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## FOLLOW UP

### Police discuss alleged hate crime with GLBT community

**Aaron Gold**  
STAFF WRITER

Bate 1007 was packed on Wednesday during a meeting of the East Carolina GLBT Student Union, where ECU Police explained the on-going investigation into the alleged hate crime that happened in the early hours of Oct. 14.

Two non-students were assaulted by two males as they left Tyler hall.

One male made derogatory "sexually oriented type comments" to one of the females who had a short haircut and was dressed in a masculine fashion. The victims were walking away and turned around after repeated comments were made.

The first victim approached the male making the derogatory comments and confronted him. He pushed her out of the way and she fell down. The second victim then confronted the other male, Bryan Berg, an 18-year-old ECU student.

The first victim then approached Berg and confronted him and he hit her too, dislocating her jaw. She was able to pop it back into place after the fight. The incident was over in under a minute and a half.

After the incident, the victims went to Pitt County Memorial Hospital. One had to have reconstructive surgery on her jaw. The other was released that night.

Berg was charged with assault inflicting a serious injury and a misdemeanor assault on a female.

WITN reported that Berg was released from jail on Friday, Oct. 15, after posting \$27,000 bond.

There is an ongoing investigation into what happened.

As of the morning of Monday, Oct. 25, there are no new details regarding the investigation. The ECU Police Department believes the case will be closed shortly.

Next, the case will be delivered to the District Attorney's office pursuant to the felony charge.

The ECU Police Department has also referred this situation to the ECU Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

ECU officials and students are concerned that, because of the alleged comments, the two victims were assaulted because of their perceived sexual orientation.

However, North Carolina law, unlike Federal statutes, does not consider sexual orientation as a qualification for hate crimes.

The UNC system, composed of 16 campuses across the state, including ECU, lists sexual orientation among a person's race, color, religion, national origin, gender, gender-identity, creed, disability or veteran's status when identifying a motivation for threatening, coercing, harassing or intimidating other students.

These recommendations were based on the UNC Study Commission to Review Student Codes of Conduct Relating to Hate Crimes received by the UNC president in March 2009.

"The university is taking immediate action."

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## WEB POLL

### Do you plan to go to class on the Monday after Halloween?

Yes

No

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## Buccaneer service approved for operation to downtown Greenville

**Jennifer Soares**  
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A new bus service will operate from popular apartment complexes to downtown during the nights that the Pirate Express does not run. The Buccaneer service will run from Sunday to Wednesday nights, holidays and when class is not in session. The Rupp Group, LLC is a family-owned business that will conduct services for students.

"Once we decide on a bus route, a schedule of times and the hours we will be running, we will begin operation," said co-owner Chris Rupp.

Recently, The Rupp Group

started a petition to start this bus service and encouraged various individuals to sign. After signatures were obtained, they attended a City Council meeting, which was held on Oct. 14 in downtown Greenville. The Rupp Group encouraged everyone to attend and voice their opinion on a proposal for a new mass transit system. The City Council unanimously approved the service, which has no set start date.

"Although we were approved by the City Council, we are not in operation yet," said Rupp. "Our main goal is ultimately to reduce drinking and driving."

The goal of this new service is to give students an opportunity

to have a safe and alternative means of transportation to and from downtown. In order to ride the bus, each person must pay \$1 each time they get on the bus. This money will go toward maintaining the bus service since it is not owned by the school and will not be funded by the university.



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"I think that is absolutely the best idea that they came up with," said junior sports studies major Nathaniel Worth, Jr. "I know for a fact

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Sisters and pledges of Epism Sigma Alpha hold a carwash at the Bojangles on Greenville Blvd Oct. 17.

## University prohibits roadside fundraisers

**Cameron Gupton**  
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Earlier this year, the university formulated a new policy that prohibits roadside fundraising efforts on Greenville streets. These new guidelines affect a number of people and groups on campus, since raising funds roadside is a popular way for organizations to collect money. Sororities and fraternities are among the organizations that frequently solicit funds to support their philanthropies via Greenville streets.

The Greenville Police Department has received numerous complaints regarding the fundraising. The citizens of Greenville are highly concerned for the safety of the students and the drivers who encounter the fundraisers. Students frequently step into the streets with large signs to gain attention from oncoming traffic, which could become dangerous.

The local police have stated that they have not set these new guidelines in place because it was at the volition of the university.

"There is no change in any city ordinance or state law," stated Lieutenant Rob Williams. "The decision was made by the university not to sanction these types of activities." Lieutenant Williams also said that the police department tries to maintain a working relationship with the university and will support their decision.

Austin Robey with Student Life University Unions shared the university's views on the topic of roadside fundraisers. "Last year we got a letter from the State Department of Transportation saying they were receiving a lot of complaints."

"This is a serious safety concern and something that we will not continue to let the students



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Theta Chi brothers Walter Yeates and Brandon Jones see-saw for the fraternities' semester fundraiser for Special Olympics.

do," Robey stated. "It is a hazard for drivers and for students stepping into the streets to collect money."

Robey along with others has compiled a list of alternative fundraising ideas that are a bit less invasive and much more safety orientated, including "Rent-A-Worker," bake sales, dunking booths and open mic nights.

Despite the fact that the dangers of roadside fundraising are of extreme importance to the university, why were only a handful of organizations informed?

Most organizations around campus are just finding out about this news, though it is months old. The IFC and Panhellenic organizations until now were the only groups notified of the major change.

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## WikiLeaks docs raise questions

**Associated Press**

President Barack Obama stepped into the White House pledging to end George W. Bush's gloves-off approach to interrogations and detention — but a flood of leaked documents suggests that some old habits were hard to break.

Field reports from the Iraq war published by WikiLeaks show that, despite Obama's public commitment to eschew torture, U.S. forces turned detainees over

to Iraqi forces even after signs of abuse.

Documents also show that U.S. interrogators continued to question Iraqi detainees, some of whom were still recovering from injuries or whose wounds were still visible after being held by Iraqi security forces.

"We have not turned a blind eye," U.S. State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said Monday, noting that one of the reasons why U.S. troops were still in Iraq was to carry out human

rights training with Iraqi security forces. "Our troops were obligated to report abuses to appropriate authorities and to follow up, and they did so in Iraq."

Crowley added, "If there needs to be an accounting, first and foremost there needs to be an accounting by the Iraqi government itself, and how it has treated its own citizens."

Obama signed three executive

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## Alcoholic energy drinks behind growing concern

**Associated Press**

Sugary, high-alcohol energy drinks that are popular with college students who want to get drunk quickly and cheaply came under renewed scrutiny Monday as investigators announced that nine freshmen had been hospitalized after drinking them at an off-campus party.

Several states are considering outlawing the drinks and at least two universities have banned them from campus while the Food and Drug Administration reviews their safety.

The issue received new attention after the Oct. 8 party in Roslyn, a picturesque mountain town known as the place where the 1990s television series "Northern Exposure" was filmed.

Police first responded to a report of an unconscious female in a grocery store parking lot and learned about the party from her friends. At the home, officers found a chaotic scene, with students from nearby Central Washington University passed out and so intoxicated that investigators thought they had overdosed on drugs.

Nine students who drank a caffeinated malt liquor called Four Loko were hospitalized with blood-alcohol levels ranging from 0.12 percent to 0.35 percent, and a female student nearly died, CWU President James L. Gaudino said. A blood-alcohol concentration of 0.30 percent is considered potentially lethal.

All the hospitalized students were inexperienced drinkers, freshmen ranging in age from 17 to 19. Toxicology results showed no drugs in their bloodstreams, though a small amount of marijuana was reported at the party, university police Chief Steve Ritterer said.

Some students admitted drinking vodka, rum and beer with Four Loko, which is made by Phusion Projects Inc., of Chicago.

Phusion said in a statement that people have consumed caffeine and alcohol together safely for years. The company said it markets its products responsibly to those of legal drinking age and shares with college administrators the goal of making campuses safe and healthy environments.

"The unacceptable incident at Central Washington University, which appears to have involved hard liquor, such as vodka and rum, beer, our products, and possibly illicit substances, is precisely why we go to great lengths to ensure our products are not sold to underage consumers and are not abused," the statement said.

Four Loko comes in several varieties, including fruit punch and blue raspberry. A 23.5-ounce can sells for about \$2.50 and has an alcohol content of 12 percent, comparable to four beers, according to the company's website.

Health advocates say the caffeine in the drink can also suspend the effects of alcohol consumption, allowing a person

to consume more than usual.

"It gets you really drunk really fast and it gives you a lot of energy so you're not going to be laying down and sleeping," said 18-year-old CWU freshman Hyatt Van Cotthem of Everett, Wash., who said he's tried the beverage but doesn't drink it because the taste is "nasty." He didn't attend the party.

Regulating such drinks would be a good idea, Cotthem said, because he's seen so many students do dumb things when drinking it. But he and a friend also questioned that the drink alone could have wreaked so much havoc.

"There's no way that Four Loko caused all these people to just pass out," he said.

The nine sickened students have recovered and returned to their classes. No criminal charges have been filed, but Ritterer said the investigation into the source of the alcohol continues.

Gaudino banned alcoholic energy drinks from CWU's campus Monday, following the president of New Jersey's Ramapo College, who banned the drinks last month after attributing several students' hospitalizations to Four Loko.

"It's not that we'd seen a lot of consumption, but we'd seen enough that it worried us, because it was in situations of extreme intoxication," Ramapo President Peter Mercer said Monday. "Having seen no redeeming social use for it, and seeing the damage and danger it could pose, I ordered a ban."

Mercer said he eagerly awaits the results of the FDA review and supports a measure to ban the drinks in New Jersey.

Utah and Montana have restricted the sale of the caffeinated malt liquors to just state liquor stores. A bill to ban the drinks in Washington state failed in the Legislature earlier this year, but McKenna and Gov. Chris Gregoire said they would support another effort.

McKenna also said his office would review the marketing of such drinks, particularly to minors, to determine if consumer protection laws have been violated. The state previously raised concerns with the nation's two largest brewers, MillerCoors LLC and Anheuser-Busch InBev NV, about similar drinks.

"We never brought a lawsuit against them because they acted like good corporate citizens and removed the products," McKenna said.

Steven Schmidt, a spokesman for the National Alcohol Beverage Control Association, said many states feel they need to act quickly on the issue because the drinks are increasing in popularity.

"There's really a sense that people consuming these drinks don't understand how much alcohol they are drinking," he said. "These products pack a punch, and they are relatively inexpensive."

# Calendar Events

Oct. 26 - Oct. 31

## Tuesday Oct 26

**ECU Pharmacy Health Awareness Day**  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mendenhall Student Center.  
The flu vaccine will be given at this event. All employees, spouses, and children (3 years old and up) are welcome. Bring a completed consent form and your insurance card to the clinic.

**Town Hall Meeting at West End Dining Hall**  
6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Come out to west end to talk with your student government and see what they can do for you and current events and projects that are being worked on.

## Wednesday Oct 27

**"A Nightmare on Elm Street"**  
9:30 p.m.  
SAB presents "A Nightmare on Elm Street" at MSC Hendrix Theatre

**Glow**  
8 p.m. at the Brickyard  
Hosted by Victory Campus Ministries

## Thursday Oct 28

**The Dirty Little Secret: Police Perjury and Justice**  
7 p.m. at Bate 1031.  
Morgan Cloud, Charles Howard Candler Professor of Law at Emory University School of Law, will give this free, public presentation.

**"A Nightmare on Elm Street"**  
9:30 p.m.  
SAB presents "A Nightmare on Elm Street" at MSC Hendrix Theatre

## Friday Oct 29

**Women's Volleyball**  
7 p.m.  
ECU vs Rice

**"The Rocky Horror Picture Show"**  
9 p.m.  
SAB presents "The Rocky Horror Picture Show". Costume contest at 9 p.m. and the film will begin at 9:30 p.m.

## Saturday Oct 30

**"A Nightmare on Elm Street"**  
9:30 p.m.  
SAB presents "A Nightmare on Elm Street" at MSC Hendrix Theatre

## Sunday Oct 31

**Women's Volleyball**  
1 p.m.  
ECU vs Houston

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that this will be convenient for many people and instead of spending \$10 for a cab or finding a designated driver, you can spend a dollar and catch the bus."

In a letter sent by the City Council, ECU opposed the Buccaneer service, stating, "ECU opposes your application based on their concerns about security and safety issues and the reliability and safety of operating with used equipment."

All buses that will operate for the Buccaneer will have a driver who has a Commercial Drivers License (CDL) and they will comply with all Department of Transportation regulations which will include drug tests, and there will be security on the bus at all times. The bus will be used; however, it will be bought through the federal government.

Every part of the bus, whether mechanical or cosmetic, must be in good standing in order for the government to sell it to a private company. Routine maintenance and upgrades will also take place to ensure the safety of all passengers and employees of the Buccaneer.

The Pirate Express will still operate on a regular schedule and

will not be affected by this new service. Pirate Express operates Thursday through Saturday from 11:05 p.m. until 3 a.m. every 15 to 20 minutes depending on the apartment complex, with the last pick up from downtown between 2:30 and 2:40 a.m.

Director of Transit Wood Davidson released a statement on the new service:

"The newly approved Buccaneer bus service entering the late-night transportation arena can be another safe alternative for travel to and from the Uptown Greenville area. With passenger and community safety in mind, I believe it is paramount to provide equipment specifically designed for this type of service, along with appropriately trained staff. Late-night transportation can be extremely challenging and it takes the planning and support of multiple agencies to be successful. Again, the main goal is passenger and community safety and I extend the best of luck and hope for success to The Rupp Group."

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diate action," said Maggie Olszewska, the director of the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

The Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities is looking at charging five students, one who is currently not enrolled, with code of conduct violations.

They are prohibited by FERPA rights from announcing who they are looking at charging or for what. However, the victims are allowed to know what happens to the perpetrators about what the office does, regardless of the fact that they are not ECU students.

If the students decide to tell their friends the outcome, or if they write in on their Facebook pages

or another public means, then the information concerning them will be public.

During the incident there were many bystanders, even people looking on from their dorm rooms. However, nobody, including the victims, reported the incident.

Bystanders saw it, talked about it but did not report it. It was the hospital who called ECU Police at 5:45 a.m., a few hours after the incident happened.

"If something bad happens, please report it to the police or report it to our office and we will work with you as best we can," said Olszewska.

In response to this incident,

Olszewska announced that her office is starting a Bystander Campaign to stand up to bullying and harassment.

During the meeting, students asked why there was not an ECU Alert.

It was explained that ECU Alerts are for notifying the ECU community about emergency information regarding continuing threats.

The ECU Police were confident that the incident was specifically targeted and was contained after it was over. They did not believe there was a continuing threat to the community.

Another student asked if

anyone involved was inebriated. The ECU Police answered that no one involved was inebriated to the point that they were not in control of their actions.

Sue Molhan also spoke about victims' services.

"A lot of students don't want to go to the Police Department because they are afraid they will get in trouble," she said.

ECU officials at the meeting implored the students to report crimes when they see them.

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## FUNDRAISERS continued from A1

Arielle Jones, a member of Zeta Phi Beta sorority, was completely unaware of any changes that were made to the fundraising policy. "I feel like NPHC is often left out when it comes to Greek life."

Her sorority often holds car washes where standing on the side of the road with signs is the norm.

When asked how Zeta Phi Beta would revamp its fundraising techniques, she stated, "If we can't do roadside car washes, we would probably do on-campus bake sales or fundraise outside of stores with permission."

Now, organizations are look-

ing for ways to produce the same amount of money in other locations.

"We are working the concession stand at the football games and we worked the concessions at the Ludacris concert," said Layne Reesor, philanthropy chair for Epsilon Sigma Alpha service sorority. "We are also holding a 5k run next Saturday."

"It was a huge inconvenience because we already had an event on our calendar," Reesor said.

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## WIKILEAKS continued from A1

orders shortly after taking office, vowing to return America to the "moral high ground" in the war on terrorism.

The implication was that the United States would do more to

make sure terror suspects weren't tortured or abused — either at the hands of U.S. forces or by governing authorities to whom the detainees were handed over for detention or interrogation.

WikiLeaks recently published almost 400,000 U.S. military logs, mainly written by soldiers on the ground, detailing daily carnage in Iraq since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion: detainees abused by Iraqi forces, insurgent bombings, sectarian executions and civilians shot at checkpoints by U.S. troops.

In one leaked document from a U.S. military intelligence report filed Feb. 9, 2009 — just weeks after Obama ordered U.S. personnel to comply with the Geneva Conventions — an Iraqi says he was detained by coalition forces at his Baghdad home and told he would be sent to the Iraqi army if he didn't cooperate. According to the document, the detainee was then handed over to Iraqis where he said he was beaten and given electric shocks.

U.S. interrogators also cleared detainees for questioning, despite signs that they had suffered abuse

from Iraqi security forces, the documents show.

One report by a U.S. interrogation detention team based in Baghdad on April 2, 2009, summarizes claims made by a prisoner who said he was hog tied and beaten with a shovel as part of dayslong torture ordeal at the hands of the Iraqi army. The report noted he had a catalog of "minor injuries," including "rope burns on the back of his legs and a possible busted ear drum."

A second report from April 2009 describes an Iraqi detainee as being covered in bruises and a scar from being bludgeoned with a pickaxe.

In both cases, the men were still cleared for U.S. interrogations, which international lawyers say is a violation of the Geneva Conventions.

A fourth report in May of 2009 goes even farther. "There are indications of abuse. Detainee has been medically cleared for interrogation," the document reads.

The field reports also showed that there were signs of abuse upon regular inspections of Iraqi police

stations and holding facilities, raising questions about whether detainees were still turned over to the same authorities.

A U.S. military police brigade filed a report in May last year saying they had discovered two wounded Iraqi prisoners, one of whom said he had been so badly beaten he was urinating blood. An American officer tried to get the men some medical attention, but the Iraqis allegedly refused.

One report, filed in September of 2009, described how American forces inspecting an Iraqi army facility found a detainee with two black eyes, scabs, bruises, and what the report described as a neck that had turned "red/yellow."

The report said the detainee was given electric shocks to elicit a confession. The Iraqis claimed he suffered the injuries while trying to escape.

The Pentagon has condemned WikiLeaks for publishing the documents, saying that U.S. and Iraqi lives could be put at risk — an allegation that WikiLeaks has dismissed.

# SIDEWALK SALE

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## Clarification

In a photo that ran on page 2A on Oct. 19, the cutline reports that some Pirate fans yelled obscenities during the playing of the National Anthem. The photo, however, was not taken during the National Anthem and the Pirate fans depicted in the photo were cheering a first down during the game.

## HAUNTED HOWELL!

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October 29, 2010  
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Heard the school is actually thinking about cutting the foreign language department. If that happens, I say f\*\*\* ECU for life.

To the dude beside me on the bus: it's called a shower, make use of one. K? Thanks!

When I see funny pirate rants I want to "like" them.

So ECU has the flu, strep throat, and possible mono going around...great, there goes my immune system.

To the person who gave me an odd look while I was talking to myself on my bike: yes, I talk to myself. No, it is not contagious.

Dear girl in my Psychology class: I saw you trying to shake out all that dandruff in your hair THE ENTIRE CLASS PERIOD... gross! Get some head and shoulders! Oh, and then you rubbed your hands together for like 20 minutes straight...you're just a disaster.

Yes, I did fall up the Bate stairs on Tuesday. And I appreciate everyone acting like they didn't notice, but I was immediately terrified that everyone was plotting a rant about me. BEAT YA!

To the stupid b\*\*\*\* that stole my parking spot at the library Wednesday night: YOU CLEARLY SAW MY TURN SIGNAL. That's exactly why I rolled my window down and cussed your ugly a\*\* out.

To the superficial diva in my Design class: Get a clue. Read the instructions and do your assignment correctly before you begin criticizing my work.

I'm sick of most of the Greek Life members acting like they're better than everyone else here on campus. Just because we're smart enough not to spend thousands of dollars for friends, doesn't make you better than us!! Greeks need to GET A LIFE!

To the guy kissing his boyfriend in the Dining Hall: the girl is just mad 'cause she ain't getting any.

If you're posting something on Onestop for sale, please use whole words. We're in college; no one wants to buy anything from you if you sound ignorant.

I want nothing more than to marry my boyfriend one day, but his dog is getting on my nerves. Is it bad that I hope it runs away?

To the girl in my health class who said she missed the game because she isn't an ECU football fan--who apparently loves UNC--and who topped it off by saying that she just doesn't like the Pirates: WHY ARE YOU HERE THEN? GET OUT! Aww POOR NC State, ECU was meant to them...I'm sure they didn't do ANYTHING to provoke it either...

To the girl who came back at me with a pirate rant about #98: you can have him. But I'll take #11 who made that interception against State!

## Advise me, damn it!



**Abby Brockmeyer**  
OPINION COLUMNIST

An adviser by definition: one that advises, counsels, cautions, warns or recommends.

Well, judging by the overload of comments and snippets of dialogue I have overheard over the past weeks all relating to the overall lack of enthusiasm for ECU advisers, it's safe to say the ECU administration needs to go over this rather self-explanatory definition.

It seems to me that over my past two and some years of being around during the oh-so-stressful registration/advising days during the semester, it has gotten exponentially worse for ECU students. No matter what the major or year, students have numerous problems leading up to registering and well after registering for the upcoming semester.

With well over 20,000 students who need to register, there's no doubt that teachers/advisers have their hands full. Especially since advising time falls conveniently on the days of the most testing of the year and smack dab in the middle of the semester. Also,

let's not forget the 40 percent professor downsize that took place at ECU in the past two years, causing teachers to be loaded up with surly, pissed-off students wanting to know just how bad their workload is going to be next semester.

Yes, there's love all around for the annoyingly inconvenient and sometimes confusing time of signing up for your classes. Most of which, unfortunately, will be closed because of an influx of students and lack of enough classes to fill this rapidly growing campus. And don't forget the great sign-up registration periods that make you usually miss your class because it is always right in the middle of your school day.

Maybe it's not the advisers, in retrospect, but the poorly organized way of going about registration/advising coupled with the frustrating feelings dealing with full classes, perfect schedules getting messed up and inconvenient times to sign up. But, I still hold by the fact that some advisers could make it easier for us, but they choose not to.

Take me, for example; in my junior year at ECU and while always being in the same major, I have still had no fewer than five advisers. Thankfully, my final adviser has, by the grace of God, been wonderful and completely helpful for me. But really, ECU, it took you five tries to get me a good one?

My former advisers happened to be completely opposite of the wonderful lady I have now thankfully received. Most of them were never available and seemed to always be too busy to sit with me for five minutes.

A student commented to me, "I have never had a good adviser. All three I've had acted like I was wasting their time every time I met with them." All in all, it's rarer around campus to find a student who has had an all-around good advising experience than a student who hasn't. And isn't it a little sad that with all the money we are paying, especially out-of-staters like me, I had to wait until my third year and was therefore more experienced to receive an actual "adviser" who is willing to help me.

I would have rathered one when I was genuinely confused about everything during my first two years; that might have saved me around 10 to 15 meltdowns and screaming at my computer for hours on end. So fellow students, let's use this advising week to try to push ourselves to be as independent and stress-free as possible. Especially considering you probably will receive no help if you run into trouble.

And ECU administration, I have four words to leave you with: Step your game up.

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## Our View

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### Halloween remorse

Halloween in Greenville is notorious. Coming in a respectable second place to New Orleans's Mardi Gras, Halloween in Greenville makes for a crazy weekend that has put the Emerald City on the map. People travel near and far just to experience Halloween ECU style. Some people hit the downtown scene, full of random creepers with video cameras and overcrowded corners, while others party hop. But then again, many people avoid the chaos altogether.

It is rare to see anyone (no matter how they spend their Halloween) without a costume. Some people dress up scary, trashy, goofy, simply creative or even all of the above.

It is as though most of the participants of the Halloween festivities are on the quest to find the best costume for the area's biggest holiday.

Although creating your own costume costs a lot less money than going to a Halloween store, a lot of people get sucked into it. It may be a lot easier to buy an epic costume, which takes no effort, but not financially speaking.

There are so many stores that sell Halloween costumes and there are tons of Halloween stores that appear just during the season. Greenville has costumes galore and the less fabric included, the more expensive.

Spending a lot of money on a Halloween costume is ridiculous, mainly because you will only wear the costume one night out of the year. Often costume shopping in Greenville is like wedding or prom dress shopping. Each Halloween costume gets one day's use, which often ends up being hardly worth the price.

To save on the costly Halloween trend, coming up with original costumes by putting different things together is a good idea. Original creations get more praise than the cookie cutter costumes anyways.

Although the "getting crafty" alternative is genius, for some people it might end up disastrous. Instead, you can order a costume online. Try the costume you want on in the store and then purchase your size online for a fraction of the cost.

Whichever way you decide to obtain a costume, think about it, because the pain of buyer's remorse is useless, especially when you see that "All Halloween items are non-refundable" sign.

Dear Editor,

I am very disappointed with the lack of journalistic professionalism in your report entitled "Possible hate crime on campus leaves two females injured" that ran in the 10.19.10 issue of The East Carolinian. There was no reason, journalistic or otherwise, to divulge the identities of the two victims involved. As an individual with a law enforcement background, our primary goal in working a case is to protect the identity and privacy of the victim(s). While this information may have been publicly available through police reports, it does not necessarily mean that you should broadcast the identities of these two individuals to the entire campus population. You have inadvertently made two women completely defenseless against the potential ridicule and prejudice of the entire student body. You may not have considered the repercussions of identifying these two women who, regardless of their sexual orientation, will now be known as the students who were savagely beaten on campus, if they are even emotionally stable enough to remain enrolled at East Carolina. This is a perfect example of the double standard applied to the crimes committed against those in the gay/bi/transgender community. Had this been a more "main stream" hate crime, which often receives more national attention, I am sure that you would have been more cautious.

-Joshua Marano

## POLL RESULTS

What Homecoming event are you excited about?

Football Game	73%
Parade	3%
Ludacris	23%

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## Pirate ink



**Jamey Womack**  
OPINION COLUMNIST

It's Friday night, 10:30, and the booze started flowing early. You're feeling good, with a buzz that is just up and running. With a go-get-'em attitude, you and your friends walk downtown to get in some much-needed partying, but before you can make it to the club, your plans change.

Next thing you know, you are walking out of a tattoo parlor with the Cap'n Crunch character permanently perched on your hip.

This says two things: 1. Never drunkenly get the last thing that you ate tattooed on your body. 2. Tattoos are accessible and way too convenient for students at ECU.

The concept of getting inked has been in existence since 2000 B.C., when it first began as an ancient Egyptian practice. But not until the late 1970s into the '80s did tattooing become popular among college students. For North Carolina, the law says that if you are 18 or older, you are

legally allowed to get a tattoo. This goes for most states, apart from the few that say you have to be 21. Not every person takes advantage of this privilege that comes with turning 18, but for the most part, a lot of 18-year-olds jump at the chance to finally get their first tattoo, and I've seen this clearly at ECU. With this comes many issues.

The first that needs to be discussed is the accessibility of tattoo parlors surrounding campus. I'm from a small town and to get a tattoo professionally done, a long car ride is required. I could never walk out of my door and up the road a few hundred feet and have the option of two separate tattoo parlors.

That was unheard of until I got to Greenville. There are four up-and-running tattoo shops, two of which are located only a couple streets over from ECU's campus. With no effort being put forth into finding a place to get inked, what reasons do students have to not get tattoos? But just because tattoo shops are conveniently located near campus doesn't mean that students have to get inked.

Just because we're 21 doesn't mean we have to drink, or smoke because we're 18, and that goes for tattoos as well. But we do all of these things. Why?

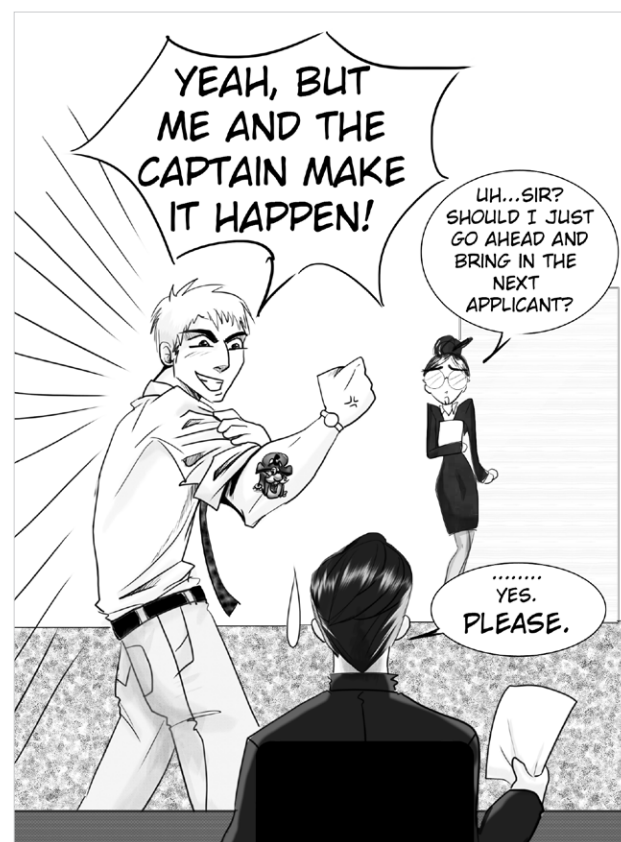
Because we can, and I think that the knowledge

of something being allowed makes it all the more tempting to take part in, especially in a college setting. Although college students don't usually follow the age-based laws, for those who do, getting a tattoo is the only legal thing, besides smoking, that a college freshman, sophomore and even sometimes a junior, can do.

With an enrollment of 27,816 students as of fall of 2010, around 7,000 of those students are freshmen. Out of those 7,000, a hefty amount will have their first tattoo before they enter their sophomore year. These students are getting tattoos for many reasons: to express freedom, to prove they are adults, for creative expression or simply because they got a coupon for \$20 off.

We all have our own reasons for getting tattoos, but what I think that we shouldn't have is the ability to walk into a place with no explanation, show our I.D. and have something permanently put on our bodies. There should be a required grace period for all people under the age of 25 when getting a tattoo.

Meaning that we should have to go in, say what we want, then get a stencil of the tattoo drawn on. We'll keep that stencil for at least two weeks, have our parents accidentally see it and test their reaction. Or we'll go to a job interview with that tattoo vis-



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ibly displayed to see if we can get a job with it.

Basically what I'm getting at is that I think we should take tattoos for a test run before we buy them. We do that with cars, and cars are a lot less permanent. We need a lot more thought put into tattoos, because just think, you could end up like the guy who has a

cereal box character tattooed on him, or the girl who has a Chinese symbol that she thinks says hope but it really means shoes. Remember, they last forever -- and forever is a long time to explain why you have a Cap'n Crunch tattoo.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

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Grand Araklein, a Brink's car guard, was killed when \$50,000 worth of quarters fell on him and crushed him.

In 1911, Bobby Beach broke nearly all the bones in his body after surviving a barrel ride over Niagara Falls. Some time later in New Zealand, he slipped on a banana and died from the fall.

A fierce gust of wind blew 45-year-old Vittorio Luise's car into a river near Naples, Italy, in 1980. He managed to break a window, climb out and swim to shore, where a tree blew over and killed him.

In 1982, the last member of a group of people who believed the earth was hollow died.

Long ago, the people of Nicaragua believed that if they threw beautiful young women into a volcano it would stop erupting.

In Victorian times, there was an intense fear of being buried alive. So when someone died, a small hole was dug from the casket to the surface, then a string was tied around the dead person's finger, which was then attached to a small but loud bell that hung on the surface of the grave. If someone was buried alive, they could ring the bell and whoever was on duty would go dig them up. Someone was on duty 24 hours a day — hence the graveyard shift.

In the 1700s in London, you could purchase insurance against going to hell.

In Puritan times, to be born on Sunday was interpreted as a sign of great sin.

It costs more to buy a car today than it cost Christopher Columbus to equip and undertake three voyages to the New World.

It is estimated that within 20 years of Columbus discovering the New World, the Spaniards killed off 1.5 million Native Americans.

Native Americans never actually ate turkey; killing such a timid bird was thought to indicate laziness.

Pilgrims ate popcorn at the first Thanksgiving dinner.

Nicotine was introduced by Jean Nicot (French ambassador to Portugal) in France in 1560.

One of the reasons marijuana is illegal today is because cotton growers in the 1930s lobbied against hemp farmers — they saw hemp as competition. It is not chemically addictive, as in nicotine, alcohol or caffeine.

In 1865, opium was grown in the state of Virginia and a product was distilled from it that yielded 4 percent morphine. In 1867, it was grown in Tennessee; six years later it was cultivated in Kentucky. During these years, opium, marijuana and cocaine could be purchased legally over the counter from any chemist.

The Netherlands and the United States both have anthems that do not mention their countries' names.

The national anthem of Greece has 158 verses.

The Japanese national anthem has the oldest lyrics/text from the ninth century, but the music is from 1880.

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## Devastating prognosis shocks dedicated student



Jeff Fisher was an employee of East Carolina Pedicab before his diagnosis.

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Jeff Fisher discovered less than two weeks ago that he has Stage 4 Glioma

Rebecca Blanchette  
STAFF WRITER

Jeff Fisher, a 21-year-old student at ECU, was leading a normal college life up until a month ago.

Majoring in sociology and anthropology, he was excelling in his classes, being active in his fraternity Lambda Chi and working for East Carolina Pedicab.

One night, about a month

tumor.

On Friday the 15th of this month, Fisher had to drop out of his classes and his mother had to come get him in Greenville and take him to their home in Swansboro, N.C., to care for him. "He had no choice but to drop out of classes. He couldn't focus," said mother Debbie Fisher. "It made him sick to drop his classes. He was doing the best he had every done any semester and he was absolutely devastated." Seeing how bad his condition was, she took him to the emergency room at Onslow

**"If I have learned anything through this all it is that life isn't about cherishing the good experiences, it's about cherishing all experiences. Life was never meant to be perfect. It was meant to be a journey. No matter its direction or the happiness or pain that life brings you, it is still part of the journey."**

ago, Fisher got very sick and didn't feel well. He went to the library the next morning, pushing through his symptoms, but passed out while there. He then went to Student Health Services where he made an appointment to meet with a neurologist, who chalked it up to being a virus or flu. He was scheduled to have an MRI appointment next month, but as his symptoms got worse, he simply couldn't wait that long.

With horrible migraines and blurred vision, it was becoming increasingly difficult for Fisher to concentrate on his schoolwork. What Fisher didn't know then was that he has a primary brain

Memorial Hospital, close to home. There he was seen by Dr. Gudger, who has been handling Fisher's health since he was a toddler. Having known Fisher for a long time, Dr. Gudger was extremely concerned and immediately ordered a CAT scan. Within 30 minutes, Fisher was being transported to the hospital at Duke University.

"I told Dr. Gudger that I wanted the best in the world," said Mrs. Fisher. "It was pretty hard. They wouldn't let me drive in the ambulance with him." Once at Duke they learned that Fisher has Stage 4 Glioma, a type of brain

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## 'Halloweek' provides safe and fun alternative activities for students



DOUG MACKENZIE | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Information about ECU Halloween events can be found in the Mendenhall Student Center.

Alexandra O'Halloran  
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Every year, different departments on ECU's campus hold events in honor of Halloween, one of the

biggest holidays for ECU students. Midnight Madness has taken place for years, offering students a safe alternative to going downtown on Halloween night. This year, a committee of employees from across campus has come

together to form Halloweek, a weeklong series of events leading up to Midnight Madness.

Georgia Childs, assistant director for peer health within Campus Recreation and Wellness, said she is

excited because this is the first year that all of these events have come together.

"We wanted to make an overall theme for the entire week," she said.

A series of different events are included in this week of activities. Yesterday afternoon in Hendrix Theater, students were offered the opportunity to learn about different safety tips with effects of alcohol, legal issues and safe sex. Last night there was also a murder mystery dinner held in Mendenhall Student Center. These events kicked off the week of a variety of Halloween events.

Other upcoming events include the Night of Terror, where theatre students will perform Edgar Allan Poe tonight at 8 p.m. in Mendenhall room 244; hypnotist Joshua Seth in Hendrix Theater, which also happens tonight at 8 p.m.; a free lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Oct. 27 in Mendenhall social

room where students can ask campus law enforcement about safety tips; Frightfully Fit, which will take place from Oct. 27 to 31 with various themed fitness classes in the Student Recreation Center; Premium Night in Todd and West End Dining Halls from 4:30 to 8 p.m. on Oct. 28, where students can eat steak and seafood; Carn'evil of Horror from Oct. 28 to 30 from 8 to 11 p.m. and Oct. 31 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., where students can enjoy a haunted maze and a showing of "Rocky Horror Picture Show" on Oct. 29 at 9 p.m. in Hendrix Theater.

The week will end in Mendenhall on Halloween night with Midnight Madness, which will feature a series of activities including bowling, billiards, a costume competition and more.

Emily McLamb, associate

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## PIRATE EATS

# Local Dickey's Barbecue now open

★★★★☆  
Katey Warren  
STAFF WRITER

With a variety of choices catered to the likes of meat-lovers, vegetarians, families and students, Dickey's Barbecue employees feel confident that their new location will be a success.

The Dickey's Barbecue national franchise has vastly expanded since the first business opened in 1941. In North Carolina alone, Dickey's has tripled the number of locations within the past year, with the most recent being the newly opened location in Greenville.

Dickey's Barbecue, located on East 10th Street, opened on Sept. 23 and staff welcomed the Greenville community at their grand opening celebration on Oct. 22, where they sold barbecue sandwiches for only \$1 each.

"We've got something different," said the chain's North Carolina area developer, Gregory Woloszczuk, who does not believe the other barbecue joints in the

Greenville area will be competition.

Not only does the chain offer eight different smoked meats for customers to choose from, but the menu also includes 13 sides, salads, baked potatoes, kids meals and desserts.

Dickey's employees begin to smoke the meats around 7 p.m. to have them prepared for the next day's hungry customers. Both Woloszczuk and the new location's owner, Walt Bedard, agree that this process is key in producing quality meats that make their customers want to come back for more.

"We're constantly prepping food," Woloszczuk said. "And we cook (the meat) at a very low temperature and slowly."

Customers, such as frequent diner Steve Miller, agree that the quality of the food offered at Dickey's Barbecue sets it apart from other restaurants. Miller also believes the atmosphere and location of Dickey's contribute to an enjoyable dining experience. "It's convenient and clean," Miller said.

The dine-in restaurant is

decorated in a way that Bedard describes as "rustic and laid back," with several black-and-white photographs and vintage signs adorned upon the walls. Customers browse the menus hanging above the kitchen area, pay at the front register, then choose where they want to seat themselves after quickly receiving their order.

"I would describe the atmosphere as a melting pot," Woloszczuk said. He believes this blend of people, which includes blue-collar workers, families, couples and even police officers show that the restaurant attracts people from "all walks of life."

In addition to the regular dine-in experience, Dickey's also offers take-out, catering and even holiday meals. The catering menu gives customers the choice between box lunches, a barbecue buffet and full-service catering, while the holiday meals menu offers full-size hams and turkeys and jumbo-size sides.

While there is not much discrepancy between frequent customer Miller and Dickey's employees about the quality taste of the food, there is disagreement



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Dickey's, the new barbecue restaurant of Greenville, is located at the corner of Greenville Boulevard and 10th Street.

among the appropriateness of the pricing. "It's just expensive," Miller said. "You can't come here every day on a budget."

For about \$12, customers can get a barbecue meat plate with two sides and a beer. "I don't see anywhere else you'd get that kind of deal," Woloszczuk said.

Though customers may debate whether the prices at Dickey's are reasonable, they most likely will not complain about the

free vanilla ice cream offered every day, or the souvenir "Big Yellow Cup" they get to take home with their drink purchase.

With fun giveaways like these, Woloszczuk and Bedard feel confident that the Dickey's franchise they brought to Greenville will continue drawing such a vibrant array of customers to the new location.

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director for student involvement, said she has been working with Midnight Madness for the past three years and they usually get around 1,800 students that come out to enjoy the night. She is hopeful that this year all of these activities and Midnight Madness will have a good turnout.

"We'd definitely like to see more people come," she said, but also commented that to even get that many people to

choose Midnight Madness over downtown is good.

She also explained that the committee has been meeting for the past two months to prepare for this year's Halloween activities and they are already coming up with ideas for next year.

"I think we're definitely going to have the Halloween concept continuing," she said. She also noted that some of what they do next year is dependent on the success of this year's

events. Childs said, "Our whole mission is to help students have a good time and hang out with friends."

All of the upcoming events are free for students. To find out more information about Halloween, visit [www.ecu.edu/halloween](http://www.ecu.edu/halloween).

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## Students go wild on TruTV



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'Top 20 Most Shocking' is looking for wild college moments.

Television show is currently requesting video submissions of wildest college moments

**Marlana Sifter**  
STAFF WRITER

Nash Entertainment's caught-on-tape clip show, "Top 20 Most Shocking," seeks personal videos for an episode themed "Students Gone Wild," which will air early next year.

The show, running for its third season on TruTV (formerly known as Court TV) showcases crazy, ridiculous and funny incidents that people experience unexpectedly.

Past themes include "Wackos at the Wheel," "Hotheads from Hell," "Escapes from Death" and "Thrills and Spills." A theme that got a lot of student videos in the past was the ever-popular practical joker episode, filled with moments of friend-on-friend pranks and tricks.

"It is a roller coaster of a ride to watch," said executive producer of the show Debra Weeks.

She went on to explain that any wild accident or mishap that has been caught on tape that "makes you go, 'oh my god, I can't believe they just survived that!'" is a prime example of what the episode is looking for. These can range from wipeouts during illegal skateboarding, to streaking and fighting to the milder happenings of parties and performances gone wrong.

Weeks also suggests submissions of bizarre or unusual student protests, such as a march for the right to go topless. Other large or spectacular student protests recommended are protests to change school policies, lower tuition or address policies that might be discriminatory.

Weeks stresses that these videos should be real things that have happened, rather than staged acts.

"Whatever people are normally doing -- a race down the

dorm hall, or a group standing in a line, that with one accidental jump becomes a chain reaction of students falling into each other -- these are the kinds of videos we consider for our show."

While submissions are highly valued and sought after, the majority of videos received tend to be ones that the research team discovers across the world, either through YouTube, local media outlets or word of mouth. From these hundreds of videos, approximately 30 are chosen for inclusion in the episode, 20 of which are in the countdown for "Top 20 Most Shocking."

Weeks says that applicants whose videos are aired on the show are paid from a couple hundred dollars "on up" for the license to share their footage. Some applicants are also asked to take part in an interview to go along with their video segment on the show.

Among the many ways for students to make their way through college -- donating plasma, volunteering as medical guinea pigs or taking part in research -- submitting spectacular home videos is probably one of the best methods to try. Students can go one step further after uploading a memorable video to YouTube and sharing with friends -- they can send it in for consideration in TruTV's show.

Footage can be uploaded directly at Nash Entertainment's upload website or video website. Contact information about the sender should be included. Submissions can also be sent via paper mail to the Nash Entertainment office in Hollywood, Calif.

"Top 20 Most Shocking" airs Thursdays at 10 p.m.

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tumor. "He's determined. He's going to fight this as long as he can because he still has a lot of stuff he wants to accomplish in this world," said Mrs. Fisher. "He wants to help people, and he wants to be around as long as he can to do that."

Fisher had surgery this past Friday to relieve the fluids from his brain, which should help with his vision and headaches. Due to the size of the tumor, his doctors want to shrink it before trying to remove it. Therefore, he is due to start chemotherapy in the near future, which should shrink the tumor 45 to 60 percent in six weeks. "He's doing very well. He has a great outlook," said Mrs. Fisher. "He has the doctors and nurses coming in to talk to him all of the time."

"It's very rare to meet someone who's so passionate about helping people," said Fisher's friend and boss Matt White. "He's the type of person who would do anything for anyone at the drop of a hat."

Before getting sick, Fisher was working for East Carolina Pedicab, a rickshaw company in Greenville. "When giving rides downtown, people will say, 'Hey! What's up?' to Jeff. Everybody knows him." White explained that Fisher is passionate about helping people, and that he once told him that he wants to set up a school for underprivileged kids. "I just know that Jeff was going to do something great after ECU, and he very well may still."

"His ECU family, Lambda Chi brothers and ECU staff have been extremely supportive. They have flooded his Facebook page and cell phone," said Mrs. Fisher. "We would like to thank all of the students, friends, fraternities and sororities." White says that "he's got a lot of support here. There are tons of people here in Greenville who want to help Jeff."

Fisher says that he "doesn't want people to wait until it's too late to truly care about others and have a positive dif-

ference on other people's lives, without having a reason to do so." Below is his statement.

"These aren't the words of a man finally dying, but those of a man that is finally living. If I have learned anything through this all it is that life isn't about cherishing the good experiences, it's about cherishing all experiences. Life was never meant to be perfect. It was meant to be a journey. No matter its direction or the happiness or pain that life brings you, it is still part of the journey. That is what makes life so great, the diversity of it all. The results of so many combined imperfect experiences are what make life so perfect and worthwhile. My only regret is not following this mindset for all of my days. But from this point forward I will never make that mistake again. And I will fight to help others find this life changing realization."

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The much anticipated Halo Reach is now available at Best Buy and other videogames stores.

## Halo Reach has already become a fan favorite

'Halo Reach' impresses players with all-new weaponry, graphics and storyline

★★★★★  
**Jack Powell**  
STAFF WRITER

"Halo Reach," the exclusive game just for Xbox 360, outdid itself once again this year. This game marks the end of the Bungie and Microsoft contract after a long relationship of best-selling games. The new replacement maker taking Bungie's place will be 343 Industries. Bungie has definitely left its final legacy in Halo Reach.

Halo Reach was released on Sept. 14 and was hugely popular among buyers immediately. In just the first 24 hours, the game earned over \$200 million in sold copies. This made Halo Reach the biggest entertainment launch of 2010. The game has currently sold over 3.3 million copies in the United States alone for the month of October. This game sells standard for Xbox 360 at \$60. The game is also sold in a bundled package with the Xbox 360 for \$400, the limited

edition of the game for \$80 and a customized limited edition package for \$150 with the game at all Best Buy stores.

While the newest version of Halo is receiving rave reviews, the game is enormously popular regardless of the version. Halo Reach, Halo 3 ODST or Halo 3 all bring the same fun game play with different versions of maps, graphics and weaponry. At the same time on the same day, Halo Reach had 293,213 players online, Halo 3 ODST had 20,377 players online and Halo 3 had 199,015 players online.

Halo Reach has plenty of special new features and components. Best Buy employee Jarrett Fullerton stated, "The variety of weaponry is ridiculously stupendous. You get to use different tools like forklifts, jeeps, helicopters, etc." He added, "Also, the storyline is really good because it's not just a first-person view shooting game but it follows an enjoyable storyline." The storyline is, in fact, a fan favorite because players are allowed to put themselves in the game. At the beginning, the player is part of a team called "Noble 6" in which the player is the sixth member of the team. This sixth member is completely customizable. The "Noble 6" fights the evil

Covenant Empire and saves the human race. All is based in the year 2552.

Chad King, a freshman computer engineering major, is a Halo veteran. King commented on the game by saying, "The linking system has really improved with this game. It takes about a third of the time to match-make and you get put in games with players of similar rank." The ranking system is where the players earn credits toward experience, while either playing online or offline, and is new for Halo Reach. This allows the more experienced players to play with fellow experienced players instead of beginners online.

Between the incredible graphics, storyline and weaponry in Halo Reach, this hit new game is definitely a work of art. Buying a copy is \$60 and playing online never seems to get old. Halo Reach is the sixth installment of the Halo legacy and it is one of the best of the Halo series. So if you're a Halo fan, or you're just looking for an exciting new video game, go out and get a copy of this game and start playing today.

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## Tennis wraps up fall season

ECU junior David Masciorini advanced to the semifinals of the 2010 Seahawk Invitational this past weekend before losing to top-seeded Alex Wetherell of UNC-Wilmington.

Masciorini defeated fourth-seeded Andres Perez of N.C. Central in straight sets to advance to the semifinals and took the first set from Wetherell. He won his opening round match against Monmouth's Jason Rothstein in straight sets.

Masciorini was one of three Pirates to reach the quarterfinals as ECU closed out the fall season Saturday. Seniors Henrik Skalmerud and Stian Tvedt also posted opening round victories to reach the round of eight. Each senior produced a two-day record of 2-1. After bowing out in the quarterfinals, Skalmerud and Tvedt each posted a victory in their consolation match.

The senior duo teamed up to reach the semifinals of Doubles Flight A, while Masciorini joined Nathaniel Smiley to earn a spot in the championship match of Double Flight B, which was not contested.

The Pirates open their 2011 spring season on Jan. 27 against Liberty in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.

## Women's golf prepare for Las Vegas Showdown

The ECU women's golf team is set to participate in the 2010 Las Vegas Collegiate Showdown, which is hosted by UNLV, starting Monday, Oct. 25, through Wednesday, Oct. 27. The three-day, 54-hole event will be played at the par-72, 6,329-yard Boulder Creek Golf Club in Boulder City, Nev.

The Pirates (31-7-1), who are ranked No. 49 in the Golfweek/Sagarin Performance Index, will be joined in the 17-team field by 2009 Champion No. 11 Arizona, No. 15 Arkansas, No. 70 Colorado State, Idaho, No. 25 Kent State, No. 35 Louisville, No. 45 Minnesota, Missouri, No. 51 New Mexico, No. 30 Oregon, No. 40 San Diego State, No. 78 San Jose State, UC Irvine, No. 36 UNLV, No. 38 Washington and Washington State.

Pirate fans can get updated scoring by logging on to Golfstat.com.

## Runners win out at Mount Olive

Resting its entire men's team and its top women's runners for the Nov. 1 Conference USA Championship, the ECU cross country program sent six women to the Mount Olive Invitational and claimed first place out of six squads. All six individuals placed in the top 20 with freshmen Kelley Miko and Kaylee Bythell finishing in the top five.

Miko finished second overall with a career-best time of 19:06 in the 5K. Bythell was just behind in third place, finishing with her best-ever time, 19:11. Sophomore Britney Kott also turned in a top-10 performance, checking in sixth overall with a career-best time of 19:20. Senior Nicole Briggs came in 11th at 19:46 and junior Andrea Barletta finished in a personal-best 19:58 for 13th place. The final Pirate runner was sophomore Kristin Anderson, who came in 20th with a time of 20:26.

East Carolina's men and women will run at the league meet Nov. 1 at Tulsa, Okla., and will finish the season Nov. 13 at the NCAA Southeast Regional in Louisville, Ky.

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# SPORTS

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# ECU tops Marshall in homecoming blowout

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ECU extended its winning streak to three games and remained undefeated in conference play after dispatching Marshall rather easily 37-10 on Saturday night. With the win, the Pirates have put themselves in the driver's seat to have the opportunity for a third straight conference title, taking their record to 4-0 in the conference, and with the way this season has gone so far, that game could be in Greenville once again. ECU put together for the first time all season a complete 60-minute game combining an offensive attack that used balance to keep Marshall on their heels, and a defensive unit that has found an identity as a ball-hawking, turnover-loving unit. "It was another conference win, which is very special," Head Coach Ruffin McNeill said during his post-game press conference. "We need to enjoy this one; it was well earned against a team that I knew would be ready to play." The Thundering Herd was able to relatively keep within striking distance of the Pirates through the first half, but the Pirates used three straight scoring drives at the start of the second half to put the game out of reach. ECU struck quickly at the start of the second half as quarterback Dominique Davis led the Pirates on an efficient five play, 67-yard drive that took less than two minutes to complete and was capped off by a 26-yard Davis touchdown run, giving ECU a 17-point lead that they would never look back from. Davis wasn't spectacular, but he made good decisions with the football and didn't make the mistakes that have become common in ECU's losses this season. On the day, Davis completed 23 of 39 passes for 208 yards, tossing two touchdowns while



Running back Jonathan Williams stretches out to score a second quarter touchdown on a 29-yard rush against Marshall on Saturday. Williams had his second 100-yard rushing game of the season.

only throwing one interception. Davis's contributions on the ground continued as he carried four times for 26 yards and the aforementioned touchdown run. The Pirates didn't run the ball a lot on Saturday evening, but when they did they found huge holes and lots of running room. Pirate running back Jonathan Williams carried the ball just 10 times, but gained 111 yards, going over 100 yards for the second time this season the first since rushing for 109 yards against Memphis. The Pirates didn't use a bruising running game; they used a quick-hitting rushing attack that was built around finding running lanes and churning out big gains instead of the more methodical three or four yards per rush that a typical

rushing offense will employ. The Pirates defense held the struggling Marshall offense in check through the game, forcing four first-half turnovers, including three interceptions of Herd quarterback Brain Anderson. The most important defensive play of the game came early for the Pirates. After Davis was picked off on an incredible defensive play by Marshall's Donald Brown, the Herd moved the ball all the way down to the Pirates' 33-yard line. On first down, Anderson looked over the middle for his crossing receiver, but ECU safety Bradley Jacobs jumped the route and picked it off, returning it all the way to midfield, setting

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## Cinderella Rangers in search of story book ending

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The 2010 season was one of the most dominant pitching seasons of the live-ball era, and the playoffs have not been any different.

Both World Series teams come in bolstering rotations that no hitter looks forward to facing. The Texas Rangers' Cliff Lee has already made himself into a legend with a 7-0 record and a 1.26 ERA in eight postseason starts. Only Sandy Koufax and Christy Mathewson have lower ERAs than that. Meanwhile for the San Francisco Giants, "The Freak" Tim Lincecum followed up Cy Young awards in '08 and '09 with a win and relief appearance in the NLCS.

But the great pitching match-ups don't stop there.

C.J. Wilson and Colby Lewis were excellent in the Rangers' dismantling of the New York Yankees. The Giants' Matt Cain has not given up an earned run in two starts this postseason and Jonathan Sanchez has shown flashes of the excellence he is known for, despite his control issues against Philadelphia in game six.

The X-factor on the mound is certainly the Giants' bullpen. San Francisco finished the season with the second best bullpen in baseball, and it was the Giants' relievers who seemed to get the best of the Phillies. Javier Lopez baffled the big left-handers for Philadelphia, and the man-behind-the-beard Brian Wilson got three saves and a win in the League Championship Series. The Giants were able to shut down a red-hot Phillies

offense, and now they will face the streaking Rangers' bats.

The Rangers have hit 17 home runs and stolen 16 bases in the postseason. They have hit a home run in 11 straight games and spanked the Yankees by at least five runs in each of their ALCS wins. Possible American League MVP Josh Hamilton hit four home runs of his own in the League Championship Series, and Nelson Cruz has tallied five long-balls of his own in the postseason. There is no doubt that the Rangers are streaking on both sides; that leaves the Giants with two options, shut them down or hit with them.

Cody Ross came out of nowhere. He was plucked off waivers in late August from the Marlins, only so he couldn't go to the Padres, and then was named the NLCS MVP in October. He



Texas Rangers' Cliff Lee throws against the New York Yankees in Game 3 of the American League Championship Series last Monday. Lee and the Rangers will square off with the San Francisco Giants in the 2010 World Series.

## Soccer drops final home game to Colorado College

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Sophomore Hali Oughton's first goal of the season with 5:47 left to play in regulation was not enough for ECU women's soccer to overcome the Colorado College Tigers on senior night. The Tigers outlasted the Pirates by a score of 3-2 Sunday afternoon, dropping ECU to 9-8-1 overall and 4-5-1 in conference.

The goal, assisted by junior Kimmy Cummings, was the highlight of a seemingly uneventful second half. For about the first 40 minutes of the second half, the two teams played each other evenly. Colorado College had already established a comfortable lead up until the late ECU goal and managed to do just enough to hold off the surging Pirates.

Most of the offensive fireworks came early in the matchup. Junior Amanda Malkiewicz scored her team-leading seventh goal this year, the 17th of her career, eight minutes into the first half. The goal, set up nicely by junior Leah Bagonis, put Malkiewicz in fourth place all time for points in ECU history.

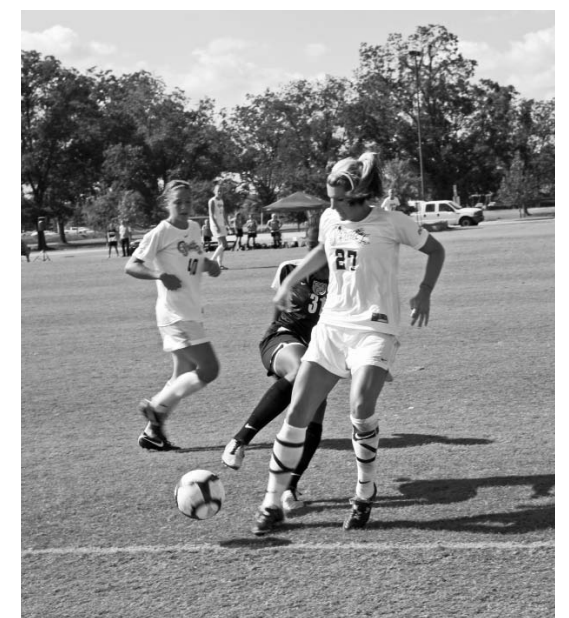
From then on, the Tigers dominated the first half. Mere minutes after Malkiewicz's goal, Colorado College freshman Madison Whitehead notched a goal of her own while taking a corner and placing the ball underneath Pirate goalie Christiane Cordero.

The game was tied at one until freshman Lauren Digregorio of the Tigers got the ball and out-ran every Pirate defender en route to a breakaway goal with 23:28 left in the half -- her fourth goal of the season.

It became 3-1 in favor of Colorado College when senior forward Tiffany Brown found the back of the net off of an assist from Whitehead with 12:36 to go in the first half. The score remained the same going into halftime.

"We didn't have a 90-minute game," said senior Amanda Broz. "We need to work on finishing our chances. Overall, we had a really good effort and we picked it up in the second half."

With one game left to play in the regular season and their conference tournament hopes on the line, a win against Colorado College would have been crucial. Coach Rob Donnenwirth said, "I think right now they still have



Senior defender Amanda Broz battles a Colorado College attacker along the sideline in action on Sunday. The Pirates dropped the final home tilt 3-2.

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# Hard Knocks: Week 7

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When it comes to the issue regarding helmet-to-helmet hits and helmet-leading tackles in the NFL, getting a grasp on who's right, who's wrong and whose argument is better suited to support the league's positive move forward is a sticky matter.

The conundrum that players, league officials and head office jumbos find themselves in when pertaining to this topic forms palpable tension and only creates more problems for the ever-clashing battle between Roger Goodell and the NFL Players Association.

When looking back at the tapes from week 6 and the hits that ensued the onslaught of fines and disgruntled behavior, was the severity of the fines and the action taken by the NFL really necessary?

Now, there can be an exception for New England safety Brandon Meriweather, whose cheap shot on Todd Heap was certainly deserving of his \$50,000 fine,

but can the same be said for Steelers linebacker James Harrison?

Harrison was fined \$75,000 for two hits he made against the Browns last Sunday, most noticeably the helmet-to-helmet hit he laid on Browns wide receiver Mohamed Massaquoi. Videos showed that maybe the punishment didn't fit the crime, as Harrison's tackle could be related to simple football instincts that make the league as great as it is today.

The big question surrounding this whole controversy, of course, is should the league be cracking down this hard on these hits and be scrutinizing these high-paid athletes? Through much debating on both sides, a clear answer really can't be revealed. If you

look at hard hitters in the past such as Oakland's Jack Tatum in the 1970s, who ended the career of an NFL player by paralyzing him from the waist down, it can be said that more safety should be enforced. Players such as Dan Morgan, whose career was cut short due to multiple concussions, and other players whose lives were extremely affected after football due to concussions, are examples of why the league wants to crack down on this issue so hard. You have to give it to the league for



Chicago Bears' Johnny Knox is wrapped up by Washington Redskins' DeAngelo Hall in the fourth quarter on Sunday.

wanting to protect the wellbeing of its players. But then again, this is football, people. Big hits are a part of the game and have been since the days of the Steel Curtain in Pittsburgh to Dick Butkus and Mike Singletary in Chicago.

In my opinion, we need to crack down on these hits to an extent, but in Harrison's case, where it is unintentional, it was merely a case of misjudgment and injustice, where the league was only trying to "set an example," and I do not agree with that. However, it doesn't help when you put on a front about retiring because you were called out for a hit; man up and keep moving on.

Through all the controversy, believe it or not, football was

played this week, and good football at that. A group of unlikely heroes topped the stat boards this week. Carson Palmer led the Bengals through the air and past the Falcons with a solid 412-yard day with three touchdowns and no interceptions. Darren McFadden - that's right, that guy from Arkansas - led all rushers with 165 yards through the ground and three touchdowns in a game where the Raiders dropped 59 on Denver. Kerry Collins and Kenny Britt torched the Eagles secondary in an effort that landed Britt with 225 yards and three touchdowns. The NFL's 32nd-ranked defense in yards against and turnover ratio finally showed up on Sunday, as the Redskins picked off Jay Cutler four times in a win over the Bears. DeAngelo Hall had all four picks for the Redskins, tying and NFL single-game record.

Who would have thought the Browns would trample the Saints like they did? Who would have thought the Chargers would be 2-5 at this point in the season and the

Chiefs would be sitting atop the AFC West? Unlikely heroes, to say the least.

While Carson Palmer put up the best numbers amongst quarterbacks, it was expected of him to come through eventually, but no one thought Ryan Fitzpatrick would be able to do what he did against a strong Ravens defense (who had Ed Reed back this week). Throwing for 374 yards and four touchdowns, the man out of Harvard receives offensive player of the week awards in my book, and Hall of the Redskins receives defensive honors with his four picks against the Bears.

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up Michael Barbour's first field goal of the day. "I was glad to see the defense step up and get those timely turnovers. It really helped us," coach McNeill said. "It really broke the momentum of their offense." The Pirates got off to a bit of a sluggish start but really gained control of the football game late in the first quarter. Davis was given a short field on his second possession after a 29-yard punt by Marshall. Davis and the Pirate offense had a little difficulty on the drive, but after eight plays, Davis found Lance Lewis on a crossing route for 5 yards and the first touchdown of the game. After both teams exchanged field goals, Marshall found an offensive rhythm to start the second quarter, using short underneath pass plays to pick up small amounts of yardage. After a pass interference penalty on the returning Derek Blacknall put the Herd at the Pirate 17-yard line, just two plays later Anderson would find Troy Evans for a 9-yard touchdown catch, tying the game at 10 apiece.

After the Marshall touchdown, a light seemed to click for the Pirates as the defense and offense began helping each other. Blacknall would intercept Anderson midway through the second, setting up a 29-yard touchdown run by Williams. On the very next drive, Anderson would be picked again, this time by Michael Brooks, setting up a Barbour field goal to make the halftime lead stand at 20-10. For the Pirates, Lewis led the way with six catches for 55 yards, including his seventh touchdown on the season. "That last game was nothing, so (the Marshall win) helps a lot because it helps bring us back down to reality," Lewis said. "Everybody thought we were going to come out sleeping because of the big win against N.C. State. Our coaches put it in our heads every day to not let them catch us sleeping."

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Linebackers Melvin Paterson and Lamar McClendon bring down Marshall tight end Lee Smith as Bradley Jacobs watches on during ECU's 37-10 win over the Herd on Saturday.

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to have belief. This was a major blow to our tournament hopes, but we are still mathematically in it."

"A lot was on the line. We really needed this win to secure our place in the conference tournament. But there's still hope. We have to beat Marshall Thursday," Broz said. When asked if the last few games of the season were of increased importance, she said, "That's an understatement."

This loss to the Tigers came two days after a 1-0 ECU win over UTEP at home on Friday. In this game, Bagonis notched her first goal of the season to give the Pirates the victory as keeper Cordero held the Miners scoreless. The Pirates currently are tied for sixth place in the conference with one game left to play at Marshall on Thursday.

The underlying theme for Sunday's game against Colorado College was the fact that it was the senior's last home game as a member of the soccer team. It is no secret that this graduating class was significant in more ways than one.

"These are a special group of girls. They won a conference championship for us. (They had) 41 total wins for us," Donnenwirth said.

All that's left for the seniors, as well as the rest of the ECU women's soccer team, is to put on a good showing against Marshall and to wait and see if they have done enough to put themselves into the Conference USA tournament.

When it comes to the tournament, coach Donnenwirth said it best.

"I have no doubt, if we're in it, if we're not in it, that our team is going to come hard and ready to play."

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## BASEBALL

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seemed to smoke every ball that came inside on him. No pitcher was safe, not even the anticipated Cy Young winner Roy Halladay. Rookie Buster Posey had four hits in game four, but mustered up only one hit in his other 18 at-bats. Aubrey Huff has continued to swing the bat decently, but Juan Uribe's only RBI and run of the postseason was his series-winning home run off Ryan Madson with two outs in the eighth inning of game six. The Giants have to find a way to assemble some runs if they hope to hang with the Rangers.

The National League has the home-field advantage in the World Series for the first time since the All-Star game rule was instituted in 2003. The implications of this could be huge for the Giants, who will not have to face a Rangers DH in games one and two, and games six and seven if necessary. The Rangers have already announced they will start Vladimir Guerrero in game one. This means that the likes of Nelson Cruz or Jeff Francoeur will only be available off the bench against Lincecum, something that is certainly keeping Rangers skipper Ron Washington up at night.

The Rangers are too hot at the plate, and Cliff Lee is too un-hittable right now for Texas to lose this series. I'm not sure which is the better story; the organization's first post-season series win, a bankrupt team being revived by one of the greatest pitchers of all time or the heart-warming story of Josh Hamilton. What I do know is it's the Texas Rangers' story, and it looks an awful lot like a Disney movie, which we all know the ending to.

Texas Rangers over San Francisco Giants 4-3; World Series MVP Cliff Lee

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