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BRIEFS

NC teen admits bomb threats to many colleges

Associated Press

A North Carolina teenager has agreed to plead guilty to federal charges that he used the Internet to make fake bomb threats to Purdue University and other college campuses across the country. A judge has scheduled a hearing for Wednesday in South Bend to consider whether to accept the plea agreement with the 17-year-old boy of Oxford, N.C.

The teen admits in court documents that made the threats in early 2009 to Purdue, Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Clemson University and Florida State University, along with FBI offices in Louisiana and Colorado.

The agreement says he faces up to five years in prison but that prosecutors will recommend less time.

A message seeking comment was left for defense attorney Alison Benjamin.

Pentagon asks media not to publish leaks about war

Associated Press

The Pentagon on Monday asked media organizations not to publish any classified war files released by the WikiLeaks Web site, as the U.S. braces for the potential disclosure of hundreds of thousands of secret Iraq war documents.

In July, WikiLeaks obtained and released nearly 77,000 classified military reports from Afghanistan. Now, the Pentagon says the group has as many as 400,000 documents from a military database on operations in Iraq.

WikiLeaks editor-in-chief Julian Assange on Monday downplayed expectations that a leak was imminent. In a Twitter post, Assange said information were coming from "a single tabloid blog" that had put out a "tremendous amount" of false information about his site.

Still, the military says its 120-person task force has been on high alert. The group has been reviewing the documents for weeks to determine what information might be compromised.

Marine Corps Col. Dave Lapan, a Pentagon spokesman, told reporters that the military isn't sure if WikiLeaks has shared the Iraq war logs with any news organizations. But, he said, media should not disseminate the "stolen" information even if it's already posted online by WikiLeaks.

"The concern is that WikiLeaks as an organization should not be made more credible by having credible news organizations facilitate what they're doing," Lapan said.

WikiLeaks was largely unknown until this spring, when it released a gritty war video of Army helicopters gunning down a group of men — including two unarmed Reuters photographers

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WEB POLL

What Homecoming event are you excited about?

The football game

The parade

The Ludacris concert

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Possible hate crime on campus leaves two females injured



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Tyler Residence Hall was the scene of a possible hate crime Thursday morning. The victims may have been targeted based on their sexual orientation.

Staff Reports

Two women were assaulted by a student early Thursday morning around 2:15 a.m. while coming out of Tyler Hall. Police say 18-year-old freshman Bryan Berg attacked Jennifer Taylor and Alexis Fraley after a fight broke out while exiting the dorm. Both girls were punched in the face and one was allegedly spit on.

Comments made by Berg regarding Taylor and Fraley's sexual orientation led authorities to believe this may have been a hate-related offense. Police arrested Berg and he has been placed under a \$27,000 bond. Officers have questioned a second person who is of interest in the case and further investigation is pending.

"Because of the sexual orientation comments made toward Taylor and Fraley, we are trying to decide with the district attorney if the suspect should be charged with a hate crime," said Dawn Tevepaugh, assistant chief of ECU Police.

Previously, Berg was arrested for a misdemeanor consumption of alcohol by someone under the age of 21 and has a Nov. 16 court date for that offense. Berg is being

charged with misdemeanor assault on a female and assault inflicting serious injuries and could be sentenced up to one year in jail.

Recently, Rutgers University freshman Tyler Clementi committed suicide after two classmates recorded him engaging in sexual acts with another man. Both students have been charged with invasion of privacy and will face action from their university.

The encyclopedia states, "A hate crime is considered to be a crime committed against a person because of their race, religion, ethnicity, and/or sexual orientation."

Hate crimes have been an increasing issue around America even though times have changed over the past few decades. When using the term "hate crime," people often assume that it refers to offending someone's race.

"A couple months ago, one of my friends, who is gay, got beat up by marines in Jacksonville for pretty much being gay," said senior family community service/psychology major Buddy Martinez. "I think they are totally wrong and that even though we have made big changes in the way society view



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Bryan Berg, 18, allegedly attacked two students Friday in what police are calling a possible hate crime.

things, hate crimes just show there is a lot more work to do."

A crime against individuals for their sexual orientation is nothing new. In Nazi Germany, homosexuals were forced to wear a pink triangle patch in the concentration camps in order to be identified. One of the most infamous hate crimes against a homosexual was the 1998 murder of 21-year-old Matthew Shepard, who was a student at the University of Wyoming. He was robbed, tortured, tied up and left for dead after two men

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Federal grant awarded to advance student achievement, graduation

Cameron Gupton
STAFF WRITER

ECU is one of 48 institutions of higher education that has been chosen to receive federal grants through the "Strengthening Institutions" program. These grants are given with the intention that they will benefit student achievement and improve graduation rates.

The grants total \$2 million and will be distributed over a five-year period, or \$400,000 a year directly to the university. However, in order to receive this funding, ECU must offer the U.S. Department of Education student data that has been collected to improve retention rates. "Collecting, analyzing and evaluating student data informs our decision-making processes on campus," said David Weismiller, associate provost for Institutional Planning, Assessment and Research in a press release. "Those informed decisions will focus on effective student success strategies."

The university plans on assessing current strategies institution-wide and then taking aim at the departments that have been targeted. The university will then strengthen undergraduate student achievement of course objectives, program objectives and college-wide student learning competencies.

The Office of Institutional Planning, Assessment and Research will be administering the grants through a variety of ways, ranging from faculty development to improving academic programs. According to the U.S. Department of Education, these grants can be used for a multitude of purposes such as construction projects, maintenance, administrative management and improving student service programs.

IPAR will be working with the College of Business, Harriott College of Arts & Sciences, College of Fine Arts & Communication, College of Human Ecology, College of Health and Human Performance, College of Education, College of Nursing, Human Resources, Student Affairs and Enrollment Services to produce significant positive changes in such areas over the course of the next five years.

In order for an institute of higher learning to receive the funding, the institute must meet both basic and specific requirements. At a basic level, the university or other institution must be authorized to operate as a junior college or provide some type of educational program that awards bachelor's degrees to students and must be accredited, pre-accredited or making satisfactory progress toward accreditation. To meet specific requirements, the institution must have at least half of its degree-seeking students receiving need-based assistance, have a considerable amount of students receiving Pell Grants and have low educational and general expenditures.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, the "Strengthening Institutions" program helps institutions

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Bus collision rocks students

Staff Reports

A Pirate Express bus traveling on First Street and a Jeep traveling northbound on Meade Street collided early Friday morning around 2:20 a.m. ECU officials reported that 17 passengers were on the bus at the time of the collision and that one passenger had to be taken to Pitt County Memorial Hospital by ambulance for injuries sustained during the crash.

The Greenville Police Department stated that the remainder of the students who were traveling to Pirates Cove were put on another bus shortly after the accident occurred. According to a witness, another vehicle was potentially involved in the accident after he saw the driver of a black vehicle leaving the scene with a flat tire and an open trunk. Allegedly, police eventually stopped the vehicle after it hit a phone pole on Fifth Street.

The investigation is still ongoing and no names have been released at this time.

Counseling center diagnoses depression, gives help



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A counselor at ECU's Counseling Center discusses signs of depression with a student in a session.

Rebecca Blanchette
STAFF WRITER

The college years are often stereotyped as being four fun years of partying, meeting new friends and gaining freedom away from home. However, college can also be a very stressful time in a person's

life. Moving away from home and adjusting to a new environment is never an easy process. Students struggle to make new friends, juggle heavy course loads and find purpose in their new lives.

For the most part, all students feel depressed at some point

during their college experience. To be depressed is to feel sad, but it's different from clinical depression. Clinical depression is much more severe and lasts for a longer period of time. It's normal for students to feel sad, but in doing so they often are able to pin point

an exact reason for their sadness and are able to cope. For example, a student may feel sad about missing family or about a difficult breakup. However, students who just feel sad and are not clinically depressed are able to live their lives without drastic change and without disrupting their daily routines. Clinical depression, however, disrupts a person's normal day-to-day life and often does not have one concrete cause that can be pointed out.

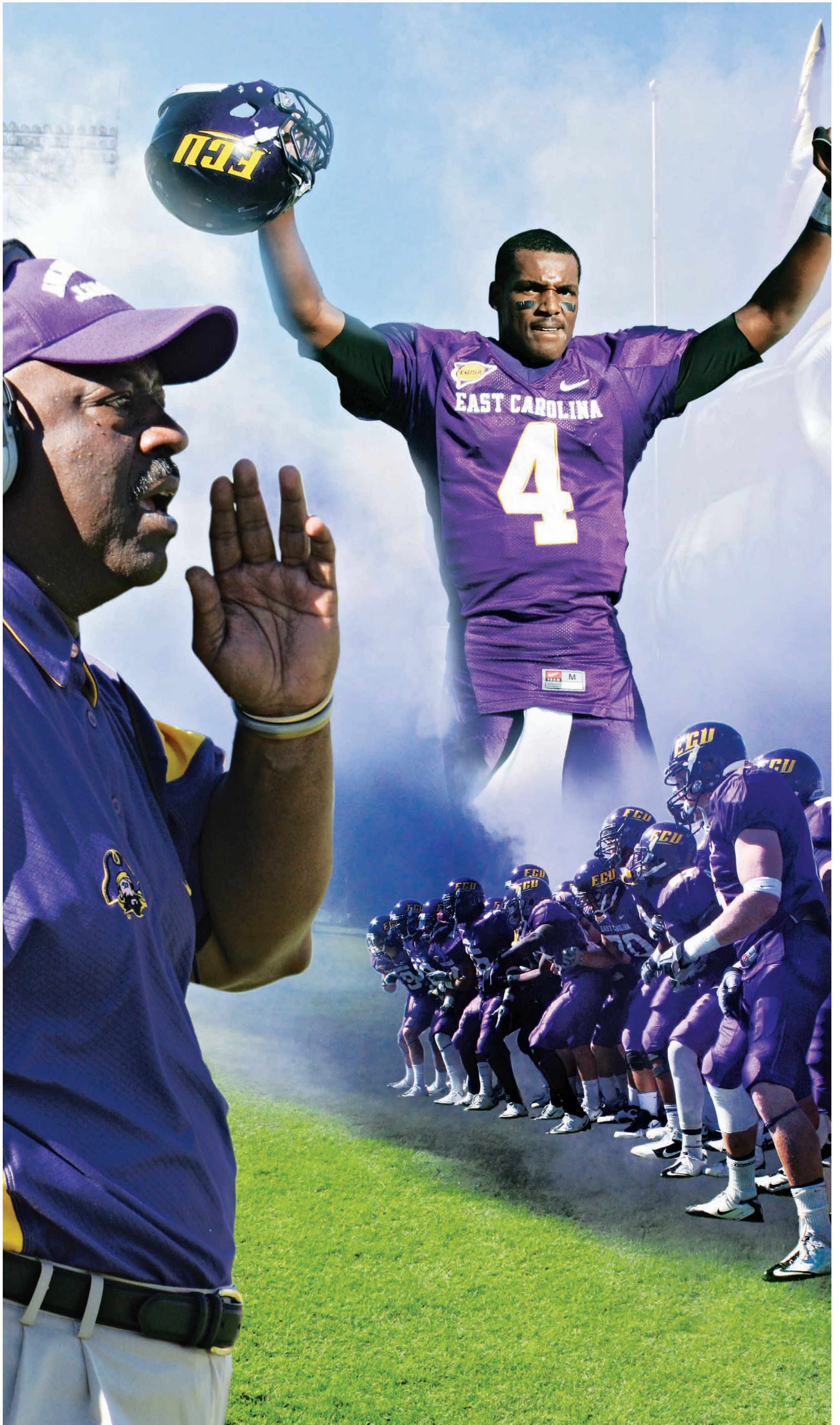
There are a few key lifestyle changes that may be signs of clinical depression. "Some of what we look for is change in appetite and weight, change in sleep patterns, thoughts of suicide, feeling worthless and feeling depressed or sad," said Valerie Kisler-van Reede, a licensed psychologist and associate director of ECU's Center for Counseling and Student Development. "We would encourage anybody to get into the Counseling Center right away if they have thoughts about suicide." There are many different causes of depression, and when Kisler-van Reede was asked what the main cause on college campuses was, she replied, "That's really hard to say," adding, "There could be different reasons."

ECU's Center for Counseling and Student Development books over 6,000 appointments a year, some of those being mul-

iple appointments made by one person. "Depression is one of the most common reasons for which students seek services," said Kisler-van Reede. It's common for students to resist seeking help because of embarrassment or simply because they are unsure if they even have a problem. However, students at ECU do not have to worry about this. The center has an online screening test that students can take in the privacy of their own homes to see if they are suffering from the illness. "It gives somebody an idea of whether or not they have some kind of problem and if they need to seek further professional assessment," said Kisler-van Reede.

"We offer therapy and medication for students who might be suffering with depression," said Kisler-van Reede. She explained that "severity of depression varies from person to person," adding that "some students need just therapy." Students can make appointments over the phone, and the center even offers phone consultations. They also have crisis services during the day and after hours, and students are encouraged to call the center in an emergency. Students who are worried about a friend being depressed can also

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Schedule to come Thursday! See what that looks like.

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Calendar Events

Tuesday, Oct. 19

Student Flu Shot Clinic

2 to 4 p.m. at MSC Brickyard

Clinics are for ECU students only. Students must bring their OneCard. Flu shot will be \$8. Payment may be made in the form of cash, check or the charge may be sent to the Cashier's Office. No credit/debit cards accepted.

"Kanyini" Documentary Film Screening and Lecture

3:30 p.m. at MSC Hendrix Theatre

Bob Randall, a member of Australia's Aboriginal people, will present this free, public lecture and documentary film screening. This "passport" event is sponsored by the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences Religious Studies Program, the Center for Diversity and Inequality Research, and Voices for Victims.

Safe Zone Program

9 to 11:30 a.m. at Greenville Centre Room 1200

This program is designed to create opportunities for our gay, lesbian and bisexual students and their allies to contact volunteers from the ECU faculty and staff who have attended an additional training session on GLBT issues. Details: The training is a 2.5 hour mix of a panel discussion, resource sharing and question and answers. After the training, participants get a small sign to post in their work area that indicates that have been through the training. The small sign is only available to staff that have attended a session at ECU.

Health Awareness Fitness Day Walk

The walk will be 12 to 1 p.m. walking the trail around Lake Laupus on the Health Sciences Campus.

ECU employees are invited to participate in the 1-mile walk and register for door prizes. Participants will receive a free ECU lanyard.

Thursday, Oct. 21

Student Flu Shot Clinic (West Campus)

1:30 to 4:30 p.m. 1st Floor Old Laupus Library

Clinics are for ECU students only. Students must bring their OneCard. Flu shot will be \$8. Payment may be made in the form of cash, check or the charge may be sent to the Cashier's Office. No credit/debit cards accepted.

Student Legal Services Cell Phone Drive

10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Wright Plaza

Donate cell phones to benefit the Family Violence Center of Pitt County. Cell phones may be dropped off by the SLS office at 2303 Old Cafeteria Building (MS 115). On the above date, phones can also be dropped off at Wright Plaza, where SLS will collect phones and provide educational information about its services. The department also has a collection box in the Volunteer and Service Learning Center in the Old Cafeteria Building. Donations are tax-deductible.

Graduate and Professional Fair

12 to 3 p.m. Mendenhall Student Center Great Rooms

Opera "A Midsummer Night's Dream"

7 to 9 p.m. at A.J. Fletcher Hall

Homecoming Concert featuring Ludacris

7 p.m. at Minges Coliseum

SAB presents "Grown Ups"

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

Friday, Oct. 22

Opera "A Midsummer Night's Dream"

7 to 9 p.m. at A.J. Fletcher Hall

Women's Soccer vs. UTEP

7 p.m.

SAB presents "Grown Ups"

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

NPHC Homecoming Step Show

8 p.m. at Wright Auditorium.

Advanced purchase ECU students \$13 and general admission \$20. Hosted by Godfrey. Encore and after party at the Greenville Convention Center at 10:30 p.m. with ECU students tickets \$10 and general admission \$15.

Saturday, Oct. 23

Homecoming Parade

10 a.m.

The annual ECU Homecoming parade will begin at 10 a.m. near Wahl-Coates Elementary School and Wilkerson's Funeral Home and continue down Fifth Street toward downtown.

Football Homecoming Game: ECU vs. Marshall

4:15 p.m. at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium

SAB presents "Grown Ups"

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

Sunday, Oct. 24

LWJCC Pink Ribbon 5K and Fun Run/Walk

1:30 p.m. Oct. 24 at Moe's Southwest Grill, 610 Red Banks Road.

The 2nd Annual Leo W. Jenkins Cancer Center Pink Ribbon 5K and Fun Run/Walk.

Opera "A Midsummer Night's Dream"

2 p.m. at A.J. Fletcher Hall

Women's Soccer vs. Colorado College

12 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 25

Halloween Safety Awareness

4 to 5 p.m. ECU Campus Wellness event

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of higher learning become self-sufficient, expand to serve a larger population and fortify the academic quality, institutional management and fiscal stability of institutions.

"The president has set a goal that America will once again lead the world in college completion by the end of this decade," U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan

said in a statement. "These grants will support institutions serving low-income students as they work to increase college completion rates to help our country meet the president's goal."

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make an appointment to talk with a specialist about the situation. "Help is available," said Kisler-van Reede.

Students can learn more information about depression and the Counseling Center at www.ecu.edu/counselingcenter. The online

screening tests can also be taken on their website, and the keyword for the screening is EASTCAROLINA.

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— in Iraq.

The group in July gained international notoriety when it coordinated its release of the 77,000 Afghan war logs with The New York Times, The Guardian in London and the German magazine Der Spiegel.

The New York Times says it omitted information from its coverage that would have jeopardized military operations or exposed Afghan informants. The Times also declined to provide a Web link to the WikiLeaks database.

Der Spiegel and The Guardian said it withheld sensitive information as well, although The Guardian published a selection of the documents that it believed were significant.

Secretary of Defense Robert Gates has told Congress that the July leak did not expose the nation's most sensitive intelligence secrets. But, he maintained, the release still put U.S. interests at risk because it exposed the names of some Afghans who had cooperated with U.S. forces.

The military has an ongoing investigation into how the documents were leaked. An Army intelligence analyst stationed in Iraq, Spc. Bradley Manning, has been arrested in connection with the release of other materials to WikiLeaks.

In a separate development Monday, Swedish authorities have rejected Assange's request for residency, a potential setback in his efforts to gain protection from Swedish press freedom laws.

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discovered he was gay.

The month of October is designated as Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender History Month and is endorsed by the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD). It helps everyone to be

honest and open about his or her gender and sexual orientation. If any students have any questions, concerns or need advice, please contact the GLBT student union office at 252-328-4707.



Do you feel intolerance against other people is a problem at ECU and why?



Chris Nelson

Sophomore, English Ed.

"[I feel that] being at a larger school people are more mature and just do their own thing."



Geena Stewart

Freshman, Interior Design

"Much better than high school because you're not seeing the same people every day. I'm sure there is somewhere, but I personally, have not experienced it yet."



Emily Maraliotti

Freshman, Vocal Education

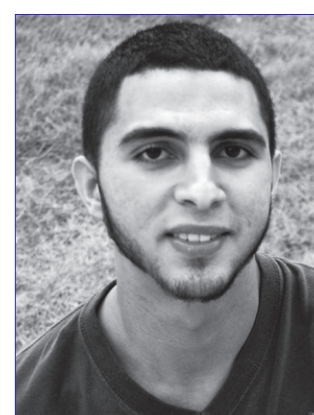
"I honestly haven't noticed anything, people are very nice out here."



Eve Varian

Freshman, Communications

"Everyone here has been pretty chill so far"



Mohammed Khalifa

Freshman, Biology major

"[I have] not noticed anything out of the ordinary or intolerant around campus."

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The Pirates made the Pack leave with their tails between their legs! ARGHHHHH!

To people who complain about almost-perfect grades: be happy with it and move on!

I've been really stressed lately, I didn't get any sleep last night because of it... guess what we talked about in class? The dangers of stress.....awesome.

You're so vain; you probably think this rant is about you.

ETHNOGRAPHERS! Love your music and your style. Keep it up!

Last year this game made it to the news for Breast Cancer Awareness, it's just a status. Get over it. Go back to making your statuses about how much you're gonna get f'cked up during the weekend and complaining about your classes.

ALL of my classes have tests the same week in October. I think all of my professors got together and plotted against me.

Really Student Pirate Club?! Boo-ing State's marching band and cheering for some idiot being arrested while the band is playing on the field! Totally disrespectful.

Is it bad that I have The East Carolinian bookmarked on my phone so I can pirate rant whenever I want?

To the idiot in my history class that had not heard about the 33 trapped Chilean miners (who've been in the news for the last 70+ days) till our professor mentioned it in class today. All I can say is...WOW! Its idiots like you that give ECU students a bad name.

I was in class and all of a sudden "Can you feel the love tonight" theme music from Lion King came from the walls... ah, the memories :)

To the guy at West End that saw me fix my bra at the table and it looked like I was grabbing my boobs: You know you liked it.

I will never understand how females "miss" and hit the toilet seat!

To the girl on the Minges bus that laughed about the guy having a heart attack at Burger King, if you ever have a heart attack, I might just laugh at you.

Dear #98: MARRY ME! Every time we wave to each other, I want to propose.

Dear Roommate: Instead of drenching yourself in spray, take a bath, wash yourself, and take a bath. Please!!!!

Some guy was talking about how he was on his first date with a girl and she got a DUI and was arrested in front of him. FAIL.

To the girl in my psych class: Did you really have to bring French fries to class? The whole room smells like a fast food place and now I'm starving. Thanks.

Putting Chap Stick on is addicting...

Attention Pirate Rant Readers, Thank You for shutting up when we were playing offense that was a very good start looking for improvement against Marshall next week. GO PIRATES!!!

Don't come to the movies if you are going to sit there and comment the whole time, nobody cares what you think. Ok? Thanks.

I guess because you thought you were styling, you felt too cool to make room on the sidewalk for me to walk. I love superficial b****es.

More Pirate Rants on our website!!!

Saving the ta-tas



Abby Brockmeyer
OPINION COLUMNIST

Your mom, your aunt, your grandma, your sister, your cousins, you.

Every single person in the United States has been affected directly or indirectly by breast cancer. Breast cancer is an epidemic that strikes hard and fast. So fast, sometimes, that it goes undetected until it's too late. To break it down, someone dies of breast cancer every 94 seconds. Even men can get breast cancer, since they also have breast tissue.

The Breast Cancer Awareness Month was created 25 years ago to help people learn about breast cancer and to create empowerment for women of all ages. It is so important for people to realize what this month does, what all of the breast cancer publicity does and how important it is every time a football team wears pink during its televised game.

Any donations coming from organizations or individuals will go directly into educational programs that provide women and survivors with answers to all their questions. The money will also provide countless mammograms for those women who cannot afford them or don't have insurance so that they can get early detection if something is found.

One woman is told she has breast cancer every three minutes, so I'd say that it is an important cause. The publicity that is generated by wearing pink or talking about Breast Cancer Awareness Month will save countless lives this October.

If breast cancer or any type of cancer has affected you

personally, you realize what it does to someone.

Most women I have met or know with breast cancer have the brave faces, the go-get-'em attitudes and the fierce aggression to live their lives normally without the pity. But no matter what image they give off, having cancer has to be one of the scariest, most heart-wrenching ordeals to ever go through.

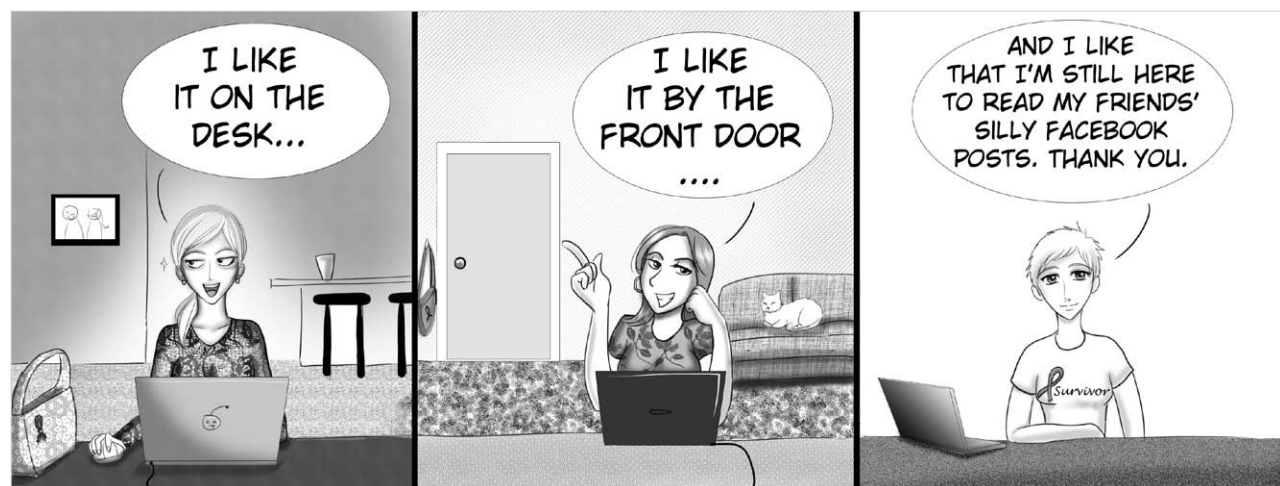
It's the fight of their lives, and it always seems to strike the strongest, most amazing women. Words do not describe how much pain they go through on a daily basis from chemotherapy or radiation, or how scary it must be for them to not be able to look that far in the future, a future that has quickly become the unknown.

ECU is doing its part to educate and create awareness during the month of October. Hendrix Theater is putting on a presentation for the Breast Cancer Awareness Month on Oct. 20 and will cover treatment and symptoms of breast cancer, as well as how to check yourself for breast cancer. On Oct. 6, Pirates gathered to do the third Annual Peace. Love.Pirates.Cure. event that educated people about cancer and the foundations set to help people with cancer.

With all of the programs and events on ECU's campus during October, it is so easy to participate in some of them or at least support the cause. But what about the other 11 months out of the year? Breast cancer doesn't dis-

criminate, it doesn't hold back and it certainly doesn't limit itself to one month of attacking. So instead of just caring about breast cancer this month, we should always be the supporting hand for anyone we know who has or has had cancer, and we should always be checking ourselves and educating ourselves on how to prevent it from happening to us. I have seen what cancer does to families and how hard it is to watch a loved one go through life day to day with one of the most horrible diseases out there. And all the while, breast cancer is still striking without a cure and without knowing who will get it next.

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No Pirate Left Behind



Ben Cochran
OPINION COLUMNIST

"Talk nerdy to me." I see those words on the back of a T-shirt worn by this super hottie who sits three rows in front of me in my biology class.

I'm not sure what that means, so I praise baby Jesus for giving me a convenient ice-breaker. Apparently the cool thing to do around here is to write a Pirate Rant about how I'm too nutless to speak to her; but if I'm going to be ridiculed, I consider it far less pathetic to go down swinging than to write a creepy message from the safety of anonymity.

So I strike up a conversation with her. As it turns out, her shirt signifies that she is a tutor at the Pirate Tutoring Center. Jackpot! Beauty and brains coexisting in a single being? Clearly she must not be from around here. The last pretty and smart girl from around these here parts was Jaime Pressly, and she's well past her prime.

Because I didn't want to waste this opportunity, I put forth a Herculean effort toward concentrating on the words coming out of her mouth. Had she caught me daydreaming about how much I wanted to see her in something other

than that T-shirt, she probably would have ended our conversation right then and there.

Lo and behold, she was buying my feigned interest! All I was really trying to do was score a date. But because I was actually listening, I found out a few interesting things about the Pirate Tutoring Center.

The PTC is an organization that offers walk-in tutoring from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Mondays through Wednesdays on the first floor of Joyner Library. They have tutoring by appointment as well. They offer assistance in courses ranging from biology and chemistry to foreign languages.

I also found out that this is the reason why Joyner seems so packed during these hours. Although the PTC has its offices located on the first floor, there are no actual study rooms exclusively available for PTC use. Its only recourse is to spill out into the first floor of Joyner. Last semester, over 1,200 students came during walk-in hours, and many of them came multiple times. This semester is on pace to shatter that figure.

If you eavesdrop on random conversations in the library, you're liable to overhear conversations that make you wonder if you're at a university library or an extra on the set of Mike Judge's "Idiocracy." So even though the masses of the PTC can sometimes cause a bit of noise pollution, it is entirely forgivable, as it is actually related to academic work.

But that begs the question: Why does the PTC have to scavenge for space to operate? True, it is a relatively new

organization. But the success it has achieved is uncanny.

Elizabeth Coghill, the director of the PTC, keeps meticulous statistics on those who seek tutoring services. According to her records, 40 percent of students enrolled in Chem 1120 last semester sought help. Some 89 percent of those who were tutored wound up passing the class compared with a paltry 62 percent pass rate of those who did not receive tutoring help. For those who need math tutoring, that's a difference of 27 percent. And if you need any tutoring to interpret the significance of that difference, allow me to put it in perspective: Would you rather your birth control work 62 percent of the time or 89 percent of the time?

The success is not just limited to chemistry. Any one of the 52 courses offered has a similar increase in pass rate. The services that the PTC offers are relevant, effective and, best of all, free. There is no doubt that this organization is the single greatest resource for ECU's underclassmen.

The PTC helps to keep students in good academic standing, thereby ensuring a better retention rate. So why isn't it receiving more credit? Why does it have to fight tooth and nail for funding? Why is it chronically underappreciated by the university? Why are its needs conveniently ignored? And how many clocks will the PTC have to pluck before it is given the time of day?

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Our View

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Typical Homecoming

Homecoming is supposed to be about celebrating our university. Alumni return, Pirate pride dominates Greenville and the traditions involved in "a Pirate's life" are intensified because of all of the festivities.

There is even a committee designated to taking care of this year's Rock'n in the Purple and Gold themed celebration. Surprisingly, only 1,000 ECU students voted for themes. We have a theme? There's a committee?

Many people are also clueless about the Homecoming parade on Fifth Street on the morning of Homecoming Saturday, which has the potential to be a much bigger event if there is more awareness and involvement of the student body.

ECU's Homecoming is becoming more of a big party in which students look forward to a football game and hearing a big-name musical artist perform; no one really focuses on being involved with any of ECU's activities that don't involve partying.

The recent success of the Pirate football team and the active involvement of the Student Activities Board have helped rile up ECU for Homecoming. Even people who are not fans are excited that a hip-hop star like Ludacris is coming to our Pirate country.

Then again, the pending star-struck enthusiasm has overshadowed the meaning behind Homecoming.

Old Pirates come home to share good times involved in the ECU experience with young Pirates.

Homecoming at any university should be a time of remembrance and also excitement for the future. This year, let's make it a celebration, not just a typical party.

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Virginia Wolfe wrote all of her books standing up.

A jiffy is an actual unit of time: one-hundredth of a second. Thus the saying, "I will be there in a jiffy!"

About 7 million cars are junked each year in the United States.

The song "I Am the Walrus" by John Lennon was inspired by a two-tone police siren.

The Grateful Dead were once called The Warlocks.

There are more than 33,000 radio stations around the world.

Bill Cosby was the first black man to win an Emmy for Best Actor.

In high school, Robin Williams was voted the least likely to succeed.

Adolf Hitler was Time's Man of the Year in 1938.

Henry Ford believed in reincarnation and flatly stated that history is bunk.

Harry Houdini was the first person to fly an airplane on the continent of Australia.

John Lennon's first girlfriend was named Thelma Pickles.

James Dean died in a Porsche Spyder.

Jack Nicholson appeared on "The Andy Griffith Show" twice.

Keanu Reeves once managed a pasta shop in Toronto.

Julie Nixon, daughter of Richard Nixon, married David Eisenhower, grandson of Dwight Eisenhower.

Jim Carrey's middle name is Eugene.

Ice Cube's real name is O'Shea Jackson.

Sherlock Holmes never said, "Elementary, my dear Watson."

Dr. Seuss coined the word nerd in his 1950 book "If I Ran the Zoo."

The longest chapter in the Bible is Psalms 119.

A phonophobe fears noise.

The Bible has been translated into Klingon.

The infinity character on the keyboard is called a lemniscate.

Skepticisms is the longest typed word that alternates hands.

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William Pitt, elected in 1783, was England's youngest prime minister at the age of only 24.

Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.

Slaves under the last emperors of China wore pigtailed so they could be picked out quickly.

Morocco was the first country to recognize the United States in 1789.

Certain sounds in the English language are real germ spreaders, particularly the sounds F, P, T, D, and S.

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East Carolina student takes big risks for *dream*

Webb Caldwell Howell IV drives racecars in his free time

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Not very many college students are involved in racecar driving, but when Webb Caldwell Howell IV's time as captain of his high school's boat racing team ended, he began to drive racecars. Howell is a sophomore hospitality management major at ECU and he only began racing a year and a half ago.

Ever since he began, he has been on a whirlwind, driving to races in surrounding states on weekends to get himself involved. Howell says that he was never particularly interested in cars, but he and his dad went to a car show and his opinion changed.

"I spent my senior year doing track races and training, trying to

earn a racing license," said Howell. He explained that there are various steps that need to be taken for someone who is interested in racing and his first goal was to become a licensed competition driver. To do this he drove cars on the Virginia International Raceway during a driving school. This was only the first step, but even to do that, a lot of preparation, time and money went into it.

"The best advice we got early on was to spend any money we had on training, not on a car, so that's what we've been doing," said Howell. "I've gotten very good instruction."

Howell said that without the help of his dad, brother and some other members of his team, none of it would be possible. His dad and brother both accompany him as he goes out racing and his

dad got him his racecar, which is a slightly older BMW turned into a racecar. Also, one of the most important members of his team is a man named Dave Price, who performs a "full rundown" of the car before every race.

"What he does is sort of like service for a regular car, but we do that every race weekend," said Howell.

Since Howell races pretty frequently, there is a lot of time and energy put into the car. Recently, he raced with the Sports Car Club of America, doing a time trial and he came in second. He said he races about once a month and has plans next year to drive in the Skip Barber National Open Wheel series, which he says is a big step toward professional racecar driving. His goal is to eventually become a professional racecar

driver and drive at the Indy 500, but he has to get through all of the levels first.

He said to do that he needs to stay motivated and stay in school. "My dad said, 'As soon as you quit school, we're not racing anymore,' and that's really important to me." So Howell is staying in school and juggling both as best he can, while also making sure he has everything prepared to race whenever he needs to go. He explained that this is imperative because of what he has to do to keep safe.

He wears a fireproof suit, a neck brace, a helmet and fireproof underwear and gloves. His car also has a roll cage, just like NASCAR drivers' cars, he says. Even with all of these precautions, he said he has still had the occasional accident.

"Early on I put my car into a tire wall," he said. "I hit the wall at

about 60 mph on the driver's side. I was fine, but the car was totaled."

He also commented that another driver hit his car once, but the scariest time was when he spun out and ended up facing the oncoming cars on the track. That being said, he still isn't scared to do it.

"I feel safer in a racecar than I do on a street in Greenville," he said.

Howell is serious about his endeavors with racecars and plans to continue throughout his college career. He says it is difficult to balance, but he will do it because it's important to him.

"It's a lifestyle for the drivers and for me," said Howell. "It's not a hobby for us or just for fun."

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Webb Caldwell Howell IV celebrates after winning an award.



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The Business Emerging Leaders bond by spending the morning playing sports.

Students helping students

The Business Emerging Leaders guides business majors to success

Lynsey Horn
STAFF WRITER

Getting involved on campus can enrich the college experience and serve as a resume booster. For business majors, there is now an opportunity to get involved, as well as pad the resume and learn a thing or two.

The Business Emerging Leaders is a semester-long program for business majors to learn leadership skills. Three students who have been through the program before hold mentor positions. They plan the events and programs that are offered and serve as role models for the current participants in the program.

Cassie Hundertmark, Dante Rose and Mike Bennett are this semester's mentors. They are all sophomores and went through the program as freshmen.

"BEL helps you grow and develop leadership skills. In the end, you come out with a bunch of friends with the same goals," said Hundertmark.

All of the mentors are involved in other groups on campus. Hundertmark is on the executive board for ECU Service Learning, a member of Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity and a new member of the Greek community. Rose is on the executive board for Pirate Playtime and Pirate-to-Pirate.

"It's an experience. I like challenging students to do new things and to be successful," said Rose of the BEL program.

Bennett is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, the president of the skydiving club and a new member of Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity.

The BEL program has a meeting every Thursday in which a professor from the College of Business speaks. The mentors are responsible for planning these meetings and will lead an activity each week. They also plan other events outside of their weekly meetings. For example, the mentors and other members worked on team building on the ropes course behind the Belk building this past Sunday. Those involved are also given an opportunity to meet with the dean of the College of Business.

The program has three focus areas of leadership development which are discover, design and deliver.

Discover is achieved through self-assessments, mentoring, feedback and reflective activities. According to Krista Wilhelm, assistant director of The Center for Student Leadership and Civic Engagement, these activities will help students "gain a greater sense of self-understanding of their values, beliefs, views, personal strengths and limitations and how they play a role in society."

Under design, students create a leadership plan with a personal vision and an action plan for promotion and collaboration.

Deliver involves working with a university organization and a student mentor to execute a leadership plan.

If you are interested in learning more about The Business Emerging Leaders, visit www.ecu.edu/cs-studentlife/studentleadership/Business-Emerging-Leaders.cfm, or stop by The Center for Student Leadership and Civic Engagement office in Mendenhall.

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The return of 'Modern Family'

★★★★★

Hunter Ingram
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Family has never been funnier than in ABC's award winning and critically acclaimed "Modern Family."

Since its premiere last September, "Modern Family" has taken the nation by storm, showing critics and audiences alike that the family sitcom is far from dead. Now in its second season, an average of over 11 million viewers tune in each week, and recently the show was nominated for 11 Primetime Emmy Awards. Of those 11 nominations, "Modern Family" took home six awards, including Best Supporting Actor for Eric Stonestreet, who plays Cam on the show, and Outstanding Comedy Series, beating out the other freshman series, "Glee."

"Modern Family" tells the story of one big, extended family, the patriarch of which is Jay Pritchett. Jay didn't know what he was getting into when he married his second (and much younger) wife, Gloria Delgado, a Colombian woman who can only be described as "muy caliente." From her first marriage, she has a young son named Manny, whose maturity is both entertaining and sometimes unsettling. Jay has two grown children of his own: Claire and Mitchell. Claire's clan is the most traditional of the three families but by no means less dysfunctional. Her husband, Phil, tries so hard to seem cool and hip to his kids but usually comes off as being goofy, which for the audience makes him very lovable. Their three children, Haley, Alex and Luke, only add to the traditional family stereotype with their constant sibling rivalry and hilarious antics. Claire's brother, Mitchell, and his partner, Cam, round out the family as new parents to their recently adopted Vietnamese daughter named Lily.

Once the family tree is established, the hilarity begins. One of the biggest things that makes "Modern Family" work is its cast. The casting director won an Emmy for his casting of the show. Ed O'Neill ("Married with Children"), Julie Bowen ("Happy

Gilmore"), Sofia Vergara ("Four Brothers"), Ty Burrell, Jesse Tyler Ferguson and Eric Stonestreet are pitch perfect as the parents who are not as mature as they tell themselves they are. Raising these families is incredibly tough and these actors do it in such a way that makes these characters seem like a real family. The interactions between them are so natural and realistic because each character is uniquely different and very well developed. Yet regardless of how different they are, each character fits flawlessly into this puzzle that is a "modern-day" family.

The best part of "Modern Family" other than its cast, is its use of humor. The writers of the show create a great balance of goofy humor and classy comedy. One minute the show is focusing on the physical comedy of Jay flying a mechanical plane into his son-in-law's face, and the next, Claire is being psychoanalyzed by her overly mature, 10-year-old stepbrother, Manny. Situations like this are what make "Modern Family" so great. This ability to jump back and forth is a true testament to the show's quality and that of its cast and crew.

Throughout its first season, "Modern Family" showcased its characters in situations that any family can relate to; an aspect that in large part led to the show's success. Families like to see that the trials and tribulations of their lives are just as real for other families. It's comforting to see Claire and Phil freak out about their oldest daughter getting her license, because parents around the country have this worry every day. It's inspiring to see a gay couple live a normal life with their new daughter and to see a divorced, older man get a second chance at love. The only difference is that with "Modern Family" viewers get to laugh while someone else goes through it. At its core, "Modern Family" is a show that uses its fantastic storylines, characters and humor to show audiences that it's OK to laugh at life's moments and it's good to laugh along with the family.

"Modern Family's" second season began Sept. 22 and airs Wednesdays at 9 p.m. on ABC.

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Davis garners C-USA weekly honors

After scoring on a 1-yard touchdown run in overtime to lift ECU to a 33-27 comeback victory over rival N.C. State, junior quarterback Dominique Davis was named the Conference USA Offensive Player-of-the-Week according to an announcement by league officials Monday. It is Davis's second weekly league award, as he was selected Sept. 6 following the Pirates opening-game victory versus Tulsa.

Saturday, Davis completed his first 14 pass attempts against the Wolfpack on his way to a 376-yard, two-passing touchdown performance. He also set career highs in completions (37) and attempts (54) while ripping off a personal-best 22-yard rush in the first quarter. The 376 aerial yards were the eighth highest in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium history.

During the opening quarter, Davis accounted for 139 of the team's 165 yards and two scores. The Lakeland, Fla., native is currently ranked second in the NCAA in points responsible for per game (20.0) as well as completions per game (28.8). He has completed 30 or more passes three times in the last four games, and 25 or more five times.

With the two touchdown passes Saturday, Davis is on pace for a single-season, school-record 32 aerial scores with 16 in his first six games. The current record is 28, set by Jeff Blake in 1991.

ECU tops Rice in 2-1 decision

Kimmy Cummings and Amanda Malkiewicz each scored goals to help ECU to a 2-1 victory over Rice in Conference USA action Sunday afternoon at the Rice Track/Soccer Stadium. The Pirates picked up their first win in four matches and improved to 8-7-1 overall and 3-4-1 in league play, while the Owls suffered their first loss in C-USA action, falling to 5-1-2 and 8-6-2 on the season.

Cummings wasted little time in getting ECU on the board when she scored her third goal of the season just three minutes into the match on a ball that was deflected off Rice keeper Catherine Fitzsimmons. Leah Bagonis was credited with her second assist of the year and seventh of her career.

Malkiewicz put the Pirates up 2-0 in the 52nd minute when she scored from the left side of the box after Hali Oughton served a pass that bounced behind the Rice defense for her team-leading sixth goal. For Malkiewicz, it was her 16th career goal and 48th career point, which moves her into a tie for fourth place with Kelly Gray on ECU's all-time-points list.

In the 86th minute, Rice finally scored, cutting ECU's lead to 2-1. Kate Edwards headed in a free kick at the 85:26 mark for her fourth goal of the year. Hope Ward and Lauren LaGro were both credited with assists.

Christiane Cordero, who started her 15th-straight game in-goal, pushed her season record to 8-7-1 after logging seven saves in 90 minutes of work. Fitzsimmons dropped to 2-2-2 and also recorded seven saves in the match.

Cummings led all players with five shots, three on goal, while Malkiewicz and Gratz each added two shots on goal for the Pirates. Edwards and Korey Taylor combined for half of Rice's shots on goal (8) each taking aim twice.

Rice had a commanding advantage in corner kicks, 9-2, and outshot the Pirates 17-13.

Pirates pick the pack, 33-27



REBECCA HARTMAN | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

True freshman defensive back Damon Magazu snags the game saving interception in overtime against N.C. State on Saturday.

Adam Bunn
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Rivalry games always tend to produce unlikely heroes who come out of nowhere to either save the game or have a big day to ensure victory. That is exactly what happened Saturday as the Pirates defeated N.C. State 33-27 in overtime in front of a record crowd.

Suspended safety Derek Blacknall was replaced by freshman Damon Magazu, who picked off Russell Wilson in overtime to seal the victory for the Pirates, breaking ECU's nine-game losing streak to BCS competition.

ECU got off to their best start of the season, scoring 21 points in the first quarter while allowing the Wolfpack just three first downs and 56 yards of total offense.

Coming into the contest, Pirate quarterback Dominique Davis had struggled throwing six interceptions in his last two games, but Saturday Davis had one of the best games of his short career, starting the game by completing 14 straight passes, including a pair of touchdown passes.

After the first quarter, the Pirate offense seemed to go into

cruise control, only managing six points the remainder of regulation time. Even with the offensive struggles, Head Coach Ruffin McNeill touted the energy of his offense.

"The offense struggled at times in the second half, but on the sideline they hung in there," McNeill said. "You saw disappointment not because they were feeling sorry for themselves, but because they wanted to do well for each other. You saw them come together in overtime."

After a third quarter in which both offenses were held scoreless, ECU entered the fourth still clinging to the 24-21 lead they had built before the half. In the fourth, NCSU got two chip shot field goals from kicker Josh Czajkowski, giving the Pack their first lead of the game at 27-24.

On the ensuing Pirate drive, Davis hit Michael Bowman for a gain of 31 yards that led to the game-tying 31-yard field goal by Michael Barbour.

The game then headed into overtime, and after losing the coin toss, ECU took the ball first. After seven quick plays, Davis carried 1 yard for the go-ahead touchdown, but the drama wouldn't end there. As

Barbour lined up for the extra point to extend the Pirate lead to seven points, Barbour's kick sailed wide right and gave the Pack a chance to win the game on their possession.

NCSU took the field trailing by just six points, and after Mustafa Greene rushed up the middle for 10 yards, the Pack looked in control, but two straight negative plays brought up a third and long. Wilson

faded back and fired a pass across the middle toward the end zone; Magazu jumped the route and picked it off, falling to the ground.

"I'm just happy to get a win over N.C. State, our rival," said Magazu. "The defense got in (Wilson's) face, and I just did what I was supposed to do."

While the ECU offense had its problems, the Pirate defense led by linebacker Dustin Line-

back's 14 tackles gave fits to an offense ranked near the top in every statistical category.

Wolfpack quarterback Russell Wilson had his worst game of the season, completing only 50 percent of his passes while tying a season high with three interceptions.

Looking at the stat sheet,

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Peach basket preview:

A look at the NBA 2010-2011 season

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Fall brings more than just football, MLB playoffs and the discoloration of leaves. The roundball returns to the court, along with new dreams and aspirations to become the basketball champions of the world. The Larry O'Brien Trophy is extremely elusive and ever so coveted. With a new season comes new rivalries, unsung heroes and constantly changing story lines. Which team will satisfy their 2010-2011 thirst for championship glory?

Most improved player
Of the many high profile, off-season transactions, there is one in particular that flies under the radar. Carlos Boozer was acquired on July 9 by the Chicago Bulls. His addition to the "Baby Bulls" may be just enough to upset the order of the Eastern Conference. During his six years in Utah, Boozer averaged a sub-par 15.9 points per season. While battling injuries, Boozer was never able to feed off of Deron Williams's complete court domination. In Chicago, "Booze" will be inserted into an immediate role of veteran leadership. He is expected to be the oldest starter of the Bulls'

five and will be the perfect big man for young superstar Derrick Rose. He will be the missing piece to the run-and-gun offense that is still hoping to turn some heads.

Rookie of the Year

In what may come as a surprise to most, this season's top rookie did not play college basketball last year. He also does not have his own dance named after him. Second-year pro Blake Griffin will garner this year's youngster award. Although Griffin was a part of the Los Angeles Clippers last season, he still qualifies as a rookie because he never played a regular season game. His stress-fractured knee kept him sidelined last season, so it is safe to say that he'll be more ready than ever to dominate the hardwood. Analysts are already nicknaming Blake "Baby Barkley." The sheer size and strength that Griffin possesses, coupled with his awesome athleticism, has him primed to start his promising career off with a trophy on his mantelpiece.

Most Valuable Player

LeBron James's reign atop the MVP Mountain may take a

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Club hockey tames NC State in 7-2 barnburner



TYRONE DEMERY | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Freshman net minder Chris Stollings is in position to make another save against N.C. State.

Michael Perry
SPORTS EDITOR

In a clean sweep of in-state rival N.C. State, the ECU club hockey team posted its third win of the season in a 7-2 decision over the Wolfpack.

Explosive offense and stellar goaltending by true freshman Chris Stollings were the causes for the Pirates' commanding win over N.C. State on Friday night.

"I was very proud of the team and this was the first, I think, complete game that we've played," ECU Head Coach Paul Hinrichs said. "I'm hoping this is a turning point now and we can start building on it."

Stollings has played in some relief efforts earlier this season, but the rivalry matchup marked his first career start at home for ECU, in which he made 21 saves.

Hinrichs commented on giving Stollings the start against the rival N.C. State.

"He shows that quiet confidence in net," Hinrichs said. "I just had a gut feeling and I just kind of went with it."

Stollings, a small-statured netminder, stopped the Wolfpack offense as he aggressively attacked puck carriers entering the zone like a seasoned pro.

"It felt good getting a win against N.C. State, pretty much all that matters," Stollings said. "That was one of the best games I've played in a while."

On the offensive side of the puck, the Pirates got out to a healthy lead of 3-1 by the first intermission and wrapped things up in third with a seventh goal coming from defenseman Chris

Scannella on the power play.

"The way we came out and just took it to them, I was proud of the boys," Captain Sean Burns said. "I was real proud of the guys. Everybody played great and it was just an all around great effort."

Jack Friesen pushed one through to open up the tilt and Jeremy Eiland wrestled the puck from the right wing halfway through the first period to give ECU an early two-goal cushion.

N.C. State would strike back on a power play with seven minutes to go, but forward John Murray would drive home a third goal from the slot to give the Pirates a 3-1 lead.

In the second stanza, the Pirates added three more goals while killing off a string of penalties, including a 5-on-3 situation.

In the second period with the Wolfpack with a steep deficit, the rivalry contest boiled over into an on ice confrontation. Several players dropped the gloves, resulting in game misconducts for both teams. Following the fist-to-cuffs, tempers settled, which resulted in good end-to-end hockey.

Freshman Harris Griswold buried the biscuit off the faceoff five minutes into the second to give ECU a 5-2 lead. Before the second intermission, veteran blue liner Sam Duering would also add another to the goal tally as he blasted one from the slot, putting the Pirates up 6-2 heading into the third period.

Scannella's lone third period goal served as

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Senior receiver Dwayne Harris strips and N.C. State defender during Saturday's 33-27 overtime win over the Wolfpack.

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a different picture of defensive efficiency comes up, as the Pirates allowed NCSU 476 total yards of offense, but while giving up yards, the Pirates' defense forced NCSU to convert only five of their 18 third down opportunities and in key situations holding the Wolfpack to field goals instead of touchdowns. Over the past two weeks, the defense has become a bend-but-don't-break unit that has kept its offense in games.

"On defense, you see them growing up, something that magically couldn't happen," McNeill said. "You can only grow up through experience and only develop through experience and repeating situations."

The Pirates got the scoring started early, scoring touchdowns on three of their first four possessions, including a 5-yard run by Jon Williams, an 11-yard touchdown pass to Lance Lewis and a 3-yard touchdown pass to Justin Jones, his first since his Hail Mary catch against Tulsa to open the season.

NCSU's offense started up in the second quarter, scoring 21 points in the second, setting up the frantic fight to the finish.

Dwayne Harris led the way for the Pirates, catching nine passes for 91 yards, while Owen Spencer led the Pack with six catches for 98 yards.

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hiatus for a couple of seasons. The 22-year-old Kevin Durant is arguably the best player in the NBA. At such a young age, one can only imagine the incredible things that "KD" will accomplish in his career. Coming off of what some saw as an MVP-snub last season, Durant led a star-free Team USA to a World Basketball Championship this summer. He was virtually untouchable versus his foreign peers, and there is no reason why any ball fan would expect him to let off of the gas when the regular season begins.

NBA Finals matchup
Boston Celtics (51-31) vs. Los Angeles Lakers (56-26)
Boston will once again face an up-and-coming plethora of Eastern Conference opponents. The Celtics will struggle early in the season like usual, but the current veteran leadership plus four-time champion Shaquille O'Neal's acclamation with postseason wins will be just enough to outlast the Orlando Magic and the "Big Three" in Miami. The Los Angeles Lakers will once again be threatened by some young legs throughout the season and in the early stages of the playoffs. Their depth and experience will outlast each of their Western Conference foes.

2011 NBA Champions
Phil Jackson, Pau Gasol and Kobe Bryant will complete a three-peat to bring another championship to Los Angeles. Jackson, the Zen Master, will likely retire following this season and with that he will have the most championships as a head coach, 12, and will have his fourth three-peat. Kobe Bryant will tie Michael Jordan with six rings and once again will likely receive another Finals MVP Award. The addition of Steve Blake and Matt Barnes will boost an already potent team and in turn will defeat the Boston Celtics in six games.

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Hard knocks



Alex Serkes
STAFF WRITER

Return of Kevin Kolb and Ben Roethlisberger highlight week 6

If one could occupy the mind of the lucrative Jerry Jones, the Dallas Cowboys owner and general manager, he or she would discover numerous paradigms of scenarios, problems, etc. Needless to say, the mind of Jerry Jones should be filled with problematic uncertainty, confusion and anger.

Coming into week 6, the Cowboys had an atrocious 1-3 record, without having won a divisional game and sitting in the gutter of the NFC East conference. Can someone explain how a team with a solidified and (somewhat) respectful quarterback in Tony Romo, throwing to pro bowl wide outs Roy Williams, Miles Austin and highly-praised rookie in Dez Bryant, all while handing off to a combination of Marion Barber and Felix Jones 20-some times a game, can be this bad?

The answer here might be coaching. Have you seen Wade Phillips in a post-game interview? He looks like a puppet with good ol' Jerry Jones at the strings. It is apparent that this head coach has no control over this team, and it shows on the field and in the record book. The Cowboys dropped another defeat, this time to the hands of the Vikings, 24-21. I mean, the Rams are at a solid 3-3 with Sam Bradford, an aging Stephen Jackson and Danny Amendola, c'mon.

While running backs stole the show in

week 6 with 30-plus backs getting double-digit carries, eight going over the century mark and 19 punching at least one score in for six points, two quarterbacks stood out and highlighted Sunday.

Kevin Kolb quickly changed the minds of his critics almost with the snap of a finger, going 23 of 29 for 326 yards, three touchdowns and earning a boatload of self-confidence. Kolb revamped his team, his town and his career. Another career-revamping performance came at the hands of Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, who, after serving a four-game suspension, finished his day with 257 yards and three touchdowns. However, the Steelers ran the ball 35 times, compared to Big Ben's 27 pass attempts. Nevertheless, it was a redefining day for both of these quarterbacks.

When making sense of all that happened on Sunday, you will discover that only three games were not decided by eight points or less. Philadelphia routed Atlanta 31-17, the Steelers trumped the Browns 28-10 and the Saints took down Tampa Bay 31-6. The rest make for a combined final score of 244 to 202. Talk about close, and this pattern of close games week to week has been a staple of the 2010-2011 season, which we can mostly all agree makes for great football, great television and a record for most television remotes thrown at a wall. Sunday, though, the AFC

West felt the most pain, as the Chiefs, Broncos, Raiders and Chargers all had losses.

Yet, while fishing through the stats, scores, big plays, controversies and all other things it takes to cover a day in football, I found one thing that was most intriguing. Injuries plagued NFL teams this week. A short list of names includes Desean Jackson, Chris Cooley, Demeco Ryans, Shaun Hill, Antonio Gates, Dunta Robinson, Joseph Addai and countless others who were sent back to the locker room before the conclusion of the game.

ESPN's John Clayton summed it up to too many helmet-to-helmet hits. While some Sunday injuries were not due to the cause of helmet-to-helmet collisions, many players walked off the field with concussions due to such dangerous and bone-chilling hits. Prepare to see several fines be handed down by the commissioner this week.

The weekend's top performers hail out of the NFC East, as Kevin Kolb gets the offensive side with his spectacular performance, and Redskins safety LaRon Landry receives defensive honors with 10-plus tackles, two forced fumbles and remains atop the NFL tackle leaders with 63.

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Philadelphia Eagles' quarterback Kevin Kolb celebrates the Eagles 31-17 victory on Sunday.

HOCKEY

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the proverbial stomp on the throat for the Pirates. The Wolfpack accrued nine shots on goal in the final period, with none finding the twine against the stonewall goaltending of Stollings.

ECU not only outscored N.C. State, but they also threw a bevy of pucks at the net, outshooting their rival 36-23.

The win proved especially sweet for the Pirates as they took a 10-5 loss in Greenville to the Wolfpack last season.

"It's probably one of the best feelings, knowing they came into our barn last year and we didn't do so good against them," forward Jeremy Eiland said. "We brought it to them tonight and it's a great feeling."

ECU will hit the road playing five away games at the Liberty DII Showcase and Florida Golf Coast before returning home to host UNC-Wilmington on Friday, Nov. 12, at 7:30 p.m.

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CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lost: silver necklace (with Star of David and Hamash Hand pendants). Possibly lost at the Dr. Neil Degrasse Tyson event at Wright Auditorium on Thursday, October 7th. If found, please contact Megan at ganakm08@students.ecu.edu or 252-328-4392.

Make plans to attend the Graduate and Professional School Fair, which is sponsored by the Graduate School, on Thursday, October 21st from 12:00-3:00pm in the Mendenhall Student Center Great Rooms.

DOWN TIME

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