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BRIEFS

Bed bugs discovered at local apartment complex

Staff Reports

Bed bugs have been reported in The Landing Apartment complex in Greenville.

An anonymous leasing consultant from The Landing Apartments said they use Terminix to treat the apartments. "We have a preventative procedure we use; we spray and inspect every week. As they report them, we treat it with a bomb."

Tim Eubanks, sales manager for Terminix, said they usually use a canine at apartment complexes, as they did at The Landing, to detect the bed bugs. Canines are a more cost-effective way to detect bed bugs in buildings like apartments and hotels. Eubanks explained, "We use a hot steam, which has to be hot enough to kill them, and then use a chemical treatment on all the mattresses and furniture."

This is an increasing problem at campuses across the state. Previously, infestations have been reported at Wake Forest University, Catawba College and most recently at N.C. State University.

Bed bugs are non-flying, flat insects sometimes mistaken for ticks. Bed bugs feed off human or animal blood, but can live for days without eating. After feeding off blood, adult bed bugs appear more reddish in color but are normally a reddish-brown color. The juvenile bed bugs are clear in color and appear bright red after feeding.

The most common sign of bed bugs is bites. Bites are commonly in groups of threes and will have an appearance similar to a mosquito bite: pink and swollen around the bitten area.

Students should continue to be aware of the signs of bed bugs in order to report any time when there is the possibility of an infestation. Although mattresses are the most common place for bed bugs to live, the infestation is often found in other places in a building including carpets, furniture, outlets and baseboards.

When checking a mattress for bed bugs, look for blood smears, pieces of shredded skin and small black dots in creases, along the edges and near the headboards of the mattress. Check ceilings and baseboards for small black spots indicating blood smears.

ECU employee arrested, charged with two counts of sex crimes

Staff Reports

An ECU employee was charged on Friday with two counts of first-degree sex offense and one count of indecent liberties with a child. Jennifer Levine, 32, is an administrative support associate in the School of Social Work and has been employed by ECU for almost two years.

Levine was arrested by the Pitt County Sheriff's Office and is facing charges that she allegedly had several sexual offenses with young girls and allegedly gave them alcohol.

According to NewsChannel 12, neighbors were not all that surprised that she was being arrested. Neighbors even report her saying that she was waiting to be arrested.

The case is still under investigation and Levine is currently in the Pitt County Detention Center with a \$500,000 bond.

WEB POLL

Do you smoke on campus?

Yes

No

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World Record remains unbroken

Jennifer Soares

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Over the weekend, hundreds of costumed Pirates gathered in Clark-LeClair baseball stadium to try to break the Guinness Book of World Records for the largest gathering of costumed pirates. Unfortunately, the record still remains unbroken.

Over 800 costumed students, parents, children and even a dog, participated in the Blackbeard's Challenge held before the ECU versus Navy game on Saturday.

The previous record, still held by Hastings located in the United Kingdom, was set at 6,166.

"Although I was pleased with the people that turned out, I would have liked to see more students," said the event coordinator Whitey Martin. "The student affairs office told me they would get the word out about the event by sending a school-wide e-mail."

Martin decided to start this event because of the success of last year's Pirate out and black out. "We were tailgating and thought, 'Hey, why don't we do some kind of a world record for the most number of pirates,'" said Martin.

Blackbeard's Challenge called for Pirates near and far to come join in and dress like a pirate.

At first Martin's application was rejected by Guinness, but after sending them the history of Blackbeard and informing them of ECU's mascot, they agreed to let the event be held. There were no representatives from Guinness because they required \$5,000 for each official.

"I wanted to be a part of breaking the world record," said sophomore recreational therapy major Jessica Spencer. "It was a lot of fun."

Participants of the event had to wear rolled up pants, boots, either a sword, bandana, or an eye patch, and a hat. While inside the stadium, everyone was asked to fill out paperwork so they could be officially counted as part of the record. Once the challenge officially began, everyone had to stand around in the middle of the baseball field for 10 minutes while a clock counted down.

According to Whitey, over 1,000 real pirates offered to come to this event as far away as New York, New Orleans and Florida.

Also different news stations and radio stations attended the event to support breaking the record.

Buddy Kennedy of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Insurance, Donald Stock of Pitt Printing, Linda Proctor, Jony Brooks of Richard Cole Accounting and Mojo Sportswear all donated to Blackbeard's Challenge.

Recently, Martin was diagnosed with colon cancer and was given six months to live. While going through chemotherapy, his insurance was cut off. He beat cancer completely and is still smiling even through everything.

"Even though I have been through a lot, I am still proud of my alma mater," said Martin. "Next time we will make sure to get the event out months in



Pirates gathered before the Navy vs. ECU game to attempt to break the World Record for largest gather of costumed pirates. DOUG MACKENZIE | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

advance to allow everyone from all over to participate."

Martin plans to attempt breaking the record again for the spring 2012 football game and try to combine Piratefest.

To learn more about Martin and various things he supports, log on to his website at whitemartin.com.

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Gazebos proposed to enforce campus smoking limitations



A student takes a smoke break in the courtyard of the Old Cafeteria Complex. TYRONE DEMERY | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Hannah Jackson

STAFF WRITER

The Student Government Association has been considering options to decrease student smoking violations as well as enforcing the ban.

At an SGA meeting last week, it was suggested that building gazebos around campus could be a way of encouraging students to only smoke in those designated areas.

When it rains, students do not

always abide by the rule and end up smoking adjacent to entrances and exits.

As posted on the univer-

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BP spill panel: No evidence of saving money over safety

Associated Press

The BP oil rig explosion and spill wasn't about anyone purposely trading money for safety, investigators on a special presidential commission said Monday. Instead it was more about seemingly acceptable risks adding up to disaster.

Investigators at the commission's hearing outlined more than a dozen decisions that at the time seemed questionable but also explainable. There was no evidence of a conscious decision on the BP rig to do things on the cheap at the expense of safety, investigators stressed several times. Likewise, representatives of the companies involved in the disaster denied that corners were cut because of cost.

Critics - including a top academic, a congressman and people on the temporarily polluted Bayou - are balking at what they see as something close a free pass for BP's history of cost cutting. Commission officials

say they aren't excusing BP at all, but pointing out there was no clear single decision that came down solely to money.

"Anytime you are talking about a million and a half dollars a day, money enters in. All I am saying is human beings did not sit there and sell safety down the river for dollars on the rig that night," commission chief attorney Fred H. Bartlit Jr. said.

That doesn't mean that a general culture of cost cutting wasn't an issue, added commission co-chairman Bob Graham, the former Florida senator and governor. But Bartlit said that his job wasn't to look at BP's safety record.

"Organizational culture is central and there needs to be a commitment, a real commitment, to safety from the highest levels on down," panel co-chairman William K. Reilly said.

At least five questionable decisions were key contributors

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Calendar Events

Nov. 9 - Nov. 15

Tuesday, Nov. 9

"The Cure" Premier Passport Event

6 to 8 p.m. at MSC Hendrix Theatre. Campus Wellness Event.

"The Cure," a movie about a boy who acquires AIDS through a blood transfusion, will be shown at 6 p.m. on Nov. 9 in Hendrix Theatre.

Voyages of Discovery Lecture Series – Dr. Matthew Fox

7 p.m. on Nov. 9 in Wright Auditorium.

The Jarvis Lecture on Christianity and Culture will feature Dr. Matthew Fox, theologian and Episcopal priest, speaking on "Reinventing Christianity" at

"Burning in the Sun" – 2010-11 Southern Circuit tour of Independent Filmmakers

8 p.m. Jenkins Fine Arts Center – Speight Auditorium.

26-year-old charmer Daniel Dembele is equal parts West African and European and looking to make his mark on the world. Seizing the moment at a crossroads in his life, Daniel decides to return to his homeland in Mali and start a local business building solar panels — the first of its kind in the sun-drenched nation. Free for ECU students, general admission tickets are \$5.

Wednesday, Nov. 10

Parking and Transportation Open House

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Come check out the new alternative transportation methods including ZipCar and Zimride, see the new transit bus and register to win prizes. Both Parking and Transportation staff and Student Transit Authority staff will be on hand to answer any of your questions.

Parking & Transportation's office is located at 305 E. 10th St., besides McDonalds.

SAB presents "Despicable Me"

9:30 p.m.

Relay for Life Kickoff Dinner

4 to 8 p.m. at West End Dining Hall.

Thursday, Nov. 11

Be Positive, Stay Negative: HIV Testing

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

Free HIV testing for students, hosted by Campus Wellness.

SAB presents "Despicable Me"

7 and 9:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 12

Women's Basketball Game

5 p.m.

SAB presents "Despicable Me"

7 and 9:30 p.m.

Fall Festival

Join us for the Fall Festival in honor of our 2010-2011 Basketball Season! The event will take place from 3:00-5:30 PM for the Women's and Men's Basketball double-header. It will be a fun-filled afternoon of games, inflatable's, prizes, food, and a live performance by Jake Leg. The Dining Hall will be set up at Minges Coliseum serving from 4:30-8:00 PM (Meal Swipe – Free to Meal Plan members and \$6 to the Public) and Minges Express will be running before and after the event to provide transportation for those who live on campus. Let's cheer on the Basketball teams as we begin a new era and show everyone the Pirate Nation is a great place to be!

Men's Basketball Game

7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 13

Swimming and Diving

1 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 15

Be Positive, Stay Negative: HIV Testing

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 15 at Wright Plaza.

Information and educational activities on HIV and AIDS will be available. Free testing will also be available on site. Event sponsored by Campus Wellness.

Men's Basketball Game

7 p.m.

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city website and various locations around ECU, smoking is prohibited within 25 feet of university buildings. The policy states that its purpose is to "improve public health and it applies to all faculty, staff, students, visitors and patients. It is the responsibility of every member of the University community to conduct himself or herself in compliance with this policy."

The problem is not the policy but the enforcement. Many students feel that no one receives penalty and that the university does nothing to enforce it.

The only other alternative to

enforcing it is to ban smoking altogether, which would not go over well since there are many smokers.

Undergraduate student senator Veronique Pope discussed that the topic was brought up at the meeting. "Since it was agreed upon by the majority of the undergraduate senators, it now will be presented at another meeting this week for approval."

Any employees or students who violate the policy will be reminded and asked to comply by putting the cigarette out. The ECU police may also issue citations to anyone who is seen violating this policy, which could result in a fine up to \$25 and possible additional court costs.

Even though the proposal has not been presented to administrators yet, many students and leaders hope it will be approved since officials are having a difficult time enforcing the smoking ban.

Student Steven Jones shares his opinion on the proposal. "I think it is a good idea but I'm not sure how well it will be implemented."

Jones also thinks that if the gazebos are too far from building entrances, students are less likely to use them.

Even though the policy is in place, no one at ECU has ever been issued a smoking citation for smoking too close to a building.

Student Health Services offers many tips and facts about smoking to bolster students to quit smoking such as quitting cold turkey, gradual withdrawal, joining a support group and brand switching. Health Services also provides special pricing on smoking cessation products with a schedule to help students be more prepared if they decide to quit.

No matter what is decided, students and officials are hoping these gazebos will help enforce the policy as well as maintain the safety and public health of all people on campus.

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to last spring's disaster Reilly said. Halliburton Co., which had the crucial job of cementing the well, was on the hotseat as much as BP on Monday, clashing more often with investigators than the oil company. And the commission still hasn't dealt with the blowout preventer, a key instrument, because it is still being examined. No written report was issued on Monday.

Bartlit, the panel's chief investigator, revealed in a letter last month that testing on cement mixtures similar to those used in the well showed that the formula was unstable before the blowout, but BP and Halliburton used it anyway. Bartlit said the companies should have reconsidered the type of cement used in the well. Cement is an essential barrier to preventing blowouts.

Led by commission investigators, BP Vice President Mark Bly said Halliburton officials were slow about testing and results. Several times during the hearing, BP and commission investigators found themselves agreeing on blaming Halliburton.

So far, the first nonpolitical and independent inquiry into the April 20 rig failure - which killed 11 workers and dumped 172 million gallons of oil into the Gulf of Mexico - is echoing investigations into past technological disasters, such as space shuttle explosions. If there is one large problem, it is the way that all sorts of small decisions become a cascade of failures that short-circuit normal safety features.

Not everyone agrees. One of the nation's top technological disaster academics said the spill commission - appointed by President Barack Obama - was a "cover-up" from the White House. Charles Perrow, a Yale University professor who wrote the disaster sociology classic "Normal Accidents" said the investigation was overlooking BP's track record of disasters that have come after cost cutting.

"There's a long history of dollars versus safety at this organization," Perrow said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. He referred specifically to BP's 2005 Texas City oil refinery explosion in which federal officials cited a culture of cost-cutting at the expense of safety. In 2006, BP's lack of leak detection caused a massive pipeline spill, the largest on Alaska's North Slope to date.

Reilly, chief of the federal Environmental Protection Agency under President George H.W. Bush, told the AP he went into the investigation expecting to conclude that safety was traded for dollars but didn't find that to be so. Instead, what investigators found was "a series of first challenging situations" and some choices that could go either way compounded by "hard to explain decisions."

"And they add up to a disaster," Reilly said during a break in the commission's hearings.

The commission often found itself agreeing with BP more than clashing, with members noting the company's own investigation and saying they agreed about 90 percent of the time. That allowed more of the focus to shift to Halliburton Co., which did the crucial cementing of the well, a job that was one of the key failures.

The commission came up with 13 preliminary temporary conclusions. Like BP, it found that the oil

and gas traveled up the center of the pipe in the well, rather than up the sides - a finding that was disputed by Halliburton on Monday. The company has been criticized by the panel's investigators for pumping faulty cement and having tests in hand that showed it would fail. If the blowout started in the space between the pipe and the underground rock, Halliburton's cement would be less of a factor.

Another question is why the blowout preventer - the last defense against a runaway well - failed to block the flow of oil and gas. Bartlit said the team would await a forensic analysis before drawing conclusions. The blowout preventer is now protected evidence in a federal court case.

Bartlit and commission members said their investigation was hampered by the lack of subpoena power. A bill giving them such power is on hold in the Senate.

University of California at Berkeley engineering professor Bob Bea, an expert in both offshore oil rigs and technological disasters, said in general he agreed with the spill commission's findings. He suggested the problem wasn't a specific safety-for-money decision made on the rig, but a lack of understanding of the dangers and trade-offs involved.

Daniel Becnel, a Louisiana lawyer suing BP and others, called the commission's finding "absolutely absurd." He also took issue with Bartlit's endorsement of BP's view of events.

"They are pasting over because they know the government is going to be a defendant sooner or later in this litigation," Becnel said.

Democrats in Congress have focused on BP's well design, saying the company made decisions that sacrificed safety to save millions of dollars. Those choices included running a single piece of pipe from the seafloor to the bottom of the well, something called a "long string." BP also chose to use fewer centralizers, devices that hold the pipe down the center of the well for cementing.

In a June letter to then-BP CEO Tony Hayward, Reps. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., and Bart Stupak, D-Mich., questioned at least five decisions BP made in the days leading up to the explosion.

Rep. Edward J. Markey, D-Mass., a member of Waxman's energy panel that is investigating the spill, stood by those claims Monday.

"When the culture of a company favors risk-taking and cutting corners above other concerns, systemic failures like this oil spill disaster result without direct decisions being made or trade-offs being considered," Markey said. "What is fully evident, from BP's pipeline spill in Alaska and the Texas city refinery disaster, to the Deepwater Horizon well failure, is that BP has a long and sordid history of cutting costs and pushing the limits in search of higher profits."

Eating lunch with his wife on a fishing pier at Gulf Shores, Ala., retired engineer Rod Addison said he trusts BP more than the government. He was reassured that neither found that a push for profits was to blame for the gusher.

"If they came to the same conclusion, I'll trust it," said Addison, of Chelsea, Ala. "I just think it was a pure accident. Engineers don't try to go around making mistakes."

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Monday, Nov. 15	Personal Academic Integrity Game 10:00am - 1:00pm on the Mall in front of Wright Place.
Tuesday, Nov. 16	Respect and Diversity FLASH MOB on the Mall in front of Wright Place.
Wednesday, Nov. 17	Responsible For Words and Actions (A Wellness Passport Event) 7:30pm Great Rooms in MSC
Thursday, Nov. 18	Engaging in Citizenship 10:00am - 1:00pm Wright Place

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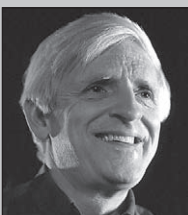
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Tuesday, November 9, 7:00 p.m., Wright Auditorium

Complimentary tickets are available to all attendees and are available through the Central Ticket Office by calling 252-328-4788, 1-800-ECU-ARTS, or (voice/TTY) 252-328-4736. 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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Why is it that some guys gossip more than girls? It's time to find yourself a girl mate!

Damn the Pirates got blasted by seamen on Saturday!

While driving yesterday I saw a banana peel in the road and instinctively swerved to avoid it...thanks Mario Kart.

ALERT TO ECU: First UGG Sl*t of the year have been spotted. Stay Alert, Pay Attention to your surroundings, and walk in groups. Stay Safe. Wear A Condom.

To the girl on the U. Manor bus: stop complaining about how many hours you were scheduled to work this week. Be glad you have a job!

Goal before I graduate: Have my own pirate rant posted in the paper! Sorry for those who read the rants simply looking for a laugh because this definitely isn't anything funny. Nothing in my life is...except for my grades.

To all gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgender students here at ECU I support you! I salute you for being yourself! *hugs*

Maybe if you take those library headphones off you would know how disgusting you sound sucking your snot up into your head every 10 seconds.

Okay, so I'm walking through the library looking for a private study room. As I look into the windows I see a girl looking at my Facebook pictures...creepy?

What's the point of having a girlfriend if your just going to get mad at her when she wants to be with you?

To all girls who don't shower before going to class in the morning: Your skanky b.o. from the night before wrecks my nose even with your arms are crossed in your northface.

PURPLE!!!! COLD!!!!

To the Purple Man on Elm Street: You are so hot. I dream about your faceless body!

To the students that sit in class on Facebook and other non-educational websites: You're ruining it for the rest of us that actually bring our laptops to class for our own educational benefit.

Thank you to the guy at the party who drank the beer full of ashed cigs, realized it... and kept drinking.

Last I checked Joyner is not a karaoke club...plus you're an awful singer.

To the girls at the game Saturday who sat down besides me and read a "Seventeen" magazine the entire time: next time please stay home. You're an embarrassment to Pirate football.

I know I spilled beer on my shirt. I just like it to get as drunk as I am.

The reason I don't talk to you isn't because you aren't hot, I just don't like a b*tch!

To the girl who sits behind me in Math: please shower. No really you smell horrible! P.s. who is your hot friend?

With the act of skinny-dipping in the school fountain...I have completed everything I needed to graduate.

I could never be an ECU bus driver: I would run over all the idiots that think the 10 ton bus should wait on them.

Women might be able to fake orgasms, but men can fake a whole relationship. We win!

More Pirate Rants on the website!

Way to *PUSH* through that glass ceiling, ladies!



Abby Brockmeyer
OPINION COLUMNIST

The world as we know it is changing, especially in regards to women and our roles in this world. As time has gone on, we have evolved into high-powered, analytical machines in the workplace, still able to juggle families along with careers that are paralleled with men. Oprah Winfrey has said to her millions of female fans, "Create the highest, grandest

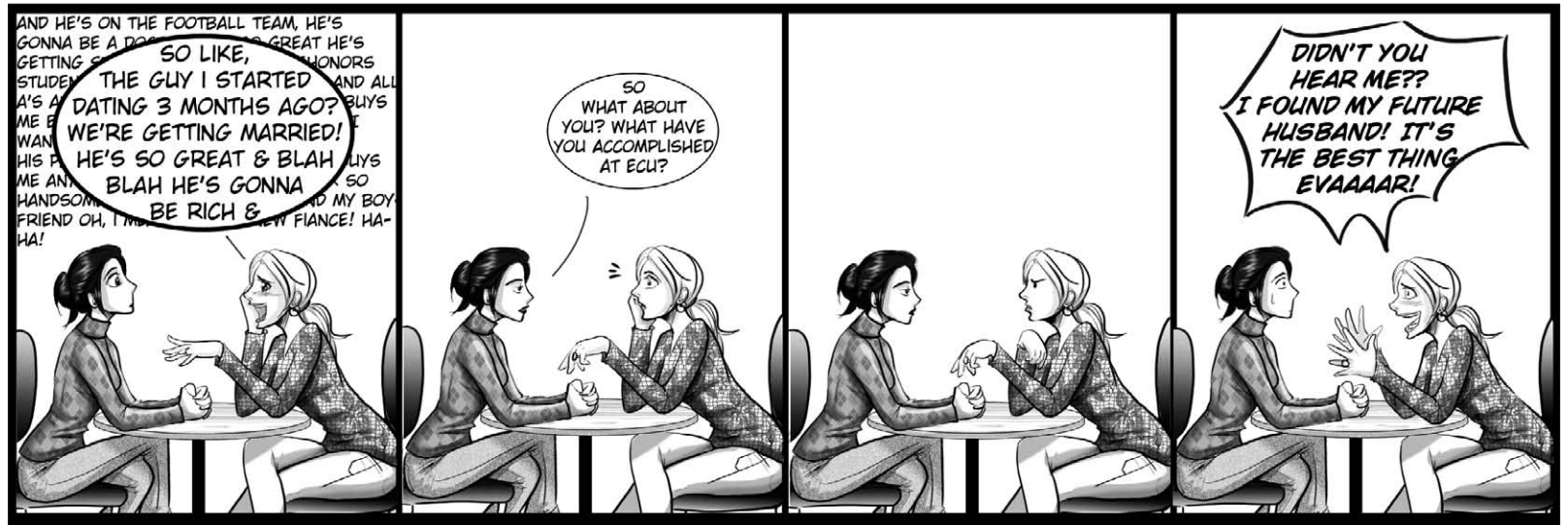
vision possible for your life, because you become what you believe." With all of this self-empowerment going on within the bubble of the women's world, why then are we still worrying, as we did years ago, who will be our future husband while we are in college? On college campuses across the nation, young women are worrying more and more about their relationships and letting that relationship control their lives, along with everything that they do. A study that was published in the scientific journal Sex Roles found that "women seemed to want a relationship more than men, but women fear, whether dating or in hooking up, they will become emotionally attached to a partner not interested in them."

We are in an era of women not truly doing what makes them happy, but using a relationship to try to fulfill themselves and realizing, down the road, that it isn't the key to happiness. ECU student Taylor Volk commented about this topic, saying, "Girls seem to be reverting back to the old days and they are letting their ambitions go when relationships are never guaranteed. People are losing sight of how great of an opportunity college is, and it's not just to find your husband." An anonymous ECU student commented about her past college relationship, saying, "I let him control what I did and how I did it. My GPA fell by 0.8 and my entire focus was always directed to him and how he thought about me. It

wasn't healthy." Throughout college years, many of us girls go through the ups and downs of relationships, sometimes being in them and sometimes not. What we are losing track of is what the whole point of college is. It is about the time of your life when you truly understand who you are and what you want to do down the road. Girls are staying in truly unhealthy relationships because they are feeling the overwhelming urgency to find a mate. With many campuses, including ECU, the prominent race is women and that means even more constant feelings of competition within the dating world. A New York Times article quoted that, "As for a man's cheating, that's a thing

that girls let slide, because you have to. If you don't let it slide, you don't have a boyfriend." Sadly, this is how many girls here at ECU feel as well. Associating college only with partying and finding a suitable husband, or anyone that will date you for that matter, will only lead you down a path of regret when you get to your older years. As for now, why not embrace life not just to find a good "boyfriend" but also to learn a little in our classes so maybe if that "perfect" relationship doesn't work out, we have a little something called a real college degree to fall back on and actually use.

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OMG shoes!



Ben Cochran
OPINION COLUMNIST

Almost every girl loves shopping. It's therapeutic, apparently. Why pay hundreds of dollars on a psychiatrist when you could spend far less and get some new threads in the process? According to Onepoll.com, the average woman spends three years of her life shopping by the time she's 63. After that, it's probably a lot more since she'll be retired. And since women are living longer than men, she'll have her husband's life insurance as well. That is a harrowing thought. Essence magazine claims that women will spend over 40 hours per year trying on shoes. I'm not sure which is more impressive: that women have the patience to try on that many shoes before they find the pair they want or that I'm actually quoting Essence magazine. So the studies have shown that women shop a lot more than men. And I'm fairly certain at least part of the reason can be attributed to the fact that women have a whole lot more options than men when it comes to finding a garb peddler.

And because a women's consumer advocacy and retail training organization known as Women Certified found that women spend \$4 trillion a year (83 percent of our gross national product), retailers are falling over themselves to come up with as many places as possible for women to blow their money. Consequently, this means that there are many more shopping venues marketed directly toward women. Sure guys could go to the mall, but it seems like all the graphic tees and designer jeans that you could get from places like Abercrombie, AE or Hollister make you look like a huge douche. I could shop at Eddie Bauer, but I'm not related to Wilfred Brimley and I'm seriously not trying to look like him. I could go to Express, or something like that for guys, but due to the fact that I'm a guy and my "gentlemen" need room to move around kind of dissuades me from purchasing pants from a primarily women's store. I could shop at a department store, but I hate looking like every other guy. Besides, since that's the only real alternative for us guys, by the time I can get to a store, the selection has already been ransacked. I was in Charlottesville, Va., the other weekend. I don't know if it's because Virginia is just a lot classier than North Carolina or if Thomas Jefferson enacted a swanky law when he founded the place

requiring fashionable dress, but it seemed like there were quaint little shops everywhere. And not just "shops" but "shoppes," mind you. Everything was proper. It was the kind of quiet retreat that men could escape to while women go spend their time and money on something insanely illogical, like her 45th handbag or some such nonsense. Anyway, these were bastions of testosterone, refinement and general heterosexual man-love. They were the sorts of places where you could take your time and make an informed decision based on the quality of the clothes as opposed to how it would make your ass look. These were the places that had a wet bar and walk-in humidor for brandy sipping and cigar smoking in between trying on new articles of clothing. These places were run by esteemed gentlemen with an invaluable gift for perception — men who could size up a customer by the time he got 3 feet in the door, men who knew when a customer was looking for a moment's reprieve from his nagging girlfriend. These are the places where I want to shop. These are the places that Greenville lacks. These are the places that Greenville needs, lest I endure further ridicule for my mundane T-shirt/jeans combo.

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Limit the Facebookers

Although there have been additions to the amount of campus computers, the availability is still scarce. Locating an available computer is a frustrating quest, especially when the only computers around are full of Facebookers. Facebook has taken over campus. It is common to walk into a computer lab and see the majority of people on Facebook. Whether it is creeping on pictures and profiles or playing the applications, Facebooking is one of the most popular activities to do on campus. According to Facebook's statistics, there are 500 million active users and people spend over 700 billion minutes per month on Facebook. Many computer labs on campus have Facebook and even Twitter saved on the bookmark pages, which promotes robotic computer logins. A robotic computer login consists of logging into a computer and instantly getting on Facebook without even thinking about it. Facebook login has sadly become second nature for many individuals. ITCS states, "East Carolina University, through innovative information technology initiatives and service, shall provide opportunities for the ECU community to excel in teaching, research and service using state-of-the-art technology and leading-edge collaborative environment." Nowhere does Facebook fall into the lines of the priorities of the ECU campus technology. Campus computers are designated for the purpose of studying and completing work. Especially when it is time for that last minute printing before class or the quizzes due at random afternoon times, the campus computers have been lifesavers. Procrastinating on Facebook... ridiculous. Creep on Facebook or play that addictive game on your own computer during your own time. Harsh? Not when Facebook addicts are the reason that there is a pileup of students waiting for a computer in Austin. How to settle the recent argument via Pirate Rants of blocking Facebook on campus? Blocking Facebook for the entire campus is too extreme. People living in the dorms would be unable to access Facebook at all if all Internet sources on campus blocked Facebook. The best option would be to individually block each computer. The virus scanning and restarting process of campus computers is done individually so this would just be an additional task on the end of the day checklist. Is this controlling reminiscent of high school? Maybe so, but the reality is that Pirates care more about social networking than academics if based on the most visited websites on campus. Facebook is great and everyone that has an account to some extent has an addiction but it has gotten out of hand. It would be nice to get some work done at the library — where people actually do work, not raise a digital farm or gossip about who slept with whom. Maybe more work will get done if there is a control on Facebook usage on campus computers and we can avoid being Easy U. Everyone is tired of hearing our university's stigma, but waiting on an available computer is even more annoying.

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Shakespeare spelled his own name several different ways.

Writer Edgar Allan Poe and LSD-advocate Timothy Leary were both kicked out of West Point.

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis was the most famous editor at Doubleday & Co.

Hans Christian Anderson, author of many famous fairytales, was word-blind. He never learned to spell correctly, and his publishers always found errors in his manuscripts.

Dr. Jekyll's first name is Henry.

Dr. Seuss pronounced his name so that it would rhyme with the word rejoice. His birthday is March 2.

"Tom Sawyer" was the first novel written on a typewriter.

Mary Shelley wrote "Frankenstein" at the age of 19.

During his entire lifetime, Herman Melville's timeless classic of the sea, "Moby Dick," only sold 50 copies.

People in Iceland read more books per capita than any other people in the world.

Bambi was originally published in 1929 in German.

Andy Garcia was a Siamese, or conjoined, twin.

Tommy Lee Jones and Vice President Al Gore were freshmen roommates at Harvard.

As a child, Jodie Foster appeared in Coppertone commercials.

Tom Cruise at one time wanted to be a priest.

The first actress to appear on a postage stamp was Grace Kelly.

Shirley Temple made \$1 million by age 10.

Orson Welles is buried in an olive orchard on a ranch owned by his friend, matador Antonio Ordenez, in Seville, Spain.

The Beatles performed their first U.S. concert in Carnegie Hall.

John Lennon's middle name was Winston.

The harmonica is the world's most popular instrument.

A single violin is made of 70 separate pieces of wood.

Howdy Doody had 48 freckles. His twin brother was named Double Duty.

Charlie Chaplin once won third prize in a Charlie Chaplin look-alike contest.

Roseanne Barr (from the show "Roseanne") used to be an opening act for Julio Iglesias.

Alfred Hitchcock did not have a belly button.

Sophia Loren's sister was once married to the son of the Italian dictator Benito Mussolini.

Reptiles are never slimy. Their scales have few glands and are usually silky to the touch.

Marine iguanas, saltwater crocodiles, sea snakes and sea turtles are the only surviving seawater-adapted reptiles.

An iguana can stay under water for twenty-eight minutes.

Male western fence lizards do push-ups on tree limbs as a courtship display for females.

The Nile and Indo-Pacific saltwater crocodiles are the only two crocodiles that are considered true man-eaters.

The tuatara lizard of New Zealand has three eyes--two in the center of its head and one on top.

The tuatara's metabolism is so slow they only have to breathe once an hour.

A blind chameleon still changes color to match its environment.

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The night life of a Safe Ride driver

One staff member observes the hassles drivers have to put up with on a regular basis

Rebecca Blanchette
STAFF WRITER

Saturday night a plethora of eager ECU students charged toward a Safe Ride van like the paparazzi as it pulled up to the College Hill bus stop. The estimated 20 students cussed at the drivers and kicked the van's tires as they argued over who called for the service first. Each van can only accommodate 10 passengers and though another van was on the way, students still continued to act wild. "Students just don't care," said Jessica Faison, Safe Ride operations supervisor, who was driving this particular van Saturday night. "They don't have any patience."

Every night, Safe Ride drivers rush around Greenville, delivering rides to both staff and students. "It gets pretty hectic," said Faison. "We have a wide variety of riders. We have regulars." As the van rolled up to the west end of campus Saturday night, an employee at the dining hall, a regular rider, got in smiling and greeting the drivers. "If it wasn't for them I wouldn't be able to work at night," she said, as she would have no other way of getting home. "They're really wonderful. It's such a blessing for me." Per usual, she got in baring snacks for the drivers, pulling two apples out of her bag and asking Faison about her family.

However, not all riders are this pleasant. "We do have a lot of intoxicated riders, but they're usually not belligerent," said Faison. Some students even try to



bring alcohol onto the vans. "We'll hear the bottles clanging, then we have to pull over and let them out," said Faison. "Then we get cussed out." An anonymous driver added that "some folks don't know where they are" when they call for a ride.

As Saturday night rolled on, teenage drama amongst student riders unfolded as well. As the van veered to a corner on College Hill, a group of students traveling together dispensed their IDs to the drivers and got in the vehicle. A couple, however, had misplaced their OneCards. They stood outside of the van as the male fumbled in his pockets for the cards. Suddenly, the girl stormed away toward her dorm, causing her friends in the van to flee after her, leaving the vehicle passenger-less.

As the night went on, it only got more chaotic. Office workers instructed pick-up locations to drivers through the static of a walkie talkie radio, but conflicting orders caused some frustra-

tion. Faison passed the radio over to her co-worker in the passenger seat and took a bite out of her apple in frustration. "I'm eating it like I'm starved but it's really to keep me relaxed more than anything," she said.

The office workers receive the phone calls for rides, and though they're not out picking up riders, they still deal with their rude dispositions. "They'll call and cuss out people in the office two seconds after wait time," said Faison. "The wait times are definitely rough estimates because of traffic, trains, accidents." Students will threaten workers, saying that if they get raped while waiting, it's Safe Ride's fault. One student even went so far as to tell a worker that he was going to drive drunk and blame it on Safe Ride because he didn't want to wait for a ride. Other students won't even be outside when their ride arrives. "Every student has three min-

utes," said Faison, of how long Safe Ride will wait for students to come outside.

Faison relayed her craziest experience as a Safe Ride driver, citing a time that she was going to pick up riders from a fraternity house. "They had planned to bomb the van," said Faison, "They had KFC buckets full of pasta." As she drove past they threw the buckets at the vehicle. "It sounded like paint buckets hitting the van," she said. "I just stopped and we had to radio out and call the police." When the offenders saw that Faison was calling the cops, they panicked. "They tried to open the door when they saw what I was doing," Faison reported that there have also been times when students have gotten out of control while riding in the van. "They were rocking the van once, punching the glass and hitting the van."

Students will also try to bend the rules of Safe Ride. One girl ran up to the van Saturday night, telling the drivers she called for a ride. When the drivers dispatched out to the office, they learned that the girl was lying. Other students will try to break

the rule that states that either the pick up or drop off point has to be an on campus site. "One kid will call while in the van to cheat the system," said Faison. He will be given a ride from off campus to an on-campus location, only to get right back on and go to another off campus location. Safe Ride does not duplicate bus routes, but a lot of students will wait until the buses stop running so they can use Safe Ride instead. "People will purposely miss the bus because they don't want to ride the bus," said Faison. "People going from the Hill to West will refuse to take the bus."

Gratefully, not all students are out of control. "Our best riders are our international students. They're very friendly," said Faison. "They're appalled at how ungrateful the American students are. It's embarrassing." Not all students use the service to go downtown or to apartment parties either. Saturday night, one ride was given to a student who was going to run an errand. About an hour later, Safe Ride picked him back up from the

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Former student and marine is honored

Lorianna Whitford
STAFF WRITER

The impact that one person can make is often not fully appreciated until that person is gone. The past weekend served as a time to appreciate the efforts, impact and life of Sgt. David Smith.

Sgt. Smith was a true example of a patriot, Marine and Pirate. He died serving our country as a United States Marine during his deployment to Afghanistan on Jan. 26, 2010. Although he was only 25 years old, he spent those 25 years as a person of integrity and honor.

This weekend, his family and friends gathered to honor his memory. Their interaction was evidence of the impact he made on so many lives. Each person was clearly touched by the life of Smith in some way. The family and friends took this time to reminisce on memories of their fallen family member and friend. They all shared a love and longing for Smith that was undeniably evident. This was proof of his great spirit and character.

Smith made the ultimate sacrifice for the United States, and ECU will not let that be forgotten. The Pirates paid tribute



Daniel Brown, brother of Sgt. David Smith, shakes hands with Navy quarterback Ricky Dobbs during the coin toss.

to him at the beginning of last Saturday's football game against Navy as his family administered the coin toss in his honor.

Smith's mother, Mary Jane McWilliams, spoke about the weekend she spent at ECU and her feelings during the coin toss. "I can see now why David loved ECU so much. He talked us into coming down to tailgate one time and we did and I'm so glad now that we did. I noticed then how friendly the kids were and the Pirate spirit. David loved that. Seeing his picture up on the teltron was just overwhelming and absolutely amazing."

When asked what made

Smith decide to join the Marine Corps, McWilliams knew exactly when and why he chose to enlist. "The idea came to David on 9/11. He was in high school. It really affected him very deeply. Nine-eleven was the start of his desire to serve the country." She continued to explain Smith's love of the Marine Corps. "David was above all else a patriot. He loved the corps and he loved the challenge it provided him. He took care of his junior marines. He was going to go career after he graduated and combine his degree with the corp. The Marine Corps get the best and he was definitely one

of the best."

ECU and the College of Technology plan to continue the tradition of honoring Smith by setting up a leadership award that will be presented to students who embody the three words that Smith lived by: leadership, integrity and service. They are working to raise funds to add a monetary scholarship for the students who receive the David J. Smith leadership award. The first award will be presented in April 2011.

McWilliams was overflowing with gratitude for ECU. "The way they honored David, it touched all of us so deeply. I did

not expect everything that was done and it was just absolutely beautiful," she said. "I will never forget this for as long as I live."

McWilliams's description of her son embodies that of an amazing soul. "David was a wonderful, loving young man. He loved his family, and his friends meant everything to him." She went on to add, "He was always willing to help a friend in need or even a perfect stranger and he never bragged about it, but he was there if someone needed him. He held ECU in very high regard. He was proud to call himself a Pirate. David was one of a kind."

Smith's memory will serve as an example of character and excellence to all friends, family and Pirates. Those who knew him will never be able to shake the longing for him, but may they feel some comfort in knowing that Smith's memory has resonated in the core of ECU, and they will always be welcomed here with open arms. The Pirate Nation has been greatly affected by him and will honor him for years to come.

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'Black Ops' promises a hit

★★★★★
Jack Powell
STAFF WRITER

Sorry homework, the new Call of Duty is here. One of gaming's highest-anticipated videogames, "Call of Duty: Black Ops," is available for purchase today. The newest addition of this famous gaming series will be sold for gameplay on the Xbox 360, PlayStation 3, PC, Nintendo Wii and DS. The price for the game is \$60.

The predecessor of "Black Ops" is "Modern Warfare 2" (known as MW2). "MW2" was deemed Xbox 360's top-selling game of all time. It sold \$550 million in just its first five days with 5.2 million multiplayer hours logged into Xbox LIVE on its first day. Surely it will be a difficult challenge for "Black Ops" to surpass "MW2," but not impossible. So far, "Black Ops" is expected to sell 12 million copies this holiday season while "MW2" sold 19 million.

Best Buy employee Patrick Dean spoke about "Black Ops." Dean said, "The new 'Black Ops' ought to surpass 'MW2.' So far we have about 200-250 pre-orders at

our store. I've already played 'Black Ops' and it destroys 'MW2.' Best Buy hosted a midnight release sale the night of Nov. 8. Best Buy is offering exclusive deals to go with "Black Ops." A consumer can get a LG 42-inch LED HDTV, 250GB Xbox 360 console with Wi-Fi and the new "Black Ops" game all for \$999, with a savings of \$760. This is a spectacular deal for any college student who loves gaming.

The new game will be developed by Treyarch and published by Activision. Treyarch developed only two previous Call of Duty games, "Big Red One" and "World at War." Infinity Ward developed most other games in the series, such as "MW2."

"Black Ops" is the highest-anticipated game of the year, and why not? Jeep even made a special edition 2011 Jeep Wrangler "Black Ops Edition," and it's actually a vehicle in the game. The kill-streak rewards are great and the guns are even better. Kill-streak rewards include new favorites such as a remote-controlled car with explosives (3 kills) and a gunship helicopter that the player fully controls using guns and rockets (11 kills). There will even be some

new guns such as the G11 assault rifle and the Crossbow.

Josh Rogers, an ECU junior criminal justice major, tells about his expectations of the new game. Rogers said, "It's hard to imagine the new game will be better than the last one but I'm going to give it a run for my money. After all the video trailers I've seen, I've come to the conclusion that I will use the Crossbow a lot. I hope it's as fun as it looks."

"Black Ops" should not only be a top-selling game but the top highlight of most conversations in November. It's the game to buy. After coughing up \$60 to buy the game, the next decision for an Xbox gamer will be to play on LIVE to unlock weapons and check out the new maps, or to start the campaign and get the full experience of the game. It's a difficult decision, but for anyone who loves Call of Duty, either choice is right. So go buy yourself a copy of this hit game today to see if it's as fun as its predecessors!

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'Call of Duty: Black Ops' can be purchased at local gaming stores today.



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Members of the Golden Key organization help collect food for the needy.

Golden Key helps family in need

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STAFF WRITER

Among the countless service projects that ECU's Golden Key organization has taken on, one of them is especially gratifying to its members.

Each year, members of the organization take part in service projects ranging from raising money for victims of the disaster in Haiti to collecting Box Tops for Education. But this month, the Golden Key members feel a

greater connection to the project they are taking on because it will be helping out those in their own community.

Throughout the first few weeks this November, the organization will continue collecting money and food donations in hopes of providing an enjoyable and traditional Thanksgiving dinner for an underprivileged Pitt County family who otherwise could not afford it.

"It's a good way (for members) to give back to their com-

munity," said the Golden Key chapter adviser and assistant director Krista Wilhelm. "It's important that they realize they can make a difference."

Golden Key is a worldwide collegiate honor society that recognizes academic excellence and promotes the value of academics, leadership and service to its members. The Golden Key chapter at ECU includes around 500 members, who were invited to join the group because of being in the top 15 percent of their class.

This is the third year that members of ECU's chapter of this organization have chosen to provide Thanksgiving dinner for a Pitt County family as one of their service projects. According to ECU's Golden Key chapter president Ashley Wooten, it is a tradition that they will continue in the following years. "It's so simple to just go get cans," said Wooten. "It's something so small, but it means a lot."

The organization is working in coordination with Pitt County's Department of Social Services to select the family that they will sponsor. Though Wilhelm and Wooten will not be able to receive detailed information about the family due to the county government's policies, they have requested a larger family, ranging from six to eight people, since they expect a significant number of donations. In past years, the ECU Golden Key Chapter has even been successful enough in raising money and collecting food that they were able to provide Thanksgiving dinner for more than one family.

On Nov. 14, the organization will hold its new member recognition ceremony, which will provide a chance for newly initiated members to donate cans

and/or money for the family. The Golden Key officers will also promote this service project during group meetings and through e-mails to reach out to and ask support from both active and inactive members.

Wilhelm emphasizes that during the holiday season "everyone feels so fortunate" and thus more willing to give back to those in need. "It's something you do as a good citizen," she said. "You give back to others."

Both Wilhelm and Wooten agree that the combination of the members being able to provide a special day for a family in their own community and feeling especially fortunate this time of year will guarantee a successful outcome. "I think our members love to donate," Wooten said, "and they get to see it in the full picture."

Though the organization's officers and members are confident and enthusiastic about this project, they also recognize that they would like to make certain changes in the future. Wilhelm felt unfortunate that the organization has not been able to deliver the food to the family themselves, since the members are usually out of town on Thanksgiving. Though Pitt County's Department of Social Services will be able to drop off the meal, Wilhelm hopes that when the organization takes on this project again in the future, some of the members will be able to complete the rewarding task of delivering the food themselves.

For more information on this service project or for general information on the Golden Key organization, students can e-mail goldenkey@ecu.edu.

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shopping center. Another handful of rides were given to students who work on campus or who were going back to the dorms after studying at Barnes and Noble. Rides are also often given to faculty members who don't have a means of transportation to or from work.

Though a lot of students are unappreciative of the free service, there are also people who are very grateful for it. Despite the stress that the job causes her and the rude students she has to deal with, Faison still said, "I love being a driver."

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2010-2011 Southern Circuit tour of Independent Filmmakers



The School of Art and Design and the S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series present six films and the filmmakers that created them

Burning in the Sun

Tuesday, November 9, 8:00 p.m.
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Meet the filmmaker following the screening.

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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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Women's basketball wins big in exhibition, 114-60

Senior Allison Spivey led six ECU players in double figures with 21 points while the Pirates forced 49 turnovers and recorded 26 steals to highlight a 114-60 exhibition win over Mount Olive Saturday night at Minges Coliseum. Had the game counted as a regular season or postseason affair, the Pirates would have fallen just two points shy of setting a school record for points scored in a game.

The contest featured 51 combined fouls as the Trojans committed 29, allowing ECU to convert 31 of its 40 free throw attempts. The Pirates also held the advantage in field goal percentage, firing at a 47.4 clip as compared to a 45.7 mark for the visitors. ECU dominated the glass, outrebounding Mount Olive 43-26. The Pirates ended the evening with additional advantages in assists (23-12), three-point field goals made (9-6), free throws made (31-20) and steals (27-4).

Complementing Spivey's output were Chareya Smith and Crystal Wilson, who dropped in 18 points each, as well as Ashley Clarke, Ariana Jackson and Shala Hodges who netted 12, 12 and 10, respectively. Spivey also nailed five of her eight attempts from beyond the arc to go along with five steals while Smith, Spivey and Wilson made good on six free throw tosses. Clarke distributed the ball well, collecting eight assists.

The game was a tight-knit affair during the first seven minutes, as two free throws by Trojan Jasmine Whitby knotted the score at 10 with 13:15 showing on the clock. The ECU defense ignited from there, as the Pirates recorded eight steals in the matter of four minutes to end the half on a 54-10 run. The onslaught was capped off by a steal and layup by Elaine Morgan with four seconds left, leaving the score at 64-20 at the half.

The Pirates open up regular season play this coming Friday, hosting American University. Tipoff at Minges Coliseum is scheduled for 5 p.m. The contest is the first of a doubleheader with the men's team as it also commences its season with a contest against Erskine.

Volleyball drops 3-0 tilt at SMU

ECU hit .226 Sunday, its highest percentage of the season, but SMU proved too much as the Mustangs downed the Pirates 3-0 (25-16, 25-21, 25-16) at Moody Coliseum. ECU falls to 1-25 overall and 0-14 in C-USA play while SMU improves to 21-5 and 13-2.

Juniors Jackie Varnum and Britney Roper downed eight kills each to pace the Pirate offense while classmate Amanda Lutzow picked up seven. The Pirates had no players in the negative in terms of hitting. Freshman Kasey Kavanaugh was key in the output as she handed out 30 assists, the most for the rookie in a three-set match. Defensively, ECU had a trio of players collect five digs as part of a 28-dig team effort.

The Mustangs enjoyed an efficient hitting day, putting down 45 kills on 92 attempts with just 12 errors for a .359 mark. With the Mustangs leading 15-12, Lutzow and Whitney Campbell tallied kills to bring ECU within one. However, when Campbell made the score 16-15 with another kill, SMU blitzed the Pirates with a 9-1 run that abruptly ended the frame.

Varnum helped ECU to a 2-0 lead in the second interval with a block assist and a kill, but the Mustangs took 15 of the next 20 points to push ahead 15-12. The advantage grew to 23-16, but the Pirates had one last push. With SMU leading 24-17, ECU fought off four set points and trailed 24-21 before a block put an end to the Pirate comeback.

The Pirates complete their four-game road trip next weekend with matches on consecutive days at Houston and Rice. ECU takes on the Cougars Nov. 12 at 8 p.m. at the Athletics/Alumni Center.

SPORTS

Navy cruises to a 76-35 win over the Pirates

Adam Bunn
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

ECU's losing streak hit two games this weekend as the Pirates had no answer for Navy's option attack. The Midshipmen cruised to a 76-35 victory over the Pirates inside Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium on Saturday.

The Pirates allowed a Navy team coming off a home loss to a three-win Duke team, to break the record for most points scored in Greenville, as well as to place second for overall points scored with that staggering 76 point total. A 1932 meeting with Guilford, which was the first game in ECU football history, still remains number one.

Navy was able to run wild on ECU's defense, racking up 521 rushing yards on 62 carries for an amazing 8 yards per rush attempt.

"Some nights are like this. Every day is not going to be rosy," Head Coach Ruffin McNeill said in his post-game press conference. "Navy is not a team that you take lightly, and we didn't."

With the loss on Saturday, the Pirates wasted a chance to become bowl eligible for the fifth straight year, a feat that has not often been unaccomplished here in Greenville, but Navy's eight rushing touchdowns put a swift end to the dream of capturing that goal on this night.

"They did a good job blocking and scheming us," McNeill said of the Navy running game. "They executed their technique especially well on the inside with the fullback-type runs."

On the day, the offensive numbers were not too different. Both teams totaled over 550 total yards, with Navy only outgaining the Pirates by 29 yards. The real difference in the game



Dwayne Harris catches a four-yard touchdown pass from Dominique Davis to give ECU a 14-7 lead in the first quarter against Navy on Saturday.

was a three-possession stretch that started the second half.

Coming out of the halftime break, the Pirates trailed by just seven points at 28-21 and were in position to tie the score, as ECU was getting the ball first to start the third quarter.

The Pirates began their drive with the ball at their own 34-yard line, but on the second play of the drive, Jon Williams fumbled the ball and it was recovered by Navy, who would get a field goal on the ensuing drive.

On the very next ECU drive, quarterback Dominique Davis and Williams had a miscommunication on the handoff and it was fumbled and recovered by Navy. Just two plays later, Rickey Dobbs found Aaron Santiago for 29 yards and a touchdown pushing the

Midshipmen lead to 38-21. The Pirates got the ball back down 17 points, but with the offense ECU possesses, the game was well within reach.

On the first play of the drive, Davis had his pass tipped at the line. Instead of batting the ball, Davis decided to catch it but then fumbled and Navy once again recovered, leading to another touchdown.

In just seven minutes of game action, the Pirates went from being seven points down to trailing by 24 and being for all purposes out of the game. For the Midshipmen, Dobbs was as good as advertised as he rushed the ball 17 times for 100 yards with one rushing

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Year of the pitcher moves MLB past the steroid era

OPINION



Stephen McNulty
STAFF WRITER

The 2010 Major League Baseball season is in the books, but it is a season that will never be far from the hearts and minds of baseball fans.

This season has been hailed as the year of the pitcher, but I believe the 2010 season was more than just pitching dominance. It was a season of stories; stories that stand alone in the sport that has a history over a century old. The moments of the 2010 MLB season will be told from generation to generation, more than any season in recent memory.

From the opening weekend in Atlanta when Hank Aaron threw out the first pitch to Jayson Heyward and in his first at bat, the phenom delivered, smashing a 414-foot home run, to the much more anticipated arrival of Stephen Strasburg in Washington where he struck out 14 hopeless batters. And few will forget when Aroldis Chapman arrived in the states and hit 105 mph on the radar gun.

Sure it was the season of the pitcher; heck, there were six no-hitters. But more memorable was that Dallas Braden threw a perfect game on Mother's Day or that Edwin Jackson threw 149 pitches and walked eight batters in his no-hitter. More impressive than Roy Halladay's perfect game in May was his no-hitter in his first-ever post-season game. And more unforgettable than any of the six no-hitters is the one that wasn't - Jim Joyce's missed call that took a no-hitter from Armando Galarraga.

San Diego fans won't just remember 2010 as the year of the pitcher. They will remember it as the year that everyone in baseball counted the Padres out. But the team with the second lowest payroll in baseball won 90 games and made the playoffs.

For the fans in Cincinnati who have had to watch Albert Pujols run the Central for the last few years, it was the year they beat St. Louis. The year that Joey Votto contended for the triple crown and

more importantly took the division from Pujols en route to the playoffs.

In Seattle, the fans call it the year that was supposed to be the year of the pitcher. They had King Felix and Cliff Lee lined up as arguably the best one-two in baseball. But halfway through the year and in the AL West's basement the Mariners traded Lee to the Rangers and finished with 101 losses.

And in Philadelphia, New York and Texas, 2010 is the season that was supposed to be. Roy Halladay, Roy Oswalt and Cole Hamels were supposed to be unbeatable. The Yankees were supposed to win it for George Steinbrenner, and the Rangers were supposed to handle the Giants.

But in one city it is the greatest season of their lives. The season that they can call themselves champions. In San Francisco there are the stories of the dominant pitching, but it goes much deeper than that. It's the story of the "Freak" Tim Lincecum who continued to be one of the best pitchers in the league. The year of the beard. Brian Wilson was dominant on the mound, and outrageous, yet awesome off it. The year that a guy who was picked up off of waivers late in the season was a post-season hero and a 35-year-old journeyman shortstop was named World Series MVP. For the Giants it was the greatest year since the franchise arrived in San Francisco in 1958.

I believe that the 2010 Major League Baseball season was in fact one of the greatest baseball seasons in recent memory. The steroid era has seemingly finally come to an end. Sure the TV ratings may have dipped being outside of the New York or Philadelphia markets for the World Series, but to a true baseball fan, the 2010 season was much more than the season of the pitcher, but an amazing season all across the board.

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Pirate hoops win exhibition over Montreat

Carlos Olivera
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The 2010 ECU men's basketball season got off on the right foot with an 85-58 drubbing of Montreat College in the only exhibition game for the Pirates on Friday night at Minges Coliseum.

The Cavaliers from Black Mountain, N.C., didn't pose much of a threat and left Greenville with their third loss of the season.

The Pirates came out from the opening tip ready to play and it showed early. ECU raced out to a 38-20 halftime lead over their foes and never relinquished it.

"It was nice to finally get out and get a chance to play," first year head coach Jeff Lebo said.

Leading the way with 20 points for the Pirates was junior forward Darrius Morrow, with 14 of those coming in the second.

"Coach made a key emphasis at halftime of getting the ball down in the post because we knew we had a size advantage," Morrow said.

With senior Jamar Abrams being held out of the second half for precautionary reasons after bumping heads with another player, ECU was forced to play Morrow alongside Chad Wynn, which caused the mismatch down low that coach Lebo emphasized at halftime.

"We wanted to establish ourself inside and Morrow did some good things," Lebo said. "Wynn did some good things as well and they played well together seeing as Morrow hadn't played much of the forward position."

The Pirates asserted their dominance early and often, shooting 58.8 percent from the field while also forcing Montreat into 21 turnovers for the game. ECU scored 20 points off of those turnovers as well as scoring 38 points in the paint.

Also playing well for the Pirates was Corvonn Gaines, who started at the point guard position in place of Brock Young, who is still nursing an injured knee.

Gaines had nine points to go along with a game-high seven assists. Gaines also gives ECU an added size advantage at the point guard position, as he stands at 6-foot-4, and coach Lebo believes adding size will help out his team.

"He gives us somebody who's a little bit different with his size," Lebo said. "He doesn't look very quick but he's very quick and crafty and doesn't turn the ball over."

Lebo preaches ball security and says a 2-1-assist turnover ratio is great, but Gaines's ratio was over 3-1 with his seven assists and only two turnovers.



Forward Darrius Morrow powers his way to the hoop in an exhibition against Montreat on Friday. Morrow scored 20 points in the season opening contest.

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Inside look at ECU basketball

Jordan Anders
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

It is November in Greenville, which means cooler temperatures, thoughts of Thanksgiving and that dreaded dawning of exam time. It also means the start of another men's basketball season.

Unlike years past, there is a sense of optimism about the direction of the program. Pirate Nation hopes that the arrival of Head Coach Jeff Lebo will be the spark that brings life back to a program that has spent the last two decades drowning in a sea of basketball futility. He inherits a team that returns all five starters who are eager to finally experience winning. With that said, here are your five Pirates to watch for the 2010-2011 season:

Brock Young
Senior, Guard
5'11, 180 lbs

Everything starts and ends with No. 10. Young was named to the 2010-2011 Preseason All-Conference USA team. He led C-USA in assists for a second straight season a year ago en route to becoming ECU's career leader in assists. Young looks to grab a couple more milestones in his senior season. He is 67 points shy of becoming the 24th player in ECU history to score 1,000 points in his career. He also needs to hit 46 free throws to be ECU's career leader in free throws made. Young is the clear leader on this team and looks to be ready to end his career on a high note.

Darrius Morrow
Junior, Forward
6'8, 205 lbs

The last time Darrius Morrow was on the floor for the Pirates, he was tying his career high with 22 points in ECU's first-round loss in the C-USA tournament. He scored in double figures 20 times a season ago and was also the Pirates' leading rebounder, averaging 6.5 boards per game. Pirate fans hope that Morrow, the only player on this list who is not a senior, will continue the strong play that established him as the team's solid number two playmaker behind Brock Young.

Jamar Abrams
Senior, Guard/Forward
6'6, 205 lbs

Jamar Abrams returns as ECU's most potent 3-point threat. The senior from Richmond, Va., averaged 11.1 points per game last season and shot 36 percent from behind the arc to lead the team in 3-point percentage. Abrams started all 31 games last season and hit three or more 3-pointers nine times. It will bode well for the Pirates if Abrams can continue to stretch defenses with his sharp shooting.

Jontae Sherrod

Senior, Guard
6'3, 210 lbs

2009-2010 was a career year for the 6-foot-3 guard from Tarboro. Sherrod made 26 starts last season after starting only a single game during the 2008-2009

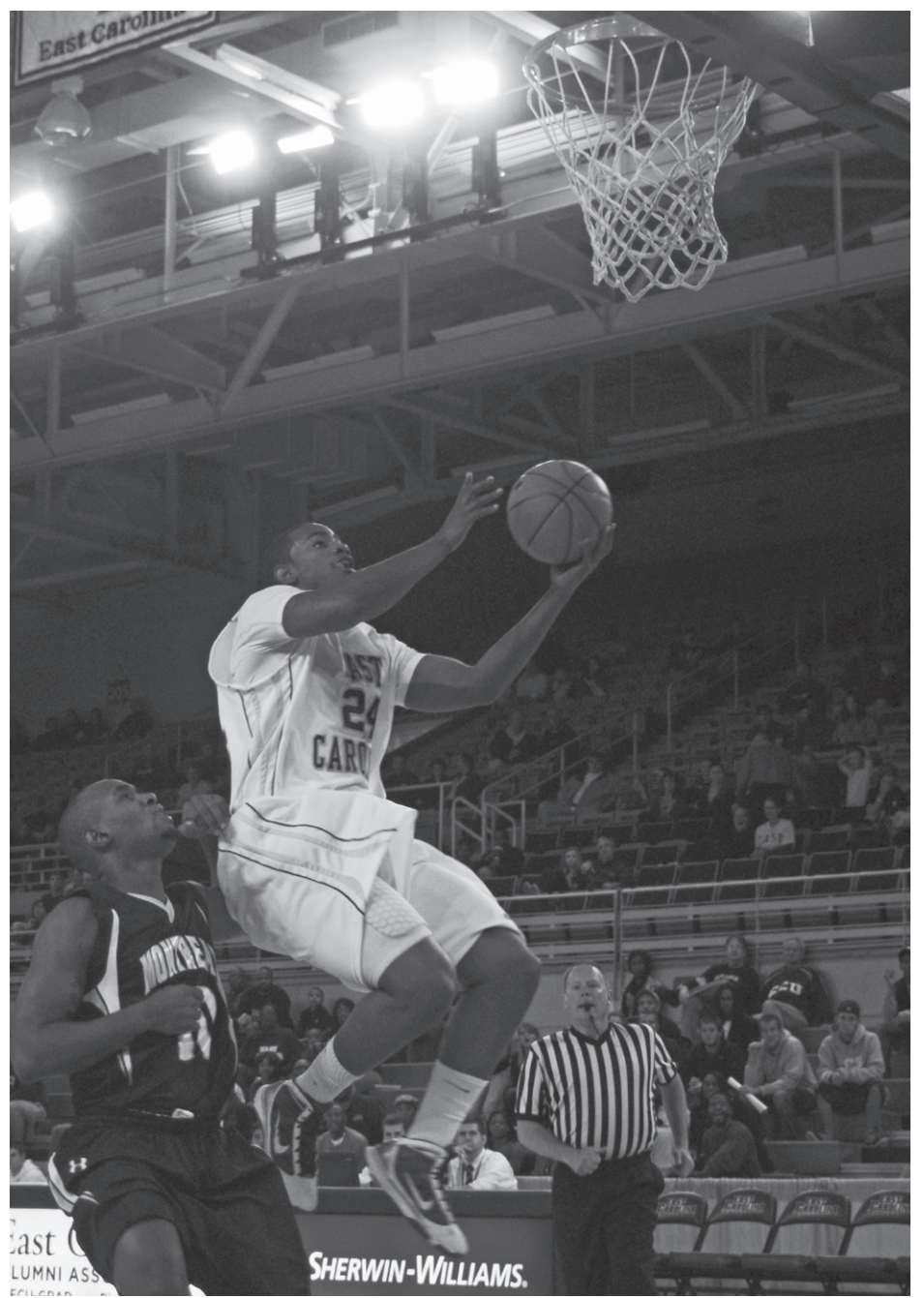
campaign. His playing time doubled, going from 13.7 minutes per game during his sophomore season to 27.9 minutes during his junior year. With the increased time, his scoring output doubled as well, going from 4.1 points per game to 9.6. He enters his senior season with the Pirates looking to continue that progress.

Chad Wynn
Senior, Center
6'10, 270 lbs

Any time you are 6-foot-10, it's hard for you not to be a player to watch. Wynn had his most productive year to date last season, averaging 7.4 points and five rebounds per game. He also amassed three double-doubles, but had his season cut short four games early due to injury. Wynn obviously has the size to be a force down low, but he will need to stay healthy for the entire year in order to become a more ominous presence in the paint at both ends of the floor.

Time will tell if this team can embrace and succeed in Coach Lebo's defensive game plan. But they have the talent and leadership to make some noise and surprise some people in the wide-open C-USA. ECU fans hope that these five key players, plus a big play or two off the bench, will be enough to right the basketball ship. The Pirates kick off the regular season on Friday, Nov. 15, as they host Erskine in Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum.

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Jontae Sherrod drives strong to the hole for a layup in the Pirates exhibition victory over Montreat on Friday.

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The one thing the Pirates really struggled with was foul shooting. ECU got to the line 40 times on the night but only converted on 18 of those attempts for 45 percent.

"I feel like we had a good game but I missed nine free throws. I have to have those," added Morrow. "I need to have those if we want to be successful."

The Pirates played mostly man-to-man smothering defense, holding the Montreat Cavaliers to 28 percent from the field along with forcing the 21 turnovers.

"I really like the man-to-man concept we have," Morrow said. "You can't depend on anyone else. You

have to do your job and if your man gets by you, you have your teammates to help you out."

Also playing well for the Pirates was Jontae Sherrod who had 13 points while Robert Samson added six of his own to go along with a game-high nine rebounds.

The Pirates officially open the 2010-2011 season on Friday, Nov. 12, at Minges Coliseum against Erskine with tip-off scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

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score, while completing 6-of-8 passes for 75 yards, as well as two touchdowns. Leading the way on the ground was fullback Alexander Teich, who carried the ball just 14 times but gained 157 yards and scored a touchdown.

The most important stat of the rushing game for the Pirate defense was that despite rushing the ball 62 times, ECU was only able to stop Navy in the backfield for a total of seven lost yards.

Under center for the Pirates, Davis completed 43-of-65 passes for 413 yards with a career-best five touchdown passes and no

interceptions. On the ground, Williams returned to form carrying the ball 12 times for 94 yards.

ECU completed its offensive output midway through the fourth quarter when Davis found Dwayne Harris for two yards and the touchdown, momentarily cutting the Navy lead to 27 at 62-35. The Midshipmen would add two late touchdowns to provide the final margin.


While this loss will haunt the Pirates all week, it's important to remember that while it hurts to lose a game this badly, in the grand scheme of things the more

important game is this Thursday when the Pirates return to conference play against UAB. ECU will need to shrug off this painful loss and get focused because a conference title is still possible.

"I know it will be really tough, but right now I'm the only one who will really talk about Navy. I want the players to get right on UAB," McNeill said. "There is nothing we can do about this game. We can't linger on this game another minute."

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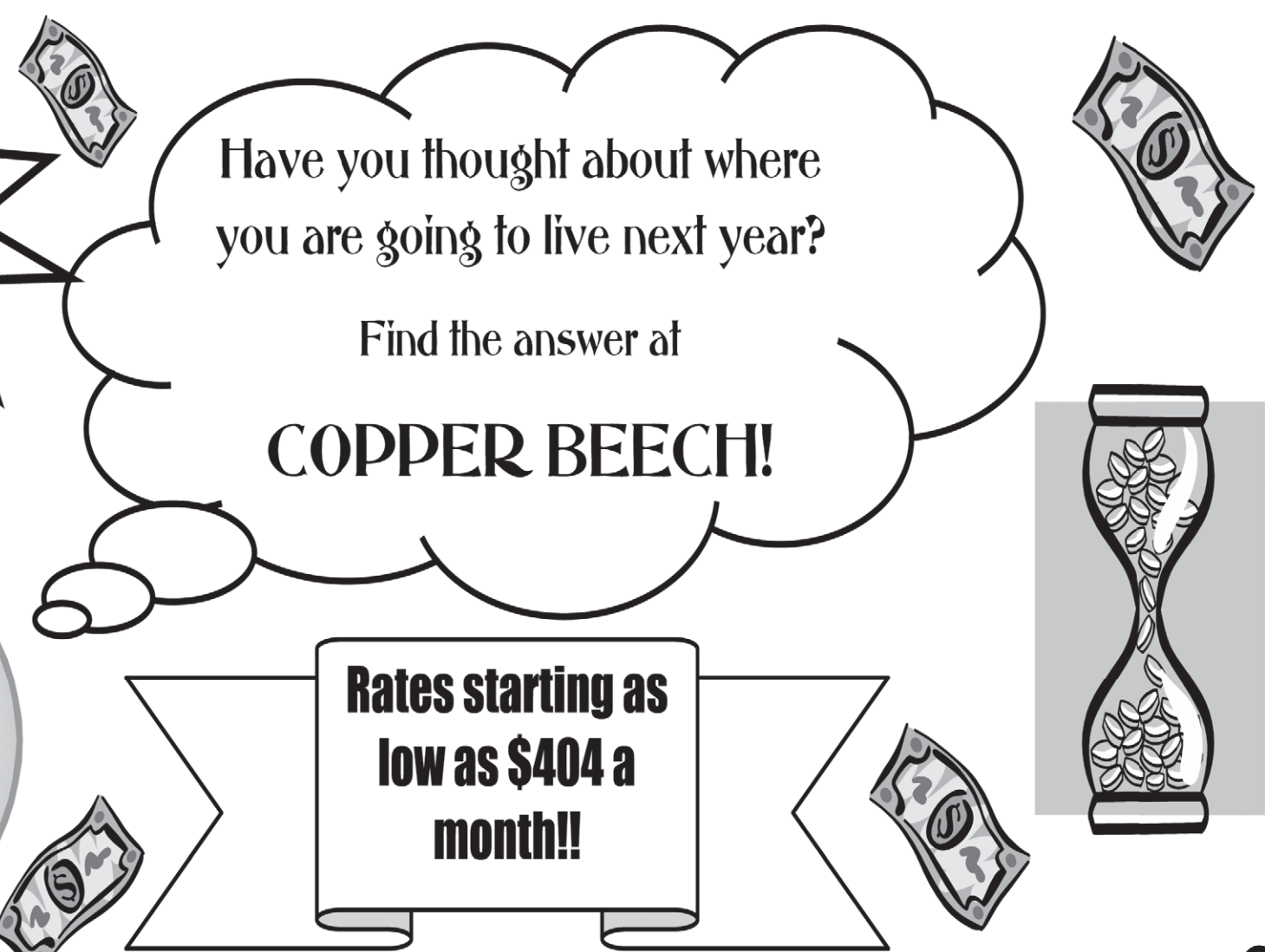

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