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ECU profs awarded National Science Foundation grant

Jamie Harper
STAFF WRITER

Edmund Stellwag, a biology professor in the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences and principal investigator on the "RAPID" project, has been awarded a National Science Foundation Grant of \$199,477. Co-principal investigators and fellow professors in the biology department are Anthony Overton, Xiaoping Pan and Baohong Zhang.

The "RAPID: Influence of Environmental Crude Oil Exposure on Genetic Mechanisms of Fish Development" project will involve detailed field and laboratory experiments. Documentation of the effects on marine life resulting from the BP crude oil spill of April 20, 2010, will be the basis of the study. Researchers feel it is imperative to understand the impact of the crude oil pollutants on marine life.

"Our interest is understanding the genetic control of normal development. By understanding the processes that control normal development, we can better understand what happens when things go wrong," said Stellwag.

A study of abnormalities found in brood fish and their spawn, which have been exposed to the crude oil pollutants, will help determine if the abnormalities are due to the oil pollutants or normal environmental pollutants. The RAPID response is particularly appropriate in order to establish measures for mitigating the damaging effects of environmental pollutants during the sensitive embryonic stage of marine life.

"My laboratory has been studying the process of embryonic development in various fish species for over 10 years and we are familiar with both normal and abnormal development," explained Stellwag. "While some of the chemicals or compounds in crude oil are known to increase the natural mutation frequency, it is not certain whether the amount of oil released will cause a significant increase in the accumulation of mutations in marine organisms exposed to the oil and dispersants."

Additionally, technologically advanced gene and bio-informatics analytic methods will be used to understand the impact of defects related to the crude oil exposure.

"We haven't been able to analyze samples yet to determine if developmental defects have been induced by exposure to crude oil," says Stellwag. "However, we hope to have some preliminary results by the end of this year."

"This project is a great example of how ECU biologists with very different skills in ecology, development, toxicology and molecular biology can collaborate to address an important research problem of national relevance," said Jeff McKinnon, chair of the Department of Biology, in a university press release.

The grant is estimated to expire as of August 2011 and is the most recent grant that complements other studies at ECU concerning the impact of the Gulf oil spill on our environment. One of these studies is that of David Kimmel and Siddhartha Mitra, which examines hydrocarbons as "fingerprints" for comparison between the Gulf and hydrocarbons found off the North Carolina coast.

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New library collection features Southern Lit



Special Collections curator Jonathan Dembo displaying pieces from the Southern Literature Collection.

Joyner Library's Special Collections now houses work of Southern authors

Jennifer Soares
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The ECU Special Collections in Joyner Library now offers a new Southern Literature Collection presented by Stuart T. Wright. Wright is an American editor, publisher, translator, bibliographer and collector of manuscripts. He was also born in North Carolina but currently resides in England.

Over the years, Wright has kept correspondence with several authors and poets about their writings, including manuscripts, letters, photographs and financial statements. He has even developed personal relationships with different authors including Richard Eberheart and Robert Penn Warren. This collection includes several thousand volumes and collections of manuscripts from 15 different authors.

"Wright donated this collection to demonstrate the quality and extent of the types of materials we have," said Jonathan Dembo, Special Collections curator. "It really shows premiere poets of the 20th century."

The collection was initially to be given to ECU after alumnus Reid Overcash donated the works of AR Ammon, which he received from Wright himself. Overcash wanted to make sure that if the collection was donated that it would be taken in its entirety and not piece-by-piece as other schools had wanted.

"We received a total of 60 boxes worth of material that were two and a half cubic feet," said Dembo. "Forty-seven of the boxes of manuscripts,



Curator Jonathan Dembo carefully opens a book from the new Southern Literature Collection.

photos, diaries, notebooks, letters, edited proofs were all unpublished."

Not all of the publications were given to Wright directly; some of it was passed between authors and then given straight to him. He also received payment of services associated with the collection and received rough copies of scripts.

Various authors include Tom Wolfe, Peter Taylor, Hillsman Taylor, John Crowe Ransom, Madison Bell, Randall Jarrell and Andrew Lytle. Most of the authors are Southern in a sense that they were either born in the South, particularly North Carolina, or used the South as a reference point.

"When we first were approached about this, we were not entirely sure if we wanted to keep it," said Dembo. "Even though it is very valuable, it was also very expensive, and the Special Collections have not purchased something this expensive

Increased minority grad. rate praised

Aaron Gold
STAFF WRITER

In a report by The Education Trust, a Washington, D.C., based organization, ECU was praised for achieving similar graduation rates for black students as for white students. According to the report, the school's black students graduated at a 56.2 percent rate while white students graduated at a rate of 55.4 percent. The data collected was based on doctoral and research degrees, not baccalaureate degrees.

The report studied three-year average graduation rates of 293 public and 163 private non-profit colleges from 2006-2008. Excluded from the report were historically black colleges and universities and for-profit institutions. ECU was joined by UNC-Greensboro and UNC-Charlotte by being named as leaders with respect to graduating an equal percentage of black and white students. For UNCG, the data was based on specifically research degrees while UNC-Charlotte data was based on doctoral and research degrees.

"The success of these institutions is partly due to consistent and strong leadership from the UNC system, which has worked for the past decade to increase the number of North Carolinians, particularly minority students, with college degrees," said Mamie Lynch and Jennifer Engle in The Education Trust report. "Recently, the system required each institution to develop a plan and set realistic stretch goals to raise retention and graduation rates."

The Education Trust used Winthrop University in South Carolina as an example to identify lessons from the top performers. Their success came from their 20-year commitment

to make Winthrop the choice for minority students in South Carolina and to reflect the demographics of the state.

"I believe that ECU has done, is doing and will continue to do an outstanding job of diversity education and inclusion practices," said Tremayne Smith, current student body president. "I think that those inclusion practices are another standout measure that sets ECU apart from other institutions."

The Daily Reflector reported that, according to the findings, black students nationally earn degrees from four-year institutions at a rate 20 points lower than white students. However, the report mainly focused on doctoral, research and master's degrees. Regardless, ECU stood out nationally as an institution that has worked hard to advance the graduation rates of all students.

"I believe ECU has stood out from other schools in the regard that not only do we provide for high expectations, mandates for diversity awareness and cognition, but we also grant students the tools to accomplish them," said Smith.

The goal of The Education Trust is to close the gaps in opportunity and achievement that cause far too many young people — especially those who are African-American, Latino, American Indian or from low-income families — to live on the margin of the American mainstream.

"With dedication and intentionality, any higher education institution can ensure that all students succeed at equal rates," said Lynch and Engle.

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OrgSync keeps ECU up-to-date

Abbey Way
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The ECU Division of Student Affairs has recently launched a new site called OrgSync for students, organizations, staff and faculty. OrgSync was introduced to the campus in September to keep the ECU community up-to-date on upcoming events.

"It is a social network for students to communicate with other organizations and students on campus," said OrgSync vice president of Client Services Leanna Laskey. "It is like a Facebook for campuses and organizations."

It is free to join and it takes less than 10 minutes to create a personalized profile within the ECU community. Once a profile is created, the user can join groups, receive information in an up-to-date newsfeed and calendar, send out messages and invitations, upload pictures and easily communicate with the campus and organizations through a variety of key tools on the website. Users can have messages forwarded to their e-mail accounts and adjust their privacy settings on the website. The website is also monitored by the department of Student Involvement and Leadership.

"It connects all groups so they can share a campus calendar and the Office of Student Leadership is able to communicate with students," Laskey said. They have the ability to pull up a mass roster and even send text messages.

According to Laskey, OrgSync was originally geared toward organizations but is open to all students. She encourages everyone to join in order to stay connected with the campus community.

Laskey said that other universities have found success through utilizing OrgSync. They

work with about 150 campuses across the country; several of them are in North Carolina.

In order to be a registered organization, student groups are required to register through this program. According to graduate assistant with Student Organizations, Amber Carr, 179 groups at ECU have an OrgSync account and she also encourages all students to join.

"The organization portal we had was pretty broken and students weren't using it. OrgSync was the perfect choice," said Carr. "It is an online umbrella which we can manage all of our organizations on campus."

According to Carr, OrgSync is user-friendly and since the site was introduced on campus she has heard plenty of positive responses.

"Students love to be able to send out messages and invitations, and you can upload pictures," she said. "Members are so excited about getting involved, we have had a lot of positive feedback about it and students are just having a ball using it."

Vice president of the student organization East Carolina Friends, Tara Bright, is a fan of the new website.

"OrgSync is an essential tool for all clubs and organizations at ECU this year," she said. "You can book rooms through it, set up invitations and it sends you notifications."

Several departments have also joined OrgSync. For example, Campus Recreation and Wellness is using OrgSync to post information about Adventure trips.

Robey said, "We have been very pleased with the program thus far, and are excited to have more and more people join."

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Calendar Events

Tuesday, Oct. 5

TEC Kickball Game!

All students and faculty are welcome to join The East Carolinian's staff for a few games of kickball at the bottom of College Hill from 3 to 6 p.m. No registration required, just come out for a good clean game of kickball and get to know the TEC staff! Rain makeup date will be after fall break.

Wednesday, Oct. 6

Peace.Love.Pirates.Cure

10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at SRC courts one and two.
The event was designed to raise cancer awareness about all types of cancer.

Disney Internship Presentation

6 p.m. MSC Hendrix Theatre.
A Disney recruiter will present about internship opportunities. Interested students must attend one of the two events (Thursday, Oct. 7, at 4 p.m. is the second event) to be eligible to apply.

8th Annual Habitat for Humanity Luncheon

11 a.m. at First Mortgage Company.
Plates are \$10 apiece. For more information, visit www.habitatpittco.org/events.php

Thursday, Oct. 7

All Careers Fair

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Greenville Convention Center

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Monday and Tuesday

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Pelada

Thursday, October 7, 8:00 p.m.
Speight Auditorium in the Jenkins Fine Arts Center
Meet the filmmaker following the screening.

Away from professional stadiums, bright lights and manicured fields, there's another side of soccer. Tucked away in alleys, side streets and concrete courts, people play in improvised games across the globe. Pelada is a documentary following Luke and Gwendolyn, two former college soccer stars who didn't quite make it to the pros. Not ready for it to be over, they chase the game—the global phenomenon spanning gender, race, religion and class. What are you doing once you graduate?

Free for ECU students. General admission tickets (\$5) available at the door or in advance through the Central Ticket Office, Mendenhall Student Center, 328-4788.

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Pursuing Cultural Competence to Support a Multicultural Student Body

A Diversity Seminar for Faculty and Staff Sponsored by the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Community Relations

October 6, 2010
Mendenhall Student Center

Interested individuals may register under the Training link on OneStop at www.ecu.edu.

**Multicultural Competence:
Making a Difference in the Lives of ALL Students**
1:00 p.m.–2:15 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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Bate Building 1028
5:00–6:30pm

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Wednesday, October 6, 7:00 p.m., Wright Auditorium

Complimentary tickets are available to ECU students, faculty, and staff and are \$10 for the general public. Tickets are available through the Central Ticket Office by calling 1-800-ECU-ARTS or 252-328-4736 (voice/TTY). For more information, contact Dr. John Tucker at 252-328-1028 or tuckerjo@ecu.edu, or visit www.ecu.edu/voyages.

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I look like Ronald McDonald in my solid red rain boots because I wasn't expecting the rain and all the cute ones were sold out!

To our downstairs neighbors: If we're not gonna call and complain about your late night parties, loud a** music, and trash left outside than don't be a b**** banging on the ceiling when we have our parties!

To the guy playing on the drum outside Dowdy on Friday: I really enjoyed the background music to my lunch, keep it up!

I wonder if most freshmen girls' parents know what their little babies are turning into...

I think it's funny when you FINALLY decide to help out around the house and clean, but get all flustered when we don't help because you think you're the only one who does any work around here. Ignorance is bliss I suppose.

I saw your face and wow, but not in a good way.

To the Ladies in Scarf at Shrek movie in Mendenhall : thanks for coming dressed like that it helped me win the argument with my friend that girls in scarf don't look different, they look SPECIAL.

I really don't want to see your cottage cheese legs walking around campus...

To the girl in the hall above me: do you stomp on purpose or are you really that heavy?

I transferred to USF this fall and the only time I have seen Skip Holtz is on the cheesy billboard on my way to work that says "It's a Holtz new era"... I feel cheated, and he looks awful in green.

I hope you started reading Pirate Rants like I suggested because if that's the case this is a perfect time for me to tell you that I am definitely crushing on you. You are something else girl...and I like what that something else is :)

Even though I quit smoking years ago, I secretly inhale when I'm walking through somebody's smoke.

Dear roommate: isn't it weird how I can have a perfectly normal conversation with your LIVE-IN boyfriend but you can't even look me in the eye? Real mature...

To the girl that was giving away free yogurt outside of the student store: I had no breakfast that morning. Thanks!

To the person who has my ID I lost at Distillery: believe me, I need it more than you do.

I love that ECU doesn't have a 24 hr library on the weekends but can indeed have drunk buses every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday :)

Starbucks has murdered my Pirate Bucks. Curses!

ECU should have their own Glee Club!

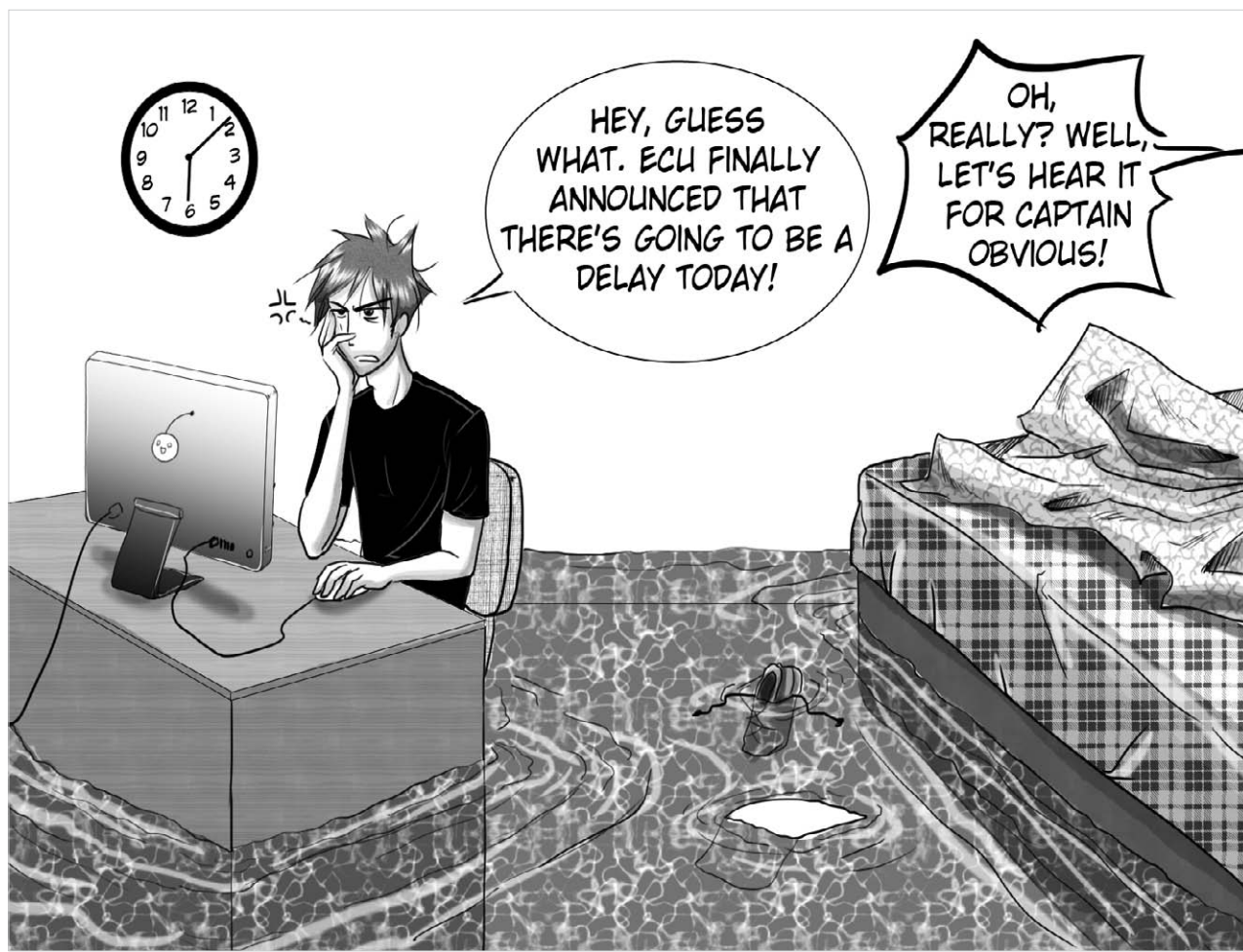
To the girl getting in her car, wrestling with her umbrella for two minutes to avoid getting wet for seven seconds: Thank you. That was fun for both of us.

Monday, September 27th, 2010: It's been a while since I've seen them. The short shorts, the ugg boots, It's all almost too much to bear...It's the return....North face ugg sluts....Dun DUN DUHHHH.

Thanks to the guy who asked if I was okay after I face planted in Bate due to the rain outside: you have shown me not all the guys at ECU are dbags. :)

To the guy on the NCC bus last week who took up two seats when it was completely packed: I hope you never get a seat on the bus again.

More Pirate Rants on our website!!!



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Our View

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Filth pit of Pitt County

The Tar River is notorious for being toxic, especially due to the litter and strange creatures that lurk in the river.

The Tar River is not the only location rampant with litter; litter has dominated places downtown, apartment complexes and the ECU campus. There have been efforts to eliminate the disgusting trash, but it seems as though the quest is unpopular.

The Pamlico-Tar River Foundation organizes a biannual volunteer effort known as "Big Sweep River Clean Up." Even Campus Recreation and Wellness help by involving canoes and participants. In the last four years, More than 7 tons of garbage has been gathered from the Tar River.

Although this effort has been successful, it is one day of cleaning ... shouldn't every day be a cleanup effort?

Students need to be more respectful for the local environment by avoiding the creation of litter. Think about that animal cruelty commercial featuring Sarah McLachlan and her "In the Arms of An Angel" song ... does that not make you tear up? Think about all the wildlife that suffers.

Even if wildlife is not a personal concern, littering is damaging Pirate country. Have you ever slipped on a beer can or gotten a cigarette butt stuck in your flip-flop?

Students love to party and drink by the river and at apartment complexes that have river access such as Dockside, but throwing beer cans and garbage into the river is a huge hassle for the residents of Greenville who are left to clean up the mess. ECU is your current home, so why would you want it to be gross?

ECU has a beautiful campus, but when there is filth everywhere, it can be an eye sore. Especially with the recent rainstorms, trash is nauseating when it floats around.

Simply picking up any trash that you encounter can reduce the amount of litter. ECU has placed trashcans everywhere on campus and even has a solar-powered trash compactor outside of Wright Place, so there are ample places to dispose of waste. If every Pirate started picking up the random bottle or candy bar wrappers, there would be little to no trash left on campus.

If you can't handle touching other people's trash, at least start by disposing your own. It takes very little effort to throw away litter, just one small extra step.

We already deal with stigmas and reputations, so let's avoid adding "the filth pit of Pitt County."

POLL RESULTS

Are you afraid of bed bugs?

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Ben Cochran
OPINION COLUMNIST

As you're all aware, classes were delayed on Thursday, Sept. 30, until 11 a.m. The delay was announced at 6:30 a.m. Classes started at 8 a.m., so that was only a one and a half hour notice. That's if you actually had an 8 a.m. class. What if you are an employee and had to be here earlier? The Student Recreation Center opens at 5:30 a.m., and I'm sure the staff had to be there even before then.

The dining halls open at 7 a.m. for breakfast. And anybody who has ever worked in the restaurant industry knows that there is an inordinate amount of prep work involved. I have a friend who works for ARAMARK and she has to be there at 5:30 a.m. Yes, I make friends with the food services workers ... they're people, too, complete with souls and everything. Get to know them! They just might slip you an extra chicken finger here,

a bonus sausage link there.

Not only that, but many students and professors commute to ECU from cities other than Greenville. I had an awesome nutrition professor who used to commute from Raleigh. And I don't care if he goes 90 mph with his hair on fire; he's not making that drive in less than an hour. So a delay issued at 6:30 a.m. would probably ping his Blackberry by the time he passed that white house on 264 that's still under construction — the exact midpoint, thus rendering the announcement as useless as a nun's libido.

What I can't understand is that cancellations and delays on account of a wintry threat come faster than a Jimmy John's delivery driver losing his virginity. At the mere hint of snow, sleet or ice, the ECU Alert system effectively blows its wad by convulsively and spasmodically sending out emails, texts, twitter updates, website announcements and pop-up notifications. So why was this rain delay issued so late? Is a flash flood warning not as sexy as 8 inches of snow accumulation?

All these technological gadgets and tools are for naught if the decision isn't made sooner. Time is critical, and if there was even a possibility that the university schedule would be altered, that notice should have been communicated in time for it to actually

mean something. Many other local companies and organizations issued delays and cancellations the night before. Why didn't the university exercise a similar amount of proactive thinking?

The whole point of issuing delays is to protect students and staff and increase overall safety. By not issuing the alert until many people have already initiated their commute and put themselves in harm's way, ECU Alert has failed in its primary objective.

In this world of incessant litigation, delays and cancellations are issued for two reasons: to keep everyone safe and to mitigate lawsuits. When the announcement is issued so late, it makes it seem like safety is just an afterthought. If there are two reasons for performing an action, and one of them has lost its relevance, then, logically speaking, the only possible conclusion that can be drawn is that ECU is trying to cover its rectum. Don't get me wrong, that's an extremely important and justifiable reason. But it just kind of makes me feel cheap, like the university doesn't really care about me. I guess this is what my ex-girlfriend was jabbering on about when she accused me of only liking her as a sexual plaything.

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Hummmus and tofu and soy, oh my!



Abby Brockmeyer
OPINION COLUMNIST

Most people see the word "vegetarian" or listen to a person talk about their quest to live a life free of meat, and their immediate reaction is a slight smirk and a quick roll of the eyes. Vegetarians are generally seen as granola-crunching, Birkenstock-wearing, wannabe hippies who are predominately animal freaks. Well, I am here to tell you that we vegetarians are not quite as curious as we seem. And since there are only around 7 million adults in America that are vegetarians, it's hard to find us sometimes.

Since this crisp, cool month of October is annual Vegetarian Awareness Month, I feel some enlightenment about the world of vegetarians is in order. We are a very eclectic group of people, we vegheads; anyone who has a passion for healthy living can be one. I once heard a fact: If

everyone in the world was a vegetarian, we would have an overpopulation of animals and therefore a scarcity of vegetation; hence the entire world would starve. I don't feel a need to force people to join my beliefs nor do I think everyone is suited to be a vegetarian. I mean, let's be honest, people love their huge, juicy steaks every once in a while.

This subject I feel is a touchy one because people are rather opinionated on what they eat and why they eat it. Vegetarianism has taken off more over the past few years and has even started slowly-but-surely spreading to our dining halls across campus. We have nutrition labels being offered in front of every food counter and different options have started to be served to those of us craving the meat-free dinners. Such options as tofu stir-fry with vegetable egg rolls have been popping up, and surprisingly,

students have been loving it. Vegetarian eating and healthy eating have always gone hand-in-hand. Let's face it: The less meat you consume, the more wide variety of vegetables and fruits you have to eat in order to get your sources of iron and protein.

The discerning taste of vegetarians has some people confused and appalled at the point of it. Most wonder, why not have some meat in your meal as long as it's lean and without a high-fat content? Why not eat a little chicken, but just not at every meal of the day?

People across the nation become vegetarians for so many reasons, it's difficult to count. A student said she became one because she grew up on a chicken farm and after seeing the techniques used to butcher them, she decided at a young age to stop ingesting animals. Others, like me, have read books highlighting the process that

animals are put through to make them taste and look as they do; a process that not only is disgusting, but downright unsanitary.

Whatever the reason and whether people like it or not, veggie lovers are coming into ECU. They are eating either a little fish in their diet, swearing off certain meat like chicken or going completely animal-free. Choosing to be a vegetarian isn't a huge performance like it used to be. Now, with so many options just waiting for us to choose from, it's no wonder why it's such a widely growing way of life. I implore you if you're an avid meat lover to not judge us with the commonly known misconceptions that have always surrounded us. We are just trying to live a healthy lifestyle, and it seems like ECU is taking notice.

So for this beautiful fall month and during all of the festivities, why not just try out some new dishes centered around vegetables. It just may surprise you by how tasty some of these options can be; plus, you have the added bonus of being healthier at the same time.

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**ECU graduate student
hopes to win grant**

Staff Reports

ECU graduate student Selena Smith applied for the Pepsi Refresh Grant, which would allow her to place her self-written children's book and lesson plans into every public elementary school in North Carolina. The book, which addresses the standard course of study for first graders, includes lessons on what to do if inappropriate touching occurs. If Smith receives the \$50,000 grant, the books will be distributed for free to every public elementary school in the state before the year-end. Smith can only win the grant if she receives a high number of votes. To register and vote, visit www.refresheverything.com/stop-childabuse. Supporters can enter a new vote online every day of October. More details on Smith's project can be found on the website.



Tech. Sgt. Ballance (right) with Lt. Col. Sergery (left), the Commander of Detachment 600 (ECU).

**ECU's Tech. Sgt. Ballance
finds job at White House**

Rebecca Blanchette
STAFF WRITER

Technical Sergeant William "Sean" Ballance will be leaving ECU after four years to work beside the President of the United States in the White House. He will be noncommissioned officer-in-charge of Personnel Security and Administration functions within the White House Military Office. Being cleared for the position has been a lengthy process that has taken over three months. Ballance had to pass a Yankee White

clearance, which is the highest clearance above Top Secret and is required for those who will hold presidential support positions. Thorough background checks were performed, and Ballance just received the news last week that he has passed. His office is packed and he is ready to be D.C. bound.

"Definitely, for me, it has been an honor and a pleasure to serve at ECU," said Ballance. He was handpicked for his position at ECU in August of 2006, and he therefore passed his four-year mark at the beginning of

the school year. He has been responsible for facilitating college students into officers in the U.S. Air Force. He has also been in control of paperwork, medical records, award ceremonies, basic training and physical fitness for these students. Since he started at ECU, he has turned over 35 cadets into officers, and he has helped about 100 cadets a year. "To be able to see a freshman turn into a senior, and then an officer, is an incredible thing," said Ballance. "To see them make a change is what makes it so special."

"I've loved every minute of ECU. I am a Pirate through and through," he said. For fun, his cadets recently presented him with an honorary diploma that stated he had earned his master's in "Piracy." Ballance says that he will cherish this most out of any award he has received, which is a packed statement considering he has acquired 14 awards and decorations throughout his military career.

Ballance joined the military in May of 1993 after attending Jackson State University in Mississippi for two years,

where he majored in business and also played basketball. His father served 15 years in the army and his uncle served 26 years in the air force. Ballance explains that he decided to join the military to "see the world, pay for school and serve my country, of course."

He was based in Biloxi, Miss., for his first three years. He then went on to Kunsan, Korea, from 1996 to 1997; Andersen, Guam, from 1998 to 2000; and Spangdahlem, Germany, from 2000 to 2004. He was last deployed in 2004, back to Kunsan, Korea, and moved back to the states to work at ECU in 2006. In those 13 years, he was always on a military installation, so his job at ECU has been a different type of experience for him. It's been the first time that he has worked on a college campus, and he has loved it. "I am passionate about ECU," he said. "For me, it's a family within a family."

This is his 17th year in the military and Ballance will be eligible to retire at his 20-year mark. He has been given a three-year tour at the White House, and after that time he can continue working or retire. If he does, at that time, decide to retire, Ballance said that he would still continue to work for the federal government. "I'm just going to continue doing what my country asks of me," he said.

Ballance is very humble when it comes to his achievements and believes that he couldn't have done it without his family, friends and co-workers. "One team, one fight, one win. I couldn't have gotten where I am without support," he said. He has been receiving a lot of praise for his acceptance into the White House, and people keep asking him, "Are you excited?!" Ballance has mixed emotions, though. "Half of me says 'Yes,' half of me says, 'Yea, but I'm leaving family and friends.' This has latched onto me in a special way."

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'The Social Network' explains Facebook

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Alexandra O'Halloran
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The story of how a worldwide phenomenon came to be hit theaters this weekend. "The Social Network," a movie based on the creation of Facebook, featuring Jesse Eisenberg as Mark Zuckerberg, opened Friday in theaters across the country. A highly anticipated film, "The Social Network" tells the story of Zuckerberg's journey to billionaire status. Based on a book called "The Accidental Billionaires," written by Ben Mezrich, the film, directed by David Fincher and written by Aaron Sorkin, does a great job of sharing with viewers the betrayals and successes that occurred in the infancy of Facebook.

People across the country

and the world are interested in the story behind the creation of Facebook, and Katie Parish, an ECU sophomore history major, puts what a lot of people are thinking into words.

"I want to see it just because it's so big," Parish said. "Everyone has it and uses it so it affects everybody, especially college students." Liza Titchener, an ECU senior communication major, agrees but added, "I've heard about the story behind how it got started, and I'm just interested to see the movie for entertainment value."

This film is bound to fulfill anyone's craving for an intriguing and entertaining story. It is a form of the real life story, but in the creative vein of David Fincher and Aaron Sorkin, it has been noted that not all of the information is true, but the basis is drawn from

factual occurrences. The film opens with a scene that sets the tone for the rest of the movie. Zuckerberg sits in a bar having drinks with his then-girlfriend Erica, played by actress Rooney Mara. As the scene goes on he manages to insult Erica at almost every turn of the conversation. She becomes fed up with him, proclaiming, "Dating you is like dating a StairMaster." By the end of the scene, Erica is finished with Zuckerberg and the tone is set for the rest of the film, leaving the audience to interpret that Zuckerberg might not be the nicest guy out there.

As the movie goes on, Zuckerberg meets twins Cameron and Tyler Winklevoss, both played by actor Armie Hammer. They are looking to create a website to connect Harvard students, so they recruit him for his computer

skills. Simultaneously, Zuckerberg begins business plans with his best friend Eduardo Saverin, played by Andrew Garfield, who becomes the business side of what will eventually become Facebook. Later in the story, when Facebook starts reaching all of Harvard and various schools in the U.S. and other countries, the Winklevosses take Zuckerberg to court for stealing their idea. On the same token, as Zuckerberg becomes closer with Napster creator Sean Parker, things take a turn for the worst for Saverin, and he finds himself in a lawsuit with Zuckerberg as well.

While some critics say they think the film paints Zuckerberg as too mean and heartless, this is not necessarily the case. The story is left up to interpretation, as there is obviously underlying information no one can know for sure and it appears Zuckerberg had

some bad influences in business decisions.

A viewer of the 10 p.m. showing on Friday, Brian Tripp, a resident of Greenville, said, "I thought it was deceiving because we don't really know what happened. It's Hollywood's interpretation, but it was entertaining."

The film may be a bit misleading for some viewers, but many will probably simply leave the theater with questions, not disdain for Zuckerberg. Overall, it is a very engaging and entertaining film with all of the elements of a good "based on life" dramatic film. Anyone who uses Facebook should take a night off and enjoy the dramatization of one of the biggest phenomenon of our lifetime.

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Volunteers clean riverbank in Big Sweep

Tar River undergoes much-needed overhaul

Marlana Sifter
STAFF WRITER

This past Saturday, coinciding with a national effort, Greenville volunteers gathered despite flood warnings to remove trash from the Tar River.

The bi-annual event is just one of many organized by the Pamlico-Tar River Foundation, which seeks to maintain the 215-mile river. The foundation itself is part of the larger International Coastal Cleanup, which is a global movement to clean the environment. Last year, North Carolina boasted the third largest number of river volunteers in the nation, after California and Florida.

The torrential weather of the past week kept volunteers from going on the river to pick up trash, something they had planned on doing with canoes and sit-on-tops pitched in by Campus Recreation and Wellness. Instead, the Greenville portion of the Big Sweep was restricted to land cleanup: an endeavor formidable in itself.

Among the potentially dangerous items that drift along the Tar River and often end up

banked on its shores are tires, nets, plastic, car parts and even medication. In fact, the dumping of unused medication is one of the major sources of concern for the welfare of the river. Just last weekend the foundation held the drug take-back, N.C. Operation Medicine Cabinet, an effort to rid Eastern North Carolina's waters of harmful chemicals. Nearly 140,000 doses of excess medicine were collected in Onslow and Pitt Counties alone.

A main concern posed because of the pollution of the Tar River is the quality of Pitt drinking water. An unclean river poses a realistic human health hazard that is manifested not only in high levels of lead, but also in the contamination of the fish that are harvested there.

In the past few years, the river has gotten considerably cleaner, scoring above the recommended level in only one category: lead, as opposed more contaminated results just a few years ago. The need to keep the river clean, however, is just as vital as ever.

The economic side effect of unclean waters and shores is their unattractive prospects for business and tourism. No business will knowingly relocate to an ugly, polluted environment.



Trash settles on a branch beside the littered walkway along the Tar River.

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Tourists are of the same outlook; why should they spend their dollars in a river basin of trash?

Students living nearby the river are among those who see the accumulation of trash every day.

"I think people don't understand the negative effects of it and what dangerous things it can cause," said Lindsey Moor-ing, a junior majoring in middle

grades education.

"Students can always help out by cleaning the Tar River or doing other things to protest the extreme littering."

Since 2006, the amount of trash removed from the Tar-Pamlico River Basin exceeds 7 tons; an impressive amount that, without the unconscious correction of students and community members, would still be washing

up on the river's shores.

The Big Sweep takes place twice every year, once in the spring and once in the fall. The Pamlico-Tar River Foundation also seeks year-round volunteers to watch out for additional threats to the river.

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Pirate golfers headed to N.C. State

The ECU men's golf team will participate in its third event of the fall Oct. 4-5 at the Wolfpack Intercollegiate hosted by North Carolina State University.

The 54-hole tournament will be held at the Wolfpack's home course — the par 72, 7,358-yard Lonnie Poole Golf Course located on N.C. State's Centennial Campus. The tournament will feature 36 holes on the first day and 18 holes on Tuesday. Action begins with a shotgun start at 8 a.m., and tee times are scheduled for Tuesday morning.

ECU is joined in the 17-team field by Arkansas-Little Rock, Campbell, Duke, Francis Marion, George Mason, Georgia State, Lynn, Maryland, Memphis, Navy, N.C. State, Rhode Island, UNC Wilmington, VCU, Wake Forest and Western Carolina. The field features five teams ranked among Golfweek.com's top 50, including No. 10 Duke, No. 18 N.C. State and No. 23 Wake Forest. ECU finished just five strokes behind Wake Forest at last week's VCU Shootout.

Last season, the Pirates finished tied for eighth at the 2010 Wolfpack Spring Intercollegiate as Varner claimed a 12th-place finish at five over 218.

ECU Coach Press McPhaul will send the lineup of Varner, Watkins, Straub, Zach Edmondson and Ryan Eibner to the links Monday.

ECU runners set the standard in Louisville

Running at what is regarded as the largest collegiate meet in the South, the ECU men's and women's cross country teams placed 29th of 38 and 12th of 35, respectively, Saturday at the Greater Louisville Classic. The event, held at E.P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park, featured 97 NCAA Division I, Division II and Division III as well as NAIA and NJCCA schools from 20 states.

The men had six of their seven runners set personal-best times, while the women set five career marks. Junior Zack Montijo paced the men, coming in 79th overall, while classmate Brittany Copeland led the women with a 25th-place finish.

Montijo finished the 8K race in a career-best 24:56.96. The time was the 14th fastest in program history. It was also Montijo's third time in four meets pacing the Pirates.

Sophomore Cory Hampshire finished second to Montijo on the squad and 105th overall with a personal-best performance. Hampshire clocked out at 25:12.37, just five seconds shy of entering the program's top-20 list.

For the ECU women, Copeland ran the third-best 5K in program history with a time of 17:40.13.

Junior Tara Wilson was not far behind, finishing in a career-best 17:56.60 to claim 45th overall.

The Pirates take next weekend off before returning to action Friday, Oct. 15, at the Panorama Farms Invitational in Charlottesville, Va.

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Tar Heels sink the Pirates in second half



Lance Lewis comes down with a 13-yard touchdown for the first score of the game in ECU's 42-17 loss to UNC.

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ECU dropped its second-straight game Saturday, falling to the North Carolina Tar Heels 42-17 in front of a sold-out crowd in Kenan Stadium.

The Pirates continued their bipolar play, taking a 17-14 lead early in the third quarter, but ultimately allowed 28 second-half points for the Tar Heels.

For the second-straight game, ECU failed to perform in the second half, as it has been outscored a combined 56-3 against Virginia Tech and UNC.

Pirate quarterback Dominique Davis was picked off by Kevin Reddick late in the third quarter, giving the Tar Heels a short field resulting in a Shaun Draughn 1-yard touchdown run, giving UNC an 11-point lead and putting the game out of the Pirates' reach.

Davis struggled throughout the second half, throwing two of his three interceptions in the second half; all three picks resulted in Tar Heel points.

On his first pick, Davis severely overthrew receiver Dwayne Harris and it landed right in the hands of Tar Heel safety Da'Norris Searcy. Searcy took the ball down the sideline, and after stepping through Harris, he ran it into the end zone, tying the score at 14 and turning momentum.

"I threw it bad. I put that on myself, and that really hurt us in the first half and, really, the rest of the game," Davis said, "I just

threw it bad."

The struggles in the second half have become evident in the last two contests for the Pirates. While ECU was able to overcome those problems against lesser opponents, these last two teams have taken advantage of that thing called halftime.

For the second consecutive week after the intermission, the Pirates were dominated on both sides of the ball and the adjustments that should have been made weren't made.

The Tar Heels seemed to be in the Pirate huddle in the third and fourth quarter. Every pass was contested and every run was stopped at the point of attack.

The passing game suffered mightily in the second half. Davis completed over 60 percent of his passes, but while throwing 51 passes he only threw for 244 yards for just an average of 4 yards a completion.

"I thought that in the second half our defense had better of an idea of their route combinations and who they were going to and how they were going to utilize them," UNC Head Coach Butch Davis said. "It allowed us to get into the throwing lanes (and) it allowed for some of the balls to get tipped up."

ECU has not used very many trick plays this season, but on the first play of the second quarter Davis swung a pass to Harris, Harris faked like he was going to run, stopped and

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Club hockey defends home ice

Michael Perry
SPORTS EDITOR

It was a successful opening weekend for the ECU club hockey team as new head coach Paul Hinrichs swept former conference foes Christopher Newport and Old Dominion.

The Pirates (2-0) defeated ODU 6-4 in comeback fashion on Saturday afternoon while they let loose on rival CNU, beating them by a score of 6-1 Friday night.

Saturday's contest against the Monarchs proved to be an exciting one, as ECU was down by two goals early on, but rallied back with strong goaltending and lethal power play execution to win the tilt.

"It was ugly, but you expect that the first weekend of the season," ECU captain Sean Burns said. "All the chemistry is starting to come, and I think we are figuring out some of our line combinations."

Heading into the third period, the Pirates managed to tie things up at 3-3. ECU would then put home two unanswered power play goals to pull away from ODU.

To start things off in the third, forward Matt Con-

tipodero put in a rebound less than a minute into the period. The game winner was set up by a blast on goal from blue liner Brandon Lipke, which Contipodero drove home off the rebound.

Leading 4-3, ECU surged on picking up another power play goal with 15:18 left in the third. Forward Greg Wojcik poked home another loose puck to complete a hat trick and give the Pirates a two-goal cushion.

"Playing aside, Burn and Landau makes it a lot easier for sure. Those guys make my job easy, just crash the net," Wojcik said. "It's all new lines, but a lot of lines are starting to click together."

ODU made it a one-goal game two minutes later with a flawless one timer that found the back against freshman keeper Chris Stollings.

ECU ultimately put the Monarchs away as Dave "Cheese" Orlando centered a pass from behind the net to Contipodero, who beat the ODU keeper on the high glove side.

The Pirates found themselves in early penalty trouble in the first period, as they were outscored 3-1 heading into the first intermission. ECU took



ECU center Jeff Landau takes the faceoff against Old Dominion. Waiting on the wing is Greg Wojcik, who completed a hat trick against the Monarchs on Saturday.

a good amount of penalties in the first stanza, allowing the Monarchs several opportunities to score, which they backed up with the strong play of keeper Sam Harris.

ECU tightened down the screws in the second period, scoring two goals. One goal came from freshman defenseman Corey Menno, who tickled the twine with a laser from the blue line to knot the tilt at three apiece.

Making his first start in the contest was sophomore netminder Alex Kennedy, who bankrupted the ODU scorers in the second, allowing no goals on seven shots.

"At first, it was a little bit of a rush," Kennedy said. "I definitely fell into my groove (in the second period). It was definitely great to get this first win under my belt. It's a weight off my back."

On Friday, the Pirates picked up a 6-1 season-opening victory over CNU, marking the

first win of Coach Hinrichs' tenure with ECU.

"I'm happy we had a 'W,' but we have a lot of work to do," Hinrichs said. "A lot of good things came out of it, but we still have a lot of work ahead of us, obviously when we begin to play within the DII level."

The first period ended in a 1-1 bind, but ECU unleashed five unanswered goals through the remaining two periods to go up big on the rival Captains.

Six different Pirates notched their first goal of the season, including the game-winner at 16:07 on a power play in the second by veteran defenseman Sam Duering. Duering launched a slap shot from the point to give ECU the lead that would never be relinquished.

Finding the back of the net for the Pirates was Wojcik, Lipke, Orlando, Jeff Landau and a long-distance bomb from blue liner Ryan Konchalski, who sent the rubber past the goalie from just inside center ice.

Last year's starting goaltender Matt Dalgetty made a solid against the Captains. Stollings, who played the third period in both contests, proved there is a handful of goaltending talent on this squad.

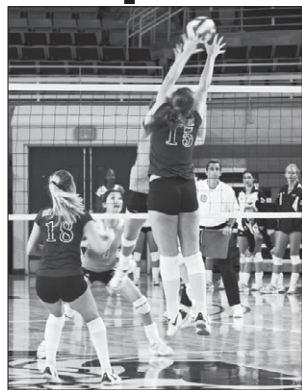
All in all, the pair of wins ECU tallied will prove helpful as they head on to play tougher Division II opponents throughout the season.

The Pirates looked strong all the way through the line up. While they continue to have the speed and hunger they have had in previous years, Hinrichs' disciplined coaching style has seemed to cut out many of the senseless cheap shots.

ECU will hit the road next weekend to take on MACHA South Division foe Kennesaw in Atlanta, Ga., for a two-game series.

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Volleyball loses nail biter to Memphis



Jackie Varnum leaps to make the block on UTEP in action earlier this season.

Chase Kroll
STAFF WRITER

ECU volleyball fell short yet again this weekend, this time in an exciting four-set affair against the Memphis Tigers. Excitement was in the air as the Pirates dominated the second set, and much of the third, before falling to Memphis three sets to one: (18-25), (25-21), (22-25) and (13-25).

The Pirates were tied at 20 in the third set, with the match tied at 1-1, but failed to finish out the decisive set, which proved to be a pivotal point in the match. "You really do have to kind of own the court right off the bat," Coach Pati Rolf said. "And we are a powerful team. We have great, strong girls. And we did that really well I thought in multiple areas, and then we got off task a little bit."

But that's not to say that ECU played badly. They came out of the locker room visibly fired up and extremely prepared to play. They led 4-1 in the first set, before a strong surge by Memphis pushed the lead in their favor. The second set was always led by the Pirates, while at one point it was 11-6 in ECU's favor.

The third set was a back-and-forth affair. The Pirates forced a Memphis timeout with the score 11-6 but were forced to call one of their own with the score at 20-19. The final few points came in flurries, with Memphis holding on to outlast ECU (22-25).

"I think that we were really fired up; we were all ready to go," redshirt junior Nicole Jones said. "So I think that was a good way to come in."

All of the hard work for

ECU fell apart in the fourth set. Before they could blink, they were in a 10-2 hole, a deficit that the Tigers made sure was never within grasp of overcoming.

The one thing that was consistent throughout the game was the dominant display of blocking on ECU's behalf. The Pirates held a 13-6 advantage in blocks, with nine coming from redshirt junior Kelly Derby.

"It's hard to look at the score, at the result, and say, 'OK what happened?' I see, as a teacher, I see the blocking is ridiculous," Rolf stated. "It's been improving every weekend. Last weekend against UAB it was better, this weekend we had a big step forward with the blocking."

Other than the blocking category, the Pirates were outdone in kills (59-36), assists (55-32) and digs (41-30). Derby, who led the team in blocks, also led in

kills with nine. Freshman Kasey Kavenaugh had 28 assists to pace the Pirates, while Nicole Jones recorded 13 digs for a total of 40 spanning this weekend.

The fall continues for ECU, now 1-15 and 0-4 in conference, including a loss to UAB in a five-set thriller on Friday. With that being said, there is no panic in the Pirates' locker room.

"Overall, I think we had some really strong moments, and there is a couple things that we can work on, like every team," said Jones. "We just have to keep working hard and clean up some things here and there."

The Pirates continue the season next weekend with two games at UCF. Game time is scheduled to be at 7 p.m.

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threw a beautiful pass down field that was caught by a falling Joe Womack, Harris's second career touchdown pass and the last touchdown the Pirates would score on the day.

While the play hasn't been there so far in the second halves of games, ECU Coach Ruffin McNeill doesn't seem too worried.

"We have a team that is young and very talented, and they're going to make some mistakes in the journey and in the process we've got going on."

The defensive woes for the Pirates continued, allowing Tar Heel quarterback T.J. Yates to manage the Pirate defense, throwing two touchdown passes without an interception and allowing running backs Johnny White and Draughn to combine for 263 yards rushing and three running scores.

"I attribute it first to (Johnny White's) effort, and also the tackling. We've got to get better at

it as a group and the defense," McNeill said.

ECU was all but out of the game after Davis threw his third pick of the game late in the fourth quarter when Lance Lewis tipped a pass and it was picked off by Tar Heel safety Gene Robinson.

The Tar Heels added two late rushing touchdowns to pad their lead to the final margin of 42-17.

Davis threw his lone touchdown pass midway through the first quarter when he hit Lewis from 13 yards out to give the Pirates a 7-0 lead.

The Pirates have a lot of work to do this week in practice as they head back on the road for the third-straight week as they take on Conference USA foe Southern Miss Saturday in Hattiesburg, Miss.

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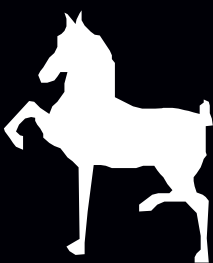
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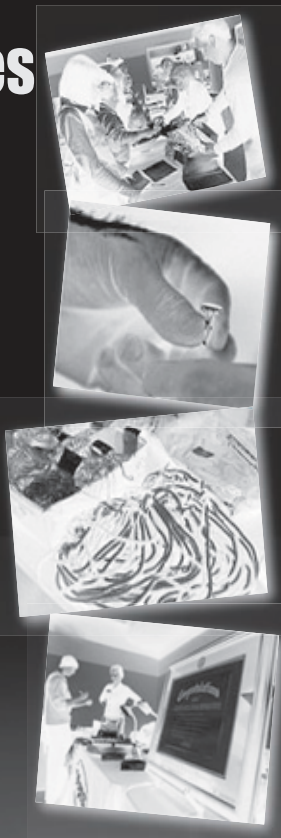
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