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Duke University cancels tailgating after teenager found unconscious

Jamie Harper STAFF WRITER

Duke University officials have canceled student tailgating for the upcoming Boston College football game after a minor was found unconscious on campus last weekend.

Larry Moneta, Duke University vice president for Student Affairs, sent an e-mail to the student body regarding the decision to end tailgating at approximately 10 p.m. Monday. Moneta referenced the incident, which occurred during Duke's football game against the University of Virginia last Saturday. A teenager was found unconscious in a portable toilet near the Wallace Wade Stadium tailgate area on campus.

The unconscious teenager, a sibling of a Duke University student, was found by a security guard before the game. The minor was taken to Duke University Hospital and treated in the emergency room. The teen recovered after being treated, but Moneta said in the e-mail sent to students that this incident "easily could have been tragic."

ECU students do not seem worried about this ever being a problem in the Pirate Nation. Emily Miller, a freshman athletic training major, said tailgating "is part of the game."

Jackie Campbell, a freshman history education major, and Erin Murphy, a freshman communication major, said they didn't think ECU would do that. Campbell said, "I feel like students would be outraged, and no one would listen."

Cameron Beaman, a senior sports study major, also thought ECU would never consider canceling tailgates. "Not even close. They would never do that," said Beaman.

The Associate Vice Chancellor for Alumni Relations and the President of the East Carolina Alumni Association, Paul Clifford, said, "This is a serious problem and serious concern dealt with a lot on college campuses."

Clifford explained that although he thought Duke handled this situation well, he doesn't think ECU would have the ability to enforce the same sort of tailgating ban. "It seems to me that the tailgate at Duke appeared to be somewhat organized. Meaning, it was in a specific area where students gathered. If our university had the ability to restrict access, I'm sure we would do that, if it was in the best interest of the students, but it just doesn't occur that way here. I don't know how we would cancel, besides having increased law enforcement," said Clifford.

Clifford also said ECU would consider all their options and what would be in the best interest of everyone involved before considering canceling a tailgate.

"Our university would opt on the side of education. We would educate our students to be safe and teach responsible ways to partake in pregame activities," said Clifford.

Students at Duke have not given up yet. A Facebook event was created Monday night after students received word about the canceled tailgate. The "Main Quad Throwdown" is scheduled to take place at 9 a.m. before this Saturday's football game.

Student groups at Duke have celebrated in organized tailgate parties since 2003, with the events bringing in hundreds or thousands of students. Tailgates at

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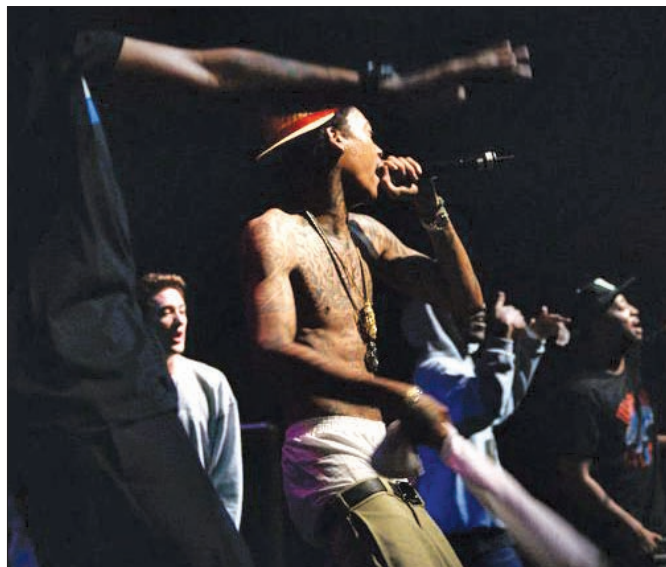
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Khalifa busted



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Hip-hop artist Wiz Khalifa was arrested late Monday evening for two counts of felony trafficking of marijuana, maintaining a dwelling for a controlled substance and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

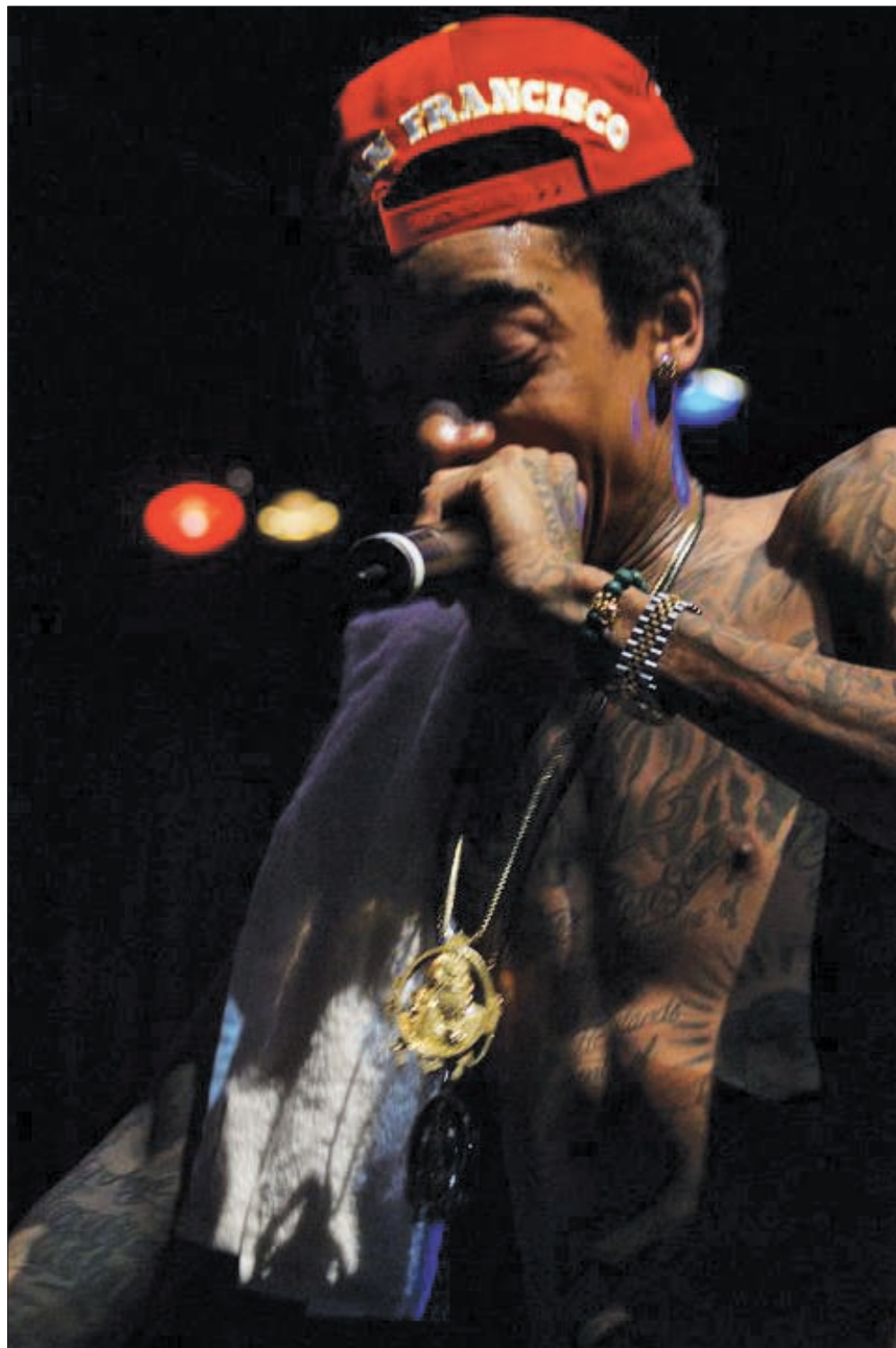
The 23-year-old rapper was caught with 60 grams of marijuana. After his performance was over, Wiz Khalifa, born Cameron Jibril Thomaz, was asked by ECU Police to cooperate with them while searching his bus and he consented. Police conducted a search of the rapper's tour bus after they smelled marijuana coming from it.

According to a news release by ECU, "After the headliner's performance, ECU Police searched the tour bus, where the performers had been coming and going before the concert and the odor was heavy, the officers said. The second bus was locked."

A total of nine people were charged with the same offense as Khalifa and one person was charged with resisting a public officer and was booked into the Pitt County Detention Center at around 1:30 a.m.

The nine people charged with the felonies were given \$300,000 bond,

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Rapper Wiz Khalifa performs at Wright Auditorium shortly before being arrested for possession of marijuana.

Foreign language schools safe for now

Cameron Gupton STAFF WRITER

Rumors have been circulating recently which suggest that the foreign language department is experiencing major cutbacks. Students are beginning to grow concerned as to whether or not they will be able to sign up for their respective classes in the spring.

Faculty in the foreign language department believe there has been a serious misunderstanding.

As students signed up for their spring classes, many were frustrated with the lack of foreign language selections in the spring.

"When I went to register for classes this semester, I was disappointed that one of my first choice classes, Russian I, wasn't

being offered this semester," said freshman Alex Gilmore. "It really bummed me out. I was looking forward to getting a jump start on my foreign language. I searched for other classes and came up with nothing. There were only two or three classes for each language open, if that, and most of them were already full."

Frank Romer, chair of the department of foreign language and literature, explained that the demand for foreign languages has decreased recently, hence the limited selection of classes in the spring semester.

In an interview, Romer stated, "The faculty responded strongly, contacting students and created a slight overreaction." Romer stressed that there are no cutbacks

planned for the department at any time in the near future. "It is really just a bunch of panic," said Romer.

However, the university system seated in Chapel Hill released a report targeting low productivity within the foreign language departments in all UNC campuses statewide. Degree programs that have not produced 19 graduates in the last two years are on this report.

According to Romer, two courses of study here at ECU have made the list and should not have been listed. Both the BS program in Hispanic studies education and the BA program in Hispanic studies have been targeted as low productivity programs. Romer

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Students still await yearbooks

Abbey Way STAFF WRITER

Last year, the Buccaneer yearbook staff was behind on releasing yearbooks to students and this year, not much has changed.

This October, the 2008-2009 edition of the Buccaneer was finally released to students who purchased the books more than a year ago. If the book had been on schedule, this edition would have been released during October of last school year.

Terrance Dove, the student media coordinator for WZMB 91.3 and the Buccaneer, said that this delay was not caused primarily because of the yearbook staff. "There was a total miscommunication with what was going on with the 2008-2009 edition," Dove said.

According to Dove, the book was finished in June. But the company that they work with to produce the yearbook did not release the books because they were waiting for a deposit that the Buccaneer was not aware needed to be sent. But this year, the class of 2009-2010 is still waiting for their memories just like the class of 2008-2009 did.

The 2009-2010 edition should have been released this October. Dove said the reason for this delay was because of members of the staff quitting without finishing their jobs. Last year, the graphic designer left the staff because of time commitments. "I hired a new graphic designer and she is diligently finishing that up," Dove said. "We are hoping to have that done by the end of January. That's the goal right now."

The fact that the Buccaneer is behind schedule is not something that has gone unnoticed by ECU media faculty members. Paul Isom, the student media adviser, said that he has had quite a few meetings with the Buccaneer and other staff members.

"We've stressed that deadlines have to be met and that they are being paid for the job,"

Isom said. He thinks it is most important that they just finish their job. He added, "It's a long, complicated process and we've tried to help them finish it up."

Cindy Elmore, a media board member and professor, said she is also aware of the Buccaneer's difficult predicament. "I think it makes it very hard for the current staff and management to have that hanging over their heads while trying to produce new books," Elmore said. But the Buccaneer staff is finding solutions to catch up on their work.

In addition to hiring a new graphic designer, the Buccaneer also added a new editor in chief to the staff, Ashley Adams. They have broken the staff up into two separate groups: one to work on finishing up last year's edition, the other to stay on track with this year's. Dove said he is not holding this year's staff responsible for the old stuff. "Ashley knows the situation and she has been very diligent and holding her staff accountable," Dove said.

Dove stressed that this is a student organization and he wants to stay focused on the fact the yearbook is student produced. "It's something I could easily do myself, but it is more important for me to have a student showcase what he or she can do."

As for the students waiting for their books, Dove said he is just trying to keep the communication clear. He said that mostly seniors order books, so they usually receive them after they graduate. The Buccaneer is hoping to have this year's edition out on time and the 2009-2010 out by the end of January. The cost of the yearbook is \$30 and an additional \$10 to have it shipped to your home.

But some students say they would not pay for a late yearbook.

"I feel like if you go here, you should get it that year. I know I wouldn't pay for it if it was years behind," said sopho-

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SGA discusses future

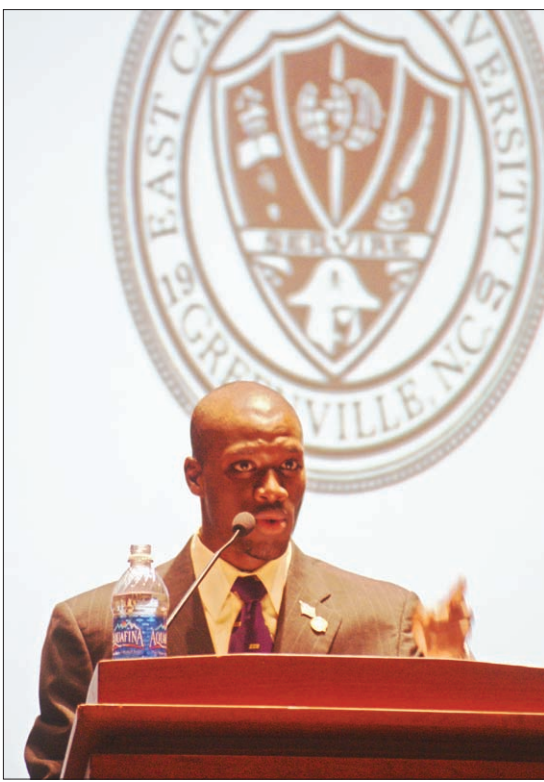
Jennifer Soares ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Student Government Association held their first ever "State of the Student Government Address," a speech that was given by President Tremayne Smith in issues pertaining to ECU.

"The point of the address was to inform students, faculty and staff on the past, present and future issues SGA works on," said Smith. The speech was the first of its kind in the 80 years that the SGA has been around on the campus of ECU. "We want to represent students... we have crafted a great platform to accomplish goals," said Smith.

Smith went on to address issues that concern not only ECU, but the entire community of Greenville. N.C. State has even contacted ECU for information on how to conduct elections in the manner that the university does.

Students are being encouraged to sign up for a day at the capitol in which students from ECU along with SGA members will go to the capitol to discuss various issues affecting them. The chief justice and the judicial branch no longer handle the code of conduct but now handle branch introduction, removal of officers and election appeals.



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Tremayne Smith discusses the state of the Student Government.

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Obama plans to reduce burdens of loan debt

Jimmy Youn
STAFF WRITER

President Obama has proposed to cap student loan payments at 10 percent of discretionary income above a set minimum, defined as 150 percent of the poverty level for the student's family. Currently, student loan payments are capped at 15 percent. The new provision will take effect in 2014.

Meanwhile, private banks will no longer act as middlemen in federal student loans, which could save taxpayers up to \$68 billion over the next decade. Rather than seeking loans from private loaners, students can simply receive loans through the college's financial aid office, borrowing directly from the government. Despite the convenience for students, private industry will suffer by losing jobs.

The Obama Student Loan Forgiveness Program will clear remaining debt after the borrower has made consistent payments for 20 years, reduced from 25 years under current law.

Offering a markedly different approach, the remaining balance on all student loans will be forgiven after 10 years of public service while making consistent monthly payments; however, the legislation is not lucid in defining the type of public service work. As a result, students who choose to

be in the public service could potentially be faced with limited opportunities to leave the public sector.

"The government is encouraging students to take jobs in the public sector. The provision being in the new health care reform, one of the purposes is to distribute doctors and nurses to work in disadvantaged areas," said Bob Thompson, ECU interim master of public administration program director. Thompson specifically pointed out that public schools always have difficulties finding teachers and getting current teachers to stay longer.

Wary of expanding more loan forgiveness programs, students who take community service jobs in a disadvantaged part of the country can be enrolled into the community service loan forgiveness program. As an illustration, graduates can work in underserved areas for 10 years and then ask for loan forgiveness.

"I do not think this is fair for students; everyone cannot work for the public sector. With the rising cost of education, students will look for jobs that pay well. Also, students study arduously for four years to chase their dreams and goals, not become public servers," noted Werner Wooten, ECU sophomore and a health fitness specialist major.

With attention to expanding college



Julie Poorman, Financial Aid Director, discusses student loans.

access for more young Americans, President Obama says he hopes that America will soon have the highest proportion of college graduates in the world.

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more Elizabeth Kemp. "People move on after that much time. They could be in the military and living in another country. You wouldn't want to have it shipped to Japan."

For the Buccaneer to catch up on past mistakes and stay on track, it may take a bigger staff.

"I would like people to know that we are looking for dedicated people to come in so we can have a wholehearted full staff," said Dove.

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explained that at the beginning of the semester, the UNC system takes a census of students in such courses of study, but these totals do not include graduates. Therefore, the numbers are skewed and unreliable.

In addition to the report that the system delivers annually, a group of officials meets to decide the fate of programs system-wide.

Marilyn Sheerer, provost for Academic and Student Affairs, will

join the group when they meet next year. If any cuts are to be made, the committee will decide but will be sure to include faculty throughout the state before any action is taken.

"Our provost is supportive of our foreign language programs in general. Her son majored in French at Chapel Hill," Romer remarked.

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Smith also touched on seven pieces of concern that are being pushed through SGA. First is an anti-hazing resolution. "We do not tolerate hate ... on any grounds. This is a vicious cycle that starts with us and must be broken."

Another topic was a safe place for students to party downtown, which would put in place a club for ECU students only, creating an atmosphere of safe, fun partying.

SGA is also looking into possible gazebos or some kind of sitting area for smokers to be able to sit at to get them away from lighting up in front of buildings.

Students have also asked SGA to look into the possibility of being able to check your Pirate Buck balance availability online.

Appropriations for new organi-

zations on campus to get funded by SGA require them to attend a meeting. New student and technology fees have been added as well as an athletic fee. The final piece approved by the SGA was the opposition of a tax that was implemented downtown for all establishments.

SGA is currently working on various special projects to help enhance life at ECU. They have given the Student Transit Authority \$250,000 to implement a new GPS system that will help track where buses are on their routes and tell how long it will be until they get to their destination. This new feature should be up and running within six to eight weeks.

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Duke have been an ongoing issue of concern, and university officials have tried different solutions, such as limiting the amount of alcohol allowed at tailgates, to decrease the disorderly behavior.

"It just takes a handful who are

not responsible - who are irresponsible and abusive in their drinking - to create a problem," said Moneta.

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which Khalifa and his manager William Dzombak posted early Tuesday morning.

The seven others arrested posted bond later in the day.

"We don't want state property associated with (the incident) and we need to pay more attention," said Chancellor Steve Ballard.

According to MTV News, the rapper has even admitted to have a \$10,000-a-month marijuana habit and has just come out with his own brand of rolling papers.

In the state of North Carolina, having an ounce and a half of marijuana is a felony and can mean jail time of up to one year.

The incident sparked outrage among students, who shouted "Free Wiz" and created a Free Wiz Facebook group.

"I feel like they set him up just to make an example out of him. It wasn't fair they busted him after the concert and the police pretty much ruined ECU's reputation for having concerts," said junior Chris Williams.

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My ex-girlfriend broke up with her new boyfriend and posted a sad status on Facebook. I fought back the urge to "Like it."

Dear Professors: Please provide study guides for your exams. You really expect us to memorize several chapters of information when we're in several other classes?

There is no reason to come to class dressed like you're going to the club. All that hairspray and make up looks ridiculous... it's class.

Dear Roommate: STOP acting like you are my dad and have to know where I am at all times, and NO I do not have to include you in everything I do around campus. Sorry bud, but just one piece of advice, MAKE FRIENDS!

The only part of High School that I miss is the easy exams.

All-nighters are like black-outs. You say you'll never do it again because you feel so crappy, however, they always come around again.

Don't stare at me because I don't wear a jacket; I'm just from up North! This is like an extended summer for us.

Who's ready for Christmas?!

I feel like my boyfriend is Ramona Flowers, and I have to defeat his crazy evil exes... This should be fun! ;)

There are so many people on campus that I want to sign up for the show "What Not to Wear."

Does anyone else do poorly during the Fall Semester because of Football, Halloween, and getting sick...but do really awesome during the Spring?

You know you're in college when you try to find excuses to go to the hospital to get out of taking an exam.

I kind of enjoyed my roomies being gone all weekend; I finally got to walk around the suite in the nude.

At this point in studying, whatever happens on my mid-term happens. The first step to being less stressed is to accept my failure.

When I grow up, I want to be the person that picks Pirate Rants. I want to see all the ones that don't make it online or into the paper!

Freshmen: Stop acting like you're in high school. Upperclassmen: stop acting like you're freshmen. Thanks!

I'm sick but I used up my "sick" days for all of my classes... what now?

Dear ECU: I love the TV's in the mirrors at the football stadium, but lets be real... there are departments that NEED more than one professor teaching a class so please use your money to hire some new people!

Dear Department Heads: Please stop giving professors tenure before checking their [ratemyprofessor](http://ratemyprofessor.com) pages!

I just realized that when you wake up early in Greenville and if you listen closely...you can hear girls in heels outside taking a walk of shame!

Whoever peed in the shower on the 7th floor of Greene Hall: YOU ARE DISGUSTING! WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU!?!?

To the guy who randomly added me on Facebook but won't reply to my messages and now I just so happen to see you every day at Starbucks: Please stop being such a creeper.

More Pirate Rants on the website!

PDA: Please don't assault



Leila Falls
OPINION EDITOR

Hand holding, cuddling, sweet kisses, hardcore making out, flirty glances, coquettish body language -- there are many forms of public displays of affection, which cause varying views.

Results from Polls Boutique about "how do you show your affection to your lover or partner in life" were very close. Huggers make up 26 percent, kissers 33 percent and hand holders only form 41 percent of the votes. PDA is not a black and white subject matter.

Brett Kahr links PDA to sexual fantasies in public in his book, "Who's Been Sleeping in Your Head: The Secret World of Sexual Fantasy," while Susan Donovan's interpretation adds the excitement of romance in her novel, "Public Displays of Affection."

"Get a room!" or "Aww that's cute" are typical responses to PDA, but it usually depends on the specific example or the social setting. Some people keep their reactionary thoughts to themselves, while others don't mind vocalizing their opinion. How much is too much PDA? Is it really



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anyone's business? PDA always arises different sentiments.

After being traumatized from a slobbermonster and his victim, my opinion on PDA is concrete. I was sitting at the bricks outside of Dowdy repacking my stuff since my backpack zipper decided to commit suicide. There was no one around so I didn't feel too awkward pulling out all the stuff from my Mary Poppins-ish bag of randomness. All of a sudden, I felt a drop of rain on my forehead. All I could think of was why my bag chose today

to call it quits with a flood coming!

Since I was so distracted by my inner monologue, it took me a while to realize that a slobbermonster and victim had invaded my personal space. Of course, it was even longer until I realized that it wasn't raining. I had just shared an intimate piece of their makeout session ... twice. Maybe it was their height difference, but either way, it was beyond awkward. This instance of PDA was too much. I wish I could have said something, but my one minute

of inaudible spazzing disabled me from being able to get sassy before they walked away.

Not all instances of PDA are disturbing according to Rashida Johnson's article from ABC News. "Carrie Keating, psychology professor at Colgate University, says watching public displays of affection can sometimes have a positive effect on people."

No matter how much anyone denies it, people are curious by nature and have all observed some kind of "cutsey" PDA. Different philosophers

have done research and studies have been conducted to unlock the reasoning behind human nature, but "there is no research on public displays of affection (PDA), and no relevant ERIC entries. A Google search reveals mostly high school student handbooks and a handful of news articles and opinion pieces," according to a research brief by The Principal's Partnership.

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Celebrity overrules even highest courts of advice



Leslie Baker
OPINION COLUMNIST

Imagine: You're being whisked into the ER for emergency open-heart surgery. You're nervous and frightened and hope your doctor is prepared. Then you see your surgeon. It's Kim Kardashian. Phew! What a relief. Just think, you could have been stuck with one of those board-certified professionals.

That scenario, while exaggerated, occurs every day. While we may not be conscious of it, many of us would rather trust a celebrity than a credible source -- even when it comes to matters as serious as our personal health.

We expect our physicians to be qualified, with as much education and experience as possible. Still, many of us are reluctant to listen to our unglamorous doctors.

Thousands would rather wait until they're in line at the supermarket to find the latest cure-all in *Cosmo*, *US Weekly* or any other magazine with an airbrushed celebrity on the cover. Nevermind that these publications are out to sell their product, not to provide you with researched facts.

It's not only tweens and bubbly-headed high school girls that are misled. Many who are old enough to know

better often mistake celebrities as godlike creatures possessing infinite wisdom.

They have it all, we think, so surely they must know it all. Not quite.

Take former playmate Jenny McCarthy, for instance. McCarthy isn't known so much for her thought-provoking wisdom or critical thinking but rather for ascending to fame by posing nude for *Playboy*.

But that hasn't stopped many fear-stricken and confused parents from flipping through those trashy magazines in the grocery lines to find out what this bunny has to say.

And sadly, some have given her much more credit than she, or any other celebrity, deserves.

In June 2007, McCarthy began telling parents they shouldn't give their children life-saving vaccines, claiming a substance in the vaccines led to her son's autism. Tragically, many American moms, fearing McCarthy's pseudo-scientific prognosis was true, refused to vaccinate their children.

These parents failed to review the valid scientific research that discounts the vaccine/autism link.

On Aug. 27, a ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals reinforced a 2009 decision that denied a link between vaccines and autism.

The ruling came after multiple studies concluded that vaccines in no way cause autism.

"There is no link between vaccines and autism," Alison Singer, president of the Autism Science Foundation and mother of an autistic 13-year-

old, told CNN.com reporters in a September article.

But in the court of public opinion, celebrity had the louder voice.

According to JennyMcCarthyBodyCount.com (yes, the site really exists), approximately 619 deaths and 68,441 preventable illnesses have occurred in unvaccinated American children since McCarthy fist began speaking out in 2007.

Way to go, Dr. Jen!

Fortunately, not all forms of celebrity persuasion are as extreme and detrimental as McCarthy's.

Companies are well aware that celebrities have a powerful voice, and these corporations shell out millions of dollars so famous people will endorse their products. Most major retail manufacturers have a celebrity spokesman, coaxing gullible consumers into buying the latest product they don't need -- whether it's perfume, lipstick or weight-loss pills.

And most of us will continue to obey those actors, musicians and television personalities -- even more so than doctors, researchers and scientists -- for important, life-changing advice.

Why? Is it because these celebrities are omniscient and infallible?

No. It's just more convenient and appealing to listen to the shouts of an idolized moron than the calm, composed reason of a nameless scholar.

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Concert drama



Ryan Chandler
OPINION COLUMNIST

MTV's hottest new artist of 2010 made an appearance Monday night that was sure to be remembered by. The crowd was alive with energy and the ambiance was perfect for the Waken Baken Tour.

The concert was set to start at 8 p.m. but Wiz was probably taking place in his usual concert warm-up, so we were entertained by big K.R.I.T. to set the mood.

Wiz started the show by apologizing and saying, "They wouldn't let me in because of how I smell, but we in here!"

When Wiz addressed the crowd at the beginning of the performance, I had a feeling there was an issue. I wonder if that was the moment that police decided they wanted to figure out how he got that funky smell?

After a great show, things took a turn and word began to spread that Wiz Khalifa and Taylor Gang were held up shoulder to shoulder outside their tour bus as the police raided it. The police spread his plant life on the concrete for all to see and casually escorted each member off to Pitt County Detention Center.

These very actions may have ruined ECU. Artists everywhere have probably already scratched ECU off their list of potential concert stops for fear of getting into any problems. If we wanted some free publicity, we got it! We are known on Internet sites such as MTV.

com, globalgrind.com and hiphopwired.com as the school that arrested Wiz Khalifa and Taylor Gang. It's just a shame that things had to happen this way.

Just as we are building our reputation as a premier university that has gained the interest of major artists who are looking to share their music with fans, our efforts are thrown to waste. This is a major artist who will most likely deter other top artists from coming here because of the treatment he received.

How do we look, campaigning for an artist to come to ECU then arresting them after they perform? It's an artist that is very blunt about smoking marijuana and is an advocate for its decriminalization.

It's highly likely that if you were somewhere close to Wiz Khalifa, you were near to the ganja as well. If anyone wanted to find it, just stay in his presence for a short period of time. So it is safe to say we knew what the situation was beforehand.

The funniest part is that when Shwayze came to ECU to perform at Barefoot on the Mall, he was smoking and drinking as well. Even thanked police for being relaxed about it. Why were these situations handled differently?

ECU should have researched the artist to understand what they were bringing to the university. If they disagreed with his music and habits, then someone else could have been found. I guarantee that he has gone through the same routine at every school or show. Marijuana is an image that you automatically associate with his name. So if you didn't want that here, then he didn't need to be here.

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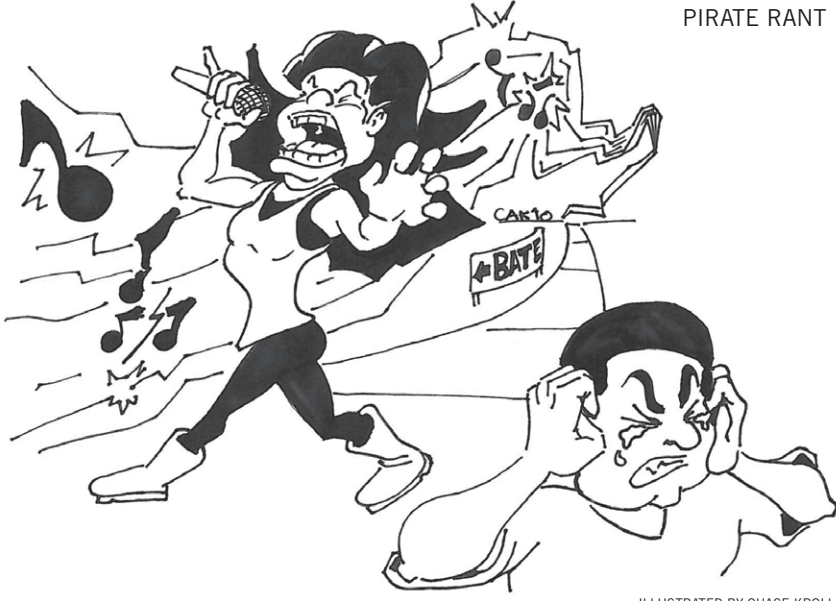
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"To the girl who walked into Bate singing at the top of her lungs, but didn't realize how horrible she really was: thank you.

PIRATE RANT



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Scribbles to the Captain

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Dear Editor,

Some of my most favorite experiences are during the sour times instead of the sweet. Saturday's historic loss by ECU to Navy was one such time. I rather enjoyed being loyal for a change. Not many of us faithful stayed after mid-fourth quarter during the cold and the increasing rainfall. I enjoyed the fans around me (read: no loud drunks falling on me or fighting), I enjoyed my friend who treated me to the game, on the 39-yard line, three rows up in backed seats, in the sun while it still shone. I enjoyed the band playing the different armed services' theme songs and trying to guess them. I enjoyed watching a good quarterback run the option on almost every play with about 90 percent success (Navy). Walking back to the car was like hiking in the woods at night at Boy Scout camp. Best of all, there was a beautiful rainbow that lasted beyond sunset. There will be another chance, another tomorrow. Think how well N.C. State has played after ECU handed them their helmets this season. Watch out, UAB!!

-Mike Shugart

Dear Editor,

Firstly, I would like to state I am neither a Wiz Khalifa fan, nor do I smoke weed. But really, Greenville Police, you have nothing better to do than arrest a man who was providing a service and bringing revenue into the city, when the amount of violent crimes on and immediately off of campus have been very alarming this year? Smoking weed hurts no one but that user (and the term "hurt" is quite a stretch here) and arguably has much less effect on the state of mind of a user than alcohol does. And we all know plenty of underage drinking is going on on this campus. It's really sad that this is how the Greenville Police are choosing to occupy their time and use our tax dollars.

-Rachel Pickens

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Morrison moment when he said, "Let's just say I was testing the bounds of reality, I was curious to see what would happen. That's all it was: curiosity." Have you ever been out somewhere and started fabricating stories about random people based on their body language involving PDA? You end up being curious about their behavior even if it was provoked by boredom.

"See that dude in the neon-green polo? He and that blonde like each other but she has a boyfriend. Oh, there she goes giving

the hair twirl. They could've been a couple if he had just said something. Oh no, he's doing the hands in pocket routine."

Even though you have no idea what is going on with these strangers, you create elaborate stories for their situation. Why do we click on the newsfeed on Facebook? Why do we look at a car wreck when driving by? Face it, everyone is a little nosy. Anyways, we've all seen that old couple holding hands and get all sappy about it. But on the other hand, we've all witnessed the

sloberly couple having sexy time and get nauseous. The amount of or types of PDA cannot be controlled, but just know that when you do it, people are effected either negatively or positively.

Finally, I get to add to the Pirate Rants about PDA: Dear slobbermonster ... every time I see you, I shudder. Please don't assault until you make sure the zone is clear.

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In the 1940s, the Bich pen was changed to Bic for fear that Americans would pronounce it "bitch."

The magic word abracadabra was originally intended for the specific purpose of curing hay fever.

The phrase "the boogeyman will get you" refers to the boogey people who still inhabit an area of Indonesia. These people still act as pirates today and attack passing ships.

The phrase "Often a bridesmaid, but never a bride" actually comes from an advertisement for Listerine mouthwash.

Tonsurphobia is the fear of haircuts.

Xenophobia is the fear of strangers of foreigners.

The most difficult tongue twister is "The sixth sick Sheik's sixth sheep's sick."

The longest place name in Great Britain is that of a Welsh village: Gorsafawddachaidraigddanheddoggledollonpenrhynareurdracthe-redigion.

Every minute, 47 Bibles are sold or distributed throughout the world.

The last word in the Bible is Amen.

For the 66 percent of Americans who admit to reading in the bathroom, the preferred reading material is Reader's Digest.

In medieval England, beer was often served with breakfast.

Vikings used the skulls of their enemies as drinking vessels.

Support Invisible Children tonight at The Topsy Teapot

Staff Reports

The Invisible Children Benefit Concert will take place at The Topsy Teapot today at 9 p.m. and end at 1 a.m. The concert will feature acoustic folk-rock musician Anna Vaughn Creech; the band Piercing Silence, whose members compare their sound to that of Chevelle and Matchbox Twenty; blues-inspired musician Rebekah Todd, from Benson, N.C.; rapper Ceschi and rock band Stems. Invisible Children is an organization that uses media to tell the stories about children in East Africa who are affected by war. Members of the organization also spend time working in communities in Uganda to help with development to give these children better lives. This particular event was organized by the Invisible Children organization at ECU and ECU alumnus Jeff Binder. The Topsy Teapot encourages everyone to come out and enjoy some music while hanging out with friends and supporting a good cause. Tickets are \$5 at the door and all proceeds go to the school in Uganda that ECU is sponsoring.

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The Man Panel, consisting of Zach Cooper, Gordon Ingram, and Shane Small, sit by the Trustees Fountain in front of Wright Auditorium.

ECU's Man Panel answers students' sex and relationship questions

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Sex. Relationships. Attraction. Breakups. Day in and day out, whether during stressful exam weeks or relaxing holiday vacations, there's no doubt that these topics are always on students' minds. But what happens when students have fundamental questions about these topics but no honest, reliable source to answer them?

This is the reason ECU professor Karen Vail-Smith developed the concept of ECU's Man Panel, knowing that students, especially females, need answers to questions concerning sex and relationships. From body image and appearances to cheating and hooking up, Vail-Smith noticed that her female students had endless concerns on these subjects, which influenced her decision to develop this concept to help them become more understanding of the male mind.

Vail-Smith emphasized that this demand for sex and relationship knowledge and advice is a growing trend on college campuses. She pulled a wrinkled copy of USA TODAY out of her purse and pointed to the lead article. The article focuses on a new book, titled "Sex and the University," produced by a college professor who analyzed thousands of sex columns and reflected on the "celebrity status of student

sex columnists."

The Man Panel first began in fall of 2004 as an in-class activity for students in Vail-Smith's sexual health class, in which she asked her female students to prepare questions for a panel of male students who she thought would give honest, helpful answers. The activity was a hit, but Vail-Smith struggled to find the ideal group of guys to serve on the panel, realizing that many males she selected to answer the questions would give what she calls "guy answers," hoping to use the position as a means to pick up the girls rather than give them honest advice. She knew exactly what type of guys she was looking for — truthful, articulate, personable, smart and attractive — she just had difficulty finding the guys that fit this seemingly long list.

The perfect combination of guys with these traits eventually fell into her hands, consisting of 28-year-old ECU alumnus Gordon Ingram, 23-year-old ECU student Zach Cooper and 22-year-old ECU student Shane Small. Together, Ingram, Cooper and Small have served as ECU's Man Panel for the past three years, returning to answer questions during Vail-Smith's sexual health classes once each semester. "These guys all articulate what they're thinking about," she said. "They're not afraid to give different answers, and girls like and trust them."

Though the Man Panel does open its doors to answering a variety of questions ranging from informational to explicit, its members do not want students to get the wrong impres-

sion. In a society where guys often boast about their sexual adventures and Tucker Max-like womanizing conquests, Ingram, Cooper and Small want students to realize that is not the intention of the Man Panel. "That's one thing I don't want people to think about this," Small said. "It's not about our sex lives." Rather, this group's main purpose is to give girls an insight into the mind of males in hopes of helping them better understand why men act and think the way they do. Vail-Smith also emphasizes that the guys do not use vulgar language, and that she feels comfortable that the way they answer questions is respectful.

Though Ingram, Cooper and Small were friends prior to their involvement in the Man Panel, they believe it has brought them closer and allowed them to do something fun and different that can help their peers. Each of the guys believes that they bring a unique perspective to the panel, allowing them to contribute a variety of answers and advice to the females asking questions.

Small, who describes himself as laid-back, funny and slightly sarcastic, believes his personality as well as his female-dominated family gives him a different perspective than his friends Ingram and Cooper. "Growing up around women, with two older sisters and one younger sister, makes my perspective different, but not necessarily better or worse," Small said. Ingram, who describes himself as "generally nicer" than other males, agrees that growing up with a sister and also having a close bond with his mother after his father passed away

gives him a slightly different view.

Not only do their personalities and family backgrounds play a part in how the guys answer relationship and sex questions, but their interests and jobs will as well. "With (Cooper and Small) being athletes and me working downtown, it gives us different perspectives," Ingram said.

The members of the Man Panel not only feel that their involvement in the group has been fun and entertaining, but they also recognize that their question-and-answer sessions are a learning experience not only for the females, but for them as well. "When you walk away, it makes you think about stuff you don't normally think about," Small said. "You realize their likes and dislikes." Cooper feels his role as one of the men on the Man Panel has calmed his public speaking anxiety, since the experience has required him to frequently talk in front of large audiences. Ingram has gained insight on "what girls honestly think," a subject in which all three of the guys were slightly foreign to before they listened to countless female questions. "We don't even know they don't know that. We think it's common sense," Small said, referring to several of the questions that the guys are frequently asked.

The Man Panel will be hosting their second annual question-and-answer passport event at Mendenhall Student Center on Nov. 18 from 4 to 5 p.m., which will be co-hosted by TEC. During this time, the guys will answer students' questions. At the beginning of this event, attendees will be asked to write down their specific questions on note cards, and the questions will be given to the Man Panel, who will answer them live on stage. TEC will also designate a section of the newspaper, which starts next Thursday, to the Man Panel. This will allow students to send in questions via e-mail, and the question and the Man Panel's answer will be published. For now, questions to the man panel can be directed to opinion@theeastcarolinian.com. The man panel will soon receive their own personal e-mail address at TEC.

Ingram, Cooper, Small and Vail-Smith hope to continue expanding the number of appearances they do and have even discussed going on a Man Panel tour to other college campuses and writing a book together.

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Costa sunglasses rise in popularity

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Costa Del Mar, which shortened its name this year to Costa, is a sunglasses company that provides about 50 styles of sunglasses for people's different outdoor needs. Costa has been around since 1983 and was started by a group of fishermen who needed something better to shield their eyes from the harsh sun. What makes Costa unique is that, unlike some of their competitors who sell styles only for fashionable purposes, they make sunglasses for recreational use as well as appeal to style. They are designed to fit every need. As their website states, "We test our gear in the same conditions you live and play in. We fish. We paddle. We explore."

However, the testing process is only one step in what it takes to make all of their different styles of sunglasses. The lenses are 100 percent polarized and 100 percent UV protected. They are also designed to be very sturdy in any condition and have stainless steel hinges. Costa owns many patents to protect their specific and unique ways of making these popular sunglasses.

Due to this specially crafted design, Costas run from about \$115 to \$200, but with every purchase there is a lifetime guarantee.

Al Perkinson, vice president of marketing for Costa, noted another reason why they are so unique. "If you give somebody

a pair of Costas, the first thing they'll say is 'Wow!' because it's like you're looking at the world through HD. It's so clear."

He went on to explain that there are many patents on the lenses and other parts of these glasses because of the special way they make the glasses to appeal to people.

Costa is a successful company, and while they are best known for their sunglasses, they also take part in many other activities.

"The mission of our company is conservation, so we do a ton of work with groups that want to protect the oceans," said Perkinson.

He said they have worked closely with companies like Trout Unlimited to make sure they can stay true to what their mission is all about.

They have also created many films to promote outdoor activities and set themselves apart. These films are focused on fishing and other popular activities in which consumers might take part.

While they do sell internationally in places like Australia and in different parts of Europe, Costa has a particularly strong connection with universities in the United States, many of which are in the South. Perkinson said that these sunglasses are most popular among Greek life on college campuses.

"Some fraternities will make members buy Costas before they

let them into the fraternity," he said.

He said that the company does something called Costa U. of Blue, where they will visit colleges as a way to say thanks for supporting the sunglasses so much.

"What we start doing is working directly with some fraternities," he said and explained that at their last visit to the University of Alabama, they raised \$50,000 for ocean conservation.

Since these visits with different universities in the U.S. have proven to be so successful, Perkinson said they recently hired an Alabama graduate to head up their college marketing.

"Eastern North Carolina is huge Costa country," he said, and noted that as a result of the popularity in this part of the state and in other states, the person in charge of college marketing will be looking for Costa representatives on campuses. They would be interested in finding a representative at ECU, though they have not yet been able to come to the campus.

Perkinson hopes that through this new idea, the company can build an even stronger connection with college campuses and continue to support the ideals it holds important.

To buy Costa sunglasses or read about the technology used to make them, visit www.costadelmar.com.

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Become educated on epilepsy facts

Statewide activities support epilepsy awareness

Marlana Sifter
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To show empathy for the 3 million Americans living with epilepsy and increase public recognition of the disorder, the Epilepsy Foundation hosts an educational campaign across the country this month.

In honor of November as Epilepsy Awareness Month, the North Carolina chapter of the Epilepsy Foundation holds a number of fundraising events and fun presentations. Nationwide, one event is the "Get the WORD Out!" competition for young people to enter songs, essays, poems, speeches or drawings about how they interpret "respect."

In 2000, the foundation partnered with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention to launch an annual public movement intended for K-12 students who do not understand the nature of epilepsy. Called the "Entitled to Respect" campaign, the effort promotes respect and tolerance of different conditions and discourages prejudice and ill treatment by dispelling myths children have about epilepsy. Last year, the foundation partnered with Ashton Kutcher to promote the campaign. This year, R&B singer Monica is recording public service announcements for the event.

What many people do not realize about epilepsy is its prevalence among all age groups. More Americans live with epilepsy than multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy and Parkinson's disease combined.

By equating popularity with prevalence, freshman nursing major Jenna Green guessed Parkinson's must be the most common.

"I don't know that much

about epilepsy," she said.

"I've only known one person who had it, and I didn't know him that well."

Found at all ages and in all racial backgrounds, epilepsy is a seizure disorder of the brain causing anything from staring to convulsions and lasting anywhere from a few seconds to minutes. The millions of minuscule electrical charges present in a typical brain spread to the rest of the body at a consistent rate. The error occurring in an epileptic brain is an unexpected and intense jolt of this electricity all at once. Experiencing at least two seizures not brought on by an isolated event, such as trauma or infection, is considered epilepsy.

Technically, the mechanics of a seizure involve abnormal brain wiring and imbalanced neurotransmitters. What causes these changes is unknown in 50 percent of all cases. In the rest of cases, head injuries, brain tumors, lead poisoning, certain genetic diseases and some types of infectious diseases are to blame.

Veterans are one group that exhibits high rates of epilepsy. Seizures are often the long-term consequence of suffering traumatic brain injuries in battle.

In a third of patients, medication does not control seizures. In other people, medication gives them partial control. In the best situations, medication and/or brain surgery eliminate the seizures altogether.

"I think most can function fine on a daily basis. Though when it happens, it affects them severely," said Green when asked about her knowledge of epilepsy's toll on people.

Social stigma associated with epilepsy is common. People without complete control over seizures may have trouble remaining in

Travel with a purpose

The International Student Volunteer program offers rewarding experiences

Sarah Lyon
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

For students looking for a new adventure in which to immerse themselves, the International Student Volunteer program may be the perfect opportunity.

The International Student Volunteer program, or ISV, has made it its mission for the past 27 years to satisfy students' thirst to help, achieve and grow through volunteering in one of seven (soon to be eight) foreign countries. From conservation projects like protecting sea turtles' nests, to community development projects such as building and renovating local people's homes, ISV has a volunteer project to fit everybody's interests.

Students may choose to go to either Australia, New Zealand, Costa Rica, Thailand, Dominican Republic, South Africa, Ecuador and in 2012, Eastern

Europe. Students will stay in their host country for anytime between two to six weeks and will become the gracious guest of a local host. "The people you meet there and the people you live with are absolutely phenomenal!" said Peter Voulzaridas, who spent a month in New Zealand with ISV and bonded not only with his host family and the people of the community, but with the other volunteers as well.

If the chance to volunteer in a foreign country were not already enough, the program also involves a two-week adventure tour. After the first two weeks of volunteer work in the student's host country, the student will get to spend two weeks traveling and adventuring in the host country with the new friends that have been made. The adventures range from black water rafting in glowworm caves in New Zealand to bungee jumping in South Africa off the Bloukrans River Bridge, which is the highest bridge bungee in the world. However, for those who are only looking to do good and help rather than seek adrenalin rushes, a two-week volunteer-

only program is offered.

While it's hard to imagine that this program can get any better, it does. Students also have the chance to earn academic credit. In 2009, about 140 universities offered academic credit through an independent study, which involves a well-kept journal, discussions, participation and a term paper. Depending on the student's major, this may or may not be possible, but it is definitely something to look into with an adviser.

Since the ISV program is such a well-desired experience, it is very selective. The staff of ISV suggests being very flexible about where and when to go, and to be very open minded to whatever volunteer projects there are.

From Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and the United States, student volunteers come together to be part of the ISV program. Memories are created, experiences are shared and friends that will last a lifetime are made.

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Aiding with seizures

The cause of seizures and epilepsy is not identifiable in 70 percent of cases. If a person experiences a seizure, remain calm and talk reassuringly to them to help them recover.



What to do

1 Time the seizure to create a base line for the doctor or compare its length to the person's norm; record recovery time as well



2 Prevent injury by moving nearby sharp objects; if person is mobile, keep away from traffic, heights, train platforms



3 Sit them in a safe place, but do not forcibly hold them down; it will not stop the seizure and could lead to panic



4 If person is lying down, turn them on their side to prevent choking, support their head to keep it from hitting floor

5 Call 911 if seizure lasts longer than five minutes, one seizure occurs right after another, breathing is labored

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school or succeeding in a career. Epilepsy Awareness Month seeks to remedy public curiosity about the disorder so people can function as normally as possible without the risk of being ostracized.

Increased funding for epilepsy is also a top goal. In 2008, epilepsy still ranked lowest in number of dollars spent for research compared to Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and autism. Only \$500-\$590 was spent per patient, compared to \$2000-\$2500 for Parkinson's.

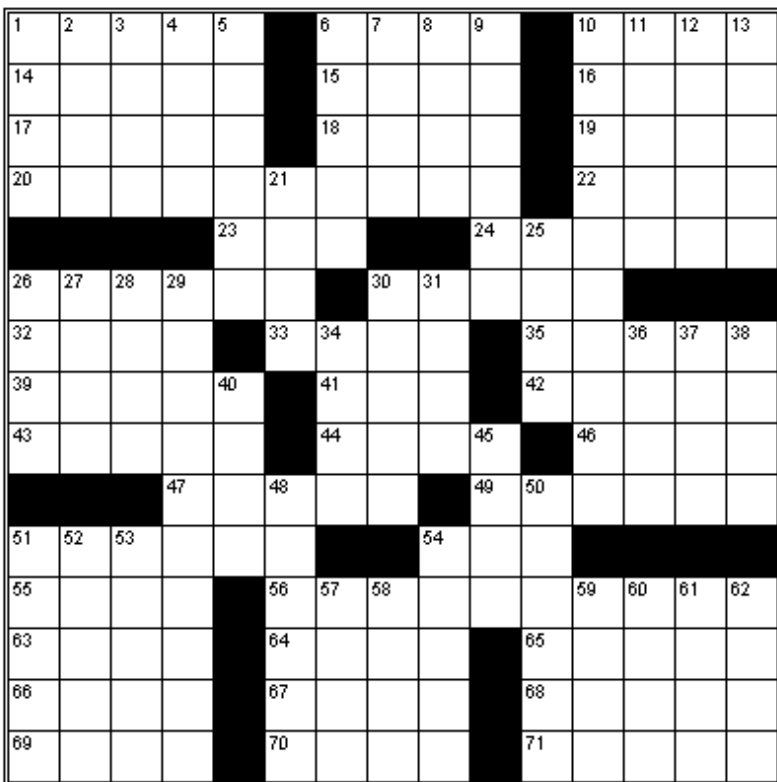
The state foundation participated in a Fall Stroll for Epilepsy on Nov. 6. Participants paid admission and walked the track at their own pace in an atmosphere of Radio Disney music and games. The 49er Athletes and Norm the Niner also made an appearance. The UNC-Charlotte campus held a similar walk at the Irwin Belk Track and Field, and in Greensboro the Buffalo Soldiers rode through the streets in support of the cause.

To finish out Epilepsy Awareness Month, "Tatum's Trail Seize the Cure" at Lake Benson in Garner is a fun 5k walk or run taking pace at 8 a.m. on Nov. 13. The Carolina Caroling Competition will also raise money for epilepsy research in their caroling competition in uptown Charlotte on Dec. 11.

To find out more about Epilepsy, visit <http://www.epilepsy-foundation.org>.

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DOWN TIME



ACROSS

1. Cart
6. Goddess of discord (Greek mythology)
10. Circle fragments
14. Spanish for "(girl) friend"
15. Repose
16. An expensive fabric
17. Put off
18. Celebration
19. Gin flavor
20. Intruder
22. Alternately
23. Not in
24. A reddish brown
26. A posture with arms and legs spread about
30. Chasm
32. Tells untruths
33. Murre
35. Overact
39. Licorice-like flavor
41. Include
42. Short-horned goat antelope
43. Male singing range
44. Sense
46. Anagram of "Mean"
47. Expenditures
49. Anagram of "Rental"
51. Help
54. Blvd.
55. Stop for a horse
56. Practices
63. Typeface
64. Margarine
65. Worth
66. Encourage
67. Gosh!
68. Rinse, as with a solvent
69. Not more
70. Concludes
71. Sperm fluid

DOWN

1. Dry riverbed
2. Ends a prayer
3. Present
4. Arch type
5. Thin
6. Grain disease
7. Harvest
8. Part of an archipelago
9. A clear night sky
10. Appraisal
11. Streamlets
12. Not open
13. Shooting game
21. Doozy
25. Purposes
26. Strip of wood
27. A coniferous tree
28. Bridle strap
29. Affiliates
30. Anagram of "Aside"
31. Summoned
34. Logs or timbers fastened together
36. Verbal
37. Hefty volume
38. Pitcher
40. God of love
45. Magma
48. Walk with long steps
50. Jitters
51. Horrible
52. Seacoast
53. Short musical compositions
54. Long periods of geologic time
57. Distinctive flair
58. Group of cattle
59. A period of discounted prices
60. Astringent
61. Fretted instrument
62. Espied

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First ever Fall Festival to be held on Friday

The ECU Athletic Department will host the inaugural Basketball Fall Festival to celebrate the start of the regular season on Friday outside Minges Coliseum at 3 p.m. Admission is free.

The festival will include a live musical performance by Jake Leg, games, inflatables, as well as fair food and beverages, with appearances by the ECU cheerleaders and dance team. A student dining hall location will be set up at Gate 1 in lieu of Todd Dining Hall. Meals will be free to students with a meal plan and available to the public for \$6.

The ECU men and women's basketball teams will each open the 2010-2011 season Friday night with a doubleheader inside Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum beginning at 5 p.m. The ladies, under the direction of first-year coach Heather Macy, will host American University to tip-off the season before the Jeff Lebo Era officially begins at approximately 7:30 p.m. as the Pirates welcome Erskine College.

Complimentary youth tickets (17 and under) and \$5 adult tickets to the men's game will be available until halftime of the women's game. Tickets will be full price at the end of the first half.

The Minges Express will provide transportation for students living on campus at the conclusion of the men's game.

Lady Pirates sign two for the 2011-2012 season

Courtney Melvin and Ja'Nesha Ebron have signed national letters-of-intent to play for and attend ECU beginning in the fall of 2011, according to an announcement by Head Coach Heather Macy Wednesday.

Melvin, a native of Elizabethtown, N.C., is the 31st-best post recruit in the nation as ranked by ESPN HoopGurlz. She has led East Bladen High School to the North Carolina 1A and 2A state championship games the last two seasons and has been named the MVP for the East Team on both occasions. The Eagles moved up to the 2A ranks prior to the 2009-2010 school year.

Joining Melvin in the Pirate class of 2015 is Ebron, ranked as the 61st-best point guard prospect by ESPN HoopGurlz. Like her future teammate, Ebron, who hails from Winterville, N.C., helped her South Central High School squad to the North Carolina 3A state title game eight months ago where the Falcons dropped a seven-point decision to Gastonia Forestview. She was credited with 16 points in the contest, the Falcons' only loss of the season (29-1).

Ebron passed the 1,000-point mark for her career last season in a game against Wilson Fike as she has 1,050 points to her credit. The current senior averaged 14 points, 5.5 rebounds and 3.9 assists in her 30 appearances last year and was named South Central's MVP.

Ebron gathered a plethora of accolades at the end of her junior season. She was named to the 3A Eastern Regional All-Tournament Team and the NCBCA District 3 First Team as well as racking up All-Coastal Conference and all-county honors. Ebron was a repeat selection to the all-conference team in 2009 while collecting all-county recognition again in 2008 and 2009. The NCBCA also awarded her in 2009 with a spot on the District 3 Third Team.

Ebron also helped South Central volleyball team to the North Carolina 3A regional championship game this season.

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Pirates look to keep the season alive in Birmingham



Offensive lineman Willie Scott (left) protects quarterback Dominique Davis (right) in the pocket against Navy.

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ECU not only returns to play but will also return to conference competition on a special Thursday night when it takes on the Blazers of UAB. The Pirates are coming off one of the most embarrassing home losses in the program's history, allowing 76 points to Navy and spoiling a chance to win ECU's sixth game of the season and return to a bowl game for the fifth straight year.

"It was a tough game against Navy. They did a great job, executed their offense. It's a tough offense to prepare for in a week," Head Coach Ruffin McNeill said. "We knew it would be tough for our defense."

Despite the scoreboard, ECU was able to do some really nice things offensively, but the turnovers were the difference in the game.

"Offensively, I thought we moved the ball well, especially in the first half. The turnovers after the half really put us behind, put Navy in great field position and put our defense in a tough situation," McNeill said. "To have four turnovers after the half was tough."

Before the season started, the Pirates' offensive unit didn't inspire much confidence in the Pirate fan base. Many people thought that this offense would be a struggle to understand and adapt to a new system, but nine games into the season, this offense has been the lifeblood of the Pirate team.

ECU's offense ranks 14th nationally in points scored per game, averaging 36 points per game. It ranks seventh in passing with Dominique Davis throwing for an average of 316 yards per game. Davis on the season has had tremendous numbers for a first-year starter, completing 278 of 427 passes for 2,746 yards with 26 touchdown passes and just 11 interceptions. Against Navy, Davis was without an interception for the third time this season with the other two games occurring against N.C. State and against Memphis.

The Pirates' running game may rank 94th in the country, averaging just 122 yards a game on the ground, but in an air-raid style offense, it is not the job of the running game to be the source of offensive success. The job of the running game in this system is to have the defense guessing on short yardage plays. The fact that ECU

averages over 100 yards a game on the ground forces opposing defenses to be aware of the running game. Despite being injured all week, Pirate running back Jon Williams had a good day against Navy, rushing the ball 12 times for 94 yards and taking his season total to 577 yards on 108 carries as well as six rushing touchdowns.

"Williams had some fumbles but played hurt the entire game. He hadn't taken a hit all week," McNeill said. "Jonathan came out of the game after his first run, looked me in the eyes and said it hurt. He then went back in the game on the next play. He finished with almost 100 yards rushing."

For the Pirates' defense, there isn't much that they can take out of the loss to Navy. Allowing 76 points to anyone, no matter the offensive scheme, is unacceptable and the Pirates' defense will need to refocus in time for their showdown on Thursday night.

The Pirates rank 114th nationally in total defense with only New Mexico, Memphis and Eastern Michigan ranking lower than the Pirates.

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Helmet-to-helmet tackles leave a lasting impression

OPINION



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When the crowd's eyes widen, jaws drop and everyone gasps in unison, there is no denying that you just witnessed a hard hit on the field. Hard hits are a part of the game of football. Many would agree that those hard hits are what attract so many American fans to the rough and tough game of football, but lately some of those hard hits, particularly the ones aimed directly at the head, have been attracting a great deal of negative attention to the NFL and Collegiate football.

After a weekend of hard hits that resulted in several close calls, concussions and other injuries, the NFL laid down the law about head to head hits in football. They began fining players who engage in unnecessary head to head tackles and are threatening to suspend repeat and first time offenders of this new rule.

It's about time. Although many NFL players publicly disagree with my belief that the NFL should have come out with some sort of penalty like this years ago, they clearly have already been hit in the head one too many times because they are unable to look at the big picture. Point blank, if a player is hit in the head, or suffers from concussions too many times within a certain time span, he can die. This is referred to as second hit syndrome.

In the simplest terms possible, a concussion occurs when your brain in shaken inside your skull, which basically causes your brain to bruise. If you do not allow this enough time to heal and are bluntly hit again, your life is in danger.

A study done by the NFL proved that repeated concussions or blows to the head result in a much higher risk of early onset Alzheimer's and severe depression. This can lead to substantial memory loss, confusion, shorter lifespan and in some

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Ranking the Carolinas

OPINION



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As the college football season winds down, the average fan is torn between two feelings: Sorrow because the end of the season is near, and glee because the intensity is multiplied as games get grittier and more electrifying. The top of the BCS no longer houses three non-automatic qualifying teams due to No. 3 TCU's humiliation of then No. 5 Utah. The Utes' drop to No. 14, coupled with Alabama losing to LSU, made for a first-rate weekend of football. That is, if you were not rooting for South Carolina, N.C. State or ECU.



1. No. 23 South Carolina (6-3): The SEC's worst passing defense reared its ugly head Saturday night in Columbia. Actually, South Carolina's rushing defense did not fare well either in the matchup with No. 18 Arkansas. Knile Davis, Arkansas' sophomore running back, lit the Gamecocks up for 110 yards and three scores.

The Razorbacks came away with a 41-20 victory to snap USC's home winning streak at six. Although South Carolina endured its worst home defeat since 2005, the Spurrier-led Gamecocks still have a shot at the SEC East Division title. The last time Spurrier visited his former team, he and his program lost by 50 points. This weekend's showdown in Gainesville will decide which team will likely face Auburn in the conference championship game. **Next game: 11/13 @ No. 22 Florida**



2. North Carolina (6-3): After a Heisman-like performance by T.J. Yates and two missed FSU field goals, UNC pulled off an upset against the first place Seminoles. Florida State's place-kicker missed two vital field goals in the fourth quarter that could have sealed the game for his team. Instead, the Tar Heels came away with a 37-35 victory in a game that many expected to be a win for No. 24 FSU. T.J. Yates thrashed the opposing defense for a school record 439 yards and

three touchdowns. The triumph still leaves UNC two games out of first place in the division, but makes the Tar Heels bowl-eligible. A win this weekend would be monumental in moving them up the ACC standings. A sturdy defense will be needed in order to prevent Virginia Tech from extending its winning streak to eight games. **Next game: 11/13 vs. No. 20 Virginia Tech**



3. Clemson (5-4): Coming into Saturday's game, Clemson had beaten N.C. State six straight times. This time was no different. Despite three turnovers and seven penalties, the Tigers were able to come up with a 14-13 victory. A major league prospect worth at least \$800,000, Kyle Parker found himself on the bench after wild and sporadic quarterback play. The senior was able to fight back from being pulled to rally his team to the one-point victory. Parker's future Colorado Rockies teammate, Russell Wilson, threw another end zone interception and amassed less than 250 yards of total offense.

Clemson must travel south to Tallahassee this Saturday night to take on the 6-3 Florida State Seminoles. This primetime matchup pits a mediocre Tigers scoring offense against a premier defensive team. **Next game: 11/13 @ Florida State**



4. North Carolina State (6-3): N.C. State stepped out of the locker room this past Saturday with its destiny in its own hands. That is no longer the case after the Wolfpack dropped a nail biter at Clemson. NCST was held to 180 yards below their season average as they lost 14-13. Five trips to Clemson's red zone resulted in only 13 points for the Pack, who came into this game averaging more than 37 points per game. Quarterback Russell Wilson was the team's leading rusher with 29 yards and threw for 212 yards in the timid offensive outing. (As long as N.C. State wins out (and someone knocks off Florida St.), the Wolfpack still has the opportunity to play in their first ACC title game. **Next game: 11/13 vs. Wake Forest**

5. East Carolina (5-4): The struggling ECU Pirates showed ample military appreciation as they let the Navy Midshipmen march up and down the field. Three fumbles lost in four offensive plays left the Pirates sunken 76-35. There were a number of records broken Saturday in "Rowdy Dowdy." Two more passing yards would have given quarterback Dominique Davis the school record for passing yards in a game, but that would not have been nearly enough to overcome the discomforting loss at the hands of an independent school. The 76 points are the most scored in college football's modern era, and the most scored against ECU since 1932. The Pirates travel to Birmingham this Thursday for a primetime game. ECU needs big help from conference foes if it plans to get another shot at a conference championship. **Next game: 11/11 @ UAB**



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ECU and Marshall line up in action earlier this season. The game of football attempts to crackdown on helmet-to-helmet tackles on all levels of the sport.

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rare cases higher risks of committing suicide.

Although I do not believe that contact should be taken out of football, I do believe that malicious hits to an opponent's head should be penalized severely. Many NFL players have wined about this, all of them saying that they were taught to eliminate the competition in anyway possible, but it's time for them to tackle the proper way. After all, are they not professional, elite athletes? Can they not perform a common task of their sport in the correct manner?

If they cannot, I'm sure someone else will be willing to take the millions of dollars they make each year, play just as well and do it without knocking someone's head off. Football players wear shoulder pads for a reason. I suggest they use them. Take a lesson from a lady, boys -- head to one side, never lead with the crown of the helmet, use your arms, aim for the number area on the jersey and for goodness sakes, watch your head.

Senior linebacker Dustin Lineback gave his take on the NFL's new rule.

"I think if they're going to fine one person, then the next day they need to go through the tape of the game, and fine everyone who committed a head to head hit." Lineback continued, "Because a lot of times they don't see some of the hits that take place during special teams and other parts of the game."

Lineback explained that when he's playing, most of the time he's simply trying to get after the ball carrier.

Sometimes you can't help but hit them in the head no matter how hard you try to avoid that from happening." This is understandable. Football is an aggressive game that must be played quickly and precisely, which is why I think the fines should only be issued to players who tackle with malicious and unnecessary intent.

ECU Head Coach Ruffin McNeill also weighed in on the issue.

"Sometimes it's not on purpose. There are some intentional hits and those should certainly be dealt with, but in certain situations, the player is going about the tackle in a safe and

proper manner and by the nature of the game the opponent may duck and it could turn into a head to head hit," McNeill said. "So I think they have to be objective about it but I'm all for safety of the kids."

McNeill commented that the defensive players are not the only one making unsafe hits. "I think both sides of the ball should be penalized not just defense because it can happen on both sides."

The NFL and college football will never eliminate contact from the sport. They are simply trying to reduce the number of head injuries that occur each year, which will eventually help former football players to live longer, happier lives. Even with the new legislation in place, Sports Center's top 10 will still be filled with shockingly impressive tackles and hard hits. They just won't be so detrimental to the lives of the participants.

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On the season, ECU is giving up 41 points and 456 yards a game, while having allowed opposing quarterbacks to throw for a combined 2,118 yards and opposing running backs to rush for a combined 1,994 rushing yards on the season.

Even with the issues plaguing this defense, coach McNeill feels confident about his defense against a spread-oriented team.

"For our defense, playing spread offenses, we face that every day in practice. They stretch us vertically and horizontally," McNeill said. "The spread teams, we feel very comfortable playing. The defense will have some tweaks they can do versus UAB, but they won't have too much time to make those changes."

As for the UAB Blazers, they

come into this contest boasting a 3-6 overall record while being 2-3 in Conference USA.

On the offensive side of the ball, they are led by junior quarterback Bryan Ellis, who on the season has completed 157 of 284 passes for 1,910 yards with 14 touchdowns and nine interceptions. He leads an offense that is ranked 81st in total points scored, averaging 24 points a game and ranking 43rd in passing yards, averaging 241 yards per game.

"Byran Ellis has played in eight games and started six. He can throw the football," McNeill said. "He's not as mobile of a quarterback as a Russell Wilson. He's more of a thrower, as he attempted 44 passes Saturday." On the ground, the Blazers

rank 43rd in rushing yards a game, averaging 166 yards on the ground that could be an issue for the Pirates' defense. The running game is led by junior running back Pat Shed, who has carried the ball 110 times for 607 yards and two touchdowns.

On the defensive side of the football, UAB has many of the same problems that the Pirates' defense has. The Blazers rank 96th in the nation in points allowed, giving up 31 points a game and have had problems stopping the run and the pass so far this season, resulting in close losses that have plagued their season.

"Defensively, they do a great job. They had a tough one against Marshall, but in this league, anything can happen," McNeill

said. "It did not surprise me that Marshall beat them or that UAB beat Southern Miss. After watching UAB against Tennessee, you can see how they did."

The Blazers use a lot of different fronts on the defensive side of the ball, but McNeill says his team has seen it all.

"UAB will give us some three-man fronts and blend those with blitzes, man and zone coverage. There will be things we've seen before."

The Pirates will travel down to Alabama for this Thursday-night showdown with kick-off set for 8 p.m. The game will be televised on CBS College Sports.

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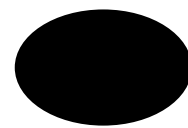
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