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License plate frame violation to be enforced

Staff Reports

Starting on Dec. 1, North Carolina implemented a law that requires license plate frames to be removed or a fine will be issued.

Violators could face a fine of over \$100 and more when factoring in court costs. According to the North Carolina Highway Patrol, the frames cause safety concerns because they can block parts of the license information. Victims of hit-and-run accidents can have a hard time seeing the state logo of the car because the frame could potentially block it.

No printed material can be obscured on the license plate whatsoever, including the state name itself, numbers and letters of the license plate and the registration stickers.

Professor receives grant to study online treatment for rape victims

Staff Reports

Assistant professor of psychology Heather Littleton was awarded a \$624,000 grant to study the online treatment for rape victims who do not seek treatment.

The three-year grant was given to Littleton by the National Institute of Mental Health and will help to develop an online cognitive behavioral therapy method for victims.

This study will focus primarily on college-aged women who have dealt with rape as an adolescent or adult and have post-traumatic stress disorder because of the incident. Around 25 percent of college rape victims are said to be currently suffering from PTSD.

In a news release by ECU, Littleton said, "They're fairly recent victims, so it's a good time to intervene before the symptoms become more chronic. They are likely more comfortable than other women doing therapy online or using the Internet, so it seemed like a good place to start."

Elizabeth Edwards dies after battle with cancer

Staff Reports

After a long six-year battle with cancer, Elizabeth Edwards, the estranged wife of former North Carolina Senator John Edwards, died Wednesday in North Carolina amongst family.

The 61-year-old was first diagnosed with breast cancer in 2004 during the final days of her husband's vice presidential candidacy. Unfortunately, doctors had recently informed the family that any further cancer treatment would be unsuccessful.

A family statement said, "Today we have lost the comfort of Elizabeth's presence, but she remains the heart of this family."

President Barack Obama and wife Michelle say they are deeply saddened to hear about the death of Elizabeth Edwards. Governor Beverly Perdue also says that North Carolina has lost one of its smartest and most resilient women.

The family of Edwards is asking for all donations to be made to the Wade Edwards Foundation for the Wade Edwards Learning Lab. Wade Edwards' was John and Elizabeth's teenage son who died in a car accident in 1996 at the age of 16.

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## Sub-leasers wanted

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More commonly today than in the past, students are discovering conflicts with their apartment lease end date. A majority of apartment complexes in Greenville only offer 12-month leases, even though some students return

home during semester breaks or graduate before their lease contract expires.

Students are left with two options: pay rent for an apartment that they do not inhabit or find a sub-leaser.

"A sub-leaser must be found by the current person on the lease," said Cooper Beech Property Man-

ager Angela Bullock.

Although Copper Beech does not personally find the sub-leaser, Bullock stated that Copper Beech management has a list of people who need someone to take over their lease.

Copper Beech "doesn't offer six-month leases, so if someone comes to the office and asks if

Students face troubles trying to find sub-leasers and break their leases. Apartment complexes work with students to make it easier to find someone.

there is anyone that needs a lease taken over, we look at our list and try to help the students out," said Bullock.

Apartment complexes in Greenville have an array of policies. Copper Beech does not offer a "buy-out clause," although other complexes do. "Rent is the tenant's responsibility until they can find

someone to take over their lease," said Bullock.

University Suites has a similar sub-leasing process. "It is quicker for students to find their own sub-leaser, but we do have a list of residents who need a sub-leaser or wish to sub-lease to help them

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## Campus 31 video Pirate Rants



The production staff consisting of Kyle Walker, Josh Etzel, Rich Peterson and Megan Kennedy pose for a picture in their Campus 31 office.

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Abbey Way  
STAFF WRITER

Campus 31 has recently added a video Pirate Rant show to the student-run television station. The crew films students and faculty ranting behind a white sheet that hides their identity. Before the rant is aired, they also distort the voices to ensure the rants are completely anonymous.

Josh Etzel, a student intern for Campus 31, came up with the idea last year.

"I've always loved reading the rants in the paper and I thought it would be cool if we could see people complaining," said Etzel. "So when I got the job at 31, I said,

"This is something I want to do."

They originally filmed the rants outside of Wright Place on Friday afternoons, but last week they experimented at a new location behind Mendenhall. Etzel said they are going to most likely use both locations at least until they discover which spot is most popular. He added that they are also still working on determining which day is the best to film.

"We have been told Friday is a bad day to do it because it is the weekend, so we are going to try and move it to an earlier day in the week," Etzel said.

The rants are combined into what is usually a less-than-five-

minute video that can be watched on the Campus 31 station or on their Facebook page.

Kyle Walker, head of Campus 31 media, said he thinks the video Pirate Rants will raise awareness of Campus 31.

"We are giving students a voice and giving them an outlet to express things," said Walker. "We do censor things and we won't let just anything on air."

He explained that they will be following the same rules as The East Carolinian, and no threats or abusive language will be tolerated.

Freshman Sara Hillert shared her feelings through a video Pirate Rant Friday afternoon.

"I think it's a good idea, it's clever, I don't see why more people don't want to do it."

Although the show is not very popular yet, Etzel said the people who have done it and have seen it seem to like the show so far.

Student media board adviser Paul Isom is also in favor of the new show.

"I see it as taking an idea and adapting it for another use," said Isom. "I'm all for the Pirate Rants to grow and evolve into a video version."

He also stated that he believes the Pirate Rants give newspaper readers a feel of what it is like to be a student at ECU, and as long

as they are appropriate, he does not have a problem with them.

"I think it's just a tribute to what a good feature of the newspaper it is," said Isom.

So far, the video Pirate Rants have had similar rants as those found in the newspaper, such as late buses, UGG boots, roommates and cigarette smokers.

One rant from the first video says, "Girls think it's a good idea to wear UGGs or other large furry boots with booty shorts. I get to walk around the street all the time seeing this mismatch and it's kind of ridiculous."

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## Limewire shuts down after Supreme Courts' ruling

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Limewire, the most popular outlet to share music, videos and TV shows for free, will be officially shut down on Dec. 31 due to the loss of a four-year battle with the Recording Industry Association of America. Limewire, founded in 2000 by Mark Gorton, has been found guilty of massive copyright infringement.

Limewire users averaged 3 billion songs downloaded monthly. The P2P operations ended on Oct. 26 and Limewire has been ordered to have its main office in New York and all other business concluded by Dec. 31 of this year.

Users received a message beginning on Oct. 26 stating, "Limewire has to inform you that it is under an injunction and that it is illegal to upload and/or download unauthorized copies of copyrighted works."

This decision also means the Limewire Store, the legally licensed music section of Limewire that had attracted many independent labels, will also be shut down by that date. The Limewire Store informed users on Dec. 3 that they would stop accepting new subscribers and the current



Freshman Business Management major Donald Richardson simultaneously studies and listens to music.

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subscribers could only use any remaining credits they had left to purchase music.

According to the Limewire statement, "As a result of our current legal situation, we have no choice but to wind down Limewire Store operations. Despite our dedication and efforts, Dec. 31, 2010, will mark the day when Limewire Store shuts its virtual doors. We thank all of our independent partners for giving us the chance to work with them over the past three years."

The RIAA oversees all trials

and cases involving illegal music services. Many lawsuits have been filed against Limewire by the RIAA in the past. In June 2010, a group of publishers filed a suit against Limewire. This case was the deciding factor that shut down the P2P operations in October, at which time the RIAA placed a permanent injunction against Limewire.

A ruling by the United States Supreme Court in November

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## Facebook data center to offer jobs

Jamie Harper  
STAFF WRITER

Facebook has started construction on a \$450 million data center in North Carolina, boosting the economy and increasing jobs. The facility will be in Rutherford County, N.C., and will be the second data center built by Facebook.

Facebook has joined a list of other top companies to build a facility in North Carolina. Apple, Google, IBM, SAS and American Express have previously created or expressed plans to create similar facilities in the state.

The data centers are collections of Internet servers that are capable of processing huge amounts of digital traffic. These centers are growing in popularity and importance due to the technology concept of cloud computing. With cloud computing, information that would normally be stored on individual computers for a company is stored in central locations. Using cloud computing allows for cheaper computing and information is available easier and on demand.

Although the first Facebook data center was built in Oregon, North Carolina has a combination of natural and man-made advantages that draw demand for data centers, state officials say.

Inexpensive power is one of the main reasons North Carolina has become a popular location for data center facilities. These types of facilities can use as much electricity as a city with a population of 50,000. This is almost twice the number of students enrolled at ECU. Another attractive feature of North Carolina is the climate. Patterns of extreme cold or heat are a problem and a challenge for data facilities due to the amount of sensitive electronic equipment they require to perform properly.

The climate in Rutherford County is so consistent that there is a local community college named Isothermal Community College. Isothermal is a meteorological term which means even

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# Fall 2010 Wrap Up

## ECU student charged with burglary of chancellor's residence

Jaleesa Vales, 20, was charged with burglary and underage consumption of alcohol in conjunction with the break in that occurred in August at the chancellor's home. A verdict has not yet been issued in the case but Vales is prohibited from graduating or withdrawing from university until the case has been resolved.

## Mixed reactions to new student section

Several ECU students sustained minor injuries after bolts supporting the new bleachers came undone. The university announced that until repairs could be made, students would have to sit on the concrete where the bleachers had been.

## Bedbugs concern students

The rising number of bedbug infestations around colleges in the United States has worried students

about the possibility of such an occurrence on ECU's campus. There have been no known cases yet, but student housing is fighting to prevent this from becoming an issue. Student Health has created a website to keep students informed about bedbugs and warning signs that indicate their presence.

## "D-Block" gets a facelift

A ribbon cutting ceremony by donors and school officials marked the reopening of Scott Hall. The 47-year-old dormitory underwent 13 months of intense renovation in order to reopen in time for the fall semester. It has quickly become one of the most popular student dormitories for the many amenities it now offers.

## SGA hold town meeting in Cotton Hall

The Student Government Association held a town hall meeting in Cotton Residence Hall to discuss various issues pertaining to campus and the student body. SGA President Tremayne Smith also discussed the executive

board's platform as well as several important events that would be going on throughout the semester.

## Possible hate crime leaves two injured

Two women were assaulted by 18-year-old freshmen Bryan Berg while leaving Tyler Hall around 2:15 am on October 14. The altercation was believed to be a result of the sexual orientation of the two females.

## University releases public apology for game disruption

During the ECU vs. N.C. State game, fans in the student section yelled obscene chants during the start of the national anthem. The university issued public apologies for the chants through the Pirate Beacon.

## SGA senate approves tuition increase

The Student Government Association senate approved an education and technology fee increase, as well as an athletics fee

increase for the 2011-2012 school year. The increase will go to support classrooms in advancing their resources through technology.

## Khalifa busted

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. Police were prompted to search his tour bus after they smelled marijuana coming from it.

## SGA discusses future

The Student Government Association held their first ever "State of the Student Government Address," a speech that was given by SGA President Tremayne Smith. He addressed issues that concerned the university and the community of Greenville and also touched on seven pieces of concern that are being pushed through SGA.

## Chili's Too

"Chili's Too" is scheduled to open on campus in January of 2011 and will provide students many new job opportunities. The new building will not only serve as a new place for students to enjoy eating, but also as an educational tool for construction management majors.

## Accident causes student deaths

Victoria Carter and Briana Gather were killed in a car accident that left two others hospitalized. The girls were aspirants of Delta Sigma Theta sorority, Inc.

## New GPS system to help bus route times

The Student Government Association recently made a \$250,000 donation to the ECU Student Transit Authority that will enable GPS units to be installed in all buses. The units are expected to be functional by fall 2011.

## Charter revoked for fraternity

Due to recent violations, Sigma Phi Epsilon has removed the charter of its North Carolina Kappa Chapter at ECU. The students plan to appeal the decision in front of the fraternity's board of directors in April.

## DEA bans popular designer drug

The Drug Enforcement Administration announced an emergency yearlong ban on a popular designer drug called "Spice." The drug was previously untested and unregulated but has effects similar to marijuana.

## 190-proof alcohol to be banned

Due to health concerns, the North Carolina ABC Commission is ending the distribution of 190-proof grain alcohol, including Everclear, in state run stores. The majority of the sales were in stores located in close proximity to college campuses.

# Outlook positive for new university e-mail system

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Over the summer, ECU's Internet Technology and Computing Services made a switch that completely changed the way the university's faculty, staff and students communicate. ITCS introduced a new Outlook e-mail system, which is far more advanced than older systems that were once incorporated. The new version of Outlook is promised to improve the social network of our campus.

According to ITCS, the new version of Outlook boasts 10 giga-

bytes of inbox storage and 20 gigabytes of attachments. It includes 25 gigabytes of "Skydrive" storage, where students can store photos and other documents. Other features include a chat option and a more personal e-mail address that includes the student's last name, first initial and year of entry into the university. A main advantage of the switch is that the new system is considered to be very compatible with both the Macintosh and Windows platforms. However, all of these modernized features came with their share of hassles.

With the new addition of the "@

students.ecu.edu" domain, e-mails that students and faculty alike have been sending out often do not make it to the proper destination. "Recently, I had sent an e-mail to one of my classmates without using 'students' in the domain name and I never heard back. I asked her in class the next week and she said she never got my e-mail," stated Kristen Caputo. Caputo, like some others across campus, have found that the spam folder is a frequent destination for some e-mails. "I have made sure that from this point on, I include everything in the domain to make sure my e-mails are received."

On Nov. 18, ITCS released a new spam filter that fixed such issues. Users can release mail that has been captured as suspected spam.

Not only are e-mails not being obtained on time, e-mails are arriving at destinations later than usual. "I have gotten some e-mails that say they were sent hours before I received them and it has thrown my scheduling off a bit," said freshman Hannah Fortune. Fortune also had trouble logging into her account last month. ITCS released a statement regarding this very issue, saying, "Some students are experiencing an issue logging into their student

e-mail account <http://mymail.ecu.edu>. We are aware of the issue and are working to resolve it." ITCS also offered a temporary solution that directed users to go outlook.com and use their entire e-mail and domain to log on from that mirror.

Students using mobile devices such as iPods have also encountered various problems such as not being able to sign into outlook via the Safari browser, while some have not been able to access Blackboard. Blackboard offers this error message upon login, "No authentication credentials were provided with the request."

ITCS promises that the new Outlook will be a positive change for ECU and the bugs will be worked out soon. If students are experiencing issues that seem to be irresolvable without help, they should contact ITCS. ITCS can be reached by phone at 252-328-9866 or 1-800-340-7081 or students can submit an online help request.

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out," said University Suites Assistant Manager William Landen.

University Suites offers six-month and 12-month leases, which gives residents more flexibility with academic and personal factors that conflict with contract lease end-dates.

"If a resident would like to sub-lease their apartment, there is a \$150 fee," said Landen.

North Campus Crossing also charges tenants for breaking their lease.

"NCC charges \$250 for breaching their lease contract," said Property Manager Sarah Brock. "NCC coaches students who need to get out of their lease to successfully sub-lease their apartment. North Campus Crossing works with the students by telling them if they find a student to take over the lease, all they have to do is tell (management) their name and we do the paperwork."

Although North Campus Crossing's process includes a fine, Brock said this is considerably less expensive than the methods of some other apartment complexes.

"Our procedure is really inexpensive because most of the Apartment Association of North Carolina leases have a buy-out clause. Sometimes it can be two months of rent, sometimes adding up to \$1,000, while our policy is the payment of \$250," said Brock.

Students considering sub-leasing at North Campus Crossing, Copper Beech, University Suites or any other complex must go through the lease application and be approved before they can officially take over the tenant's apartment lease.

"The potential sub-leaser trying to replace the leaser at North Campus Crossing applies and if they get approved, the other person is completely out of their lease," said Brock.

"The sub-leaser submits a lease application and then Copper Beech does an 'application add/remove tenant' on the lease," said Bullock.

If the sub-leaser is approved, the other person is completely out of their lease.

"Until they find someone else to replace them, the person on the

lease is responsible for paying their rent," said Bullock.

The process for a person to sub-lease at University Suites is the same as the sub-lease policies at Copper Beech.

A concerning aspect to a potential sub-leaser is becoming responsible for any potential damage in the apartment.

According to Bullock, at Copper Beech "the sub-leaser assumes the apartment as is. Copper Beech doesn't inspect the apartment before the sub-leaser moves in."

"The person who is originally on the lease is still responsible for any damages in the apartment unless specified by the resident to the potential sub-leaser," said Landen.

"This is between the person trying to get out of the lease and the person taking over the lease. If the security deposit is paid, then the person taking over the lease is responsible for communicating with the person who wants out of the lease to see what happens with that," said Bullock.

Some students will find a squat-

ter, a person who takes over the lease without going through the apartment complex.

North Campus Crossing management performs quarterly inspections and although "squatters are far and between on the NCC property, they will be discovered because North Campus Crossing's management team is very involved with their tenants," said Brock.

Copper Beech does not find squatters to be a problem either, but does have in their leases that a squatter is an illegal occupant and will be fined \$800. "Copper Beech tries to make the process easy to prevent these kinds of problems," said Bullock.

"University Suites conducts quarterly inspections. If a squatter is discovered, we send out a notice indicating the illegal resident and the person on the lease has 48 hours to correct the problem before we re-inspect the apartment," said Landen.

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**Clarification**

The brief entitled "Bond reduced for ECU employee charged with sex crimes against girls" in the Tuesday, December 7, 2010 paper listed Jennifer Levine as an administrative support associate for the sociology department. She is the administrative support associate for the department of social work.

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temperatures. The data center in Rutherford County is located near Forest City. Forest City is about five hours away from Greenville, N.C.

An additional feature of North Carolina is that there are a number of tax incentives that have been passed by lawmakers and are aimed particularly at data centers.

The building will be designed to LEED gold standards in order to continue to expand North Caro-

lina's reputation for environmental friendliness and leadership. The data center plans to use new and innovative cooling and power management technologies to increase the efficiency of the facility. With these features, the data center could be the most power efficient in the United States.

According to Tom Furlong, the Facebook director of site operations, the data center will provide up to

250 jobs during the 18-month construction period.

"The investment and jobs at the data center will be a boon to that region of the state and will help confirm North Carolina's distinction as a global business destination," stated Governor Beverly Perdue.

Rutherford County was once part of the state's textile industry but recent figures show Rutherford County having an unemployment

rate of 13.4 percent, which is more than the state's 9.6 percent average.

Once completed, the data center will hire about 35 to 45 full-time employees. With more data centers like this to come, an increased number of jobs will be available in North Carolina.

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stated that ignorance is not a defensible plea for illegal music downloads. The U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear the case of a teen, Whitney Harper, who made the argument she was unaware that what she was doing was illegal when she used Kazaa to download music in 2008.

Due to the ruling of this case, the RIAA stance on music downloads will stand. This means the entire record industry now has to post copyright notices on CDs

to inform people pirated music downloads are illegal and punishable by law.

According to the ECU Attorney Statement on Copyright, "Under federal copyright law, copyrighted works may not be copied, published, disseminated, displayed, performed or played without the permission of the copyright holder, unless such use is deemed to be 'fair use' under the law. This includes sharing music, movies and other copyrighted material via peer-to-peer

applications (P2P)."

ECU can "suspend the network access of users while investigating a copyright complaint and may terminate the network account of users found to have repeatedly infringed the copyrights of others."

Students, staff and faculty are all subject to disciplinary action for violations of the copyright laws. Notifications of alleged copyright infringement occurring on the university server are received by designated agent Aaron Lucier, who

is the director of Campus Housing.

Legal alternatives to Limewire are Bearshare, Zune and iTunes. Bearshare is a legal P2P download operation that is priced by song and has a free registration and free trial. Zune, by Microsoft, offers songs for \$14.99 a month for users. iTunes offers individually priced songs for registered users.

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I'm jumping in the fountain before I graduate. My dad said I could.

To the people from my classes that email everyone and ask the dumbest questions like when is our exam? And what chapters are on our next test? Here is the answer: REFER TO YOUR SYLLABUS!!!

Dear Girl in Joyner: next time you decide to divulge every detail of your life story and your "TV sitcom" love scandal, please do it little quieter, thanks!

I'm trying to study and all I hear you asking is: "Am I a bad person?" "Are you sure?" "So I'm not a bad person, RIGHT?"...the answer is YES, you are....I wish your friend would just tell you the truth, it is normally considered "bad" to intentionally lead two guys on at once...

To the asshole who stole my laptop right out of my room in Clement hall: I hope you really needed it because it will probably be the reason I fail because I had my final paper on there. Thanks and see you in hell.

All I want for Christmas is Everclear.

Dear Taylor Swift look-a-like: YOU BELONG WITH ME! :)

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Essay questions are like Inception, "Let's put a test... inside of a test!"

To the girl on the Minges bus: why don't you take off that Tasmanian devil beanie so maybe you can hear how loud you're screaming to the person sitting right beside you.

Today I Was thirsty but I didn't have anything cold to drink. So I took the Brisk Tea that has been on my desk for a week, got my reusable ice cubes and my coffee cup... problem solved. Yes, I am a college student.

Dear guy in the front row of my Organic Chem class: I'm so glad this was the last week you got to ask 50 million irrelevant, smarty pants questions in class. You will not be missed. :)

Dear dining hall: Oatmeal RAISIN cookies need more than ONE raisin to be considered a true oatmeal raisin cookie. Kthanks!

You know it's exam week when you see people making the sign of the cross as they walk out of classroom buildings.

I deleted at least 5 people from my news feed because of the numbers game; don't make me do it to you!

Please everyone look up for mistletoe on any trees anywhere on or near campus!! He's almost mine!

Just heard someone in the upstairs apartment banging and scraping a credit card on the desks. Good ole' aderall during exams. The most wonderful time of the year!

My buddy and I were criticizing the number of girls on campus wearing North Face jackets and Ugg boots when the girl I'm trying to get with walks up wearing what...? A North Face Jacket with Ugg boots. Open mouth, insert foot!

Never will I forget my ID and still go downtown. Getting Xs at 23 was NOT cool.

**More Pirate Rants on the website!**

## A justified Scrooge



**Ben Cochran**  
OPINION COLUMNIST

As much as I look forward to the end of fall semester and the start to a one-month break, the holiday fanfare and all of its associated over-the-top glimmer subtly, inevitably, then overwhelmingly punches me right in the gut.

I've come to the sad realization that, increasingly, I am a Scrooge. It's not without good reason, though. The ubiquitous charade of good cheer can take its toll. People are frauds, and it makes me sick.

Why do they play Christmas music on the radio before Thanksgiving is over? Why do retailers devote 50 percent of their floor space to the profane act of peddling festive wares of fanciful merriment? Why does every coffee shop insist on only selling holiday treats and Christmas cookies when all you really want is your standard cup of black coffee? It's as if Father Christmas threw up all over our commercialized culture and now we're mired in the bog of holiday ho-hum.

Perhaps the most devious act of them all, the most sinister and the most insidious, is the front of charitable organizations. According to the



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North Carolina Secretary of State's office, only 40 percent of donated money actually goes to charity, while the remainder goes to outsourced marketing firms. Some charities get blasted for as much as an 80 percent finder's fee.

With that knowledge, why would anyone continue to give to charities? You're not supporting that kid on TV with flies around his face; you're paying the salary of some creative marketing guru whose sole intent is to swindle you into giving up your hard-earned cash.

Meanwhile, the 40 percent that actually makes it to that kid with the flies on his face pays for the postage on a letter he was forced to write with a broken piece of crayon telling you that, while your support is

appreciated, he could still use a lot more money.

It's an ingenious plan that preys on the would-be do-gooders to pad the pockets of the morally corrupt. If you're keeping a tally of rampant liars, chalk up one more to join the politicians, used car salespeople, televangelists and women who SWEAR they're on birth control.

The method I find to be most despicable are the Salvation Army red kettles. Whatever it is they think they're doing, it is most certainly not "doing the most good." I would prefer that anyone who goes gift shopping during the holidays is doing more good. All that spending bolsters a quaking economy and reassures the rest of us

that things really are getting better. I'm saving the economy, and the Salvation Army hires lethargic and creepy men to ring bells outside of Walmart. Of the two, who is doing the most good?

To be quite clear, the Salvation Army is exempt from reporting their solicitation expenditures. So any venture to guess their actual fundraising effectiveness is pure speculation. Its annual report did, however, list that it spent \$179 million on fundraising alone last year.

At any rate, the very least it could do is equip its stand-in Santas with something less audibly obtrusive than that obnoxious bell. It kills me that they'll pay a disinterested bell ringer minimum wage to collect the occasional quarter

from passersby. I'll give him a raise to stop that piercing ringing. If this is what the Salvation Army calls "doing the most good," I'd hate to see them on their off days.

So for the philanthropist in each of you, I say donate your money as you wish. As for me, I'd rather buy a bum a 40-ounce and a cheeseburger. No, I don't get the lofty praise that some charities receive, but at least I can boast that 100 percent of the money I give to the less fortunate actually benefits the intended recipient, and there are no burst eardrums as collateral damage.

So happy holidays, and bah humbug!

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## Not just any 'other woman'



**Ryan Chandler**  
OPINION COLUMNIST

The world of gaming! It fascinates us men and takes over our attention for hours at a time.

Why, you ask? Maybe it's the competitive nature, the intensity of head-to-head action, the respect from the boys as they recognize you as the most

dominate at the game. Or maybe it's the relaxation we receive from perfecting the skills each game requires. Whatever the reason, maybe video games at substance provide us with an escape from the stresses of everyday life.

As men, gaming is in our DNA. The 40-and-under generations has been raised on video games since the first system, Odyssey Magnavox, which sold roughly 330,000 units in the 1970s. So you can't blame us for loving what we grew up on.

I'm sure everyone has memories of playing Nintendo 64 or Sega for hours at a time until your parents finally pulled you to the dinner table -- only for you to scarf down your food and get right back in front of the television. Over time, it even helped us form the friendships many of us have today.

Every woman has a group of girls they spend hours with, running around town getting makeovers or sitting in a coffee shop and gossiping about the latest magazine headlines.

We have our Madden tournaments with the boys for a free six-pack, or a night of Call of Duty with the online community, going on all-out kill streaks. Gaming is no longer a loner activity. Seventy-three percent of men in U.S. households play computer or video games, according to the Entertainment Software Association. Sixty-four percent of these men reported playing with groups of friends on a regular basis.

So gaming for us guys is just an excuse to hang out with the boys and have some quality bonding over arguments of who's the best. Hence the reasons for a perfect man cave set up, a place where we can disappear for hours at a time.

Why do you think guys always buy the big TVs with the surround sound and comfortable chairs? It's our place of meditation that's far from peaceful -- especially during a fourth-quarter comeback while hoopin' on 2k11.

Let's face it: As men, we love sports, and for many of us, video games are the closest we will ever get to an NBA championship or a Super Bowl ring. We take pride in building our franchise up until they can handle the league. It's the pure competitive nature of going up against somebody for the crown of

champion.

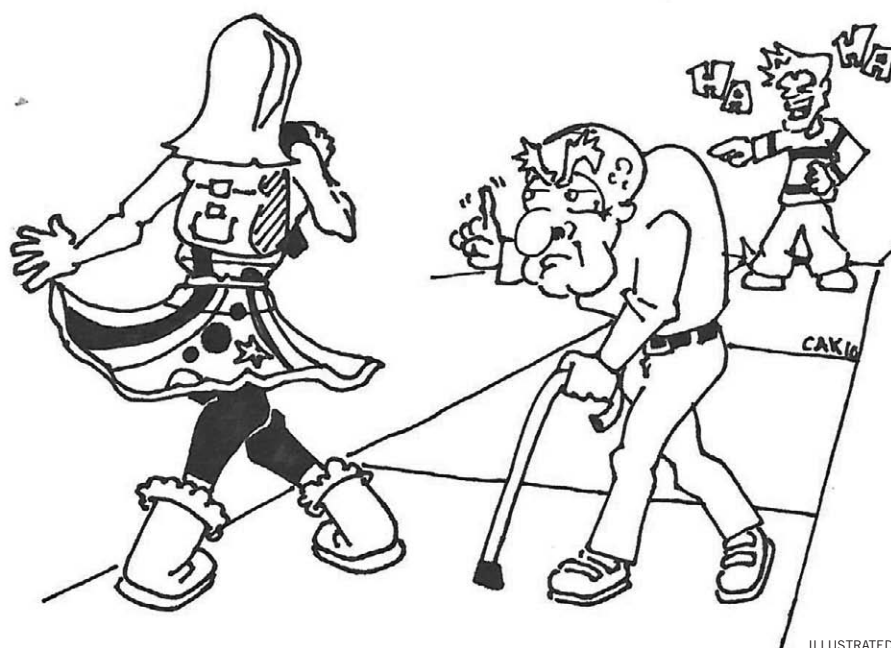
For the last couple of months, my roommates and I have been playing a house franchise on Madden. Now, of course, I am the defending Super Bowl champ, but every day I find myself anxious to play my next game in hopes that I can develop my team and come one step closer to winning back-to-back championships like Pirate football has done in the previous years.

So ladies, don't think of this special time between a man and his gaming system as a nuisance to your relationship or an object that is blocking your time with him. We simply need video games to keep us sane and relaxed throughout this lifetime.

Women have their leisure activities that I'm sure they enjoy, spending hours going on and on talking about nothing while getting pampered to perfection. Men rarely complain because we just want those same hours of focus time until we hit the next buzzer beater or get that game-winning kill.

Let us have fun doing what we love to do, because at the end of the day, that's the only way to describe it. We will always thrive on the intense graphics and sounds that make game play feel almost real.

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**"To the girl in the leggings, one piece dress thing and boots with fuzzy tops: You look absolutely ridiculously stupid, thank you for making my day! Even the creepy old guy checking out girls made a face at you."**

**--Pirate Rant**

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Oh sorry you don't like living with me, I'll be sure to make you even more miserable!

I finally got the notice from ECU that I've officially been here too long. You'd think they'd pay me, but instead I owe them \$700 more.

Today in my group project at the library I learned what an angry dragon, Cincinnati bowtie, angry pirate, and a donkey punch are! Ahh where group assignments conversations go!

I use my wristbands from downtown as bookmarks.

You only call or text me after 1 a.m. TRY AGAIN.

What is the point in Banning Everclear college students will always find something just as good to get swashticated!!!

Dear roommate, I went through the same thing. Then I turned 12 and grew up!

Dearest Plumpy: Your evil plan failed. Love, Karma.

Oh the weather outside is...weather.

Like a good neighbor State Farm is there, with a perfect English paper! Please!

I would rather write a pirate rant than study for my finals.

I thought it was common courtesy to not yell at your boyfriend at 2am while I'm in the room. Apparently you disagree.

I am so glad no shave November is over, now ECU no longer has people walking around campus looking like Paul Bunyan!

# THE MAN PANEL

## Who are you dating?

*"How do I tell the difference between a guy who really likes me and one who is just trying to get laid?"*

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**Zack Cooper, Gordon Ingram & Shane Small,**  
OPINION COLUMNISTS

One question the Man Panel is always asked is, "How do I tell the difference between a guy who really likes me and one who is just trying to get laid?" The truth is that it's not always easy and it's not always the same. However, a manwhore and a truly interested guy act different around you. We have created two typical characters that make these differences between the guys clear.

### Manwhore

As a manwhore, I can pretty much guarantee you're not the only girl I'm trying to get with. In fact, it's just the opposite. It doesn't really help out my game for you to know this, so I'm pretty spectacular at making sure you don't find out. I've also had a lot of practice in defending my manwhore-ish reputation.

When you asked about it the other day, I just laid down my well-rehearsed line about how I'm trying to fill the void of an ex-girlfriend who left me scarred emotionally. It was almost as easy as

when we had the relationship talk. You didn't necessarily love my "hatred of labels," but you bought into the fact that "I mean, if we are having fun together, why does it matter if we aren't boyfriend/girlfriend, right?"

I really find it rather amusing that I rarely call you (sober) because you let me get by with just sending you (and a few of my other girls) some really sweet (although possibly mass) texts, just so you know I'm thinking about you. You probably think you know me pretty well, but if you actually stopped and thought about it, you would realize that we have never really had a serious conversation ... unless it preceded or was followed by sex. I'm actually pretty impressed with the fact that all of your friends hate me but you choose not to listen to them because "You should see how he treats me when we are alone!" It is a real talent. I can just be so damn charming!

I went out with my friends last night and didn't invite you. It was "just a bunch of guys, baby, you probably wouldn't have any fun." It's worked out great, too, because at about 1:45 after I got shot down by every girl at the bar, I called you and made you come pick me up because "I wanted to see you." This invariably led to the culmination of my game plan: sex.

I'm not a big fan of taking you on dates, either. Truth is, I don't want to put that kind of extra effort into a girl I'm already having sex with. It isn't because I'm a broke college kid, although I might say that. While I am broke, I know I could find other things to do that

don't cost money; I just don't freaking want to. Pretty much my mantra is low expectations. If I keep expectations low, then when I do little things wrong, you're not surprised. When I do little things right, though, you're ecstatic. I am really banking on the fact that some girls go after guys who are projects with potential, whereas I'm just attracted to the potential of sex.

### A truly interested man

I'm the good guy, the one who likes you for more than your repertoire between the sheets. As a guy, I'm not big into talking on the phone but did enjoy our conversation yesterday and am interested in hearing what you have to say. But I know you prefer a personal approach, so I'm willing to dial your number instead of sending

another "lol" text. Since I'm not just trying to get some, I actually care if you get along with my friends and see how well you fit in with the guys, so take me up on my offer to come watch Monday Night Football or even just grab lunch with a few of us on campus one day.

Last Friday when we all met up downtown, I hope you noticed I introduced you to a few of my female friends that we ran into, because that is a pretty big deal. It's my way of saying that I'm not trying to hide from other girls, that I'm interested in you and I'm cool with letting them know that in my mind, I'm off the market. Besides, if you get the approval of my female friends, I really

know I'm on to something here! One night we shared a cab ride back to my place and it got a little heated in the bedroom, but it's OK with me if you want to slow it down some. As great as the sex would have been, I can respect you enough not to push the issue. I'm in this for you, not just your vagina. You know the next morning when I didn't rush you out the door because I had to "get an early start on my Saturday morning errands?" That's because I don't have Saturday morning errands and I actually enjoy your company, even when you're dressed. On that note, when I offered you a pair of shorts and T-shirt from me (and you made them look good!) so you wouldn't have to squeeze back into your skinny jeans, it was because I don't mind that I'll have to see you again to get them back. I'm not looking to hand out clothes to someone I don't plan on seeing again soon. I'm hoping the little things I consider obvious don't go unnoticed, because I do actually like you and would like to see where this could go.

### Now you know

The two are very different with how they think and act, especially when it comes to the respect they show for women. The key is distinguishing between the two by how they act and to be honest with yourself about what their actions mean. If you're catching yourself making excuses for them, it might be time to take a step back and really look at the possibility that you have found a manwhore. Don't be dismayed; there are good guys out there.

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## Getting the most for your money this holiday season

### Staff Reports

A gift doesn't have to always come with a receipt. The perfect gift to give this holiday season can be new, used or homemade. A gift with sentimental value can sometimes be the best thing to give, and many times a special gift isn't the most expensive.

Fanatical fans of Black Friday save tons of money one day a year for top quality products. Why not? Target had a Westinghouse 40-inch LCD HDTV for only \$299. There is also money to be saved just by buying used items, which in many cases are still in extremely good condition. Items on eBay or merchandise from pawnshops can be a great way for a consumer to get a unique and inexpensive item that their loved one will enjoy.

eBay has a wide array of items for consumers to bid on throughout the year, and at Christmas, it may just be one of the best places to get a quality gift while still saving money. Many consumers are hesitant about purchasing items over the Internet, and ordering a used item may be even more worrisome, but in most cases there is no need for fear.

Most products come with pictures, full descriptions of the product and seller feedback to let the buyer know they're getting a safe deal. These deals are also safe because the purchaser pays through PayPal, which allows them to submit personal information in a safe and secure way on the Internet. Once an item is purchased, it will be sent by mail and the site even has such features as eBay buyer protection to ensure that the customer will not be ripped off if the item isn't what was ordered.

Pawnshops are an even easier way to get secondhand gifts because a consumer can purchase an item on the spot without the hassle of waiting for something to arrive. However, some shops are better than others and it is important to know whether or not the shop sells and trades items in a legitimate way.

A good pawnshop in Greenville is Trade It. Trade It buys and sells whatever the customer wants, ranging from DVDs to car stereos and guitars. Trade It employee Jami Haddock claims a customer can get a lot for \$20, stating, "You can get a 13' television, two seasons of 'One Tree Hill' or even a couple of golf clubs. It just depends on the person you're buying for. Everything here is a great deal."

For many items, these kinds of places are great, but it is important to remember that sometimes buying new has its benefits. When purchasing gifts like apparel and one-time-use products, used is not ideal. So the best advice is that, as a consumer, know which items will work best new or old. On an even more creative note, the best gifts don't always have a price tag.

Homemade gifts can be just as sentimental, if not more so. ECU junior philosophy major Carrie Browder gives thoughtful gifts like this every Christmas. Browder said she would buy a picture frame and put a picture with herself and the recipient of the gift in it. Browder also said then she would decorate it with glitter and stickers and give it as a Christmas present. "It's really about the thought that's behind it," she said.

For those who are stumped this holiday season about what items to buy for loved ones, or for those simply looking to save a little money while still giving quality gifts, try surfing eBay or checking out some local pawnshops. Great gifts could come from a place from which many people don't usually think to buy their Christmas items.

## Meet your chancellor



Chancellor Ballard began working at ECU in June of 2004.

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TEC sits down with Chancellor Ballard to find out about his life, job and responsibilities

**Alexandra O'Halloran**  
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We all hear about changes that are made on campus and receive the occasional e-mail from Chancellor Steve Ballard.

We know he has an extremely important position at ECU, but do any of us really know who Ballard is? Where did he come from? How did he reach this level of success? What does his job really entail? TEC sat down with Ballard to gain some insight into the man behind the title.

Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, and raised in Galesburg, Ill., Ballard lived the life of a normal child. What made him stand out was his love for baseball, which he played at Galesburg High School, and his serious attitude about education. When Ballard graduated from high school, he attended The University of Arizona in Tucson where he gained his bachelor's degree in history with a minor in French. The four years he spent in Arizona proved to be particularly important for the rest of his life because he met his wife Nancy and he played college baseball, something that led to an even bigger opportunity.

"When I was growing up, baseball was my love," Ballard said and explained that after he graduated from college, he played for a minor league team of the St. Louis Cardinals from 1970 to 1971. This was an oppor-

tunity that he was thrilled to have, but after a while he had to reassess his life. "I knew doing that for a living was a long shot," he said. "There were so many people that were just so good."

That was when he decided it was time to take graduate school seriously. He went on to Ohio State University where he gained his master's degree in political science. By 1976, he gained his doctorate from Ohio State and went on to work in the political science faculty at the University of Oklahoma for 13 years. This was the start of a successful career. In 1989, he went to the University of Maine, where he was part of the political science faculty and also worked in administration. He stayed there for nine years. Then in 1998, he went on to Bowling Green State University, where he took on a full-time administration job. In 2001, he was offered a position at the University of Missouri in Kansas City as the provost. That was the last job he held before making his way to ECU.

"I applied to ECU around Christmastime of 2003," he said. "I started in June 2004. I've spent six and a half years in the job itself."

Ballard commented that when he first came to ECU, there were a lot of things that needed some work. Over the years, he feels he has been able to make a difference and he has worked with the ECU faculty to improve different aspects of the university.

"My primary responsibility is the sustainability of the university," Ballard said. "I spend a lot of time with the board of governors and my own board

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## International students share holiday traditions

**Marlana Sifter**  
STAFF WRITER

Secular for some and religious for others, the celebration of Christmas carries a festive and reflective mood for participants across the globe.

This month, as many of us erect the family evergreen, drape our porches with tinsel and string lights around the doorway, people elsewhere in the world will stock up on rum, repaint the house and soak candied fruit all in observance of the same holiday.

A time universally thought of as a season of unity and family, the diversity of Christmas customs in different countries showcases some of their best overall traditions and resources.

"The food reflects Indian culture, but otherwise Christmas is the same," said Manasa Gangula, an international student from India completing an MS in chemistry. Comparing the U.S. to India, she said there were few stark differences.

"We have the Christmas tree and Santa Claus, and it is a very traditional shopping season. The night before, we spend the whole night at church and light the candles. The next day, delicious food items are used to celebrate."

Some sections of India decorate mango or banana trees for the holiday, while those in South India place clay lamps on their rooftops — an echo of the Hindu practice during the festival of Diwali.

Some 5,000 miles southeast of India, Australia has its own distinctive Christmas habits. Dressed in a Bushman's hat, Hawaiian shirt and board shorts, Santa Claus is known to ride to Australia in a sleigh drawn by six albino kangaroos called "white boomers." Presumably, when Santa continues on to the rest of the world, he changes into warmer clothing and exchanges his boomers for reindeer.

"There's no big shopping and all the stores aren't packed with Christmas things," said Jade Heatley, an Australian undergraduate student seeking a degree in international relations.

"On Christmas Eve, we generally go to a party with friends or church," said Heatley.

In the Central American country of Belize, Christmas is as much a family get-together as it is a religious holiday. During the month of December, households will give the house a thorough cleaning and soak dried fruit in preparation of visitors.

While shopping for gifts is not considered a big deal, exchanging gifts of money instead and donating to charities is something most families will do. However, there is a significant shopping surge in household items as families fix and clean their houses.

"Every member of the family who has moved away comes home back to their mother's house," said Ivory Kelly, an international student from Belize finishing an MA in English with a concentration in fiction.

"On Christmas Eve or the morning before, most people go to church. At sundown, we go visiting from house to house in the neighborhood, even if we don't know them, and exchange gifts and drink rum and Coke," she said.

While at church, Kelly says they will ring the church bell as a "symbolic ringing in of the New Year" and then spend the rest of the night "partying at a night club or someone's house."

On Christmas day, the family will typically gather for a house party complete with Christmas music blaring from a radio. Santa Claus is also part of the Belizean celebration, and children open gifts either Christmas Eve or the next day.

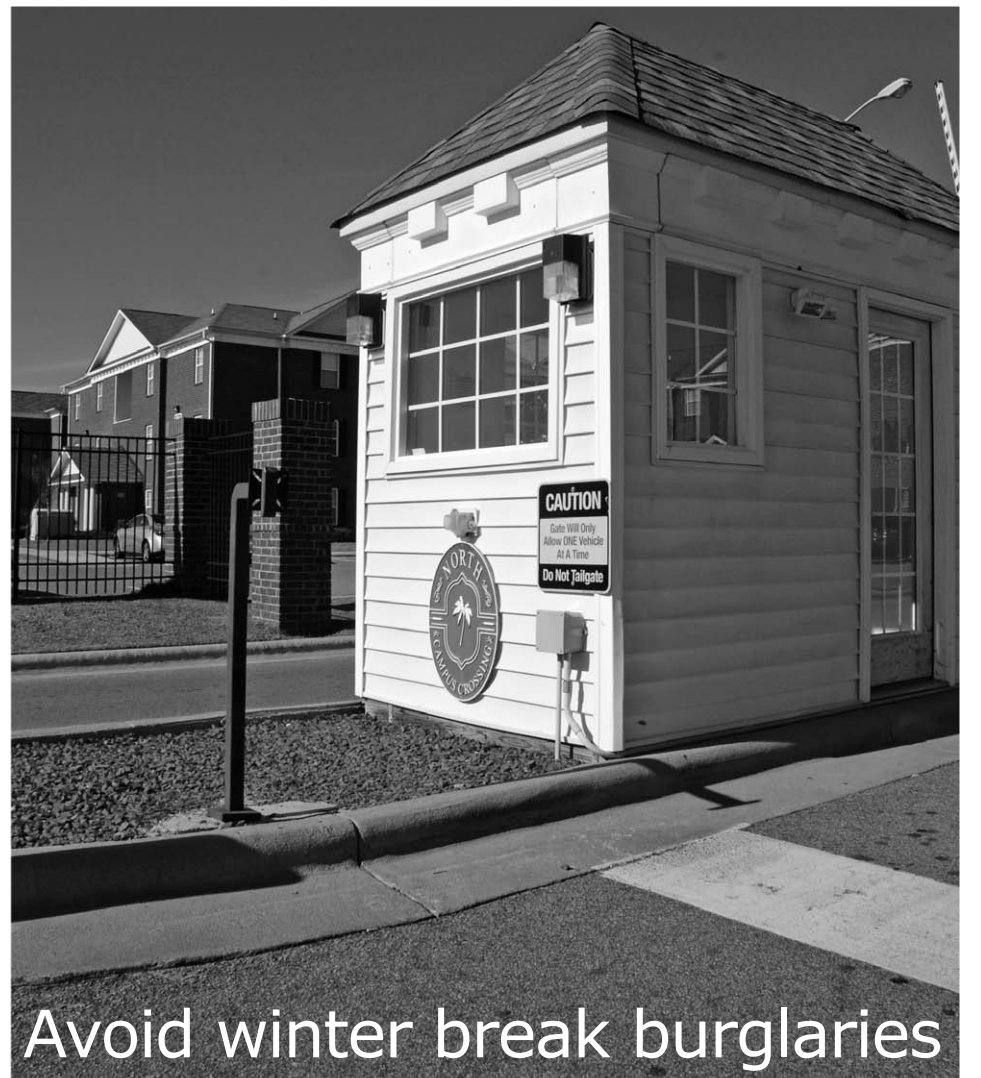
The Italian Christmas is slightly superseded by New Year's Eve. To bring in the New Year, people in Italy will usually have a bigger party than on Christmas. On both holidays, however, no meat is eaten and people gather with friends and family.

"Basically, all the family gathers in one house. Mainly we just sleep and drink," said Andrea Dell'Apa, an international Ph.D. student from Italy earning his degree in coastal resources management. "It is specific for the family really what they do," he said.

A popular Christmas tradition is to play a particular game of cards. Much like jack but with a different deck, some games are played with money only for Christmas, such as "tombola," a version of Bingo. "We try to have games all the family can play, from the grandmother to the young child," said Dell'Apa.

The Christmas tree and especially the Nativity scene are important aspects of the holiday. Some

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## Avoid winter break burglaries

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North Campus Crossing provides additional security to their residents over winter break.

**Madonna Messana**  
STAFF WRITER

Long breaks such as the upcoming winter break typically cause a significant rise in crimes and break-ins because students do not take the necessary precautions to ready their apartments or homes for their weeks away.

"Students who live off-campus need to take a number of extra precautions to protect their property when they go home during Christmas break," said ECU Police Sergeant Stephanie Carnevale, who has been the off-campus sergeant for three years. "We highly encourage them to take any valuable personal items or sentimental items with them on vacation or lock them up in a secure place, such as a safe."

Last year, extra patrols by the ECU Police Department and the Greenville Police Department began during the holiday season and it worked well, significantly cutting down the number of crimes and break-ins.

Sergeant Carnevale provided several cautionary tips that, if implemented, can decrease the chances of a break-in.

Sergeant Carnevale advises students to read over the handouts many apartment complexes

give out with tips to keep apartments safe over winter break.

Some examples of the tips provided include: be sure that all windows and doors are locked properly, keep blinds and curtains closed and valuables out of site, take all items of large value when students leave and do not hide spare keys or leave messages making it obvious the apartment or home is empty.

"During winter break, my roommates and I plan on making sure all of our doors and windows are locked, including the doors to each individual bedroom," explained Kristen Gilbert, senior communication major. "Also, we plan on leaving hall lights and a lamp on to make it look as though we are home and that the apartment isn't completely vacant."

Sergeant Carnevale explained that it is a good idea to leave on a lamp so that during the evening the apartment would look as though it were not empty. She also said that leaving a vehicle in the driveway will make the house appear to be occupied.

"If you are going to be away for an extended period of time, have someone pick up your mail or contact the post office to stop delivery of your mail until you return," said Sergeant

Carnevale. "If you are staying in town, be sure to keep your doors and windows locked at all times and your blinds closed so that potential criminals can't see the valuable items that you may have in your residence."

Students are also advised to unplug all unnecessary electronics prior to leaving to prevent any electrical fires or hazards.

"As far as keeping our apartment safe from electrical fires, we plan on unplugging everything that is not going to be used, such as our televisions, DVD players and all other electronics," said Gilbert.

"Be advised that the Greenville Police Department and the ECU Police Department will be working together over the holidays to provide extra holiday patrols in the university neighborhoods and the various student apartment complexes to help deter break-ins," said Sergeant Carnevale. "These extra patrols worked very well last year and there were very few incidents of break-ins over the Christmas holidays."

Still, students should follow these precautionary measures to help to ensure that their apartments remain burglary free.

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# December is a busy month for Hollywood

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STAFF WRITER

As the end of the year approaches and the excitement of the holidays begins, movie studios start the race to release their last big movies of the year, making for a very crowded holiday movie season.

This jam-packed schedule isn't uncommon. The holiday season is always a big time for movies, with Christmas Day being one of the biggest, if not the biggest, day of the year for movie theaters.

This time last year, Hollywood was gearing up for the big releases of "Avatar" and "Sherlock Holmes," but this year, a new crop of films is headed to theaters everywhere. The biggest of which is, undoubtedly, Disney's "TRON: Legacy," opening Dec. 17.

The original "TRON," which was released almost 30 years ago, is seen by many as the start of the age of the CGI film and starred last year's Academy Award winner for Best Actor, Jeff Bridges. Bridges returns for this big-budget sequel that centers on his now-grown son ("Four Brothers" star Garret Hedlund), who, while searching for his missing father, discovers the digital world that his father built and is now trapped in.

Senior communication major Ira Lawson says he's excited to see the film. "It seems (like it would) take me into a cyber-world full of computers and technology which could very well be a look at our future," said Lawson. "I like a good storyline of mystery and suspense, and this movie seems to convey those things."

Opening the same weekend as "TRON: Legacy" is Warner Brothers' live-action/CGI hybrid "Yogi Berra." Based on the classic cartoon, the film features the voices of Dan Aykroyd as the title character and Justin Timberlake as his sidekick, Boo Boo, and a live-action character played by "Just Friends" star Anna Farris.

"I can't wait to see 'Yogi Berra' because it reminds me of my childhood," said sophomore business major Christine Vaughan. "Plus, I have been in the mood for cartoons lately."

Other big movies that will be released in December include

"The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader" (Dec. 10), which is the third movie in the series based off the popular books; "The Tourist" (Dec. 10), a new thriller featuring the first onscreen pairing of superstars Johnny Depp and Angelina Jolie; "How Do You Know" (Dec. 17), a comedy with a serious side, starring Reese Witherspoon, Paul Rudd and Owen Wilson; and "Little Fockers" (Dec. 22), the second sequel to the 2000 hit comedy "Meet the Parents."

The end of the year also means the end of eligibility for awards season for the films hoping to score nominations from the Academy Awards, the Golden Globes and other film societies. "TRON: Legacy" star Jeff Bridges pulls double-duty by also starring in the Coen Brothers' new western, "True Grit" (Dec. 22). The film, which also stars Matt Damon and Josh Brolin, is a remake of the 1969 John Wayne film of the same name. Come nomination time, some critics believe this film could score several honors.

But no film has the awards buzz surrounding it more than Darren Aronofsky's psychological thriller "Black Swan" (Dec. 22). The film tells the story of a ballerina (Natalie Portman), who, while competing with a fellow ballerina (Mila Kunis) for a coveted role, loses her grip on reality and slowly starts to unravel. The film is receiving rave reviews for Portman's performance alone, with many people in the business saying she's the frontrunner to win the Best Actress Oscar.

"This movie looks so incredibly unique and I'm very excited to see Natalie Portman in such a very dark role," said film lover Kelsey Jones, a sophomore communication major.

It's safe to say that December is packed with films that satisfy just about everyone's interests. So for those looking to get out of the cold weather or away from visiting family members, visit a local movie theater and see what Hollywood's got to offer this holiday season.

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## Top 15 DVDs and TV shows for the holidays

Do you need help finding a Christmas gift for that hard-to-buy-for person on your list? Consider buying one of these hit movies or TV seasons!

1. Inception
2. The Twilight Saga: Eclipse
3. Glee: The Complete First Season
4. Toy Story 3
5. The Expendables
6. Despicable Me (release date: 12/14)
7. Scott Pilgrim vs. the World
8. Easy A (release date: 12/21)
9. LOST: The Complete Series (release date: 12/14)
11. Grown Ups
12. The Town
13. Family Guy: It's A Trap (release date: 12/21)
14. Sex and the City 2
15. The Office: Digital Shorts Collection

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and alumni."

He went on to say that many other people also make decisions about ECU. "I have five vice chancellors," he said. "They really manage and run the university."

He explained that he has an executive council made up of 13 people who oversee the major decisions and decide where to spend most of the money. They make decisions on things like whether or not to have an Honors College, which ECU now has. He has a large say in which decisions are made, but he commented that decisions go through a lot of phases because there is input from deans, vice chancellors, provosts and other faculty members. He said that some of the biggest issues he and his board face are about budget cuts and master planning.

"If the budget gets really bad, we may have to cut some things," Ballard said and noted that this is always something that is extremely difficult for everyone. As for master planning, he explained that this is the idea of taking a long-term approach to how the university can be built in the next 20 years.

Master planning is something Ballard is excited about and he noted that ECU is already expanding. "We're about to admit our first class to the dental school – fall 2011 – so we're right on schedule."

But what the ECU community shouldn't forget is that through all of these years of work, Ballard has had a family of his own. With his wife Nancy, he has a son named Nathan, who is currently getting his master's at ECU,

and a daughter named Laine, who lives in San Francisco.

So Ballard is no stranger to being around young people, and he knows about the difficulties students can face, as he was one himself for many years.

"My advice to students who are still working is find your passion and find out who you are," Ballard said. "My other advice is, spend as much time and prepare yourself. Sometimes you have one passion at 20 and one at 30, but do well academically."

As for his future at ECU, Ballard said it isn't up to him how long he will stay, but if it were, he would like to stay as long as he feels he is making a difference.

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with a different deck, some games are played with money only for Christmas, such as "tombola," a version of Bingo.

"We try to have games all the family can play, from the grandmother to the young child," said Dell'Apa.

The Christmas tree and especially the Nativity scene are impor-

tant aspects of the holiday. Some families open gifts on Christmas morning or the night before, and go to church on Christmas Eve.

Dell'Apa says he was already familiar with U.S. traditions from watching movies and also because they are not so different from Italian traditions.

This year, the above-men-

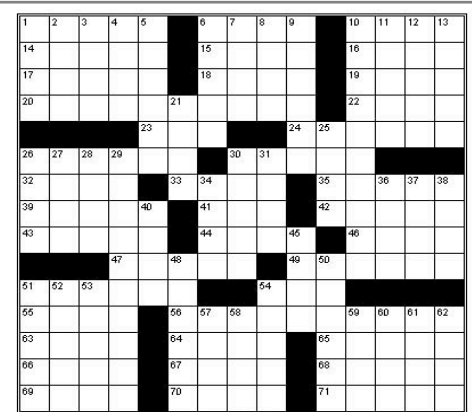
tioned international students will spend Christmas in the U.S., learning what similarities and differences there are between the cultures.

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## DOWN TIME

### ACROSS

1. Tumbler
6. Weapons
10. Verbal
14. Sixty-seven in Roman numerals
15. Writer of verse
16. Disallow
17. Rust, for example
18. As well
19. Black, in poetry
20. Throughout far and wide
22. Magical symbol
23. Make lace
24. Trough
26. Pertaining to teeth
30. The body
32. Brainstorm
33. Doozy
35. Chip away at
39. Intense feelings of suffering
41. Male offspring
42. Statesman
43. Slowly, in music
44. Therefore
46. Noxious plant
47. Palm cockatoo
49. Givers
51. Head protector
54. Twitch
55. Pearly-shelled mussel
56. Element #43
63. List of choices
64. Found in skin lotion
65. Not tight
66. Portent
67. Tins
68. Not inner
69. Rave
70. Leg joint
71. Exchange



### DOWN

1. Gleam
2. Seventy-one in Roman numerals
3. Keen
4. Pro or con
5. Afternoon snooze
6. Not together
7. Part portrayed
8. Tableland
9. Heavy fattening food
10. Deposed
11. Refute
12. Do penance
13. A solitary person
21. Gloomy atmosphere
25. Purposes
26. Found on a rotary phone
27. Border
28. A gas found in some lights
29. Equivalent
30. Plant life
31. Breathing organ
34. \_\_\_-friendly
36. Margarine
37. One who accomplishes
38. Concludes
40. Bygone time
45. Chief Norse god
48. Assault
50. Leopardlike cat
51. The quality of being funny
52. Bowel cleansing
53. Cloth from flax
54. Not those
57. Flair
58. Usually topped with ice cream
59. See the sights
60. Bit
61. Utilized
62. No more than

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## Keys to the game:

## For Maryland:

## Good play from QB position:

Maryland has been starting a true freshman at quarterback since the third game of the season, and when he has played well, the Terps have been unstoppable.

## Run the ball:

The Pirates have struggled all season long against the run, but Maryland has struggled running the ball. If the Terrapins can run effectively, they will win the ball game.

## Shut down Dominique Davis:

Maryland won their eighth game of the year by shutting down Russell Wilson from NCSU. If they can repeat that performance against Davis, that will limit the Pirates' offense.

## For ECU:

Make O'Brien look like a freshman:

O'Brien has looked as poised in the pocket as any other QB in the nation. The goal for the ECU defensive line is to fluster O'Brien into freshman mistakes.

## Get Harris open space:

Whether it's on special teams or on the offensive side, the Pirates need to give Dwayne Harris room to generate explosive plays.

## Play 60 minutes:

To win this game, the Pirates have to put together 60 minutes of sharp execution and hard nose defensive play or else it could be Virginia Tech and North Carolina all over again.

## Nine Pirates named to All-Conference USA

ECU had nine players named to the All-Conference USA Football Teams, according to an announcement from the league office Tuesday. Headlining the Pirates' selections were senior first-team honorees Dwayne Harris and Willie Smith. Harris received first-team designation as both a wide receiver and punt returner while Smith was an offensive line pick.

ECU had a trio of juniors on the second team in wide receiver Lance Lewis, defensive back Emanuel Davis and kicker Michael Barbour. Receiving an honorable mention nod were junior quarterback Dominique Davis, senior running back Jonathan Williams, senior defensive lineman Josh Smith and senior linebacker Dustin Lineback.

Harris has been a key component to the Pirates' record-breaking offensive season. He is the Conference USA leader in receptions per game (7.8) while standing third in receiving yards per game (87.9). He is also among the best at the FBS level, ranking seventh in receptions per game and 19th in total receiving yards (1,055) and receiving yards per game. His 93 catches and 1,055 receiving yards in 2010 have established East Carolina single-season records. Among league players this year, he is tied for third with four 100-yard receiving games. The Stone Mountain, Ga., native has also added 10 touchdown receptions, the second most in a year in ECU history.

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## Pirates locked and loaded for Military Bowl

Adam Bunn  
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For the first time in three years, ECU will not be playing in the Liberty Bowl as Conference USA champions. Instead, the Pirates will travel to the nation's capital to complete what has been a roller coaster season against the Maryland Terrapins.

"We are looking forward to the challenge of playing a tradition-rich program out of a conference which has our highest respect," Head Coach Ruffin McNeill said. "Coach Friedgen's record and accomplishments speak for themselves."

Coming into the 2010 football season, the Pirates were faced with a new coaching staff and would have to break in a new offensive and defensive system while trying to replace nine starters on defense and the loss of last year's starting quarterback Patrick Pinkney. Even with all that, the Pirates remained in contention for the C-USA title all the way to the finish.

"There's satisfaction there," McNeill said. "We knew after losing the highest number of letterman from any FBS school, we knew we had a great task ahead of us. Credit goes to our players and coaches. I was very happy with this season."

The Pirates will be making their fifth straight bowl appearance on the strength of one of the most explosive offenses in the entire country.

Quarterback Dominique Davis is the anchor of the Pirate ship. The Boston College and junior college transfer has been the biggest shock of all this season. Coming in with very little fan fare, Davis has completed 358 of 552 passes for 3,699 yards with 36 touchdowns and just 14 interceptions. Davis has been the most consistent passer in the Football Bowl Subdivision and yet he hasn't gotten the attention some other notable quarterbacks have.

Auburn quarterback Cam Newton has thrown for 2,589 yards with 28 touchdowns, Boise State's Kellen Moore has thrown for 3,506 yards with 33 touchdowns and Stanford's Andrew Luck has passed for 3,051 yards with just 28 touchdown passes. The only thing that Davis doesn't have over these three Heisman trophy finalists is the overall record.

On the ground, the Pirates have been led all year by senior running back Jonathan Williams, who has carried the ball 153 times for 846 yards and 10 touchdowns and is one big game away from breaking the 1,000-yard mark.

Receiver Lance Lewis, who also happens



Senior wide out Dwayne Harris runs the ball in action against SMU. Harris will compete in his final college bout against Maryland on Dec. 29 in the Military Bowl.

to be a junior college transfer, led the Pirates in touchdown catches with 13, a number that also set the single season school record for touchdown catches in a season. While Lewis had a great year, the Pirate Nation will always rest with Dwayne Harris.

Harris, who caught 93 passes for 1,055 yards and 10 touchdowns, will be given the opportunity to suit up for the Pirates once again, but as coach McNeill says, his legacy will be much more than just a good football player.

"He will be remembered as one of the best players ever to wear purple and gold and as one of the best people," McNeill said. "He doesn't care about individual awards. He sacrifices his body for this team."

For McNeill, not only does the bowl game give him another day to coach the most successful senior class in ECU history, it also gives him the chance to hold 13 more practices.

"The practices are valuable because you not only keep your key guys sharp, you get that extra work with the young guys," McNeill said.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Pirates have lacked fundamentals and

simple execution, which has resulted in the defense being ranked 120th in the nation in total defense and 118th in scoring defense.

"We lost four NFL guys last year. You can't replace that," McNeill said. "We lost our three best defensive linemen to season-ending injuries. I have a lot of confidence in our kids and our coaches. There's no excuses. We will get better."

If there is a light in all of the defensive woes that have plagued the Pirates this season, it's that players who came to ECU expecting to spend their first season on red shirt got playing time in key situations, which is something that should benefit this unit down the line.

"What you want is to play enough guys so that you can build your depth behind your starters, and the talent won't be much of a drop-off," McNeill said.

The Maryland Terrapins come into the Military Bowl boasting an 8-4 record after finishing in a second place tie with N.C. State in the Atlantic Division. A loss to Florida State on the second to last weekend of the season kept the Terps out of the ACC title game.

The Terrapins were a surprise this season. After going just 2-10 last year and having a coach that many didn't want, the Terps battled back only trailing Miami (Ohio) as the largest single-season turnaround this year.

"They had the second largest turnaround in the country," McNeill said of the Terps. "They know how to win. Their team is well disciplined. They play well as a team; all three sides of the ball play extremely well."

Maryland is led by 10th-year coach Ralph Friedgen, who has now led the Terrapins to their sixth bowl birth in his 10-year tenure. Friedgen, who over the past few years in College Park had become somewhat of a joke, was able to fend off a fan base gunning for his job and rebuild his program behind a true freshman quarterback.

Danny O'Brien, a Kernersville, N.C., native, came off the bench against Murray State in the second game of the season and never gave the starting job back. He completed 179 of 315 passes for 2,257 yards with 21 touchdowns and just six interceptions.

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## ECU win streak comes to an end versus Old Dominion

Carlos Olivera  
STAFF WRITER

ECU's red-hot start under new coach Jeff Lebo came to a halt Tuesday night with a loss to Old Dominion. With the 81-68 loss to the Monarchs, the Pirates' record now stands at 7-3.

Also gone with the loss was the Pirates' five-game win streak and undefeated home record, which now stands at 6-1. The Pirates' last loss came in the Charleston Classic when they lost to N.C. State and Charlotte.

ECU came out of the opening tip fast, starting the game shooting 8-10 from the field in front of a raucous crowd of over 4,300 inside Minges Coliseum. Halfway through the first half, the Pirates held a 10-point lead while shooting 82 percent

from the field, 80 percent from behind the arc and 75 percent from the free throw line.

Leading the way for the Pirates with 22 points was senior captain Jamar Abrams. Abrams shot nine of 16 from the field including four for 10 from behind the 3-point line.

"I was just able to set good ball screens and get open," Abrams said. "I set the screens and was just able to hit the open shots."

ECU however would hit a cold spell, finishing the half shooting 2-10 and allowing the Monarchs to finish the half on a 15-6 run to get back into the game and go into the half trailing by one, with 31-30.

The Pirates shot the ball well in the first half but it was far from a perfect half. They had 10 first-half turnovers that led to 14 points for the Mon-

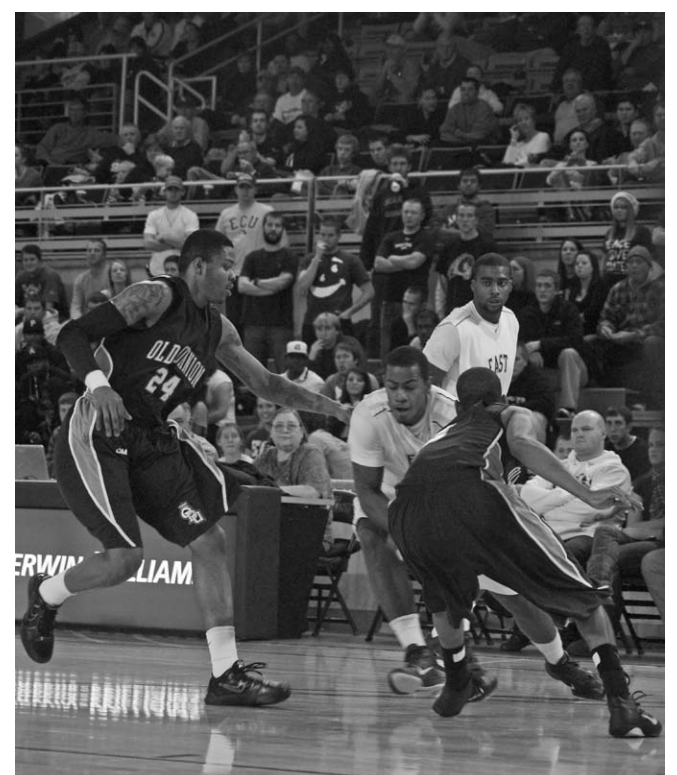
archs. The Pirates also committed 10 first-half fouls. Although the Monarchs had twice as many free throw attempts, 12 to the Pirates' six, both teams only made five free throws.

The Monarchs proved to be too much down the stretch going on an 11-0 to pull away from the Pirates.

"This was a true test for us and we were going to find out about our team," said Lebo. "We found out we can compete and play, but we need to play a 40-minute ball game, not 34."

With about six minutes remaining in the game, the Pirates trailed 63-64. After a few quick turnovers, the home team suddenly saw themselves down 75-63 and just couldn't recover against the bigger,

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Guard Jontae Sherrod swarmed by two Old Dominion defenders during ECU's 81-68.

## Swimming and diving wraps up 2010 season

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Last weekend, the ECU swim team sent five of its most qualified to represent the Pirates at the USA Swimming Short Course Nationals in Columbus, Ohio.

"This weekend was one of the most prestigious meets in the country and each attending athlete has to qualify for it up until about two weeks before the meet," Head Coach Rick Kobe said.

Representing the Pirate Nation were three seniors: Thiago Cavalcanti, Andrew Stoker and Jenna Stewart. Junior Kelsey Brosi and freshman Anna Gibas completed the group in their quest for the short course nationals.

Kobe has led the aquatic Pirates to triumph since 1982. Kobe has guided the Pirates to well over 400 victories.

Kobe explained how the

five athletes were selected to compete in the meet.

"We had several people qualify for the meet, but we only took the folks who had multiple cuts. It's a long way to go to swim one event. We had one person final in the 50 -- Jenna Stewart."

This meet wrapped up the swimming and diving team's fall 2010 competition schedule.

"We are really happy with the way things went. The swimming and diving season is a long season," Kobe said. "We start before school starts and we go all the way to the end of February. Then we take two weeks off, and we train until the end of school again."

The Pirates' next move will be to Jupiter, Fla., for their annual winter training camp. This training camp consists of five hours a day training to prepare the team for the remainder of the season. Kobe took the time to shed some light on what breeds the team's success in the

2010 season.

"The strength of our team has always been the depth of our team," Kobe said. "We've got a pretty good tradition of how we train our program. We're not afraid to put ourselves out there, and at the end of the year, that makes for a more confident swimmer when it comes the championship meet."

With pride, Kobe elaborated on his team and their work ethic.

"We have good people in different events. The amount of talent in the ECU aquatic athletics is nothing short of astounding, but talent won't make a great team. It takes commitment, dedication and hard work."

Although the competition for 2010 has come to a close for the aquatics department of ECU athletics, each athlete will train through finals and on their own when they head home for the holidays until they pack their bags for the Florida training camp.



ECU swimming and diving closed out the 2010 season with a successful trip to the USA Swimming Short Course National Championships.

ECU swimming and diving is a program that exceeds the expectations of the Pirate Nation. The hard work and commitment made by the athletes and staff is a true testament to the great quality of ECU athletics.

The Pirates of the water will dive into the 2011 season in Minges Coliseum Jan. 15 against Old Dominion.

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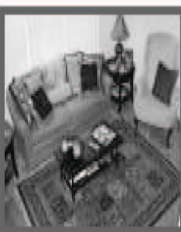
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# The ballad of the quarterback

OPINION Alex Serkes

STAFF WRITER



Every year in the National Football League, when it comes to the quarterback position, we can always refer to the old saying, "same song, different verse."

Each year you have your pantheon level of quarterbacks who go above and beyond every single week to deliver the mind-blowing numbers and team-leading victories that we learn to expect from such amazing athletes. However, on the flip side, you have the gutter passers of the league. The guys that you look for every Friday to make the SportsCenter "Not Top Ten List," for some sort of errant throw, embarrassing pocket presence sack and, of course, the

always-anticipated "Aaron Brooks backwards pass."

Yet, when it comes to the quarterbacks of the NFL in 2010, it's hard to distinguish a real top dog, upcoming star and, of course, your bottom of the gutter guy. Quarterback play, for the most part, has been solid this season, and when it comes to ranking the quarterbacks of 2010, it is no easy task.

However, as the end of the season draws near and the quarterback numbers and records become clearer, I bring to you your quarterback rankings for the 2010-2011 season. Starting with your top dogs in the first category:

**The Pantheon**  
 Aaron Rodgers (Green Bay Packers)  
 Matt Ryan (Atlanta Falcons)  
 Tom Brady (New England Patriots)  
 Michael Vick (Philadelphia Eagles)  
 Joe Flacco (Baltimore Ravens)

Donovan McNabb (Washington Redskins)  
 Brett Favre (Minnesota Vikings)  
 Vince Young/Kerry Collins (Tennessee Titans)  
 Carson Palmer (Cincinnati Bengals)  
 Kyle Orton/Tim Tebow (Denver Broncos)

It's hard to debate these five. All of these quarterbacks had spectacular seasons, and all but one of them were expected to be at the top of this list. Yes, we singled out Michael Vick in this one; let's not forget where this man was two years ago.

I apologize to all the fans of these franchises, for your high hopes and great expectations were utterly smashed. Oh well, there's always next year ... or the year after that.

**The Second Tier**  
 Drew Brees (New Orleans)  
 Phillip Rivers (San Diego)  
 Peyton Manning (Indianapolis Colts)  
 Matt Cassell (Kansas City Chiefs)  
 Ben Roethlisburger (Pittsburgh Steelers)

**The "They are who we thought they were" Division**

Derek Anderson (Arizona Cardinals)  
 Jason Campbell (Oakland Raiders)  
 Chad Henne (Miami Dolphins)  
 Matt Hasselback (Seattle Seahawks)  
 Alex Smith (San Francisco 49ers)

Hard to imagine any one of these quarterbacks, minus Cassell, being placed in a "Second Tier" division amongst quarterbacks, right? Guess that proves my point. The overall quarterback play this season, minus a few bad eggs, is very solid.

You might have had a shimmer of hope for them, but could you really expect anything less? They are who you thought they were, and that's that. For this crew, next year might be these quarterbacks' last chance. At least we got a nice post-game blowup from Derek Anderson ... PLAYOFFS?

**The Sugar Ray Leonard "Contenders" Division**

Matt Schaub (Houston Texans)  
 David Garrard (Jacksonville Jaguars)  
 Eli Manning (New York Giants)  
 Mark Sanchez (New York Jets)  
 Jay Cutler (Chicago Bears)

**The "Luck can wait" Division**

Ryan Fitzpatrick (Buffalo Bills)  
 Tony Romo (Dallas Cowboys)

A solid batch of quarterbacks that any sub .500 club would want on their team; however, their play at the time was suspect and they probably dropped the ball when the game was on the line.

When you're ranked the sixth-most intelligent athlete amongst current professional players as Fitzpatrick, the man out of Harvard, was, you have to give him another chance with the solid numbers he put up for the Bills. And Tony, well, how can you say goodbye to him?

**The "Young guns" Division**

Sam Bradford (St. Louis Rams)  
 Colt McCoy (Cleveland Browns)  
 Josh Freeman (Tampa Bay Bucs)  
 Matthew Stafford (Detroit Lions)

**The Gutter**

Matt Moore (Carolina Panthers)  
 Jimmy Clausen (Carolina Panthers)  
 Brian St. Pierre (Carolina Panthers)  
 Seneca Wallace (Cleveland Browns)

...Sorry, Panthers fans.

The "Oh my god it's finally our year" Division

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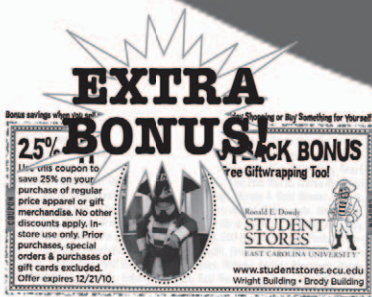


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Receiver Lance Lewis attempting to shake off a defender against the Mustangs.

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longer, more physical visiting team.

"Their size and athleticism really showed tonight," Lebo said. "This team physically pounded Clemson. They play like an ACC team and they wore us out."

ECU just couldn't recover from all of the turnovers on the night. Still nursing a knee injury, senior guard Brock Young had a game-high seven of the team's 16 turnovers that led to 27 points for ODU.

"We gave them too many easy baskets and they had a lot of points off turnovers. When we play like that, we can't expect to win," said Lebo.

Not all was a negative for the Pirates, though. The Pirates played the Monarchs tough and were only outrebounded by eight by a bigger, longer and more physical team. The Monarchs won 27 games last season and made it to the second round of the NCAA Men's Basketball tournament where they lost to Baylor.

"It was a great challenge. We needed to step up to the plate and I think it's going to be a good experience for our team," said Abrams.

Also playing well for the Pirates was Darius Morrow, who added 14 points to go along with Abrams game-high 22.

The Pirates will now enjoy 11 days off after starting the season with 10 games in only 25 days. The Pirates head on the road for a five-game road trip starting Dec. 18 at Coastal Carolina. They finish up the road trip Jan. 8 at Memphis before returning to Minges Coliseum to take on Conference USA foe UAB on Jan. 12 at 7 p.m.

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If the Maryland offense has one weakness, it has to be the running game. Coming into this matchup, the Terrapins rank 94th nationally in yards per game rushing with just 124 yards a game. They are led by running back Davin Meggett, who has carried the ball 119 times for 658 yards and has scored four touchdowns.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Terps are one of the best in the ACC.

The Terrapins' defense ranks 38th nationally in points allowed per game, giving up only 22 points a game while also ranking third in the ACC in passing defense, third in interceptions and second in turnover margin -- all numbers that greatly exceed the Pirates' defense.

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The Pirates will go for their eighth win of the season against Maryland on Dec. 29 at 2:30 p.m. and the game will be covered nationally on ESPN.

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