alan from "Hang-over" was in a "one man wolf pack" that's how their football team is going to feel after that a** whooping.

Am I the only one who wants to complain about their neighbors' smoking but can't get a Pirate Rant in?

How about instead of 'I like it...' you actually mention something about breast cancer awareness?

Dear Roomie: What the heck! Who eats the ENTIRE pack of starbursts in one sitting? You're supposed to space them out! Weirdo!

Thanks to my bus driver I think I have acquired a fondness for country music.

Everyone knows about ratemyprofessors.com. What if they secretly have a ratemystudents.com website that we don't know about?

I held the door for 5 women today and didn't get a single thank you. And you women wonder where all the gentlemen went to.

So Halloween is on Sunday and the question I've been getting asked is: will the parties be on Saturday or Sunday? Knowing ECU we will party Sunday and make Monday our own personal day off.

To the guys of ECU: grow a pair and approach a girl you like for once in your life! She'll appreciate it!

Dear girlfriend of my boyfriend's roommate: I am sick and tired of coming over and finding your crap all over the house. You make it look disgusting with your hair all in the shower and your clothes in every room. You have your own 500 dollar apartment, GO STAY IN IT!

I am really glad I took the time to tell you our morning class was canceled when you pretended like you had no idea what I was talking about. Next time I will let you go to class

More Pirate Rants on our website!!!

'Animal House' isn't reality



Jamey Womack
OPINION COLUMNIST

The formula of a college-based movie is simple. There has to be a character that is easy to relate to and there has to be some form of confrontation. It's required that there are at least five or more party scenes, alcohol has to be involved and like any Hollywood movie, all we want is a happy ending.

If you have all of these elements, you have nearly every single college movie ever made, which means that with each new release, you can expect generally

the same plot. An enthusiastic college freshman is away from home for the first time and they live it up at college by getting themselves into quite a few predicaments, but in the end they manage to get their act together just in time to put on their cap and gown and walk across the stage. Or better yet, the story where the super-senior spends years in college slacking off and then decides in his eighth year to actually try for once, and he prevails and gets his happy ending.

You are familiar with these stories. They are most students' form of entertainment, but how many of these movies reflect reality?

I mean, sure, at least once in history there has been an instance where two fraternities battle it out for a title, a student steals answers to a test, someone throws a toga party or a student misses an exam because they're too hung-over. But not every day of college is like "Animal

House," and most likely if any of the things mentioned above happened in reality, there would not be a happy ending. There would be consequences.

Say it with me: CONSEQUENCES. Yes, they do exist, and although in the movies you're led to believe that you can get yourself into as much trouble as possible and still prevail, it's not true.

What's the big deal, you might ask? They're just movies made strictly for entertainment and it is unlikely that the viewers would actually take them seriously.

I get that, and I'm guilty of watching college-based movies myself, but I'm frustrated with the fact that it is rare to stumble across a film dedicated to showing viewers what college is actually like.

"Animal House" is the number one college-themed movie, and since it was released in 1978, it has made over \$140

million. In second place, at nearly \$97 million, is "Legally Blonde." The rest of the spots from three to 38 are filled with movies that portray the same dramatized version of a fantasy that has been created to sum up the "college experience."

But where are the movies that show the reality of college?

For example, where are the films that exemplify a college student partying too much or forgetting their responsibilities and then having to quit college or get kicked out? Or what about the movie that simply shows the struggle for a student to keep their livelihood while they work several jobs while maintaining a full class schedule? Where are these movies? There are probably a few scattered throughout history, but they most definitely did not make the list of most successful college-based movies.

Have you ever seen a movie that had content related to the true college experience? Can

you name one off of the top of your head?

Probably not, because those types of movies that do in fact portray reality aren't common, and they most certainly don't stick out. Why? Because most people would rather watch a movie that shows a bunch of students having a good time than watch someone struggle to make it.

Just once, I want someone to sit down and write a film about college that is real. Shed some light on what people really have to look forward to, and maybe for once show that college is an obstacle that is, in fact, difficult and if you succeed it's because you've earned it and worked as hard as you could to make it, and you haven't gotten to where you are because you slacked off and partied for the previous four years.

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The first time ECU and N.C. State played each other was 1970.

ECU head football coach Ruffin McNeill won two games against N.C. State as a player – in 1976 and 1977.

The overall series against N.C. State is 16-10, which N.C. State leads.

Universities known to have big rivalries are: Army vs. Navy, Michigan State vs. Ohio State, Oklahoma vs. Texas, Texas vs. Texas A&M, Georgia vs. Georgia Tech, Arkansas vs. LSU, Michigan vs. Minnesota, Harvard vs. Yale, Miami vs. Florida State, Indiana vs. Purdue and Colorado vs. Nebraska.

In 1987, ECU fans tore down the goalposts at N.C. State.

The Oct. 16 game against N.C. State will be the first game against N.C. State of Coach McNeill's career.

Many people believe ECU's biggest rivalries are N.C. State, Virginia Tech and Southern Miss.

Before every home game, flowers are placed at the graves of every former Uga (the English Bulldog mascot of Georgia).

The first college football game took place in 1869 between Princeton and Rutgers University. Each team had 25 players on the field and no forward passing was allowed. Rutgers won by a score of 6 to 4.

The LSU mascot, Mike the Tiger, is kept in a pen in the back of the stadium. Before home games, he's placed in a cage and moved near the visiting team's locker room, so that opposing players must pass by him on the way to the field.

College football's largest margin of victory came in 1916, when Georgia Tech defeated Cumberland by a score of 222 to 0. The game was cut short by 15 minutes.

President John F. Kennedy compared the difficulties of reaching space in a rocket to the Rice Owls' chances of defeating the Texas Longhorns.

Field goals in college football were originally worth five points. This was decreased to four points in 1904 and three points in 1909.

During Nebraska Cornhuskers' home games, their stadium becomes the state's third largest city.

The Red River Shootout between Oklahoma and Texas is the oldest rivalry played at a neutral site. The game is held in Dallas, which is halfway between both campuses.

Oklahoma was still a U.S. territory when the Red River Shootout started in 1900. Oklahoma didn't receive statehood until 1907.

The number of players fielded by each college team was reduced to 20 in 1873. It was reduced to 15 in 1876 and then to the current 11 in 1880.

There are four college football stadiums that hold more than 100,000 fans: Penn State's Beaver Stadium, The University of Tennessee's Neyland Stadium, The University of Michigan's Michigan Stadium and Ohio State's Ohio Stadium.

East Carolina University alumna paralyzed at bachelorette party

Fundraiser for injured former ECU student this Saturday

Katey Warren
STAFF WRITER

Saturday evening, ECU alumna Shannon Gower will be holding a fundraiser for fellow ECU alumna and friend Rachelle Friedman at 5th Street Distillery. Friedman broke her c6 vertebrae and is now paralyzed from the chest down after being pushed into a pool during her bachelorette party in May. After realizing the physical, emotional and financial stress the injury put on Friedman, Gower felt that throwing a fundraiser for her would greatly benefit Friedman on her road to recovery.

"[The fundraiser] is just to help support a very energetic and fun-loving person to get her back into the lifestyle she was living before," Gower said.

Friedman describes the night she acquired her injury as "kind of a freak accident" because she and a friend were only playing around when she got pushed into the pool. She fell into the shallow end of the pool head first, and the impact caused the breakage in her spinal cord. Friedman never lost consciousness and was immediately rushed to the hospital in an ambulance. As a result, Friedman is now a quadriplegic, meaning she is almost completely paralyzed from the neck down. The accident postponed her wedding, which had been fully planned and was supposed to be held four weeks after the bachelorette party.

Since the accident, Friedman has struggled with several daily activities that came naturally to her before her injury. "I can't get dressed on my own, I can't drive or get in a car by myself and I can't even put my hair in a ponytail," Friedman said. Friedman also commented that since she cannot move her body while sleeping, someone has to assist her in turning over every few hours. She feels lucky to still have her fiancé by her side to help her with these types of daily tasks. "Your body changes a lot because if you don't have function below your chest, you have no ab or leg muscles," Friedman said. "A lot of things changed very fast."

Friedman is not, however, allowing the accident to hold her



Rachelle Friedman broke her c6 vertebrae at her bachelorette party earlier this year.

back. Shortly after leaving the hospital, she joined the Raleigh Sidewinders Quad Rugby Team, which has allowed her to participate in a fun and competitive activity while spending time and sharing stories with others who are in similar situations. "It gives me so much more strength," Friedman said, "and it's great to meet other people who are in your shoes and to hear their stories and how they dealt with their first year."

In addition to staying active as a member of the rugby team, Friedman completed an extensive inpatient rehabilitation program at Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville and was then transferred to the outpatient rehabilitation program. She is in now at WakeMed Hospital. These programs help Friedman

build strength, especially in her arms, and have helped her see the improvements she has made since acquiring her injury. "I want to be completely independent," Friedman said. "I don't want to rely on people my whole life."

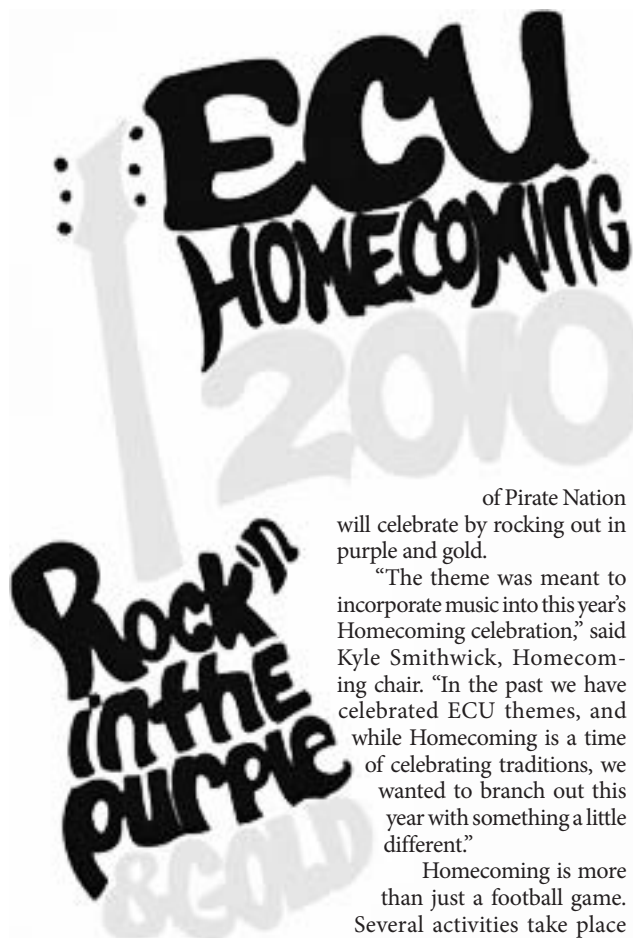
Gower hopes that the fundraiser this weekend will raise a significant amount of money to help Friedman pay for her medical expenses, and she encourages anyone to come out and support her friend. The fundraiser will be held at 5th Street Distillery this Saturday, Oct. 16, from 9 to 11 p.m., and Gower is asking for a suggested \$5 donation to enter. "My hopes are for a great turnout and a lot of fun so we can raise money for Rachelle," Gower said.

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Friedman plays on the Raleigh Sidewinders Quad Rugby Team, despite her injuries.

Rock the purple and gold at this year's Homecoming



Madonna Messana
STAFF WRITER

Each year, the events surrounding homecoming are intended to highlight the student body's Pirate Pride and allow all Pirates — new and old — to come together to celebrate what it really means to be a Pirate.

This year, the 2010 Homecoming theme is "Rock'n in the Purple and Gold!" In this MTV generation, students have been exposed to some of the greatest musicians and music. This Homecoming, Pee Dee and all

of Pirate Nation will celebrate by rocking out in purple and gold.

"The theme was meant to incorporate music into this year's Homecoming celebration," said Kyle Smithwick, Homecoming chair. "In the past we have celebrated ECU themes, and while Homecoming is a time of celebrating traditions, we wanted to branch out this year with something a little different."

Homecoming is more than just a football game. Several activities take place throughout the week that get students amped up to celebrate. Many student organizations come together to participate and compete for the victory of receiving the spirit award. The competition is based on different events, including the Cannon Ball Dance, which earn the organizations points.

Voting for Homecoming Court begins Tuesday, Oct. 5, and continues until Thursday, Oct. 7. Students may vote via OneStop. Several students will be representing their organizations as Homecoming nominees.

One of the representatives from the Greek community and the current Panhellenic president, Coleman Matthews, said she is excited to be nominated. "It is an honor and it is a great opportunity," she said. Matthews is a business management major with a concentration in small business and entrepreneurship. She comes from the small town of Statesville.

"The sense of Pirate Pride and a close-knit student population despite the size stood out," Matthews explained on choosing ECU. "I didn't feel that at other schools." Matthews decided to come to ECU after realizing that it offered everything she was looking for. "The campus immediately felt like home, and I knew that this was the place for me," she said.

"As this is my senior year, I am enjoying my last Homecoming as a student," Matthews said. "As I think forward to next year, I know that I will be equally as excited to come back as proud alumni and support the school I love."

The Cannon Ball Dance will be on Thursday, Oct. 14, in the Murphy Center from 7 to 9:30 p.m. There will be live music and food and the Homecoming Court will be introduced. The event is formal and cocktail attire is required. Students are urged to come out and begin the Homecoming celebrations.

"I really wanted to get more involved with this year's Homecoming," said sophomore elementary education major Emilee Steen. "I wanted to be able to look back after graduation and say, 'Hey, I did that. I



Replica watch design based off of the Michael Kors original selling at Catalog Connection off of 5th st. downtown.

Knock-off items offer money saving options to trendy students

Students can find designer knock-offs at local stores and online.

Alexandra O'Halloran
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Ever wondered how to get trendy designer items without draining your bank account? It's almost impossible to walk across ECU's campus without seeing students sporting the newest designer sunglasses, watches, purses and more.

However, not everyone can afford the real thing and college students are constantly trying to find a way to stretch a buck. That's where knockoffs and look-alikes come into play.

Greenville's own Catalog Connection has taken advantage of this concept for some

time now, offering real J.Crew items and other brands at lower prices, but now they've taken it to a new level. The new Michael Kors watches, which are acrylic and come in all different colors, are a popular designer item. These watches go for between about \$195 and \$225. This may be a bit steep for your average college student, but Catalog Connection is currently selling a very similar watch for much cheaper. Whitney Holland, manager of Catalog Connection, said these items have been very popular.

"We did have a girl that came in and said she was debating buying the Michael Kors watch," Holland said. "But she bought our watch

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was involved with that.” Steen is active in the Student Activities Board and took on the leadership role in their organizations skit competition. “It’s exciting that I have the opportunity to take on these responsibilities. It’s going to make the competition that much more fun,” Steen explained. “It’s great to see that my daughter is getting involved with the celebration of Homecoming,” said Emilee Steen’s father, Roger Steen, from the class of ’65. “Back when I attended ECU, I didn’t do much more than attend the dance and the football game.” Another exciting event will be the judging of the banner competition, which happens Monday, Oct. 18. The judging will begin at noon and last until 2 p.m. The banners will be hung on the banisters in Mendenhall Student Center from Oct. 18 through Oct. 25. Organizations involved in the skit competition will come up with an original piece that will last no longer than five minutes. Practice

for the skit competition will take place from 6 to 10 p.m. in Hendrix Theatre on Tuesday, Oct. 19. The skit competition will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 20, from 9 to 10 p.m. also in Hendrix Theatre. On the same day, the lawn competition will take place and judging will begin at 3 p.m. at each organization’s lawn location. It is also important to note that the canned food drive has begun and will continue throughout the month of October. Each organization will be collecting canned foods and other non-perishable items to donate to the Food Bank. The canned food drive drop-off will be from noon until 3 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 21. A particularly exciting event for students to anticipate is Ludacris’s performance, which will take place on Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. in Minges Coliseum for the annual Homecoming concert. Students can buy tickets for the concert at the box office in Mendenhall. Tickets are \$15 for students with

a OneCard and \$30 for general admission. The concert will be a great opportunity for students to really be “Rock’n in the Purple and Gold.” To pump up the Pirates, a pep rally will take place at Freeboot Friday on Oct. 22 from 5 to 8 p.m. In addition, the top three skit performances will also perform. The Homecoming parade will take place on Saturday, Oct. 23. This final celebration will begin at 10 a.m. on Fifth Street and will conclude this year’s Homecoming festivities. This all leads up to the 4:15 p.m. game on Oct. 23 at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, where the ECU Pirates will take on the Marshall Thundering Herd for this year’s Homecoming football game. “Homecoming is a great opportunity to reunite with friends,” Matthews explained, “and to show that no matter where you are, whether you are a student or alumni, you are proud to represent the Pirates.”

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because it’s only about \$20.” Holland went on to explain that the white watch has been popular because Sandra Bullock wore it in “The Blind Side.” She also said that these items are popular because people can sport the trend without feeling obligated to wear it for the rest of their lives. Catalog Connection is not the only place to buy these types of items. A website called Anyknockoff.com offers a variety of cheaper, yet still stylish accessories and clothing items. They offer everything from handbags to wallets to hats. One item that sells for much less than the original is a version of an Ed Hardy hat that called the Signature Brown Hardy style. This knockoff item goes for \$25, compared to the average Ed Hardy hat that would be between about \$60 and \$80. Some other popular items on the website are Marsha’s Chocolate Kelly Style Tote, which is a version of a bag Victoria Beckham

was spotted carrying; Mariah’s Sterling Butterfly Ring, which is similar to a ring Mariah Carey was seen wearing; and Emily’s Purple Moto Bag, a copycat of a bag Hayden Panettiere was seen with. All of these items fit the year’s trends, but cost much less than the original. Marsha’s Chocolate Kelly Style Tote and Emily’s Purple Moto Bag cost only \$45, while the Mariah ring costs \$34. Many of these items would go for three times as much money if they were the originals, but now they can be affordable for people from all walks of life. Another website that offers a plethora of look-alike or knock-off items, particularly various versions of sunglasses, is VogueWear.com. They offer several versions of RayBans, Prada, Cartier and Chanel sunglasses for both men and women. Many of these items would otherwise sell for \$150 all the way up to \$300 or more. However, with the use of websites like this,

most designs sell for about \$20 apiece, a vast difference from the price of the real thing. One of the trendiest designer brands this year is the RayBan brand, and VogueWear.com shows these knockoffs as some of their most popular items. They have aviators, the extremely popular way-farer style and others. ECU junior communication major Jennifer Willets said she thinks these types of items are great for college students. “I think if it looks close enough to the real thing, then nobody is going to know,” she said. “You’ll save yourself a lot of money.” With the use of these websites and knowing what stores to search in, it can be easy to look great, stylish and put together, without worrying about spending too much money. Check out Anyknockoff.com, VogueWear.com and visit Catalog Connection in downtown Greenville to search out the hottest new trends for extremely affordable prices.

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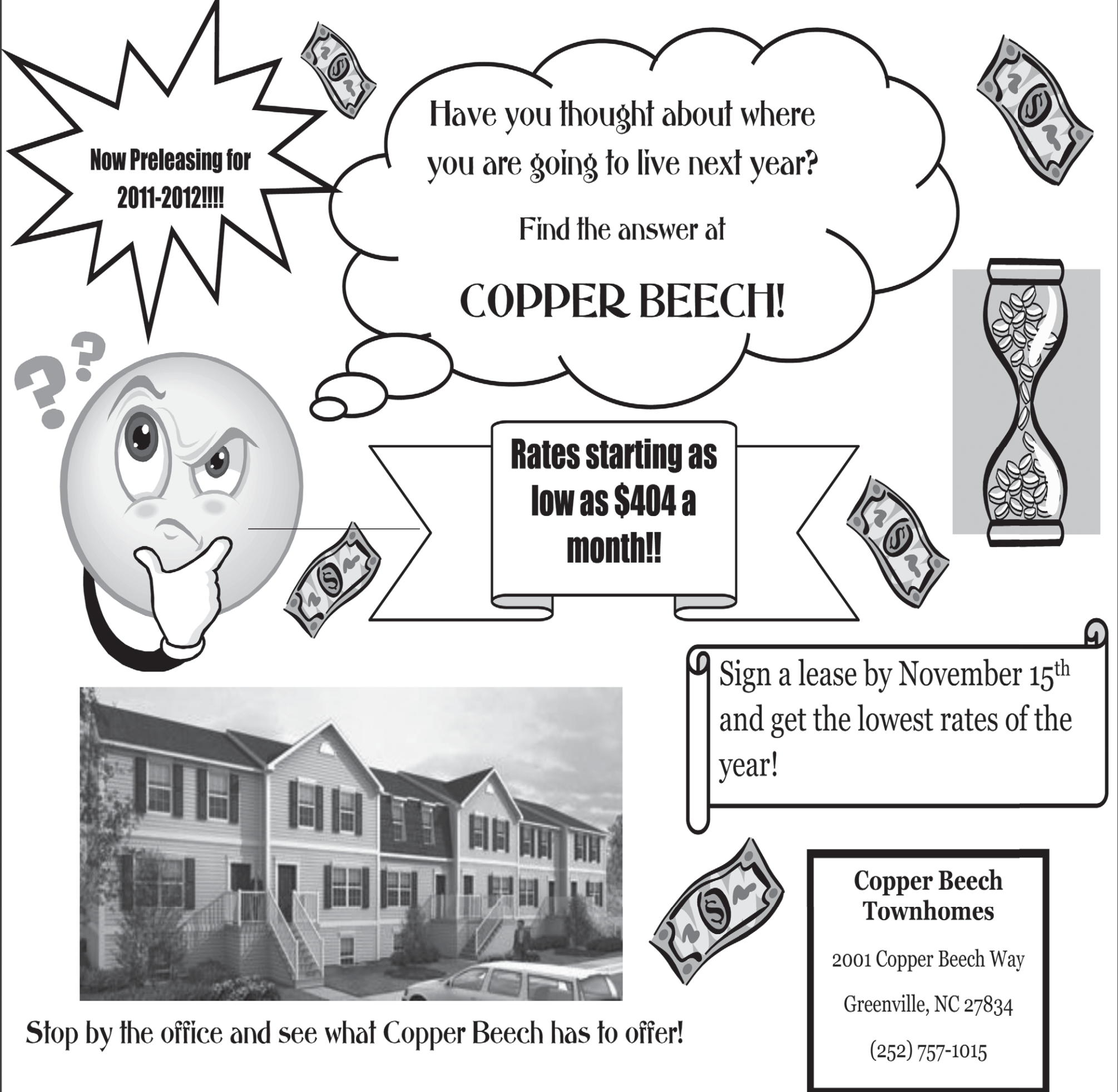
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Why the HATE?



Lorianna Whitford
STAFF WRITER

I met a guy long ago who I thought was the closest thing to perfect I had ever been around... until we realized we were fans of rival teams. I should have known then, things weren't going to work out. Oh the power of a mighty rivalry!

In all seriousness, rivalry is a healthy and exuberating part of life and sports.

With great competition, exquisite rivalries are bound to blossom. Nothing compares to a head-to-head matchup with a long-time arched nemesis. Rivalries bring great expectations, anticipation and income to the world of sports. They have the ability to cause families to clash, lead friends to debates and transform a stadium into a battlefield.

At ECU, that time has finally come.

Ice up the coolers and paint your face with royal and bold,

purple and gold. In two days, the ECU Pirates will take on long-time rival, the N.C. State Wolfpack.

A great rivalry can be solidified by a few key ingredients, the most important being loyal fans. Without friendly smack talk, a few air horns in the ear and the constant taunting of one another, rival games wouldn't have the luster that they possess now.

Another ingredient in the great rivalry concoction is a stellar matchup of competition. Although most may pick "the Pack" to win this weekend's game, the Pirates should not be underestimated. When it comes to an emotion-fueled rivalry, you never know what will happen.

A history of competition between different schools and teams only adds to the depth of a strong rivalry.

ECU and NCSU have been playing each other in football since 1970. Not only does the close proximity of the universities add to the rivalry (a mere 77 miles), but they are also two of the largest universities in North Carolina. They compete for the same students, the same athletes and even some of the same professors and coaches.

NCSU student and frequent visitor of ECU, Russell Stewart explains what draws him to the

east so often.

"I come to Greenville a lot during baseball season," Stewart said. "I'm always there on opening day and hardly ever miss the big games."

Most Wolfpack and Pirate fans can get along well these days but we didn't always play so nice. ECU and NCSU were both suspended from playing one another from 1987 to 1992. One of the most high profile games between the rivals followed the suspension in the 1992 Peach Bowl.

The Pirates defeated the Wolfpack 37-34 in front of a crowd of 59,322 fans. At the time, this was the highest attendance ever for a matchup of two North Carolina teams.

Stewart elaborated on his comparisons of the two areas.

"I like N.C. State. It's not as fun as Greenville, I'll admit, but I like everybody in Raleigh and all the sports," Stewart said. "It's nice being in the ACC for basketball and football. The best thing about visiting ECU is downtown. There's nothing like it. No matter what night you are there, you can find something to do."

ECU's fans are simply put -- rowdy. The tearing down of NCSU's goal posts, by Pirate fans, in Carter-Finley Stadium, mainly fuels the rivalry. This caused damage to the Wolfpack's Stadium



Running back Norman Whitley evades Wolfpack defenders in action against N.C. State from the 2008 season.

in 1987, and injured a security guard, thus the suspension. Even when NCSU helped the Pirates by allowing ECU to play a game against the Miami Hurricanes in Carter-Finley after Hurricane Floyd flooded Dowdy-Ficklen in 1999, the spirited Pirate fans once again tore down the Wolfpack's goal post.

Although precautions have been taken to ensure such a

damage of property will not occur again, actions like those have only added to the rivalry.

Hosts of rivalry games experience an economic benefit for athletics and the area the events are held. Greenville's restaurants and downtown area will be sure to benefit this weekend from the rush of fans from both sides.

Whether you're coming to town to enjoy the tailgating, the

nightlife or the battle on the field, this rival weekend is sure to spark the interest of fans on both teams. Without rivals like the Pirates and the Wolfpack, sporting events would lose a special passion. Be prepared to support your Pirate Nation in one of the biggest games of the season this Saturday.

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Pitching leads the way in MLB postseason

Stephen McNulty
STAFF WRITER

Roy Halladay threw the second post-season no hitter in history, Bobby Cox said farewell to baseball after 29 seasons and the Texas Rangers won their first ever playoff series all to set the stage for the championship series.

The Philadelphia Phillies struggled early in the season with injuries and streaky bats. However, as the summer rolled toward an end, the Phillies got hot. Philadelphia shot to the top of the standings, finishing with the best record in baseball and is heavily favored to once again represent the National League in November.

The Phillies teams of the past were known for their big hitters, but the 2010 squad boasts one of the most prolific starting rotations in baseball. Since August, Philadelphia is 30-5 in games started by Roy Halladay, Roy Oswalt or Cole Hamels. Halladay failed to allow a hit against the National League's best hitting team and Hamels gave just five hits in his complete

game shutout of the Reds. It is no question that Philadelphia possesses the bats to give their starters the few runs it takes for support, the question is if those bats will be on. The Phillies hitting season can be summed up in one word: streaky. Not one hitter broke .300 for the Phillies, and Ryan Howard led the team in RBI's and home runs, with career-lows in both categories. The Giants undoubtedly have the firepower in their pitching staff to match the Phillies if nobody catches fire.

The San Francisco Giants enter the NLCS with a stellar pitching staff of their own. Tim Lincecum has made a name for himself over the past few years as the longhaired kid who can strike anyone out. But little known Matt Cain, Jonathan Sanchez and Madison Bumgarner have come to his side to get the Giants back in the playoffs for the first time since Bonds left town. Sanchez has an ERA just above 1.00 in his last eight starts and Bumgarner has an ERA of 1.43 in his last seven. The Giants starters may be babies compared to the Phillies, but opposing batters

know they're no joke. A rotation that was dominant in the regular season now has to prove it can do it in the playoffs.

The biggest question for the Giants may be experience. The average age of their starting pitchers is 25; their best hitter is rookie catcher Buster Posey and manager Bruce Bochy is making his second ever NLCS appearance. Facing a team in the Philadelphia Phillies who have as much experience as anyone makes the task that much more difficult.

Prediction: The Philadelphia Phillies are just too hot for the Giants to handle and will advance to the World Series in five games.

The New York Yankees are back where everyone expected they would be. The Yankees flew under the radar for the most part this year and settled for the AL wild card. Once again they handled the Minnesota Twins in the divisional series and are gearing up for an encore appearance in the World Series. Andy Pettitte did not have a great season, but Pettitte is still Pettitte in the playoffs and C.C. Sabathia has been

dominant all year. Phil Hughes has stepped into the third role but has a lack of experience, and A.J. Burnett has reluctantly been named the fourth starter. The Yankees surely will be short of the dominance on the mound they possessed last year, but don't be fooled, it's still the Yankees.

The Rangers stole all three of their divisional series wins on the road to clinch the franchise's first ever playoff series. Cliff Lee finds himself back on the mound against the Yankees in the playoffs after he was the only Phillies pitcher to have success against them last year. A young and inexperienced Rangers squad will have to really play their best ball if they want to get past the New York Yankees.

Prediction: The Yankees use their experience to squeeze past the Rangers in seven games to meet the Phillies in the World Series for the second straight year.

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