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Internet outages affect students at The Landing

Staff Reports

Several buildings at the apartment complex The Landing have been experiencing technical difficulties with the complex's Internet service. According to students living at The Landing, the Internet has been down for a few days and has yet to be fixed.

Senior Ashton Knowles reported that her Internet service has barely worked since last summer. Knowles has called to resolve the issue several times but has been referred to The Landing's technical support number, which has not helped. Knowles' Internet is currently not operating.

Emily Bollinger, a sophomore and resident of The Landing, says that the Internet in her apartment works at the present time but she has been experiencing problems when she tries to connect to the Web.

The Landing has refused to comment and confirm the problem; however, an employee who refused to give her name commented on the situation, saying, "We tell each student how to resolve their problem, and we also just recently upped our bandwidth."

Relay for Life changes to earlier date in April

Staff Reports

Due to scheduling conflicts, Relay for Life in Greenville has been moved to April 8. The previous date was April 15, which conflicted with the Pigskin Pig-Out weekend. To sign up for Relay, visit www.piraterelay.com. The event will take place at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

UPDATE: Suspect arrested for Fuzion nightclub murder

Staff Reports

Police have charged 22-year-old Eric Gilbert with murder stemming from a shooting that occurred in the parking lot of Club Fuzion on Dec. 4.

25-year-old Derek Brathwaite died at Pitt County Memorial Hospital from a gunshot wound to the chest soon after his arrival. A second victim, 24-year-old Ernest Wright, was also shot in the face during the same incident.

Gilbert is currently being held without bond, and police have not released any information as to why the shooting happened.

January marks Human Trafficking Awareness

Staff Reports

Greenville mayor Patricia Dunn signed a proclamation asking residents to become more involved in the fight against human trafficking.

Governor Bev Perdue has declared January, Human Trafficking Awareness Month in North Carolina and encourages everyone to become familiar with the warning signs of human trafficking.

Any concerns should be reported to local law enforcement.

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Smoking ban challenged



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5th Street Distillery is among several bars in the Greenville area to enforce the new smoking policy.

Alexis Headley
STAFF WRITER

Four private club owners in Greenville challenged the smoking ban in court and won an almost yearlong battle when the case was taken to a district court.

The four clubs -- Club Live, 5th Street Distillery, Club 519 and Mac Billiards -- received smoking citations issued by the Pitt County Health Department.

Lawyers Mark W. Owens III and Jonathan Bridgers with Owens, Nelson, Owens & Dupree, PLLC were the acting attorneys for the clubs, argued that the law of was unequal. Since smoking is still allowed in country clubs because they are seen as a private organization, the four clubs should be treated the same because they are also private and require membership fees. Pitt County District Court Judge G. Galen Braddy ruled in favor of the four clubs, making this one of the first rulings of this kind in the state of North Carolina.

"I'm a smoker and I'm happy with the court's ruling. I hate that I have to now go outside to smoke when it was always allowed inside the bars before. I think the ban should still be set in restaurants but they should allow smoking inside bars and clubs," said senior Maria Roswell.

The year-old smoking ban has little opposition, but the source of the opposition has come from bars that relied on their customers to buy a drink and to smoke. Some club owners have complained about their business going down significantly once the ban was put in effect. George Beaman, who runs three of the Greenville bars, estimated business was down nearly 40 percent during the months

smoking was banned.

There were complaints against 318 businesses when the law first went into effect but it changed in November, when there were only complaints against 25 businesses. Others are glad that the smoking ban was set in place.

"I love not smelling like smoke when I leave the bars and clubs. It was a little unfair for the people who didn't want to endure the smoke," said senior Brittany Williams.

While the clubs were trying to fight their case in court, the bars were each facing a \$200-a-day fine, but with the judge's ruling, the bars do not have to pay those fines.

The state legislature passed a restrictive statewide smoking ban on Jan. 2, 2010, banning smoking in bars, restaurants and other workplaces. Some residents never thought that the smoking ban would stay in effect in the state of North Carolina, since the state leads the nation in tobacco growth.

"Tobacco is huge for the North Carolina economy. I thought people were going to have trouble with this smoking ban when it was first enforced, but now I think people are getting used to the lack of smoke indoors and find it better," said Williams.

Other North Carolina businesses are hoping to change the law and help their businesses like the bars in Greenville. Many businesses have already filed lawsuits. The Health Department filed an appeal for their case, but county commissioners have filed a motion not to fund the appeal.

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Dowdy pilots new textbook rental program

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STAFF WRITER

Dowdy Student Store is offering a textbook rental trial-run period where 12 textbooks can be rented, saving students up to 60 percent off the new-book price.

Senior Rhonetta Brown, a recreational therapy major, was the first student to utilize the textbook rental program. Brown said she saved almost \$100 by renting two textbooks versus buying them used.

"I think the program is excellent. I have friends that went on eBay or Chegg to rent books, but it's not as convenient as the bookstore," said Brown.

"Our student store staff decided what books won't have new editions soon and will be used again in future semesters by faculty," said interim director of ECU Dowdy Student Store, Bryan Tuten.

Dowdy has set aside multiple cashier lines specifically designated

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Students can now rent textbooks through the student store, making it easier for them to afford their books.

Preparation at School of Dental Medicine for next semester classes

ECU Dental School relies on latest technology for upcoming semester

Jimmy Youn
STAFF WRITER

The new ECU School of Dental Medicine is set for its inaugural fall 2011 semester with new equipment utilizing the latest technology.

With attention to the shortage of dental medicine providers in the eastern part of North Carolina, the new dental medicine program was established at ECU. Not only has the eastern part of

North Carolina appeared to have a shortage of dental providers, but also a few counties in the western part of the state were in need of dental providers. Therefore, the SoDM hopes to alleviate this need by providing an ample supply of dentists throughout the state.

While the SoDM is still interviewing the future dentists, the board of admissions has confirmed its decisions and e-mailed the news to the applicants who were accepted on Christmas Day. The offers will be continued on a rolling basis until the class is filled.

"A total of 50 students will be matriculated into the program,

and so far, we have accepted more men than women," said Dr. James Hupp, dean of the School of Dental Medicine.

In the midst of the completion of Ledyard E. Ross Hall, the SoDM is fully equipped with the latest technology systems to aid students in their studies and to help them experience life-like situations with the medical simulators being illustrated as human patients. By using such advanced equipment, the SoDM hopes to train students efficiently.

"We are currently in the process of selecting equipments and will be using the latest technology systems," said Dr. D. Gregory Chadwick, the associate dean

for Planning and Extramural Affairs.

Hupp further added, "All things in the dental school will be equipped with the latest technology systems. Each classroom will be a smart classroom along with the distance learning capability. Laptops, iPhones and iPads will be distributed to faculty members and students. They will have the basic softwares for the students, and we are currently developing applications to have a curriculum management system and patients' charts. Also, we will be setting up an internal blog

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Repeal of DADT will not affect ROTC

Tyler Kitchens
STAFF WRITER

In December, the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate successfully voted to end the Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy, which prevented homosexuals from serving openly in the military.

The controversial 17-year-old military policy has been one of the mainstays in the national news headlines over the past three months and has been a topic of discussion for years.

Since the policy took effect during the Clinton Administration, over 14,000 troops have been discharged from military service due to their sexuality.

Locally, the effects of the federal government's recent decision to repeal the policy will also be felt at ECU as openly gay students will be able to participate in the Reserve Officer Training Corps programs once the rule change occurs.

Aside from this, the ruling will not affect cadet training policies or procedures on campus.

Legally, the ROTC program falls under the jurisdiction of the military. In the past, if a homosexual ROTC student's sexual orientation was ever made public, the student was in danger of being expelled from the program and losing his or her scholarship. In certain cases, they could have been required to pay the military back for tuition and other education-related expenses that had been paid for the student.

According to Captain Ronald Roseboro, assistant professor of Military Science, the ROTC program is unlikely to be affected by the ruling and will have no problems incorporating the new rules once they take effect.

"As military personnel, we're required to stay neutral. Once orders are handed down to us, we implement them, no questions asked," said Roseboro. "We're all soldiers, so it's our responsibility to follow the rules and the guidelines that our politicians and military

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ASL now considered fourth most studied

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STAFF WRITER

Enrollment in classes of American Sign Language grew more than 16 percent this past year, making it the fourth most studied language in colleges. The top languages taught in U.S. universities in 2009 were Spanish with 51 percent, French with 12 percent, German with 5.7 percent and ASL closely behind with 5.4 percent.

There are several reasons for the rise; it reflects the growing acceptance, embrace of ASL and its usefulness as an employment credential when it comes time for graduation. Some colleges allow sign language courses to meet the foreign language requirement; however, ECU does not give foreign language credits for this course.

John Stevens, interim chair of the Foreign Language Department, shared that there was a major push to have ASL satisfy the requirements for a bachelor's degree. "The reason it is not allowed is that the study of a foreign language is a means of accessing the way an entire culture thinks," he said. For students who are majoring in communication sciences and disorders, they have the option to take classes about sign language, which offers up to six different courses which begin

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Republicans pledge to challenge Democrats

The 112th Congress convenes with the Republicans as the majority in the House

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With 87 new Republicans sworn into office last Wednesday afternoon, the Republicans are eager to overturn the Capitol with new priorities.

The number one issue on the agenda is to repeal the new health-care reform, known as the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The Republicans will also focus heavily on creating more jobs and stabilizing the economy while probing laws from the previous congressional session and trying to cut any unnecessary spending.

While the Democrats retain the majority in the Senate, it will be a difficult task for the Republicans to either repeal or change the current health-care legislation. The Democratic senators will likely stand firm against repealing the law. Democrats in both the House and the Senate advised spending more time on boosting up the economy rather than on repealing the health reform.

Conversely, the Republicans are adamant about fixing the "Obamacare." Congressman Walter Jones (R-NC) stated, "There will be a vote next week to repeal the health law; however, it is more important for us, the Republicans, to make a statement that we do not want to see the healthcare reform become law and to introduce the republican ideas of the law."

Dr. Thomas Schwartz, an ECU master of public health candidate and a chiropractor, said, "I believe that the health reform should be directed to a patient-centered legislation rather than putting a bureaucracy between patients and doctors." Aside from Schwartz's statement, the Republicans are not in favor of putting up a bureaucracy, nor are they in favor of increasing the cost of health insurance, and they certainly are not in favor of a legislation which eliminates jobs.

For the most part, the Republicans plan to cut spending and to regulate any legislation that eliminates jobs and hinders economic growth. Congressman Jones further noted, "We need to put every agency and every spending on the table and come together in a bi-partisan way."

As quality of education directly impacts economic growth, one

of the Republicans' goals is to strengthen education and to increase access to higher education. Jones insisted that it is critical to strengthen education.

Under the new leadership of Speaker John Boehner, the House Republicans proposed to cut the House's budget by five percent to save the troubled economy and to save about \$35.2 million in taxpayer spending. In addition to the impact of the Republicans striving to shrink the spending, they will be voting weekly on any spending cuts. Further, legislations will be available for the public to read at least three calendar days before a vote takes place. The Republicans also plan to cut overall government spending to "pre-stimulus" levels in hopes of saving at least \$100 billion.

In the midst of these developments, the Obama administration will run into its difficulty working with the majority Republicans in the House and the debilitated Senate. Hence, President Obama has a disposition to come to the center for the betterment of America.

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UNC system may cut campus

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Last November, UNC system president Erskine Bowles announced that the system faced a great financial shortfall and may have to take drastic measures to repair it.

The UNC system has been hit hard by a \$3.5 billion budget shortage and as many as 1,700 jobs may be lost, reported Bowles. According to Bowles, the most logical choice in mitigating the situation is to close a UNC campus rather than downsizing each individual school's budget.

In an attempt to remedy the issues without being too radical, state officials have suggested that the UNC system plan to cut 5 to 10 percent for this year. With a 5 percent cut, the system would trim \$135 million in spending and eliminate 800 jobs. At 10 percent, \$270 million would be cut and 1,700 jobs would be lost.

"If we keep having cuts, cuts, cuts, we'll have to look at eliminating schools, campuses," Bowles said to the UNC Board of Governors.

"If it went on for several years, that would be the smart decision. The unfortunate, smart decision."

Though the situation is grim, in all reality the closing of a campus any time in the near future is unlikely. The economic downturn the UNC system faces may, in fact, clear up before any decisions to close a school are made.

However, in the event that a campus has to be removed from the system, everyone wonders which campus will be the most likely candidate. Students seem to have mixed feelings on whether they believe ECU will be the campus that will be removed.

Sarah Yopp, a sophomore, is optimistic on the fate of the university. "ECU is one of the largest schools in the system so I doubt we have to worry," said Yopp. "I feel that our programs are strong enough and the university is pretty proficient in general."

Junior Mila Arnold expressed her concerns on the possibility of ECU closing their campus. "Closing an entire campus is ridiculous in the first place; there are other ways

to cut back on all campuses instead of closing one particular campus. That's taking away opportunities for thousands of students." Arnold said. "If it were ECU that closed, for me, I would start looking at online options at other schools." Arnold commutes 30 minutes to campus and pointed out that if the university closed, others who do the same would have no other universities in close proximity to attend.

Chancellor Ballard released a statement in November to put the minds of worried students at ease. "At a 10 percent cut, I think we can reasonably manage it without a major loss of programs," Ballard said. "Above 10 or 12 percent, jobs become more at risk. If we go to 15 percent, I don't think we can promise that everyone keeps their jobs."

As of now, the future of the UNC system and ECU looks secure, but students should be aware of the situation at hand and the possibility of a campus closing.

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Update on Pirate Express

Staff Reports

Last February, ECU Transit announced that they would be examining the effectiveness of the Pirate Express bus system after receiving numerous complaints regarding the service. Initially the notice stated that there was a possibility that several or all routes could possibly shut down.

Several problems had been reported by Pirate Express drivers and others using the late-night service. Many students traveling to downtown via buses were creating frequent problems while on board. These problems included fighting, threatening ECUSTA drivers and employees, illegal transportation and possession of alcohol and destruction of ECUSTA property.

In an article last February, Wood Davidson, director of ECUSTA, stated, "If we don't see an improvement in the specific behavior, or in behavior in general, the ECU Transit Authority, as well

as ECU administration, will be forced to take a look at terminating the service." Davidson also stated that the transit department would work more closely with the Greenville Police Department to ensure safety on buses and at bus stops. In June, ECU Transit announced that the service would continue in the fall of 2010 with some provisions to ensure a positive future for the late-night service.

Since the problems have been addressed, signs have been posted in buses to remind students that in order for service to continue, behavior must improve. The signs include standards to which students are expected to follow. They include but are not limited to no fighting, smoking or horseplay, and no open or closed containers of alcohol. The ECUSTA webpage reminds students that the service is a privilege and can be discontinued if the rules set in place are not abided by.

Students utilizing the buses have noticed a change in behavior

since the announcement of the possible shutdown. Sophomore Sandie Williams stated, "I did not hear about as many fights as I did last year and I really feel like it has calmed down a lot. More people are trying to find seats instead of standing up, so that's a plus."

When asked if Williams thought the Pirate Express was a positive or negative service, she said, "I feel that the Pirate Express is a positive thing since it cuts down on drunk driving and is a safer option. It's good for the students and it shows that the university is looking out for their students."

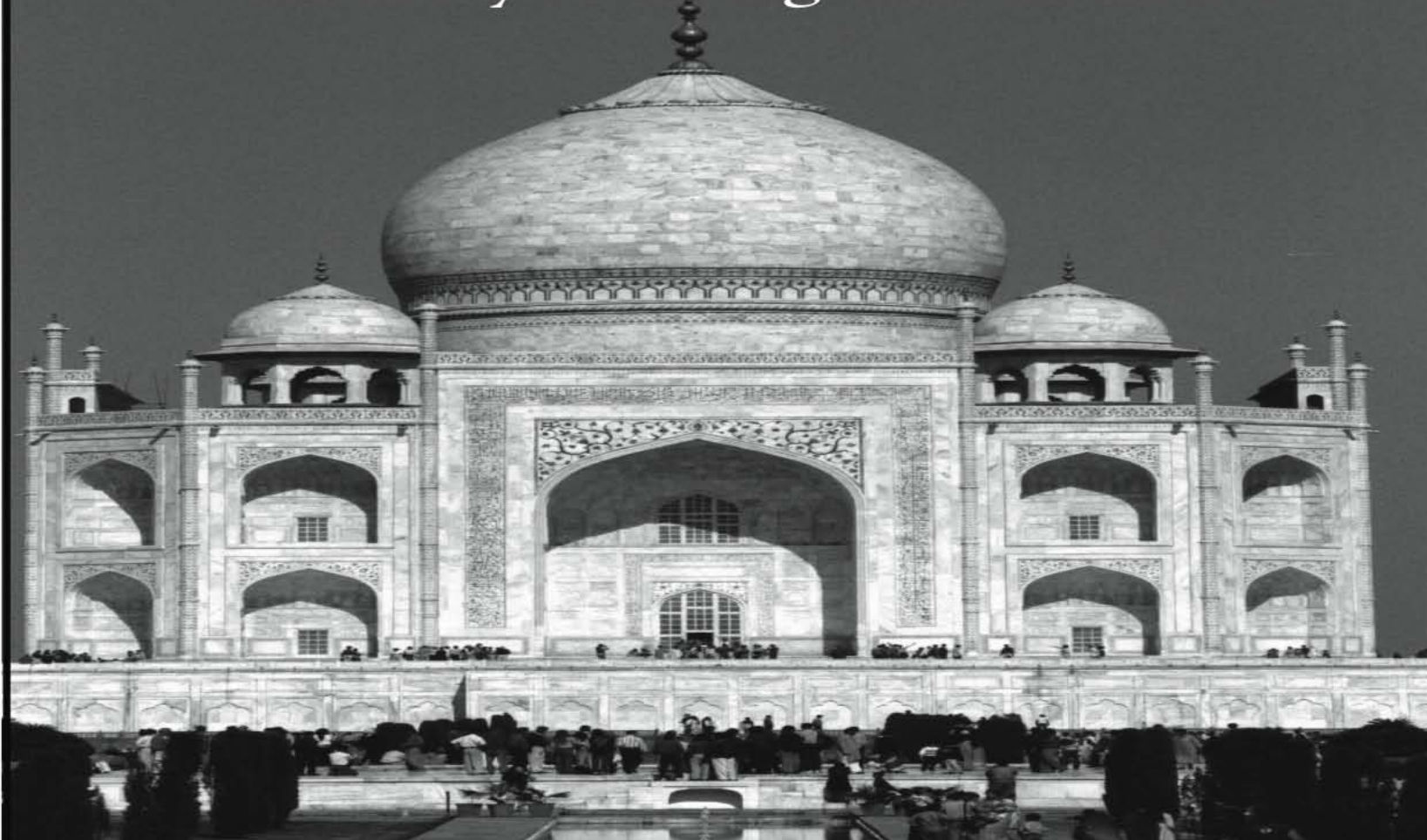
Student Max Cheatham has also seen improvement over the last year. "Since last year, people have really calmed down. I think that everyone realizes that the university really will shut down the buses if we don't follow the rules."

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for students renting textbooks. "It's better to rent books from ECU and you don't have to wait for the books to come in the mail. You save money and the books you rent are in good condition," said Brown. "This is something that has been in the works for years," said Tuten. "This semester is the first semester that our point of sale system has had the capability to rent textbooks to students." Dowdy Student Store's point of sale system is the same system used by N.C. State and UNC-Chapel Hill. To rent textbooks, Dowdy Student Store requires a credit card to be kept on file in case the book is not returned as scheduled. Rented textbooks must be returned within three days after the semester's final exams that the books have been rented to avoid a late fee. If students don't return the books by the return date specified, Dowdy Student Store will charge the student's credit card 75 percent of the new book price at the time of the rental agreement as well as a 7.5 percent processing fee. Brown said she is confident that her book rentals will be returned in

time to avoid the late fee. "You get almost a week to return the books after exams," said Brown. Freshman Melissa Ragone, a music major, said she realized Dowdy offered textbooks rentals when she noticed the textbook rental sign. The textbooks for rent are found above yellow and black signs on the shelves and each rental textbook has black and white Pee Dee stickers placed multiple times on the book for easy recognition. "I was looking to buy my book for my psychology class and I noticed that I could rent it. It was a lot cheaper than the used price, and I'm never going to need this book again after this semester," said Ragone. The psychology textbook that Ragone rented was almost 50 percent cheaper than the used price. "It's cheaper and you just sign your name. It's not that complicated, but it takes more time than buying used or new books," said Ragone. Each student who rents textbooks will be given a rental agreement form from the cashier and

given an explanation of the terms and agreements. The receipt from the rental transaction has the book due date, the description of the late fee charge, the rental charge and the student gets a copy of the rental agreement. "When you buy a used book and you sell it back, sometimes you don't make a profit. You don't have to worry about that when you rent the book," said Ragone. The rental textbook system runs very similar to the library's checkout systems. Each book has a different code specified to the student who rents each book. This ensures that the book will be returned undamaged by each renting student and makes it possible to charge students for any possible damage to the books that were rented. "This semester is the trial-run to the program. We hope that the selection in rentals will grow for ECU's future semesters," said Tuten. This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

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with the basic, ASLS 2020 or Sign Language Studies I. The foreign language department does offer a variety beyond the most popular Spanish, French and German. Also offered are classical languages, such as Latin and Greek, Russian, Japanese and Italian. In past years, Spanish has accounted for more than half of all foreign language studied, but there are a few languages that have had a larger increase than sign language due to geopolitical reasons, such as Arabic, which was up 46 percent and Korean was up 19 percent. Sophomore Lindsay Callahan is hoping to take Sign Language Studies next semester. "I'm a com-

munication sciences and disorders major and hoping to get my master's degree to be a speech pathologist, but the class size is really small. Only a few people get in." ASL is the primary language of 250,000 to 500,000 people, but with budget issues and the recession as a factor, some universities have dealt with issues of cutbacks in language departments. ECU wants to add more language courses, which will provide opportunities for students to learn more about other cultures, but the resources are not available. Although there has been debate whether sign language should be considered a "real language," it is usually offered in some shape or

form on most college campuses. Stevens states that it is very useful and extremely important for the deaf community, but does not fit within the requirement for a BA. Another likely reason more students across the nation desire to take sign language is because of their bad experiences during high school. They turn to ASL after having difficulties learning Spanish or French. With the importance of communication to all cultures growing, the degrees offered can be put to good use. This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

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leaders set forth." Although one of the major differences in opinion regarding Don't Ask, Don't Tell was the timing of the situation with regard to the current operations the military is involved in, a Washington Post poll reported that roughly 70 percent of all Americans were in favor of the repeal of this policy. North Carolina Senator Richard Burr was one of just eight Republicans to vote to repeal it, but he stated that he believed this was

not the right time to begin implementing the policy. "I don't think this is the right time to make a major policy change like this when we have got troops deployed," said Burr. One minor change that could occur due to the impending repeal is an increase in students who apply to be ROTC cadets. Roseboro stated that while the ROTC program on campus will be more than capable of dealing with an increase in applicants,

the program has a cap in place to ensure that they are not burdening their faculty with a larger number of students than they can handle. "The reason for the cap is because, with the amount of cadre and staff that we have, we don't want to overwhelm ourselves as far as being able to give quality instruction along with guidance," said Roseboro. This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

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between themselves and between students and faculty members." In addition, Hupp noted that the dental cameras in each classroom are linked to the central part in the dental school to guide students when seeing patients. The SoDM program will be a tremendous help to underserved areas by providing oral healthcare.

It has already received \$1.76 million in federal grants for the first two community service learning centers in the northeastern part of the state. In addition, the school plans to announce the fourth service learning center next Wednesday. "We will announce the fourth learning center next Wednesday, and it will be located in Lillington,

N.C.," said Chadwick. The remaining learning centers will be announced in the near future. According to the construction plan, the Ross Hall will have an effective opening date during the summer of 2012. This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

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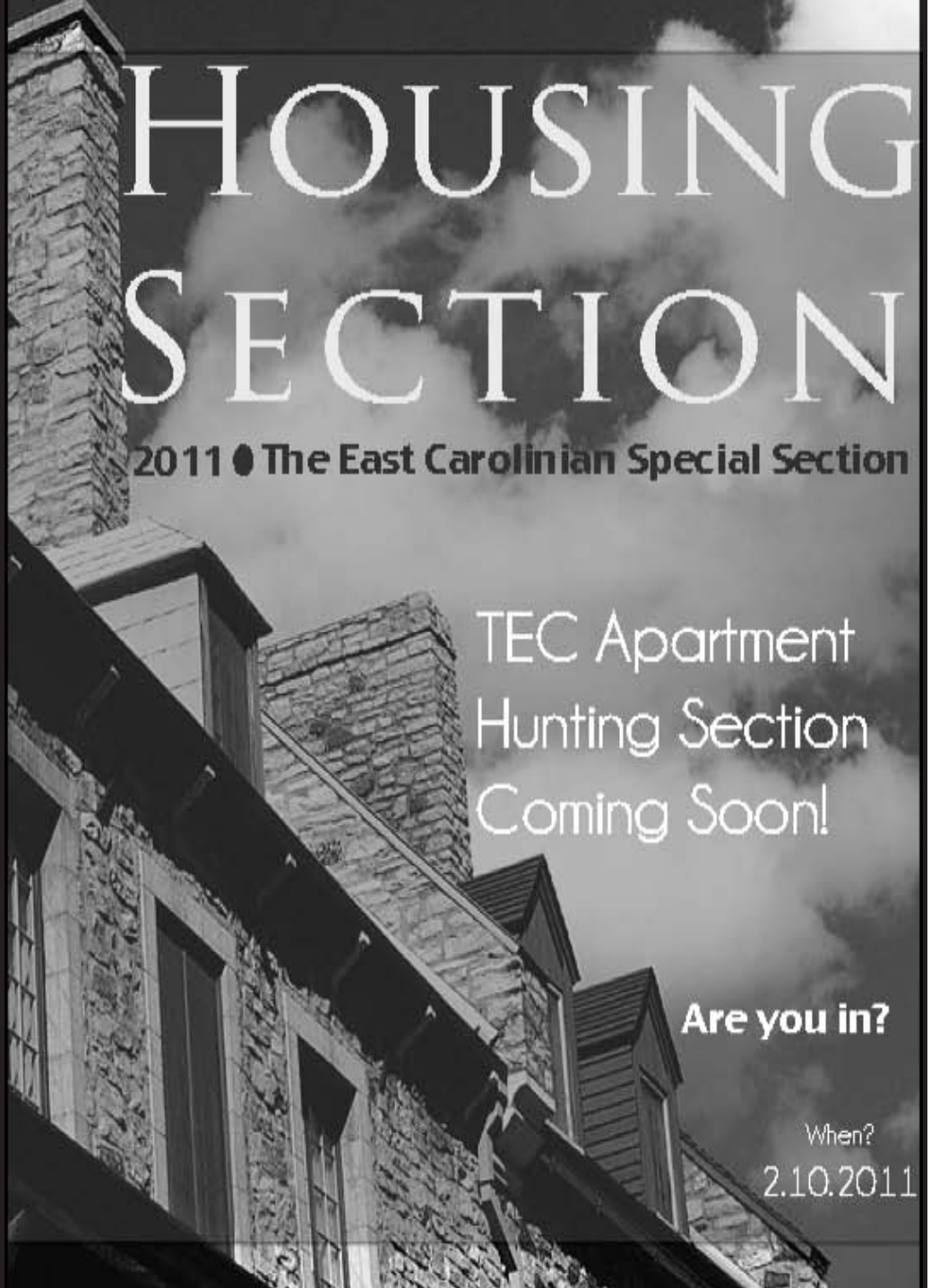
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The guys really ARE cuter this semester! Now...which ones are gay?

New years resolution: Find me a man!!!

I need it to snow early in the semester so I can day drink and not worry about homework.

Buying books is such a buzz kill!!!

Please leave in May when you graduate, I don't want to wait until July when your lease expires.

Dear Roomie: Reminding me every five minutes about your birthday isn't going to change the fact that I hate you and don't plan on getting you anything. So save your breath, you'll probably need it to blow up your date tonight!

If your new years resolution is to work out, do not do it at the SRC. That goal will last a week (at most) so save us all the time and effort and quit now. Thanks.

Dear Parking Department: I HATE YOU! Sincerely, all of the people who have classes in Belk but cannot park close to the building because stupid freshman park their cars there 24/7. MOVE THEM TO THE BACK!

No more Pepsi products? How will all these Gorilla Juice Heads get their Muscle Milk now?

To the guy who pirate ranted about the girl in sociology class: I AM that girl and if you had a problem with me you should said it to my face instead hiding behind your computer screen and saying it to Pirate Rant you PANSY.

You cheated and made a video. I had a threesome over the summer. I think we can call it even.

I hope some one with a degree from ECU didn't design the Wright plaza, because it was an epic fail. Next time pretend students will actually eat there and stand in lines when you draw your plans.

To those who bash the fraternities and sororities: I'm sorry you didn't get accepted, but please take your frustration out in some other way than anonymous Pirate Rants. Thank you.

To the guy standing outside Flanagan in a red AE hoodie on Wednesday: Smoking is gross, but your Speedo is hot.

Why do the freshmen need to be closer to their cars? Everything they need is on campus!

Strange and insightful things come to mind when you've got your pants hanging around your ankles.

Did my Business 2200 teacher really walk around with his blackberry and take pictures of everyone on the first day? SO CREEPY.

Thanks ECU for letting everybody know that January is National Stalking Month. You just gave all these girls a legit reason to keep following me around!

I'm gonna miss getting Diet Wild Cherry Pepsi on campus.

Come support your ECU basketball against Tulane on Saturday night!

I've only had 2 anatomy lectures and I'm already scared. Very scared.

Who knew you could spend 2 and a half hours working on a puzzle for a class? This is my kind of school!

To the owner of the Chihuahua at The Landing: Either get the thing a bark collar or debark it or else it will go missing.

Freedom to drink beer



Ryan Chandler
OPINION COLUMNIST

Why is it that at 18 you are viewed as a legal adult yet you aren't fully legal? An 18-year-old has the capacity to make responsible decisions about voting, getting married, signing contracts, joining the military (which means you are accepting the duty of life and death), even serving on juries and being prosecuted as an adult, yet you aren't trusted enough to handle alcohol?

The United States has the highest age limit on alcoholic purchases and consumption in the western hemisphere. It started with Congress passing The National Minimum Drinking Age Act of 1984. This act didn't require a national minimum legal drinking age of 21, but it effectively mandated it by proclaiming that federal transportation funds would be kept from states that failed to make 21 their minimum age for purchasing and publicly possessing alcohol.

Since 1984, all states that had previous age limits lower than 21 have increased their minimum legal drinking age back to 21. South Dakota and Wyoming were the last states

to make the change in 1988. The United States is beginning to allow a little leniency on the issue, though.

Underage drinking is allowed in 29 states if done on private premises with parental consent. That's at least some sort of exception. I still say it can be relaxed a little more.

To me, a system where the legal purchasing age can be set to 18 for beer and wines and 21 for hard liquors would do much better for society but maybe that's just the German in me speaking. In all honesty, it makes perfect sense. The young adult between the ages of 18 and 20 will have time to mature and realize the effect of alcohol on the body while experimenting with a substance that is less potent than a beverage such as vodka or rum.

Drinking in small amounts is also good for a person's health, including 18 to 20-year-olds. Lowering the drinking age in this way and standard would make alcohol less of a taboo. It would downgrade the thrill and excitement that many young adults, typically those entering college, get from breaking the law, and make alcohol consumption a more normalized activity done in moderation.

My roommate explained how before he turned 21, he didn't consume alcohol, but throughout his beginning years at ECU, he witnessed a lot of underage drinking. Fellow underclassmen were mixed in an environment with others that were of age so the pressure and thoughts of



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exploring alcohol were always surrounding them.

It occurred to me that maybe this would take the focus off partying and drinking and allow incoming undergrads to immerse themselves in studies because they would be less possessed with the thrills surrounding alcohol. Keeping the drinking age at 21 sends the

wrong message that alcohol consumption represents maturity. This makes more underclassmen in college want to consume alcohol to appear mature.

Lowering the drinking age would help dispel this misconception. It would just be an everyday occurrence. The cost of policing and monitoring underage drinking has been a

major expense to our country. Alcoholic consumption is still a big issue among teens. Maybe the money spent would be more effective if it were put toward educating the youth rather than enforcing laws that affect young adults.

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Anti-social networking



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OPINION COLUMNIST

The other day my mom began ranting about how much she hated Facebook. I argued she couldn't understand what it was all about until she got a profile of her own. She wanted to know why she should even bother.

Before I could respond with my generic oh-mom-you're-old-and-don't-understand eye roll, I stopped to consider her question.

Then I pondered the same issue: Why should I bother? Because I want to see what other people are up to. Or do I?

I often find myself checking my news feed, only to feel indifferent about the mindless posts from others. Yet, 20 minutes later I'm back online to proclaim to my uninterested 375 acquaintances that I've eaten too many Oreos.

The more I thought about it, the more absurd it seemed. Facebook has been touted by the media as a mind-boggling communication revolution, but in reality, people rarely use the site to conduct honest, warm conversation. What's more likely is that the majority of Facebook's 500 million users compulsively waste their time the same way I do. Still, the site's popularity continues to skyrocket.

Why haven't we grown weary of narrating every detail of our lives to an audience that doesn't care? According to David Gibson, an editor

for Harvard's Complexity and Social Networks Blog, "Once one has a taste of externalizing one's thoughts and imagining that others care to ponder them, thinking that is not externalized seems kind of pointless, perhaps like singing in the shower after performing in front of a large audience."

It's addicting. Then again, attention usually is. Posting to Facebook is a sneaky way of forcing others to acknowledge what you're doing. Each wall post, comment and updated profile picture is a little squeak for recognition.

And therein lies the genius of Facebook: A free platform to disguise our everyday monotony as newsworthy, attention-grabbing information.

Will I continue to use Facebook after my mini revelation? Of course. But I will also make a conscious effort to trade in lazy online "socializing" for more face-to-face interaction. After all, real relationships need more kindling than an occasional "miss ya!" wall post.

Facebook is the Pony Express of the 21st century; it's a new, revolutionary and exciting form of communication, but it will eventually be outdated and replaced.

I'm curious to see how this all will evolve. Decades from now, our great-great-grandchildren may read about the days when people compulsively read, updated and added pretend friends to "The Face Book."

And just like their great-great-grandmother, they may wonder why we even bothered.

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Five things
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1. Fresh starts -

For those of us who weren't too pleased with the way last semester turned out - whether it was grades, relationships, health, etc. - we are taking this opportunity to start over! Make 2011 your year by mending your wrongdoings and eliminating any vices you are still holding onto. Take the opportunity of a new semester to give yourself a fresh start!

2. Chili's Too -

The normal campus eateries were beginning to become a bit boring so we are thrilled with ECU's new food destination! Chili's appetizers, desserts and food in general have our mouths watering. While we know that the addition of Chili's will most likely leave our meal plans bare, we can't wait to delight in the delicious food from Chili's Tool!

3. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday -

Though the first week of a new semester is exciting, it can also be hard to make the transition into new classes after break. Therefore, we are thrilled to have a three-day weekend to get organized and relax just a little more after an eventful week. It's also important for students to remember that this day is a landmark in our country's history.

4. NFL playoffs -

There's no guarantee that there will be professional football next season so we're enjoying it while we can. With the outcome of this season being so unpredictable, we can't wait to see who ends up taking home the Super Bowl XLV title.

5. Staying warm -

This winter has been brutally frigid, so we're doing our best to stay warm. With the weather being sporadic and snow flurries sprinkling over Eastern North Carolina, we have thoughts of spring dancing in our heads. However, scarves, mittens and hats are a must until then!

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A look at 2011's fashion trends

Florals, patterns and bright colors are in style this year

Lynsey Horn
STAFF WRITER

As the spring semester begins with the threat of snow storms and freezing temperatures, one cannot help but wonder if spring will ever actually come. Spring fashions are already hitting shelves, but winter is still in full swing, which means winter fashion is too!

January may not be the time for the height of new winter

fashion, but it is the perfect time to catch some great sales on winter clothes and not have to wait for the weather to change to wear them.

Greenville has several stores that carry chic looks and regular sales or at least prices that are college-budget friendly.

One place to find popular trends for a steal is Target. The store introduced a new line in September called Tucker for Target by designer Gaby Basora. The line includes sweaters, skirts, T-shirts, patterns, solids and the list does not stop there. Most pieces are priced for

under \$40.

"Polka dots, but not perfect dots. Designed for all women ... Put together but not too precious is the way I want to look," said Basora about her line.

Bevello is a clothing boutique with locations in Raleigh, Winston-Salem, Charlotte and Huntersville. A new location opened in Greenville in November and brought with it some great winter fashions and a few Greenville favorites. The boutique has a selection of winter coats for those blustery winter days. It also carries popular brands like Ugg and Toms.



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Che Bella offers popular styles for 2011.

Bevello assistant manager Brittany Leggett predicts that rompers will be big sellers and mixing patterns will be a popular look this year.

Seventeen Magazine also predicts popularity for patterns in the February edition.

Florals are featured throughout the magazine for every season. Leighton Meester from "Gossip Girl" is featured on the cover in a dress with three different floral

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Students use online program to find jobs

Katey Warren
STAFF WRITER

ECU students have discovered a new online outlet allowing them to quickly and easily find part-time caregiver jobs. For this reason, ECU is now one of the site's top 20 schools nationwide with the highest participation.

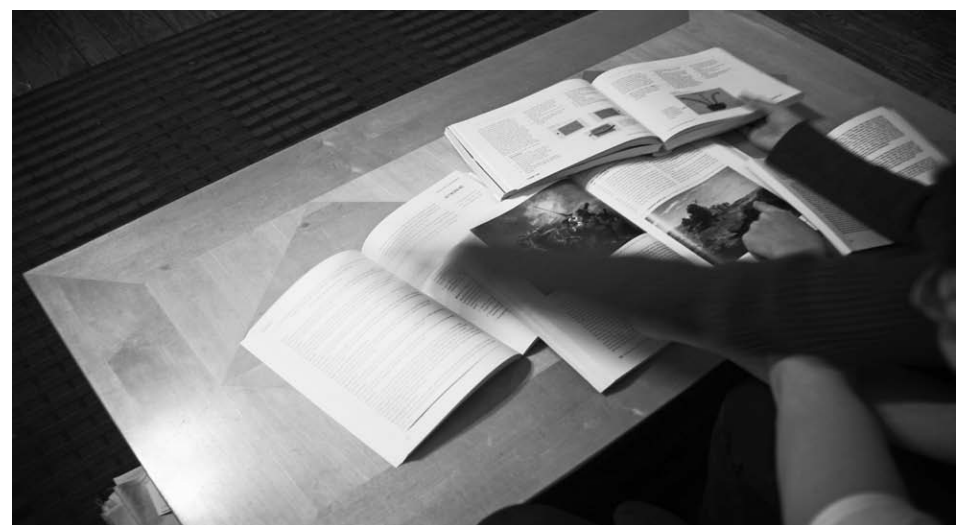
This "college caregivers" program was recently launched through the Care.com website and is a source that connects university student caregivers with local families seeking assistance. The types of services students and other job seekers can offer through the website include babysitting, nannying, special needs care, tutoring, pet sitting, housekeeping and several other care-related jobs.

Since Care.com's launch four years ago, it has quickly become the largest online resource for finding care. Now, with the website's introduction of the "college caregivers" program, it connects job-seeking students from over 7,000 universities to local families seeking help.

"It's creating this amazing opportunity to create jobs for college students and help out local families ... in a really safe, easily accessible way," said Care.com's editor-in-chief Wendy Sachs.

Since Greenville is a relatively small college town with seemingly few opportunities for part-time employment, the number of ECU students who have joined the website has already increased dramatically, especially since the introduction of the "college caregivers" program. Though the pool of job-seeking students is growing, according to Sachs, "If you are qualified, you have a really good shot at getting a job." She believes that college students have such a high success rate at finding jobs through the Care.com site because families are extremely interested in caregivers with some college education.

"(College students) are a real commodity ... (they're)



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Care.com allows college students to find tutoring jobs.

educated, motivated and disciplined. It's a real plus," Sachs said. "It really makes (them) stand out from the crowd."

According to Sachs and the Care.com website, seeking jobs through this program has numerous benefits. Members of Care.com in the Greenville area find jobs that pay an average of \$10.40 per hour, a 45 percent increase from minimum wage earnings. The program also allows students to find jobs that are flexible and can accommodate their own schedules, and according to Sachs, it is "a great way to make money and a lot less stressful" than many other part-time or full-time jobs.

Students may register as college caregivers for free and once registered, may add experience, information,

qualifications, references, photos and videos to their profiles.

Care.com, however, uses extra caution before posting job seekers' profiles on the site. The site's employees extensively screen each applicant to make sure he or she is qualified as well as a safe and reliable source. Through this process, a panel of mothers must approve each applicant, and if approved, that applicant is sent through a series of criminal and other background checks. In addition to these screenings, Care.com employees also record reference interviews and monitor all messages that are sent through the site.

After applicants are approved, the website matches them with local families. Stu-

dents will then begin receiving messages from families in the area, who they can communicate with to find the job that best fits their interests and schedule.

"It can be just a great way to make money," Sachs said. "It's really easy and really simple."

Not only does the site provide family and job-seeker profiles, it also provides hundreds of links to articles that give tips, activities and other useful information to the website's members about all the various types of care.

Students who are interested in registering as a caregiver should visit Care.com for more information.

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Alumni band to play at Topsy Teapot



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Beside the Fire is a band made up of four ECU alumni.

Beside the Fire promises to provide entertainment filled with musical melodies

Jack Powell
STAFF WRITER

Topsy Teapot. Friday night, 9 p.m. Be there.

For those who love music

created by local musicians, Beside the Fire is not a band to miss. The band, made up of four ECU alumni, will be playing at The Topsy Teapot Friday at 9 p.m.

Beside the Fire was started in Greenville in 2005 and the band has been perfecting their music ever since their ECU days. Beside the Fire's mem-

bers include Mark Romano (drums), Carson White (bass), Jesse Iaquinto (keyboard) and Charlie McCannless (guitar), all of whom graduated from ECU in 2008. These Pirate graduates have degrees in fields including biology, philosophy and history. However, playing music is what these guys love to do when they're not in a suit and tie.

The band, which was originally named The Jarvis Street Bluegrass Band, has a large local influence within their music. In their hit song, "Goin' Nowhere Fast," Pitt County's own Tar River is mentioned. This will make it extremely easy for a local listener to relate to Beside the Fire's music.

But other than the local twist to Beside the Fire's music, what else should be expected from this local talent? Good question.

Beside the Fire has musical inspiration of all sorts. Their music ranges from folk to bluegrass to classic rock. For those wondering what this interesting combination of influences

would sound like, check out a few of Beside the Fire's songs at www.reverbnation.com/besidethefire.

"A lot of times we improvise music on stage doing solos for the audience. We got inspiration from doing this from bands such as Grateful Dead," said McCannless.

And if hearing local music isn't enough motivation to check out the show, those in attendance have the possibility to be on the Topsy Teapot's new commercial. A video crew will be at the Topsy Teapot Friday night to record a commercial while Beside the Fire is playing. The bigger and more ecstatic the audience, the better the commercial. Since all ages are permitted to be at the show, anyone might be lucky enough to have his or her face seen on the commercial.

Skylar Simmons, freshman biology major, spoke about going to see the band Friday night. "I love bluegrass music and I enjoy rock and roll. The Topsy Teapot has

always been a fun place to hang out with my friends and have a good time. I'm excited to see Beside the Fire," said Simmons.

For those who find a newfound love for the band, Beside the Fire will have their CD, "Waiting for the Fall," available for fans Friday night. According to McCannless, the CDs may be given away or for sale. The decision is still being discussed, but fans may just get lucky that night and leave with a free CD. "Waiting for the Fall" was recorded in one of McCannless' friend's basements in Greenville in 2008.

Before classes get too hectic, opt to have a night out and support Pirate alumni. The opening show will feature Jake Leg before presenting Beside the Fire. The show is open to all ages and the guys of Beside the Fire promise to provide a great show!

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Terraflugia plans to release a car that can fly later this year.



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Flying car hits the sky, highway soon

New futuristic car allows controller to fly or drive

Madonna Messana
STAFF WRITER

It seems as though life would be so much simpler if there were cars like on the show "The Jetsons." It never occurred that vehicles that could fly would be around in today's generation, but technology is quickly advancing, which makes the idea seem not so farfetched.

Flying cars seem so futuristic, but it seems as though today's generation is the future. Terraflugia, a small American corporation, will be releasing their "flying car," the Transition, later on this year. The company was founded in 2006 by several award-winning MIT-trained aeronautical engineers and MBAs, according to their website.

The company's engineers have been working on and advancing this personal aircraft since 2006. The Transition combines both the automobile and aircraft world into one machine. According to Richard

Gersh, vice president of business development of Terraflugia, close to 100 Transition aircrafts have been reserved and are to be delivered in late 2011. In order to reserve the Transition, customers must send in a refundable \$10,000 deposit — the final cost of the product has not yet been set; however, it is expected to be somewhere between \$200,000 and \$250,000.

Obviously with the high price range of the vehicle, the company's marketing strategies are not targeted toward college students. The company is currently marketing to pilots and those interested and willing to become pilots to use the Transition.

"I think the idea is cool, if only it were more in my price range," said Mary Youngblood, an elementary education major.

In order to fly the Transition aircraft, training is required by taking courses specific to the Transition. Training will be included with every Transition delivery in order to get pilots comfortable and familiar with the aircraft.

There are some ECU students who have growing concerns with the idea of a "flying car."

"My major concern is how they are going to direct air traffic," said Stacey Puckett, an occupational therapy graduate student. "And if they are going to be at risk of getting speeding tickets."

Although it is an exciting concept that today's generation is coming out with technological advances like the Transition, it makes some students wonder: What's next? Cars that drive themselves?

"The idea of a flying car is scary," explained Lauren Dell 'Aquila, an elementary education major. "Technology is getting too advanced, and honestly, I think there are already enough problems on the road. I don't think we need any more in the air."

The Transition goes from flight mode to driving mode in just seconds. Before flight, the pilot extends the wings to perform a standard preflight — for safety. After the pilot has landed the Transition, the wings can be folded in from inside the cockpit, taking less than 30 seconds. With the wings folded in the engine, power is then directed toward the wheels in order to go into driving mode.

Fitting only two passengers, the Transition is quite small,

being only 48 inches at the shoulder. It seems as though this flying car will not be the most comfortable ride, but it does have several safety and convenience features.

The aircraft can be driven in the case of inclement weather, which eliminates delaying travel plans due to canceled flights. It has a full vehicle parachute as well as a safety cage, crumple zone and airbags. When on the road, these machines have rear-wheel drive, and passengers and drivers enter and exit like in an automobile.

Fuel used in the Transition's 23-gallon tank is the same gasoline that can be found at a typical gas station — making flying much cheaper in the Transition than in a regular airplane.

The MIT-trained aeronautical engineers at Terraflugia are still in the process of getting the Transition ready for deliveries later this year. It has not yet been stated where these machines will be available; however, the Terraflugia company is located in Woburn, Mass.

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patterns. In the Spring Trend Sneak Peek of the magazine, a bright floral dress from lulus.com is featured.

The magazine also suggests spicing up a winter wardrobe with something floral, including possibilities such as a top, scarf or even shoes. Forever 21 and JCPenney are great places to find these fun prints for reasonable prices.

For those who would like to buy that "perfect pair of jeans," consider checking out the Che Bella clothing boutique of Greenville. The boutique promotes the James Jeans Twiggy Jean as their "favorite jean."

"[James Jeans Twiggy Jean] fits everyone amazingly well and is so comfortable. It also retains its shape and does not stretch out," said the Che Bella website.

Che Bella is constantly receiving new clothing from popular designers like Ella Moss, BCBG and Max and Cleo. Their Facebook page keeps shoppers updated on the newest arrivals and sales.

"New Markdowns! We just re-stocked our sale racks. Come

check out all the great deals from all of your favorite brands," claims a status update from Che Bella on Jan. 10.

However, fashion isn't just for ladies. There are some exciting looks for guys this winter, even though Greenville is not overflowing with men's clothing boutiques. Bright colors are a popular look for men this season. Kanye West showed his support for fashion by attending a 2010 Fashion Week show in a hot pink blazer.

"Mix clashy solids to grab major attention!" said Seventeen Magazine.

This type of playful men's fashion can be found in Greenville at Coffman's, for more formal attire, or at Pacsun, which has more casual looks.

This season, when searching the racks for the 2011 trends, do not get disheartened by Greenville's distance from the fashion world. Although Greenville may not host Fashion Week, this city still has a style of its own.

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Golden resigns, heads to USF

USF Athletics
Communications release

The University of South Florida has hired Mike Golden to be its head strength and conditioning coach, the athletic department announced on Tuesday. Golden comes to USF with 15 years of collegiate strength and conditioning experience, including 11 as a head strength coach. Most recently, Golden served in the same position at ECU for five seasons, including four with current USF head football coach Skip Holtz. Golden also worked with Holtz at the University of Connecticut in 1998.

While at ECU, Golden provided direct strength training leadership to the Pirates' football program, while coordinating off-season and in-season applications for the remaining 18 ECU teams. He was often credited by Holtz for playing an integral role in the turnaround of a Pirate program that had won just three games in 25 outings prior to 2005 and went on to claim back-to-back Conference USA titles in 2008 and '09.

Prior to taking over ECU's top athletic performance position, Golden spent three years on the South Carolina staff beginning in March of 2002 as assistant strength coach, where he worked directly with the Gamecocks' tennis and women's golf teams, while also providing ancillary support for the football, volleyball and cheerleading programs.

In 2004, he designed and implemented South Carolina football's summer strength, speed and conditioning program. Golden earned his first collegiate full-time position in 1996 and spent nearly two seasons as head strength and conditioning coach at Central Connecticut State, where he played an integral role in the design and inventory purchases for the Blue Devils' new weight room facility.

A 1992 graduate of Central Connecticut State, Golden earned a bachelor's degree in physical education. Upon graduation, he spent seven months as an intern at Harvard during the 1992-93 academic year, working as head strength coach for the institution's rugby squad, which advanced to the Final Four, while also working with the Crimson's football and ice hockey programs.

He gained additional experience as an assistant at the National Football League Scouting Combines in 1995, '96 and '97, and as a training camp intern for the Cleveland Browns in 1996. Golden has also put together an extensive background of international competition, serving as an assistant coach for the five-time World Powerlifting Champion USA Men's Team at venues in Birmingham, England (1992); Jonkoping, Sweden (1993); Johannesburg, South Africa (1994); Pori, Finland (1995) and Salzburg, Austria (1996). He has also published articles in two international strength magazines — Powerlifting USA and Ironman Japan.

Golden is a certified member of the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA), Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association (CSCCA), United States Weightlifting Federation (USWA) and National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA).

Golden is married to the former Nicole Kitsos of Cheshire, Conn. The couple has four daughters (Natasha, Tatiana, Sophia, Anastasia) and a son (Magnus).

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The ECU men's basketball team in action against Old Dominion. The Pirates will square off with Tulane on Saturday.

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While the Greenville area was untouched for the most part by the winter storm that passed through North Carolina Monday night, other areas weren't so lucky.

As a result of the storm, the matchup between the UAB Blazers and ECU that was scheduled to tip off at 7 p.m. Tuesday was postponed, as the Blazers were not able to get a flight into Charlotte in time for the game. The game has been rescheduled for Monday at 7 p.m.

This could not come at a worse time for the Pirates, who were set to play their first home game since a Dec. 7 loss to Old Dominion. ECU will now have to wait until Saturday when they will host the Tulane Green Wave inside Minges Coliseum.

The Green Wave will come into this Pirate Country boasting a 12-3 overall record, while holding a 2-0 record in

Conference USA, which is good for outright first place in the conference.

Tulane, which has won six straight games, is led by true sophomore Kendall Timmons, who plays kind of a hybrid position, moving around the court.

With certain line-ups he will be positioned as the two-guard, which allows him to get more scoring chances, while in other line-ups he will drop down to a forward spot and be used mostly for his defensive abilities.

Timmons leads the Green Wave in the big three categories, averaging 17 points, 8.9 rebounds and one block a game, as well as playing 33 minutes per game, tied for first with senior point guard Kris Richard.

The Pirates will be limping into this contest having lost five of their last six games, including a heartbreaking loss last time out to Memphis.

ECU has an overall 8-7 record while posting a 0-1 record in conference. Despite

the losses, this team is much improved over last year's squad. Out of those five losses, only two were by over three points.

Leading the Pirates this season is a whole host of players. Only one ECU player is averaging more than 30 minutes per game, while four players average in double figures.

Setting the pace for the Pirates in scoring is senior guard Jontae Sherrod, who on the season is averaging 13 points per game while also hitting 41 percent of his 3-point attempts.

Down low ECU does not have one particular guy who can take over a game with his defensive intensity or offensive ability, but what the Pirates do have is a trio who combine to make up for that missing piece.

Darrius Marrow, Jamar Abrams and Erin Straughn combine to average 26 points and 14 rebounds a game, more than making up for the lack of one consistent inside presence.

Sophomore Corvonn

Gaines has been a warrior on the floor. The guard has started all 15 games along with Straughn. Gaines leads the team with an average of 31 minutes per game. He is also ECU's top stealing threat with 25 rips thus far. Gaines and senior guard Brock Young have combined for 106 assists on the season.

Young talent is apparent in the lineup with top production from Gaines, Straughn, red-shirt freshman Darius Morales and true freshman Robert Sampson. Morales and Sampson have teamed up for 26 blocks, all off the bench. Sampson is the son of Ralph Sampson Jr., former Houston Rockets player and Virginia Alum.

The Pirates and the Tulane Green Wave will tip off their tilt at 5 p.m. on Saturday night inside Minges Coliseum.

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Living up to a name

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In 2006, standing on the playing fields of the Brevard College Torndoes, a small Division II football program located in the mountains right outside of Asheville, a young Dustin Lineback couldn't have fathomed the future that lay ahead of him.

Lineback's days at Brevard College sort of served as his launching pad. He came across great success and earned himself high praise while playing linebacker for Bobby Poss' Brevard defense in 2006. Lineback earned Division II All-American honors in his first year and had been named defensive player of the week on several occasions. Although, while achieving great recognition at Brevard, it seemed as if Lineback always wanted a little more, to go above and beyond the bar of expectation.

"I started gaining confidence at that point and decided to move up to the Division I level," Lineback stated, on his decision to leave Brevard. "I ended up going to an ECU-N.C. State game, and I decided whoever won that would be where I'd end up going. The Pirates defeated the then-struggling Wolfpack 21-16, the all-knowing aftermath would then take place."

Dustin Lineback transferred from Brevard College to ECU in the fall of 2007. It was then that he earned a walk-on spot for the Pirates as a linebacker, then under the regime of Skip Holtz. Due to NCAA transfer regulations, Lineback was ineligible to participate in game play for the Pirates; however, he quickly made a name for himself on the practice squad and scout teams.

"I took it all into a grasp, you know, learned the system on defense and learned the special teams plays and eventually worked my way in with the coaches and their system."

In 2008, at the near pinnacle of the ECU football program's success, Lineback was ready to prove himself on the Division I level for the first time.

"My first game was over in Charlotte against Virginia Tech. I didn't get to play till the second half when they moved Dakota Marshall to corner, and my first play on special teams I ran down there and made the tackle," Lineback said. "That really boosted my confidence and I continued to work hard, getting on more special teams and just building my way up at that point."

Lineback showed tremendous promise in the 2008 campaign, playing in all 14 games on a Pirates team that would go on to win the Conference USA championship against Tulsa. The resulting factor was bedlam in the town of Greenville, and things were looking so promising for the young Lineback.

However, in 2009, things took a turn for the worst. In a November game against Tulsa, Lineback suffered a near season-ending knee

Field of possibilities



Dwayne Harris waving to Pirate Nation following the Pirates' thrilling victory over Tulsa.

Lorianna Whitford
STAFF WRITER

Sport has the ability to unite cultures, communities, races and nations in a way that nothing else can. It can link itself to an individual, become ingrained in that person and cement to the identity of a soul. In collegiate athletics, sport can be a hobby, or it can become a dream and mold into a way of life for some individuals. College is meant to prepare its pupils for the next step on the path that leads to the unknown. Combine college and sport and you are left with one big bubbling volcano of possibilities just waiting to erupt. ECU has recently graduated an athlete who, without a doubt, has combined college and sport to create an impressive history and an exciting future.

On several occasions he has appeared to defy the laws of gravity. He can bob and weave through fields of eager opponents with a fierce sense of skill and agility, and when halted by a defender, he keeps his head up and shakes off the shock in the manner of a true Pirate. These skills have helped him to mesmerize football fans across the country. Now, after years of

dedication to the Pirate Nation, it is time for ECU to bid farewell.

The Playmaker, Dwayne Harris, has graduated.

A star athlete to say the least, Harris has spent his collegiate career breaking records and impressing even some of the most critical judges. He was awarded the MVP of Conference USA in December and was the first non-quarterback to receive this particular honor.

Harris hopes this is only the beginning of what could be a promising future in football.

Although the 2010 season ended just a few weeks ago, Harris is already training again for the next step in his life and career. He will participate in the Senior Bowl in the end of January and proceed to move to Florida, where he will continue on a journey of intense training and preparation for the NFL combined with hopes of being drafted.

With an ambitious demeanor, Harris explained, "Right now I'm just working hard, letting it all soak in and hopefully it'll all work out for the best."

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OPINION Auburn stands alone atop the BCS

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What is perfection? Merriam-Webster's dictionary defines it as "an exemplification of supreme excellence."

Yet the Horned Frogs of Texas Christian University, who finished their season a perfect 13-0, were sitting on their couches on Monday night, watching with the rest of the nation as Auburn laid claim to "supreme excellence" in college football by narrowly defeating Oregon, 22-19, in the BCS National Championship Game.

Is it an outstanding accomplishment for TCU to finish their season with a perfect record? Absolutely. It is an outstanding accomplishment to finish anything perfect. But to go out and throw down on the gridiron 13 times over the course of a season and come out with an unblemished record is impressive. Only one other team was able to do that this season, and that happens to be national champion Auburn.

But the fact is that there are multiple reasons that, while people rush to argue their case, TCU is not and should not be recognized as national champion.

TCU blew through their regular season virtually untested. But their problem was that they played a bunch of no-name teams that really did little to challenge them and showcase their talent in close-game situations. Luckily for TCU, they will spend only one more year in the Mountain-West before moving to the Big East in 2012. The Horned Frogs' last season in the mediocre conference will feature a conference matchup with Boise State.

Auburn's entire schedule in the grueling SEC was proof enough for them, and while Oregon's schedule was not the strongest, they did garner a marquee victory over Stanford, handing the Orange Bowl champion Cardinals their only loss of

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Linebacker Dustin Lineback celebrates a tackle during ECU's overtime win over N.C. State.

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injury, tearing his PCL.

"The injury was so devastating at the time. I really didn't know how serious it was," Lineback said. "First thing I thought was a torn ACL and that I was done for a year, but it turned out to not be as severe. I rehabbed and tried to make it back to the Liberty Bowl at the time and was able to play kick return for the game."

Lineback's knee injury obviously did not hinder his path to an extreme extent. For in this past season, he recorded his greatest statistical year since joining the ECU football program. In a year that resulted in an appearance in the Military Bowl in Washington, D.C., as well as a personal honor having been nominated for the Rudy Award, which recognizes premiere walk-on stories in college sports, Lineback led the ECU defense in every statistical category except sacks. This was an amazing feat for a man who was not recruited by a Division I program coming out of high school.

"I owe it all to hard work and self confidence," Lineback said. "I knew how good I was and I rallied around my team to make sure everything was going (well). I used my number one strength, and that's my brain, to watch plays and film and earn the honors that I did."

From Brevard to Greenville, it's been a roller coaster ride for Lineback. "It's been a little up and down since I arrived here. At first I was just glad to be on the team. Then I know if I worked hard I could end up being a starter and a captain, and I'm just blessed to be where I'm at."

Dustin Lineback plans on giving the NFL a run once he graduates from ECU, and why shouldn't he? An underrated player out of high school turned him into a solid linebacker for a top-notch Division I program. Who knows what the future could have in store for him? One thing is for sure, though: On the unknown boulevard Lineback will walk through upon graduation, no one will forget his name.

"I get a joke or two about my last name almost every day," Lineback laughingly stated, "but I guess it was just meant to be."

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the season. TCU spent this season beating up on Tennessee Tech, Colorado State and Wyoming, which cost them.

TCU is a member of the MWC, a conference from which most casual fans cannot name a single other team. Auburn is a member of the Southeastern Conference, arguably the strongest conference in all of college football. Oregon resides in the Pac-10 conference. The Pac-10 has been down in recent seasons, but still boasts prestigious programs such as the University of California-Berkeley and USC.

This leads to probably the biggest reason that TCU was snubbed for a chance to play for college football's ultimate prize.

I firmly believe that there was no way that the NCAA was ever going to give the national championship a chance to reside in the Mountain West.

That conference is far too low on the totem poll of power conferences, and TCU is a team that, despite their success, still has to fight for exposure. There is simply too much money involved with sponsorships and advertising for the NCAA to let that happen. Auburn and Oregon were clearly the sexier picks to duke it out for the chance to represent the NCAA as their champion, and TCU was left on the outside looking in.

So that begs the bigger question: What is perfection worth?

It has been argued that it is worth a share of the National Championship, and that TCU should be called co-champions with Auburn solely because they were good enough to go undefeated.

I disagree. There are already way too many publications and polls that award "national championship" honors. The winner of the BCS National Championship game is automatically awarded the Coaches' Poll, and is generally looked at as the consensus national champion. To go out and refer to more than one team as champion would only add to the confusion and take away from the prestige of being the one and only "champion" of college football.

Plus, as I already mentioned, TCU spent the season pounding

on less talented teams, which sort of diminishes the lore of their undefeated season.

The BCS presents a unique problem for college football. In any other collegiate or professional sport, perfection means a championship. Period. College football is the only sport that crowns its champion in such a subjective fashion that a team could win every single game it played and not have a chance to play for the championship.

But, as horrible as the BCS concept is, a playoff is still years away, at best. There is no system that the NCAA could go to immediately that would satisfy everyone, so the BCS is still the best option for now.

TCU had a great season; there is no denying that. They have a Rose Bowl trophy for their mantle and a perfect 2010 campaign to brag about. TCU was just a victim of circumstance, both in a competition sense and a financial sense.

Is it unfair? Probably. But I believe the BCS got it right this time.

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When asked what his ideal situation would be in the NFL, there was no doubt in his mind that it would be a dream to be a relatively high draft pick and to eventually play for his hometown team, the Atlanta Falcons.

Harris talked about ECU and the impact his experience as a Pirate has had on him. "I've learned that you have to battle through adversity. ECU has inspired me to work hard for a place that isn't as recognized as it should be. Things are going to happen for the good or the bad and since I've been here, things have been good, so I'll hope it continues to go that way."

A communication graduate, Harris found it very important to have a degree from ECU.

"I'm really excited to be finished with school and be a graduate of ECU," he said.

When asked what advice he would give to a freshman athlete, he said without hesitation, "First and foremost, get your degree. Your sport can be taken from you, but your degree can't. You can't play a sport forever."

The Playmaker emphasized, "This all could be taken away from me at any time. An injury

could end my career and a lot of people don't get this chance, so staying humble just gives me a chance to realize I've come a long way and I still have a long way to go."

Sincere gratitude was evident in his expression when he spoke of those who have helped him achieve so much.

"I thank God for giving me the football ability; without that I wouldn't be here today," Harris said. "I'd like to think my family and my mom for all of the support they've given me throughout my childhood and throughout my years of college. And I'd like to thank all of the people who have supported me and pushed me not to fail."

Whether Harris continues to make plays on the football field or in another field of possibilities, the Pirate Nation will remember him as someone who played a vital role in ECU athletics during this time period. Chances are, this isn't the last you'll hear of Dwayne Harris.

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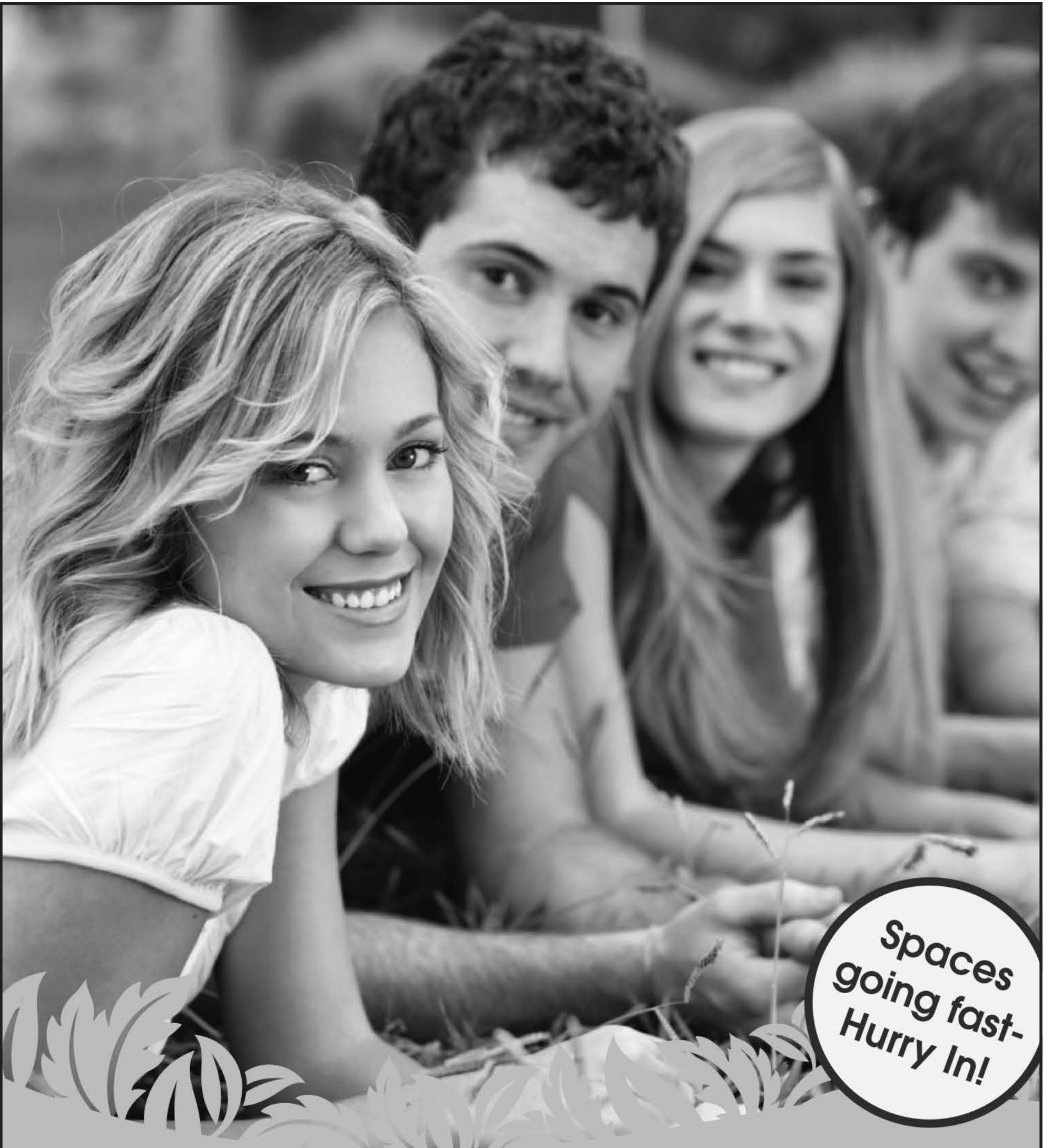
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