

**OPINION:** I hate seeing students wearing ACC gear on campus, we are Pirates people, not Tarholes, Dookies or the Pack! **A4**

**LIFESTYLES:** Worried about finding a job in this tough economy? Turn to Lifestyles to find out how the Career Center can help you prepare for your perfect job! **A6**

**SPORTS:** National Signing Day is in the books, turn sports to see whom the Pirates picked up for the future of the football program. **A8**

BRIEFS

Students react to U.B.E. credit card scandal

Abbey Way  
STAFF WRITER

As a growing number of shocked and angry students learn that they have become another statistic of the U.B.E. credit card scandal, many say they just want answers.

Several students' bank accounts have been wiped out after making purchases at U.B.E. last month. Some have lost more than others, but for those who used credit cards without a limit, the damage is still unknown.

Seth Jones, an exercise physiology sophomore, had \$2,500 stolen from his account and he said, "It's bullshit." Jones said he thought he had about \$3,500 in his bank account, then when he randomly checked it, he was surprised to discover only \$300 remained.

"Each time they used my card, I had to file a claim. It was a long process," said Jones. According to Jones, he was on hold for over 45 minutes. He said that he should be receiving a refund for the fraudulent charges, but he is unaware of how long it could take. "I feel like that money should have been secure, and it's not something I should have to worry about," said Jones.

Morgan Stott, an athletic training and health education sophomore who lost \$1,500, said she was worried about how she was going to pay for all of her expenses. "I pay for college all by myself. My car, gas, sorority, school, everything," Stott said. Stott said she knew something was wrong when she realized her HigherOne card had been used at a Target store in California six times at \$250 each.

"Obviously I am not in California, so they credited my account and luckily I got the money back, but I don't know if I will get to keep it or not," said Stott.

According to Stott, she spends about \$2,000 a year at U.B.E., and until she receives a personal apology, she will no longer be shopping there. "I think it's crazy and I'm boycotting U.B.E. because if they don't respect students enough to have security measures with their credit cards, that just proves to me that they don't care about customer service and I'm not getting my

> UBE page A3

Trustees Fountain dried up

Staff Reports

The Trustees Fountain has not been running for the past few weeks because a leak in one of the fountain's piping joints caused water to flood the control panel.

The emergency pump that would usually fix this problem was not enough to drain out the flooding, so the control panel and motors needed to be taken out and repaired.

According to the Facilities Repair and Renovation Capital Plan webpage, the cost of repair has been set at about \$412,903. These repairs are third on the list of priorities, with the storm drain at Fletcher Music Center being the second and the mold problem in the Howell Science Building being the first.

The building of the new Trustees Fountain was completed by March of 2009, costing \$1.18 million. The funds for this project were made up of donations from members of the Board of Trustees and the state of North Carolina.

It is expected to be back in operation in about a week or two.

WEB POLL

Should ECU release a statement regarding the credit card fraud?

Yes

No

Check out twitter.com/ecunews and our fan page on facebook.



# The East Carolinian

Thursday, 2.3.11  
Volume 86, Issue 34

theeastcarolinian.com

YOUR CAMPUS NEWS SOURCE SINCE 1925



Chancellor Steve Ballard gave his annual State of the University speech on Wednesday.

CLIFF HOLLIS | CONTRIBUTED BY ECU NEWS SERVICES

## Ballard remains positive

Tyler Kitchens  
STAFF WRITER

While acknowledging the major budget shortfalls that will be affecting the university in the coming months, Chancellor Steve Ballard sought to instill a sense of hope for the future in Wednesday's State of the University Address.

Chancellor Ballard stated that the final financial picture would not be available for several more months, but he was honest about the possible financial crisis facing the university.

"This is the most difficult fiscal picture we have faced in the last half century," said Ballard.

As Ballard attempts to guide the university through this bleak period, he urged students and faculty to focus on the future, saying that the university's great optimism and resolve would help navigate through these tough times. "We're all in this together," Ballard said. "Everyone will feel the pain of this cut."

Chancellor Ballard also stated that the university would be exploring all possible options to avoid the worst effects of the

budget crisis. He admitted that this would not be an easy task due to the fact that four consecutive years of budget cuts have finally started to take their toll on the university by severely limiting the scenarios in which students and faculty could be insulated from this situation.

"The biggest thing is that students will have to pay more for education," said Ballard. "I think there will be fewer elective classes. I think class sizes will be bigger, and that really worries me, but I don't see any way around that. Ultimately, if that continues, it could impact the quality of their educational experience."

Though students will be impacted by this situation, Ballard said that he does not want students to overreact to the news.

"This is a short-term phenomenon for one more year, maybe two. This won't define what ECU is about, and we will get through it," said Ballard.

Previously, the university has been able to avoid the impacts of various budget cuts through fiscal responsibility, but now the university is being stretched to its limits. Ballard stated that increases in tuition and fiscal cuts in the various col-

leges, which comprise the university, will be nearly unavoidable because so many non-academic positions have already been sacrificed.

One potential option that he proposed was utilizing some of the emergency funds the university has been saving since 2008, when they first realized that the national recession would impact the university in a major way. However, Ballard said that he was not willing to completely exhaust this account for one issue, referencing Hurricane Floyd and other situations in which the emergency funds could become necessary.

"We cannot spend all the money in the emergency account on a short-term issue," said Ballard.

In spite of this, Ballard was optimistic that the university would be able to remain affordable for students, stating that ECU was among the top most affordable institutions in the UNC system.

Ballard said that the university's first priority was and will remain student success. He also adamantly stated that university would strive to protect the many different student services that it offers. "We'll never lose sight of the opportunities

we provide and will continue to provide," said Ballard.

SGA Vice President Josh Martinkovic believes that the chancellor has established a successful plan for leading the university past this difficult time. "I liked that the chancellor outlined all the issues that he and his administration are going to face, and they also outlined how they wanted to get input on it. He mentioned going to students, staff, administration and faculty to see what their concerns would be with the budget picture and those other things," said Martinkovic. "He's got a lot of decisions to make, and there are many different ways he can go about it."

The State of the University Address highlighted several new positive university endeavors, such as the university's workforce development, citing several colleges in the university that lead the state in various areas of student preparation.

One of the newest areas he mentioned is the new School of Dentistry, which is slated to open in August 2011.

Ballard believes that this school could

> BALLARD page A2

## Public profanity no longer illegal in NC

Jamie Harper  
STAFF WRITER

A state law against cursing in public, which made the action a misdemeanor offense, has been repealed.

The 98-year-old law, which stated it was illegal to use "indecent or profane language" within earshot of two or more people on any public road or highway in North Carolina, is no longer illegal.

Orange County Superior Court Judge Allen Baddour recently overturned the case of Samantha Elabanjo, who was charged with the misdemeanor crime. In February 2010, Chapel Hill resident Elabanjo was arrested and charged for profanity after cursing at two police officers, according to the court documents. She used the words "damn" and "asshole" while on Franklin Street in Chapel Hill.

In her first trial in July, Elabanjo was not convicted of the disorderly conduct charge but was found guilty of the profanity charge. Elabanjo's conviction of profanity was overturned by Judge Baddour in January. Baddour ruled the law was too broad and "constitutionally vague."

The ban on profanity is said to be unconstitutional due to a violation of the First Amendment, which guarantees the right to free speech. The First Amendment of the Constitution states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Raleigh lawyer Matthew Quinn, who represented Elabanjo in her appeal trial, said this case was a victory for free speech. "It's not an easy thing to find a statute unconstitutional," he said. "It's a big deal. It's a testament to the First Amendment and to our judicial system."

The state chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, which assisted with the case, hailed Baddour's ruling regarding the profanity statute.

Lauren Hildebran, a junior biology major, said she thought it probably "depended on the circumstances" whether this law had previously been justified or not.

The law, adopted in 1913, made profanity spoken in a "loud and boisterous" manner a crime in all of North Carolina, except Pitt and Swain counties. It was unclear as to why those counties were excluded from the law at that time.

Many students, like Amber Walker, are unaware this law previously existed. Walker, a freshman psychology major, said she had never known profanity in public was illegal in North Carolina. Although this case sets a precedent for many others, the change in the law will not be effective statewide immediately.

"It's hard to say because you should be respectful of others and want respect shown to you. On the other hand, free speech is very important," said Walker.

The student code of conduct states that all students must follow federal, state and local laws and are subject to disciplinary action if they do not follow these laws on or off campus. The Student Code of Conduct states, "The University embraces and strives to uphold the freedoms of expression and speech guaranteed by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and the North Carolina Constitution. The University has the right under appropriate circumstances to regulate the time, place and manner of exercising these and other constitutionally protected rights."

This writer may be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

## Parking fees raised for next fiscal year

Alexis Headley  
STAFF WRITER

Parking and Transportation Services plan to increase all fees to fund new projects for the 2011-2012 school year and were approved for all permits.

The increases are for future parking projects such as changes the Dickinson Lot, moving freshmen permit holders to create vehicle storage and a new bus facility. This new 1,500-space lot would cost \$5 million. They also plan to upgrade the gravel lots on 14th Street and Reade Street

### Increases for the 2011-2012 Year

**A permits increased from \$336 to \$360**

**B permits increased from \$156/\$168 to \$180**

**C permits increased from \$96 to \$120**

**D permits increased from \$240 to \$264**

**Motorcycle permits increased from \$52 to \$56.**

for an estimated \$2 million. A new building is being planned for Parking and Transportation, Police and Environmental Health and Safety, which is an estimated \$1.5 million. Plans for a parking deck are also being discussed in conjunction with the student union and the total cost for a 500-space deck is estimated at \$11 million.

The new parking fees were approved by the

> PARKING page A2

# Possible budget cuts for Merit based funding

**Cameron Gupton**  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The North Carolina General Assembly may cut merit-based scholarships in attempts to save school funding. Since 1990, 15 states have implemented programs that

award students tuition breaks and scholarships based on grades, class rank and test scores.

Those who support merit-based funding say that it helps keep high school high achievers in their home states and promotes an

increase in college enrollment rates.

Many critics of the programs feel that merit-based funding takes away from other students who are in need of financial aid. These critics have also stated that by giving merit-based funds, students who can afford college are given more funds than they really need, leaving those who cannot afford college short of affording tuition.

An agency responsible for state financial-aid programs, The National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs, released a report for the 2006-2007 academic year, which stated merit aid accounted for \$2.08 billion, or 28 percent, of all state-sponsored grants.

Ten years prior to this report, merit aid only made up 15 percent of all state grants.

The North Carolina General Assembly passed a law in 2004 that gives out-of-state students receiv-

ing full scholarships the option to be given in-state status for tuition purposes. A possible repeal within the General Assembly would do away with this practice.

If the state does decide to eliminate merit-based funding, it will become more difficult for schools to attract high-achieving students to attend institutions of higher learning. Not only will it be difficult to attract more students, it will become increasingly harder to keep out-of-state students interested in attending UNC schools.

ECU offers quite a few merit scholarships to promising incoming freshmen. The scholarships are very competitive and each school within the university offers many different scholarships.

Scholarships such as these will be at risk if they cut merit-based scholarships and grants.

Julie Poorman, director of Financial Aid, said that, like other

schools around the country, our university's endowment has suffered somewhat from the low interest rates and poorly performing stock market. Poorman also said that the university is keeping a close eye on other changes that the General Assembly is considering making.

Around campus, students are concerned as to what might happen to merit scholarships and other types of merit funding if the General Assembly goes through with the repeal.

Jennifer Ward, a sophomore and nursing major, stated, "I understand that merit funding can take away from people that really need financial aid, but other students that have worked really hard and do well in school deserve some type of incentive."

Ward said she knows a few people who are in school with merit scholarships.

"I know some people with these scholarships, and they have worked really hard to get them," said Ward.

Other students want to know what would happen to people receiving the scholarships if they were cut.

"I want to know what students who get merit-based scholarships will have to do if the funding gets cut," said elementary education major Sarah Young. "How will they find ways to make up for the money that they lose from the cuts? Will they have to get jobs on top of school work just to make up for the lost money?"

Scholarships and funding at ECU do not seem to be in trouble yet. The university is paying close attention to the General Assembly's decisions and will take action based on those decisions.

This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

**Friends of Sheppard Memorial Library**

## BOOK SALE

**Friday, Feb. 4, 9 am-8 pm**  
**Saturday, Feb. 5, 9 am-6 pm**  
**Sunday, Feb. 6, 1-3:30 pm\***

\*Bag Day—\$5 per paper grocery bag of books

**GREENVILLE CONVENTION CENTER**  
303 SW GREENVILLE BLVD.

[www.sheppardlibrary.org](http://www.sheppardlibrary.org)

**You studied.**  
**You connected.**  
**You had sex**

*missing something?*

**Carolina Pregnancy Center**

**Free Pregnancy Tests**

**Greenville (252) 757-0003**  
[www.carolinapregnancycenter.org](http://www.carolinapregnancycenter.org)  
**Washington (252) 946-8040**  
**24 Hour Hotline: 1-800-395-HELP**

## PARKING continued from A1

Board of Trustees in their November 2010 meeting, which involved a fee increase of \$24 per year/\$1 per pay period for zone permits. Annual increases are expected by the Parking and Transportation Administration to provide the parking resources to support the expected growth of the university by 2019.

Senior psychology major Quintara Jernigan does not agree with the increased fees and has held parking permits during her freshman and sophomore years. "I feel that the parking permits shouldn't be increased because with tuition and everything else increasing, students can't afford it all. There should be

another way to cover cost," said Jernigan.

The fee increases are necessary for Parking and Transportation to meet its legal obligation to remain self-supporting and to meet the needs of an ever-expanding campus. Fee increases have already improved lots. The Willis Building was resurfaced, Belk Residence Hall was also resurfaced and the Harris Building is being redesigned. Permit fees also pay campus police for lot security for \$180,000.

Graduate student Erica Strong feels that the continually growing increases in university fees are too much for students to handle. "I'm trying to support myself and this

just feels like another unnecessary fee I have to pay. They keep increasing prices but there are still not enough places to park," said Strong.

Strong has purchased a parking pass for most of her years at ECU both as undergraduate and graduate student. "The prices for parking permits have increased every year and it doesn't make any sense."

Parking and Transportation has also offered other transportation options to decrease the transportation demand. The Zipcar was added to the campus, which is a nationwide car-sharing program. The Zimride is a ride-sharing network based on Facebook and only ECU community members are able

to access the site. Students can also utilize the transit system, which is always available.

"Maybe they should figure out new ways to maybe implement the increase in fees in the tuition, so students can just deal with one set fee," said Jernigan.

A permits will increase from \$336 to \$360, B permits from \$156/\$168 to \$180, C permits from \$96 to \$120, D permits \$240 to \$264 and Motorcycle permits from \$52 to \$56.

This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

## BALLARD continued from A1

revolutionize dental education due to its "break-the-mold" approach to teaching.

Part of this new approach includes fourth-year students going out into underserved populations and getting hands-on dentistry experience. "The whole country will be watching what we do," said

Ballard.

Ballard also praised the Brody School of Medicine for its continued dedication to the student body, as well as the Eastern North Carolina community.

Recent studies have listed the school as the number two producer of primary care doctors in

the nation, and it also provides more than \$150 million per year in uncompensated care.

"It is the health care safety net of Eastern North Carolina," said Ballard.

As he closed his address, Ballard affirmed the university's vision to deliver on the promise of oppor-

tunity.

"Our challenges are not small, but they are inconsequential compared to the spirit of our university," said Ballard.

This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

**SAVE \$150**

**WITH ZERO DEPOSIT**

**Pirates Place**

**University Manor**

**Pirates Cove**

Apply online today @ [GreenvilleStudentHousing.com](http://GreenvilleStudentHousing.com)

on shuttle bus route + upgraded amenities + private bedrooms & bathrooms available

PIRATES COVE | PIRATES PLACE TOWNHOMES | UNIVERSITY MANOR

252.752.9995 | 252.321.7613 | 252.758.5551

AN AMERICAN CAMPUS COMMUNITY | AMENITIES SUBJECT TO CHANGE | SEE OFFICE FOR DETAILS

**Ignite Church**

Now Has Two Service Times

**Every Sunday**  
**9:30am & 11am**

**Hendrix Theater**  
**Mendenhall Student Center**

church clothes =

"We exist to be a Spark that creates a burning Passion into the hearts of people for God"

The Music is Passionate  
The Preaching is Relevant  
The Love is Unconditional!

[www.ignitechurch.com](http://www.ignitechurch.com)

# Dental School announces new outreach site

**Hannah Jackson**  
STAFF WRITER

The Dental School celebrated with Harnett County officials in Lillington at one of the 10 sites of community service-learning centers, where future students will provide low-cost care to rural communities. The Division of Health Sciences has announced where the centers will be placed in North Carolina. Cities include Sylva, Ahoskie and Elizabeth City, which are strategically placed in areas of the state that are underserved when it comes to dental services. Although it will not be free to those in need, it will provide low-cost care in areas without affordable dentistry.

Each site will be a fully functioning general dentistry office with 14 operatories, X-ray equipment, educational spaces and more. Officials are working on the property deeds for the centers there and plan to open them by 2012, in time for the newest class to be ready for a clinical. Anticipation is building with the first enrolled class of the school starting in August of 2011. The centers are still under construction, as well as the dental school building itself. Ross Hall was named after alumnus Dr. Ledyard E. Ross, who pledged \$4 million to the university for academic purposes to the School of Dentistry. His gift is one of the largest that the university has ever

received. The school plans to admit 50 students each year after this upcoming fall. Funds were allocated out of the \$90 million the North Carolina General Assembly has provided for funding construction of the school and its outreach centers. Pledges by supporting alumni also contribute to the amount the school will need to build its reputation. The core facility of the School of Dental Medicine will be located on the Health Sciences campus. During the first three years, the students' education will take place primarily on the campus here at ECU. But by the fourth year, their education will take place in dedicated community clinical service-learning centers

located in areas around the state. The Community Service Learning Clinical Centers will be unique in dental education, providing a rich environment for practical, community and patient-focused general education. The students get to work in a realistic clinical setting, as well as provide the much-needed oral health services to rural North Carolinians. A grant of \$1.76 million helped the school start construction on its first two community service-learning centers, one of 14 universities nationwide to receive grants through the competitive application process. Dr. Gregory Chadwick, associate dean for Planning and Extramural Affairs, led ECU's

application process. Chadwick has described the sites as "moving the fourth floor of the dental school -- the clinical training -- off campus to rural areas of our state where dental services are needed." Sylva is located in Jackson County in the mountains west of

Asheville. Ahoskie is in Hertford County, about 20 miles south of the Virginia border, and Elizabeth City is in Pasquotank County in northeastern North Carolina. This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

## Zipcar use increases on campus

**Alexa DeCarr**  
STAFF WRITER

As gas prices rise, Zipcar continues to increase membership in many urban areas and college campuses throughout the United States. Because of the gas price increases, there had been question as to whether or not Zipcar, the car-sharing company that came to the university this past September, would disappear from campus or possibly go out of business altogether. However, according to Colleen McCormick, a public relations specialist with the company, that is not the case. "We are actually continuing to grow," said McCormick. "We have added eight new schools to our university program this past month and 31 schools since fall." McCormick says that Zipcar is well received amongst many college students. "I know at some schools you can't have a car until your junior year. Zipcar makes it easy for students without cars to run a quick errand and also helps eliminate parking problems on campuses," said McCormick. Since members do not pay for gas while using Zipcar, the question that comes into play is whether

or not prices of membership will increase because of gas. "We absolutely do not have plans to raise prices right now," said McCormick. "And although I can't make promises, I do not foresee that happening in the future." As far as Zipcar disappearing in general, McCormick insists that is false as well. "In 2000, when the company started, we had 200 members. Today we have around 530,000 members total," stated McCormick. Zipcar has also currently launched a program with Toyota. They are using Toyota Plug-in Hybrids, cars similar to electric vehicles, in three major cities across the country. According to McCormick, increasing gas prices are a factor behind this program, but the main purpose for using electric vehicles is the fact that they are environmentally friendly. "Zipcar was founded to reduce the number of vehicles on the road," stated McCormick. "Each Zipcar takes 15 to 20 personally-owned vehicles off the road." As far as Zipcar use among students and faculty members goes, it is too early to tell if it is a hit or not. However, there are currently 44 members in the university com-

munity who are signed up for Zipcar, and according to Rob Wall, motor pool coordinator for Parking and Transportation Services, the number of people using Zipcar services continues to grow as people find out about it. For the students who do use the car-sharing service, they seem to be happy with it. "I live far away so I don't have a car at school," said sophomore finance major, Matt Cote. "It is really nice to be able to just run to the grocery store or wherever without having to deal with the hassle of the buses. Plus you don't have to worry about trying to find parking, so it's great." Students and faculty members receive a discount for membership as well. It is \$35 per year to become a Zipcar member. Once a member, it is \$8 per hour or \$66 a day to use the car services. Services include gas, insurance and 180 miles to use per day. For more information or to become a Zipcar member, students and faculty members can go to www.zipcar.com/ecu or call 1-866-494-7227.

## UBE

continued from A1

books there anymore," Stott said. Stott, along with many of her peers, feels that the university has handled the situation poorly. "At least SGA had the decency to e-mail us. Thousands of dollars have been stolen and the dean hasn't said anything or the financial aid office," said Stott. "I know U.B.E. doesn't have to do with ECU, but the students do and you would think they would give us anything to give us answers." Molly Satenspiel, a biology junior who also had money stolen from her account, said she heard about the whole scandal from a friend. Satenspiel said that her card was declined two days in a row so she contacted the bank and found out that over \$1,000 had been stolen from her account. "It's such an inconvenience. I have to go into the bank and withdraw money instead of just using my card," said Satenspiel. Like many students, Stott is unsure of how the situation is going to work out. "Hopefully it all gets handled and I'm just waiting to hear answers and just kind of letting that money sit there for now, but everything happens for a reason," said Stott.

This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

**East Carolina University**

2010-2011 Southern Circuit tour of Independent Filmmakers



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

### Abel Raises Cain

Tuesday, February 8, 8:00 p.m.

Speight Auditorium in the Jenkins Fine Arts Center  
Meet the filmmaker following the screening.

Alan Abel has a rather unusual job—he's a professional prankster. His hoaxing career began in the late 1950s with a campaign to clothe all animals for the sake of decency. More than 40 years later, Alan continues to wreak havoc on the media. Daughter and filmmaker Jenny Abel documents his latest hoax.

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

The 2010-2011 Southern Circuit is a program of South Arts. Southern Circuit screenings are funded in part by a grant from South Arts in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and local partner organizations. Special support for Southern Circuit was provided by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Individuals requesting accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) should contact the Department for Disability Support Services at least 48 hours prior to the event at 252-737-1016 (voice/TTY).

**Free Food & Door Prizes!**  
**Every New Lease Wins a Prize!**

## open house this Friday, February 3rd!

**Studios: \$690\*** (Only 15 spaces available)

**2br/2ba: \$527\*** (Only 6 spaces available)

**3br/3ba: \$482\*** (Only 5 spaces available)

**First Street Place**  
smart student living.com

400 West First Street Greenville, NC 27834 (252) 227-4644

Mid-rise on the River  
All Inclusive  
24 hr Fitness and Business Center  
Awesome Location  
Tanning Bed  
\*Certain restrictions apply. See office for details.

**For more info, text "FSP" to 47464**

North on Campus Drive, turn left on Fifth Street. Right on Reade Circle. Turn left on First Street.

The East Carolinian does not endorse statements made in Pirate Rants. Questions regarding Rants can be directed to Katelyn Crouse, Editor in Chief, at [opinion@theeastcarolinian.com](mailto:opinion@theeastcarolinian.com). Log onto [theeastcarolinian.com](http://theeastcarolinian.com) to submit a Rant of your own.

I am SO glad we don't speak anymore! My life is so much more drama-free. Oh and FYI, when I graduate on time and you fail out, I will be laughing. Hysterically.

One girl's trash is another girl's treasure... wait, no. He's still trash.

Yeah, that's cool. Just drain all of our accounts; we don't need that money for rent/books/food/bills.

If your English is too broken to explain a key point in your lecture, maybe you shouldn't be teaching.

You need to look up the definition of HYPOCRITE and tell Webster to put your picture beside it!

To the UManor bus driver that sang along to Katy Perry's "Firework". You, sir, made my morning. Thank you!

Maybe Michael Jordan will decide to come to the UCF game Saturday to see his son's team lose!

To the guy I hooked up with Saturday night that hasn't talked to me since: You have a small penis and I have herpes. Cheers to that.

I hate seeing students wearing ACC gear on campus, we are Pirates people, not Tarholes, Dookies or the Pack!

So, how come I cannot get up to use the bathroom during your class because you say it is disruptive, but the girl next to me gets to knit a full-blown scarf?! Maybe I'll knit a bathroom pass!

Weather too hot for shoes and too cold for sandals... socks with sandals.

Hide yo kids, hide yo wife, the squirrels are out in mass proportions!

To the guy who sold me the pregnancy test at CVS and then proceeded to wish me good luck "whichever way I wanted it to go," it was negative and that's the way I wanted it to go. Thanks!

Why does your mom come once a month to clean your room for you? I thought this was college.

To the girl that asked me if I was freezing Monday morning: Your blue eyes and smile are beautiful. Most of my classes are around Rivers, so you should definitely stop by and say hi sometime.

I know I have a boyfriend but the only reason I haven't dumped him for you is because I'm saving you for marriage.

You never realize how truly weird you are until you realize it.

I wonder how many cars I've seen drive down that dead-end road in front of Student Health Building and then have to make an awkward 3-point turn.

How is Greek Life supposed to continue to grow and attract more members when the directors are constantly shutting down chapters left and right?

To the people who continuously drop their drink in the White elevator lobby and DON'T CLEAN IT UP: Grow up and take some responsibility. The cleaning ladies aren't your mothers.

Why is trying to find a good place to live so hard? One place is too expensive, another place is not gated and has crimes, another place has small bedrooms, one doesn't have a balcony. There needs to be a super apartment complex that has it all!

To the person who stole my jacket from Joyner: Can you at least give me my keys back?

## Probable cause of paranoia



**Ryan Chandler**  
OPINION COLUMNIST

Friday through Sunday are the days a college student dreams about at the start of every week. It's what we look forward to after a long week of classes, exams, jobs, athletics and different organization and club meetings.

The weekend is our time to unwind and relieve some of the stresses that we endure while living the college life. I think I can speak for all of us when I say the one thing that irks us the most are the encounters with the "boys in blue" on a weekend where all you want is to have fun and enjoy yourself.

If it isn't enough that we have to feel the wrath of pepper spray bottles that surround the downtown area, we now have units put on patrol around the student apartment complexes that make it impossible to live in peace and enjoy your own friends and company during your few free days at the end of the week.



ILLUSTRATED BY LOGAN WAGONER

Now, I can completely understand and am grateful for the protection that these men and women of honor provide in an outstanding effort to keep Greenville safe for the ECU community. We all appreciate the risks they take to the fullest extent.

The issue is when college kids are confronted with noise complaints and random visits on grounds of suspicion just to snoop on what's going on inside a person's place of serenity. It seems like they come with intentions of making someone's evening miserable.

So do I have to live in paranoia in my own home? I shouldn't even have to ask myself that question.

I've personally had an experience with Greenville police knocking on our door for what they say was loud music around 10:45 p.m. on a Saturday. They then tried to enter and claimed they were able to search our home, but we were armed with the knowledge of our basic rights. The music came from nothing but a small iPod dock, not a fancy surround sound or subwoofer. To my knowl-

edge, almost every student-occupied home or apartment in Greenville is participating in the same activities during this time. Everyone is jamming out and getting ready to catch the Pirate Express or head to a party at a friend's house.

We know a neighbor didn't complain because the officer admitted that he was walking around the building and heard music from the window. His reasoning was that if he could hear it, then it's too loud. Now, if my neighbors are OK with what we have going on, then why is an officer coming out

of his way for something that seems so small?

Why bother people minding their own business in their own home? Couldn't a robbery be prevented or a drunk driver pulled off the streets? To me, it's a joke that we, as goal-oriented and driven students who are trying to accomplish something in our lives, are being harassed when we are harming no one.

If it was just one incident that happened and we just ran into bad luck, then so be it. I can move on. When numerous students around multiple complexes complain that college students are being targeted just to make a quick \$100 to \$250, the price range of the first two noise citations, then there's a problem.

The revenue from these civil citations produced a total of \$19,000 for the months between July and December of last year. The anticipated total revenue for 2011 is \$55,000. We hope the police department appreciates this money taken from us struggling college students. I guess they can put the money to better use than we can. Something needs to change and it starts with the issue being brought to light.

This writer can be contacted at [opinion@theeastcarolinian.com](mailto:opinion@theeastcarolinian.com).

## Moving forward



**Chelsey McClaugherty**  
OPINION COLUMNIST

After the 2011 State of the Union Address, I was excited to hear that we were making progress. "Starting this year," said President Obama, "no American will be forbidden to serve the country that they love because of whom they love."

I've always been supportive of gay rights and am happy whenever we advance. When I learned of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy in the U.S. military, I was immediately taken aback by it. I didn't understand how they could make people choose between pretending to be someone else or being kicked out of the military.

Some people are so angry about the appeal that they have left the military because of it. We all don't have the same views, but it's all about what's best for everyone in the country. Since 1993, when Clinton signed the law into effect, more than 13,000 troops have been discharged for being openly gay.

This repeal has made many people happy and excited for the progression of gay rights. "I think that with the repeal of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell,' America is starting its process of living up to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," stated Katy Ross, president of GLBT Student Union.

Beyond the national level, Ross also believes that this will help with gay rights on campus. "This is just one of the steps to bring overall equality for the GLBT community," says Ross. "I have a friend in ROTC that is gay and would love to be out rather than lie to save his job, and now that 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' has been repealed, it is just a matter of time before he can truly be himself in his own skin."

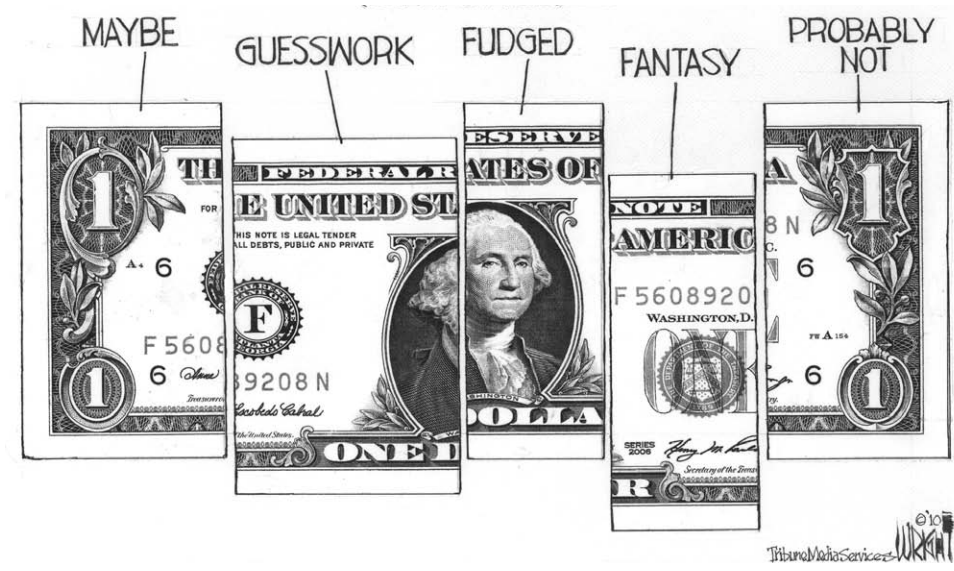
The topic is full of controversy, with valid points on both sides. For the complaints, people are concerned about sleeping arrangements. Also, some feel they wouldn't be comfortable in the bathrooms and showers. We can't ignore these issues and ignore those who are uncomfortable.

Currently, men and women are separated because they are the opposite sex and attractions can occur. Just as a woman might not feel comfortable showering in front of a man, a straight man might not feel comfortable showering in front of a gay man. In order for more people to get used to the change, we need to slowly accommodate those who aren't on board with the repeal.

Nothing can be perfect, but we can at least strive for it and hope for the best, right? I'm not saying segregate bathrooms by sexual preference, but something less drastic, like putting all showers, toilets and urinals in separate, locking stalls. That way everyone can have their privacy and feel comfortable. It's impossible to figure out how to keep everyone happy, but we can try to mediate.

I believe that we are moving forward and we should continue in this direction. Laws, policies and rules are all subject to change as time goes on. As a country, we are learning and evolving. Nice move on this one, Mr. President.

This writer can be contacted at [opinion@theeastcaolinian.com](mailto:opinion@theeastcaolinian.com).



## Cutting into the heart of ECU



**Abby Brockmeyer**  
OPINION COLUMNIST

There is something happening at ECU this very moment. Something that will change many aspects of our college careers by the time we graduate, whether we are first or fourth-year students.

Regardless of having a 1.2 GPA or a 3.8, this change will affect everyone. Maybe some of us have already noticed it -- a past favorite English teacher has mysteriously not shown up on any class lists for the upcoming semester. Maybe you've heard it whispered throughout the department offices or have seen frantic-looking professors huddled together in a corner feverishly chatting away.

Regardless, if you have noticed the disturbance or not, you are bound to realize within the upcoming year that ECU is making severe budget cuts.

The budget reduction for the 2010-2011 years' base reduction was \$10.8 million and the continuation budget

reduction was \$2.9 million. From what my teachers and various campus employees are saying, it seems as though the budget cuts for 2011 will be double that -- a total of 15 percent of ECU's budget lost. That is not a happy thought.

From "The Chancellor's View," Chancellor Steve Ballard described this period as a "self-study," and further explained by saying it "begins with a campus audit of the first year for new and transfer students ... and that is followed by a 9-12 month process of evaluation by dimensions committee members."

If this is the way our higher authority highlights the new budget cuts, I would have to say most professors' reactions are the exact opposite. Even the professors with tenure and job stability have a negative attitude about this "self-study." It seems as though the general attitude among the professors is that of anxiety, agitation and puzzlement. That doesn't seem like the best environment in which to teach students.

This panic is happening everywhere across the country. The UNC system is also going through a crisis and is currently deciding how much damage would come from 15 percent budget cut to its schools as well.

The state's deficit of \$3.7 billion is causing the problems.

The only way around this huge dilemma is steadily raising college students' tuition and cutting campus jobs left and right.

The attitudes of the professors aren't just because most of them are terrified they will lose their jobs. With more and more of them slowly slipping away off the ECU staff, the ones who stay are getting more than double their workload. This means some professors are becoming advisers to more than 30 students, when they may have never wanted to be advisers in the first place. In case you haven't noticed from the lack of interest coming from your adviser, they likely don't want to do that job.

Putting myself in our professors' shoes makes me realize how much I would complain if I were them. Not only are a lot of them thinking that they might lose their jobs, but they are extremely reluctant to speak about this matter, especially to the students, and especially to any students who might publish their opinions. The future is looking grim to the professors and this crisis is most likely going to start trickling down into the minds of students as we watch some of our favorite professors not make the cut.

This writer can be contacted at [opinion@theeastcarolinian.com](mailto:opinion@theeastcarolinian.com).

### STAFF INFORMATION

**Katelyn Crouse, Editor in Chief**

<b>Andrea Robertson</b>	Managing Editor
<b>Katie Bates</b>	Public Editor
<b>Katie Hatfield</b>	Production Manager
<b>Michael Perry</b>	Sports Editor
<b>Jennifer Soares</b>	News Editor
<b>Caitlin Hale</b>	Lifestyles Editor
<b>Kelly Nurge</b>	Opinion Editor
<b>Rebecca Hartman</b>	Photo Editor
<b>Eddie Burkett</b>	Multimedia Web Editor
<b>Christina Scarbel</b>	Advertising Manager
<b>Samantha Eads</b>	Head Copy Editor

Serving ECU since 1925, the *East Carolinian* prints 9,000 copies every Tuesday and Thursday during the regular academic year and 5,000 on Wednesdays during the summer. "Our View" is the opinion of the editorial board and is written by editorial board members. The *East Carolinian* welcomes letters to the editor which are limited to 250 words (which may be edited for decency or brevity). We reserve the right to edit or reject letters and all letters must be signed and include a telephone number. Letters may be sent via e-mail to [editor@theeastcarolinian.com](mailto:editor@theeastcarolinian.com) or to the *East Carolinian*, SelfHelp Building, Greenville, N.C. 27858-4353. Call 252-328-9238 for more information. One copy of the *East Carolinian* is free, each additional copy is \$1.

### Contact Info

Newsroom 252.328.9238 Fax 252.328.9143 Advertising 252.328.9245

Don't forget to take the TEC's readership survey on your Onestop page. The survey ends on Tuesday!

**YOU  
COULD  
WIN  
PRIZES  
FROM:**

- Sweet Pets
- Krispy Kreme
- Pirate's Den
- Carolina Pregnancy Center
- Alexander Paul Institute of Hair Design
- Campus Bookstore
- Michelangelo's



# Ahoy, Pirates!

Living in Greenville has many perks and benefits, but it also comes with responsibilities. Among these responsibilities is being a good, respectful citizen and neighbor.

Please take a few minutes to learn some common City Ordinances so you can learn how to have a good, safe time enjoying being a resident of Greenville.

### Animal Related Issues Animal Control | 329-4387

Greenville has a 24-hour leash law. Dog owners must maintain physical control of a dog (by a chain or leash) when the dog is not on its owner's property. If your dog uses someone else's lawn/yard/sidewalk, you have to clean it up.  
Concerned about stray, wild, neglected or abused animals? Call the City's Animal Control Unit, 329-4387. Animals found running at large will be taken to the County Animal Shelter located at 4550 County Home Road. Lost your pet? Contact the Shelter at (252) 902-1725.

### Downtown Safety Police Department | 329-4315 (Non-Emergency Line)

Make sure to travel in groups. No loitering allowed in parking lots or on the sidewalks. For safety purposes, traffic is restricted downtown on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights.

### Housing Conditions Code Enforcement | 329-4300

Housing within the City of Greenville must be fit for human habitation and meet minimum housing codes (THIS IS THE PROPERTY OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY). Think your house or apartment isn't up to code? Call Code Enforcement.

### Lawns & Litter Code Enforcement | 329-4300

It is illegal to litter. Handbills or flyers that are posted on poles and trees are a form of organized litter.  
Grass or weeds higher than 10 inches are against the law. If you do not cut your lawn, the City can cut it and then bill you for all of the associated costs.  
Furniture designed for indoors (sofas, chairs, refrigerators, etc.) are not allowed to be on front porches or in the yard.

### Noise Ordinance Police Department | 329-4315

The City's Noise Ordinance is enforced at all times (particularly between 11pm and 3am) and in all areas of the City. The ordinance applies to loud talking or yelling; dogs howling, barking, crying, etc.; amplified sound i.e. stereos and parties; as well as loud stereos or mufflers in cars or trucks.

### Parking Greenville Police (If your car has been towed) | 329-4315

Many streets surrounding the campus have a two-hour time limit; some streets DO NOT allow parking at all. Be sure to read parking signs along these streets to prevent being ticketed or having your car towed.

### Parks Info Recreation & Parks Department | 329-4567

Greenville offers a variety of athletic, recreational, and arts and crafts activities for all ages and populations. Use one of our 25 parks and recreational facilities, gyms, community centers, swimming pools, tennis courts, ballfields, and playgrounds. Walk or ride on our greenway, hit the links at Bradford Creek Public Golf Course, or enjoy a free concert on a Sunday afternoon. Visit [www.greenvillenc.gov/](http://www.greenvillenc.gov/) for details.

### Roommates Code Enforcement | 329-4300

You cannot have more than three unrelated people living together in a house, duplex, apartment, condominium, or mobile home.

### Trash Collection Public Works | 329-4522

The City of Greenville provides garbage and recycling collection to residential neighborhoods and apartment complexes. You automatically get backyard service when you sign up for utilities (power, gas, water). To save money, go to Public Works and switch to Curbside Service.  
Trash goes in a City-approved can, not in a bag on the side of the road. Recyclables go in a container with the City recycling sticker on the side.



Have a question about the City government?  
Call 329-CITY or find us on the web at [www.greenvillenc.gov](http://www.greenvillenc.gov).



East Carolina University  
CAMPUS LIVING & DINING



# THE BIG GAME ON THE BIG SCREEN!

# PITTSBURGH STEELERS

# NFL

# GREEN BAY PACKERS

## FEB 6TH @ 6PM HENDRIX THEATRE & CYNTHIA'S LOUNGE

### FREE FOOD, CONTESTS, BIG PRIZES! FLAT SCREEN TV PS3 W/ MADDEN '11 & TEAM APPAREL

Individuals requesting accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) should contact the Department for Disability Support Services at least 48 hours prior to the event at (252) 737-1016 (Voice/TTY).

## Woman paralyzed by hickey

A dangerous sign of affection

**Rebecca Blanchette**  
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Hickeys, usually seen as signs of affection and often referred to as "love bites," can be the cause of a lot of turtleneck wearing, but never before has it been the source of any serious health scare. This changed about a week ago when a woman in New Zealand was partially paralyzed due to a hickey on her neck.

The 44-year-old woman suffered a small stroke that left her partially paralyzed. Doctors were baffled by the cause and at first didn't know what sparked the stroke. When they found a small bruise (a hickey) located on her neck and near a major artery, they realized that the cause was the "love bite."

"There was a clot in the artery underneath where the hickey was," said Teddy Wu, the doctor who treated the woman at Middlemore Hospital in Auckland. The hickey had created a blood clot in the woman's artery, due to the strong suction of her lover. The clot then made its way to her heart, causing her to suffer a minor stroke.

The woman lost the feeling and movement in her left arm and doctors treated her with anticoagulant, causing the clot to be gone within a week and allowing her to regain movement in her arm. Dr. Wu said, "Because it was a love bite, there would be a lot of suction. Because of the physical trauma, it had made a bit of bruising inside the vessel."

Students may be worried that they're in danger of suffering the same fate. WedMD reports that "If bruising is the only sign with no skin break, these (hickeys) are largely harmless." However, they add that "other 'love bites' cross the line into intentionally inflicted wounds and may be more serious." WebMD also classifies hickeys as "Human Bites," sharing the same category as bites given in fights and amongst encounters with young children, giving it a nasty connotation.

"Something like this has never been reported previously in the professional literature, and I don't think ECU students need to worry about a hickey leading to a stroke," said Karen Vail-Smith of the Department of Health Education and Promotion.

Still, when hickeys do cause skin breaks, they usually become much more serious because they increase the risk of infections. A skin break can be difficult to detect. WedMD says, "Anything that looks like the top layer of skin has come off should be considered a break." They also report that "a raw appearance to the area or the oozing of clear fluid are signs of a skin break." An increase in swelling and redness from a hickey after the first day of receiving it is cause for concern. Swollen glands can also be a sign of infection.

"I guess there could be some health risks depending on where you give the hickey," said Vail-Smith. "For example, if it were in the genital area, the partner giving the hickey could be at risk for contracting herpes or HPV." She also added, "And I guess if you gave some 'super hickey' and actually drew blood into your mouth that you could be at risk for any of the blood-borne pathogens."

Though some more serious bites may require a trip to the emergency room, most can be treated by running cool water over the affected area and applying ice. In the case of minor bites, WedMD says that "a bite that causes bruising or only scrapes the top layer of skin will not require much more than cleaning with soap and water, ice and mild pain medication such as acetaminophen (Tylenol is one brand name)." If the skin is broken, then a tetanus shot may be beneficial, but antibiotics are not necessary for minor bites. Looking at the case of the New Zealand woman, it's obvious that strong suction from the hickey giver can also be dangerous.

Students should be aware of this when giving or receiving a hickey. Being aware of the location of major arteries may also be beneficial.

This writer can be contacted at [lifestyles@theeastcarolinian.com](mailto:lifestyles@theeastcarolinian.com).

## Career Center serves as confidante



TYRONE DEMERY | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Associate Director of the Career Center, Larry Donley, advises graduate Charlie Gadino.

Mock interviews and other resources prepare students for the workforce

**Katey Warren**  
STAFF WRITER

Facing the threats of a declining economy and limited job market post-graduation, many undergraduate students, graduate students and alumni are turning to The Career Center for guidance.

Within the past three years, Carol Woodruff, assistant director at The Career Center, has seen a notable increase in the number of alumni returning to the center.

"Now, with the difficulties with the economy, we've definitely seen our alumni traffic pick up," Woodruff said.

As a result of the changes in the job market, Woodruff has had to focus on changing students' expectations about post-graduation jobs and salaries, especially for entry-level jobs. "Students have expected to make \$60,000 (immediately after graduating)," said Woodruff. "Now, that's laughable."

Though staff members at The Career Center have noticed that students and alumni are currently struggling to find internship and job opportunities, they want to encourage students to be optimistic and take greater initiative when searching and applying.

"I've had to preach the importance of strategic job searching," Woodruff said. "It's more effective to fill out and apply for five strategic places than to send out 500 applica-

tions globally."

In addition to giving students and alumni this type of advice, staff members have acquired a hearty database of online and print resources. These pamphlets, handouts and websites offer professional advice on writing resumes and cover letters, dressing for job and internship interviews, researching jobs and internships, practicing professional etiquette and several other topics.

The Career Center staff often offers these handouts and online resources to students to use at their disposal during students' individual appointments with staff members. According to Woodruff, these appointments concern "a variety of topics, such as resume development, critiques... interviewing" and other topics such as helping undergraduate students choose majors.

The Career Center also holds mock interviews, which allow students and alumni to practice having a professional interview. To better prepare the interviewees for conducting interviews with future employers, staff members provide critiques and feedback.

For business major Casey Makovy, her first trip to The Career Center as a junior opened her eyes to a source for insightful help at a much-needed time. "I knew I wanted an internship, but I didn't know the resources I needed to find one," Makovy said.

Makovy participated in a mock interview sponsored by The Career Center, which she believes helped her "feel more prepared for internship interviews." She was also grateful for the resources The Career Center gave her, such as the Experience.com website, which she used to set up an account that helps her search and find internships.

Woodruff encourages students to learn more about upcoming internship and job opportunities at the Career Fair on Feb. 24, sponsored by The Career Center. The event will take place at the Greenville Convention Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and students and alumni of all majors are welcome.

To make an appointment or for more information on The Career Center, students should call 252-328-6050.

Woodruff advises students to begin using The Career Center their freshman year, but she believes visiting the center is always "better late than never."

This writer can be contacted at [lifestyles@theeastcarolinian.com](mailto:lifestyles@theeastcarolinian.com).

## National Wear Red Day is tomorrow



TYRONE DEMERY | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Sophomores Jillian Gustafson, Caitln Prochaska and Kendal Corrington wear red for National Wear Red Day, which honors women.

**Rebecca Blanchette**  
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Tomorrow, people across the nation will adorn red attire in order to raise awareness and show support for women's heart disease.

"Since 2004, Go Red for Women has captured the energy, passion and intelligence of women to work collectively to wipe out heart disease - the No. 1 killer of women," said the Go Red For Women website. Furthermore, heart disease and stroke are the number one cause of death in North Carolina.

It's not just individuals who are "going red," but entire cities are also participating in the event by making their landmarks red. For example, in Orlando, the water in the Embarq Fountain is red. In Memphis, red lights shine on Graceland, Elvis Presley's mansion.

Individuals can make donations by setting up a donation page on the Go Red for Women website and inviting friends to give money in their name. The majority of the donations go to public education and research.

Entire companies are also joining in the fight and awareness of heart disease by donating money to the cause and encouraging workers to wear red tomorrow. The Go Red for Women website encourages offices to have a costume contest to see who wears the craziest red outfit.

The Wellness Center and the Healthy PIRATES are doing something similar to this. They're getting students involved and bringing awareness of heart disease to campus by holding a photo contest tomorrow.

"We're going to have a photo contest for the most creative picture of individuals wearing red," said Latisha Williams, a senior

and the event coordinator. "We want to show how serious heart health is with women, and I think it's a great idea to get people involved and for people to learn about heart health."

Unfortunately, students often think that because of their young age, they are not at risk for heart disease. "I think it's very important for students because many students do not realize that they need to start now to work on their health," said Williams. "They think, coming into college, everything is fine. They don't think that 'tomorrow I'll get in an accident' or 'tomorrow I'll have a heart attack.'"

In order to maintain a healthy heart, students should take a few factors into consideration. Eating right, exercising and managing stress are all ways to lower the risk

> RED page A7

## College students not learning to their full potential

Recent study shows students aren't taking advantage of their education

**Jack Powell**  
STAFF WRITER

According to a recent study made up of 2,300 undergraduates, college students are not learning to their full potential. Some 45 percent of the students used in the study have barely increased education levels after two years in college.

Sociologists Richard Arum of New York University and Josipa Roksa of the University of Virginia conducted the study and published the results in their book, "Academically Adrift: Limited Learning on College Campuses." Arum and Roksa claim that America is pushing college learning so that the general population will become more economically competitive. However, American students are failing to take advantage of learning in college and will therefore not bring much competition to the job market.

Research shows that students who study independently learn more than students who study in groups. Social studying with peers

decreases the amount of learning students attain. On the other hand, when students study alone, they tend to read and write more, increasing the amount they learn. The study also explored the effects of working and volunteering and concluded that neither had much of an effect on learning.

Communication adviser Daniel Wiseman spoke on the issue. "A student has to study to do well," he said. "The values from a degree derive more than just from the title," he said.

Students can help themselves from falling into this low-learning rut by doing several things. For example, reading more for a class not only gives students a better understanding of the course material but also betters their reading skills in general. Students could also take a writing intensive course, as employers highly value the ability to write.

The following is a list of factors and skills that employers consider when selecting recent graduates for employment, as well as beliefs or trends they have seen in recent graduate employees. This list, released by the Association of American Colleges and Universities, was compiled after 301 employers were surveyed on what they thought about



LUKE RAYSON | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Students are not using their textbooks as much as they should which causes students to not learn to their full potential.

recent college alumni.

1. Employers believe that recent college graduates have the skills and knowledge to do fair in entry-level positions. However, most employers believe that college graduates do not have the skills and knowledge for advancement.

2. Employers give their new college graduate employees high marks in areas such as teamwork, ethical judgment

and intercultural skills, but low marks in areas such as global knowledge, self-direction and writing.

3. Most employers do not feel job portfolios are helpful in determining the success of their new employees.

4. Most employers want their graduate employees to show their collegiate learning in real-world challenges that use writing, problem solving

and analytical skills. Potential employers often look at a graduate's past internships, community-based projects they've participated in and senior projects they've completed. Therefore, work done outside of the classroom is often what shows employers the graduate's readiness for

> POTENTIAL page A7



TYRONE DEMERY | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Freshman Dave Clanet tries to tune out his roommate and his loud guest.

## Normal roommate wanted

'The Roommate' presents dorm room horror stories that some students can relate to

**Lynsey Horn**  
STAFF WRITER

Friday, the "The Roommate" hits theaters. The movie tells the story of Rebecca, a college freshman who becomes obsessed with her random roommate, Sara. What starts as a seemingly normal living arrangement turns into a deadly situation.

Many freshmen trust in the school to assign

them a roommate just like the characters in "The Roommate." There are plenty of random roommates who coexist in harmony, but other students have had some interesting experiences.

One freshman, Tracy, was assigned a random roommate, Irene. Irene turned her desk so that no one could see her when she was sitting at it. "When I would come back from class or wherever I was, I would stop and listen for her typing to see if she was in the room," said Tracy.

Sometimes Tracy would go to bed before Irene. When Irene would finally go to bed, she would put in earplugs, pull the blanket over her head and leave the lights on, even if Tracy was

already asleep. One weekend Tracy returned from a trip and found yellow stains on her sheets that were not there before. Someone later told her that Irene had thrown up on her sheets.

Another student, Katherine, had a similar experience in the dorm. She was placed with Kim as her random dorm roommate. Kim seemed like an average girl until late one night when she came into the room acting belligerent and woke Katherine. Katherine let it slide the first time, but it soon became a regular routine. Kim would come in every other night obviously drunk and possibly high on drugs.

"It didn't take long to figure out she was a party girl, but I never thought she would go crazy like she did," said Katherine. Some nights, she would have to control Kim and help her get into bed, even though she did not know her that well. One night, she caught Kim pulling down her pants and trying to urinate on the dorm room floor. A few nights later, Katherine awoke at 3 a.m. to her naked roommate on top of her in bed. She pushed Kim out the door and locked it behind her. Katherine moved out the next day.

Matt's life in the dorms was not too different from Katherine's experience. Only, he had to suffer through living with two bad roommates. After moving out of his first dorm room because of the regular drug activity that was occur-

ring, Matt met his new roommate, Jason.

"My second roommate turned out to be worse than the first," said Matt.

Jason went to class from 8 a.m. until noon and then usually slept from about 1 p.m. until 9 p.m. He spent his nights playing video games on his home theater he set up in the dorm room without headphones while Matt was trying to sleep. Jason would make vulgar comments about women, which bothered Matt. He once asked Matt, after meeting one of his friends, Jennifer, if it would be weird if Matt walked in on him and Jennifer hooking up. When he thought Matt was asleep, Jason would masturbate in the same room. Sometimes Matt was not asleep. Some of the other guys on the hallway would tease Jason and Matt would encourage them to stop for fear he might snap.

"He kept a knife under his bed that he sharpened often," said Matt. Matt stayed the rest of the year with Jason because he did not want to move again and risk getting an even worse roommate.

These students had some dramatic experiences in the dorm, but Campus Living offers options for students in these situations. There is a housing staff to help with roommate contracts and even mediate issues between roommates. Students are also able to change rooms, like Matt decided to with his first roommate.

"Students can make as many room changes as they like," said Aaron Lucier, director of Housing Operations.

When choosing a roommate, be careful who you trust. Be sure to find out who he or she is and check them out on Facebook, if possible. Look for warning signs like this ad from "The Roommate": "Roommate Wanted: Must be willing to share... everything. Killer personality a plus. Call Rebecca."

\*All stories in this article are true experiences of students at ECU but the names have been changed to protect all those involved.

This writer can be contacted at [lifestyles@theeastcarolinian.com](mailto:lifestyles@theeastcarolinian.com).

## RED continued from A6

of heart disease. Weight management and quitting smoking are also huge necessities. Students can visit [Heart.org](http://Heart.org) in order to seek help and gain tips on how to lead an overall healthy lifestyle.

Williams reminisced on a time in middle school when her school, and other schools across the nation, would hold a jump rope contest for heart health. "As we get older, we forget about that stuff," she said. Williams hopes that the photo contest will teach students the seriousness of heart health.

Students are encouraged to post a picture of themselves wearing red to the "ECU Wear Red Week" Facebook page. Winners will be chosen on Monday, giving students all-day Friday to take pictures of themselves dressed in red. The winner will receive a \$50 Harris Teeter gift card.

To learn more about heart health and National Wear Red Day, visit [GoRedForWomen.org](http://GoRedForWomen.org).

This writer can be contacted at [lifestyles@theeastcarolinian.com](mailto:lifestyles@theeastcarolinian.com).

## POTENTIAL continued from A6

the workplace.

5. When asked what colleges could do to improve, employers highly discredit giving graduates multiple-choice tests to determine their general knowledge, and most didn't care about a college's institutional score.

Though some students are slacking, others are dedicated to their schoolwork and feel confident in life after graduation. "Yes, college has crafted me into a more intelligent person" said Jess Lewis, junior economics major. "When I

leave college, I plan on either getting a job or starting my own company, so my college education is very important to me."

Over 18.2 million students are currently enrolled in college. Statistics show that 45 percent (8.19 million) aren't learning to their capacity. Critical thinking, writing, reading and reasoning are fundamentals to a strong career in a tough workforce. Don't fall victim to apathy. Strive to be the best.

This writer can be contacted at [lifestyles@theeastcarolinian.com](mailto:lifestyles@theeastcarolinian.com).

*Take your Valentine skiing!*

**Gordon's Golf & Ski**  
207 E. Arlington Blvd.  
252-756-1003

# University Suites

Special Ending February 14

**Rent ONLY \$419!**

**No App fee!**

**No Security Deposit!**

Rent includes electricity, water, sewer, internet, and cable with HBO and Showtime







- 2 & 3 bedroom apartments
- Pet Friendly
- Over 1500 Sq Ft
- ECU & Pirate Express bus
- Huge patios perfect for grilling
- roommate matching available


\*some restrictions apply

**www.UniversitySuites.net**  
**apply online!**

252-551-3800  
2200 University Suites Dr.  
Greenville, NC 27834

# East Carolina University

Tomorrow starts here.



**College of Business**  
**BETA GAMMA SIGMA DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES**  
**PRESENTS**

## Bob Restrepo

Chairman, President, and CEO of State Auto Insurance Companies

### "An Industry in Transition"

**Hilton Hotel in Greenville**  
Tuesday, February 8, 3:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend this free event.

For more information, please contact the College of Business by e-mailing [cobprofpro@ecu.edu](mailto:cobprofpro@ecu.edu) or visit online at [www.business.ecu.edu](http://www.business.ecu.edu).

Individuals requesting accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) should call 252-737-1016 (voice/TTY) at least 48 hours prior to the event.



## Varner places 10th at JU Invitational

ECU junior Harold Varner carded a final round three-under par 69 (34-35) to claim a 10th-place finish at the 2011 JU Invitational Tuesday afternoon. The two-day, 54-hole event was being held at THE PLAYERS Stadium Course at famed TPC Sawgrass.

Sitting in a tie for 21st heading into final-round action, Varner registered four birdies and one bogey on the afternoon. In all, he recorded 10 birdies and seven bogies.

Teammates David Watkins (222) and Zach Edmondson (225) both finished in the Top 20, helping the 43rd-ranked Pirates to a seventh-place finish out of 15 teams. Watkins carded a two-over par final round for a share of 17th, while Edmondson improved to 20th after a four-over par 76. Rounding out the Pirates' roster were Jake Colley (237/-55th) and Warren Staub (246/65th).

Florida's Bank Vongvanij (211) recorded a one-over par 73 in the final round to win individual medalist honors by two shots over Liberty's Robert Karlsson (213). Vongvanij, the No. 1 player in the country according to Golfstat, led the group of six players to finish under par.

Behind Vongvanij's record-setting performance, the top-ranked Gators won the team title with a tournament record total of 858, six-under par, topping UNF by 25 shots.

Karlsson had the low round of the day, carding a three-under par 69 in the final round.

Florida had the best showing in the 15-team tournament, with four golfers finishing in the Top 8 on the final leaderboard. Phillip Choi, Andres Echavarria and Tyler McCumber also had Top 10 finishes.

Clemson's Corbin Mills and North Florida's Kevin Phelan both finished two-under, tying for third place. Phelan's effort pushed the Ospreys to a second-place team finish with a 22-over final score.

Jacksonville State and Liberty finished in a tie for third with scores of 866, while Clemson rounded out the Top 5 with a tournament score of 888. The Pirates will be back in action on Feb. 27 when they travel to Wilmington to participate in the Seahawk Intercollegiate.

## Simmons named to Stopper watch list

ECU's Seth Simmons is one of 45 relief pitchers named to the initial watch list for the Seventh Annual National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) Stopper of the Year Award, given to the top relief pitcher in NCAA Division I baseball, as announced by the association Tuesday.

Simmons appears for the second straight season as he begins his third year as the Pirates' closer. He opens his senior season ranked second on the school's all-time list and 10th on Conference USA's all-time saves list with 20. Simmons held opposing hitters to a .252 average last season, striking out 44, walking 25 and allowing 20 earned runs on 39 hits in 41 innings. He recorded nine saves, tying his career-high mark (2009) to rank fourth all-time on ECU's single-season chart.

Nominations for the NCBWA Stopper of the Year Award were made by each school's baseball sports information contact. At the end of the regular season, the Division I leader in saves and four other relief pitching standouts will be selected as the award's finalists. These finalists will be released on Wednesday, June 1, just prior to the beginning of NCAA regional play.

From the list of finalists, the NCBWA's All-America Committee will select a winner. The sixth annual winner will be announced in Omaha on June 18, the opening day of the College World Series. The NCBWA, founded in 1962, presents the Dick Howser Trophy to the nation's top player. It also selects All-America Teams for all Divisions, a Division I Freshman All-American team, Division I and III Players of the Week, Division I District Players of the Year and Division III Players of the Year.

# SPORTS

## Pirates heavily recruit defense



Head coach Ruffin McNeill at his inaugural press conference in 2010. One year after taking the helm of the football program McNeill brings in his first full recruiting class.

**Adam Bunn**  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Every single December, a senior class departs a university, opening the door for a brand new freshman class to take their place come February.

Signing day is the first day that a high school or junior college player can sign with a college program. In his first true recruiting class at ECU, Head Coach Ruffin McNeill inked 27 new Pirates, including 17 from right here in North Carolina.

"We are excited with the young men joining the Pirate Nation," coach McNeill said during his signing day press

conference. "We wanted guys that think team first, not me first. Very proud of the North Carolina guys. We want guys from the state or guys with ties to the coaching staff."

One of the major issues that plagued the Pirates on the field last season was the defensive side of the ball, and instead of letting that go unchanged, the coaching staff went at it hard, signing 15 players on defense.

Heading the defensive heavy class is Zeek Bigger, a 6-foot-2, 210-pound linebacker from Gastonia, N.C. Bigger, who is rated the No. 96 outside linebacker in the country by ESPN recruiting, was a two-year starter for Ashbrook High School. As

a senior, he tallied 93 tackles, six for loss with one interception and one sack. As a high school prospect, Bigger showed that he has the size and athleticism to play at the major level of competition.

Joining Bigger in the defensive front seven is Terrell Stanley, a 6-foot-2, 260-pound defensive end from Southport, N.C. As a three-year starter and two-time captain for South Brunswick High, Stanley was dominant. During his senior season, Stanley recorded 62 tackles, five sacks, two forced fumbles and one blocked punt. Stanley can play either defensive end or tackle at the next level because of how active and physical he can be at times; however, Stanley needs

to be more consistent and work harder to create better separation.

Montese Overton, a 6-foot-3, 200-pound linebacker from right here in Greenville, put up monstrous numbers in his senior campaign. Overton totaled 200 tackles, 12 for loss, five sacks and also blocked a punt helping him earn offers from all over the country.

"Montese is a really good football player," McNeill said. "He can run, he has range, he is a kid that can really develop. He has the ability to run, change direction and cover."

Dontrill Hyman joins Overton as a

PIRATES page A9



The Pirate softball team won the C-USA Championship last season. ECU will look to repeat, despite the loss of seven seniors.

## Youth defines 2011 softball roster

**Carlos Olivera**  
STAFF WRITER

The ECU softball team is in its final preparations as the 2011 season quickly approaches. The Pirates, last year's Conference USA regular season and tournament champs, come into 2011 ready to defend their crown with an entirely revamped roster and stadium.

Last season, the Pirates graduated seven seniors, including Charina Sumner, the team's home run leader, and Cristen Aona, starting third baseman and who joins Head Coach Tracey Kee's staff this season as a graduate assistant.

"We've had our work cut out for us working with all these rookies. We've been working diligently," said coach Kee, who is currently in her 15th year at ECU.

"(Rookies) make mistakes, but just like all of us, they're learning. But thank God we're a spring sport because we wouldn't have been ready if we had to suit up in August," added Kee.

The biggest weakness for this group is by far going to be the experience. With the lack of experience and so few upperclassmen, the rookies will be thrown into the fire and expect to contribute right away for the Pirates.

"We've been pushing them and pushing them every day and they're getting there. Their learning curve is growing and they're almost there," said Kee.

To go along with a new roster, the 2011 Pirates will open up a brand new state-of-the-art stadium and look to continue their home dominance, where they went 17-3 in 2010.

"We are excited to see the final touches going up every day, and it's a dream come true to open up a new stadium," said Kee.

Continuing that home dominance and defending the conference championship won't be an easy task for such a young team. The 2011 roster is one that boasts 10 freshmen, two sophomores, three juniors and only two seniors.

Even with all of the rookies, the Pirates were picked to finish second in C-USA to Houston, 63 points to Houston's 70. The Pirates even garnered some national attention when they received votes in the USA Today/NFCA and ESPN.com/Softball preseason polls.

"We look at it as more of checking out our competition and seeing who it is," said senior Sissy Jimenez. "Those are votes for what last year's team did and this is a totally new group."

The preseason-favorite Houston Cougars finished fifth last year but returns its entire starting line-up,

including pitchers. As defending champs, being picked to finish second the following season could be a sign of disrespect, but Jimenez doesn't see it that way.

"We didn't expect to be picked that high, but we have a totally new group and need to work hard to take the number one spot again."

"It lights a fire under us," added Toni Paisley.

Along with Jimenez, the other returning senior is the aforementioned Toni Paisley. Paisley was picked as the preseason C-USA Pitcher of the Year for the second straight year.

Paisley returns for her final season in purple and gold off the heels of her best season yet, where she finished with a 31-11 record and had a school-record 356 strikeouts.

"Anytime you can put Toni on the mound, you always have a chance to win, even if you stick eight rookies behind her," said Kee.

Although the 2010 team graduated seven seniors and six starters, the Pirates return the biggest strength and most valuable piece in Paisley. She is a two-time C-USA Pitcher of the Year and in 2010 ranked fourth nationally in earned run average (1.09) and 10th with her school record 356 strikeouts.

"Last year was a good year, but I'm still trying to fix problems I had last year," said Paisley.

Although Paisley put up monster numbers last year -- 34 complete games, 277 innings pitched and a 31-11 overall record -- Paisley and the Pirates struggled out of the gate.

Playing top-ranked competition such as Florida and Kansas, the Pirates started the 2010 season 2-7. Paisley also had a rough opening stretch last year starting out 2-4 and giving up 11 of her 43 total earned runs in the first nine games.

"We need to put good practices together and figure out how to bring it on a consistent level," said Kee.

The Pirates need to bring that consistency and look to get out of the gates with a hot start as they officially begin the 2011 season at the Red and Black Showcase at the University of Georgia in Athens. Their first game is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 11, against Lipscomb. The home opener in the new ECU softball stadium is slated for Wednesday, Feb. 16, against UNC-Wilmington.

This writer can be contacted at sports@theeastcarolinian.com.

SOFTBALL page A9

## In the paint with Morrow

**Lorianna Whitford**  
STAFF WRITER

To pull an athletic program out of the depths of a depression takes a specific combination of talent, hard work, drive and determination. The ECU men's basketball team is working its way to success with a new coaching staff, reignited fan support and emerging leaders on the team.

Standing 6-feet-8-inches, the purple and gold can find great leadership and strength in forward Darrius Morrow.

With the help of new coach Jeff Lebo and the rest of the basketball coaching staff, Morrow has grown tremendously as a leader and a ball player in the 2010-2011 season. So far (not including the Pirates' game against SMU on Feb. 2) in the current season, Morrow has scored 264 points, snatched 112 rebounds, ignited 13 steals and blocked 10 shots. The Pirates will continue counting his stats as he proceeds to wow the crowd and improve as a team leader.

ECU's last men's home basketball game against the Houston Cougars served as the Pirates' fourth conference win so far for the 2010-2011 season. It attracted the largest home crowd of the season with 6,308 inspired fans.

Morrow played a tremendous game by contributing 18 points to the final score, 12 in the second half alone. In the last two minutes of the game, it was his steal that allowed ECU to take the lead and secure the victory. This win brought the current conference win-loss record to 4-3. Last season, the Pirates were only able to win four out of 16 conference games the entire season. Talk about improvement.

Morrow described how different the atmosphere of a game in the current season is compared to past years. "It's a big change since my freshman year," he said. "When I was a freshman, a busy game probably drew half of the amount of people who were there last Saturday." He continued to describe how thankful he and the rest of the team are for the emerging fan spirit for the basketball program. "We really appreciate the support," he said. "We can't win without the fans."

Morrow commented on the impact coach Lebo has made on him since he began coaching at ECU. "Coach has inspired me to set a good example for the younger guys on the team. Since I've been here three years already, it's a good time to show them a way to take things and keep working hard every day at practice and to play hard every game. Coach Lebo has had made such a great influence on me."

As a criminal justice major, Morrow displayed a passion for academics that is rare among many. After college, he hopes to continue playing basketball professionally but emphasized the importance of education and commented on how he handles the

MORROW page A9

# PIRATES continued from A8

local product as he comes out of Warsaw, N.C. Hyman as a senior posted 151 total tackles including 105 solo stops. Coming out of Kenan High School, he is the school's first Division 1 signee since Sam Aiken signed with North Carolina in 1998.

Leading the class on offense was a bit of a signing day shocker.

Running back Chevelle Buie had offers from Clemson, Duke, Florida, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Michigan, Rutgers, South Carolina and West Virginia, but decided to forgo all those school and choose the Pirates of ECU. Buie, out of Cocoa, Fla., is rated as the No. 70 running back in the country by ESPN. In his senior season, Buie rushed for 1,338 yards on 161 carries while adding 15 touchdowns.

"Chevelle was the last guy," McNeill said. "We felt good about him, he had a lot of guys on him, but speaking to his mom last night and this morning, it was N.C. no contest, so we felt good."

With the late edition of Buie

to the 2011 class, the Pirates look to be loaded at the running back position. With the departures of Jonathan Williams and Giovanni Ruffin, the Pirate coaching staff focused in on a number of backs. ECU was able to sign Reggie Bullock, who last year led the National Junior College Athletics Association in rushing, gaining 1,830 yards in 12 ball games. With no proven back to take over for Williams and Ruffin, these newcomers have a shot to earn the starting job come fall practice.

With his first real recruiting class in the books, McNeill will now turn his attention to not only improving his health, but also improving the product he puts on the field every Saturday, and with a class like this, he may very well be on his way to accomplishing that goal.

The Pirate football program will begin spring drills starting March 21.

This writer can be contacted at sports@theeastcarolinian.com.

# MORROW

continued from A8

pressure of academics.

"It's pretty tough, but once you set aside your goals, you're going to do it. I'm studying criminal justice and I want that degree." He elaborated, "I just have to do it. My mom is a schoolteacher so she stresses education all of the time." Morrow paused and said playfully, "I have no choice."

Morrow didn't hesitate when asked about what he would do with his degree once his basketball career is over. "I want to be successful in life," he said. "Not sure yet what exactly I'll do. I'd like to work in the field of criminal justice or with sports. With a criminal justice major, you can do anything."

In his free time, Morrow enjoys playing video games, relaxing and watching SportsCenter. When asked who he preferred, LeBron or Kobe, Morrow beamed through a grin, "Kobe all the way."

Morrow attributes most of what he knows about basketball to his high school coach Phil McCrary from Columbia



ERIN DUNCAN | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Darius Morrow fights his way to the basket against Houston. Morrow has had a breakout year under new head coach Jeff Lebo.

High School in Decatur, Ga.

"My high school coach was fantastic. He really helped to get me to where I am today."

When push comes to shove, Morrow is motivated by the desire to set himself up for a positive future.

"I don't want to sell myself short by not giving myself the opportunity to play profession-

ally, so every time I get down on myself, I just think about the future and push through."

Sincere gratitude exuded from the look in his eyes when he gave appreciation for the most important person in his life. "I'd really like to thank my mom for raising me and putting up with me for 21 years. My mom, she keeps me humble."

Humble on and off the court, Morrow has no intention of stopping the great progress that Pirate basketball has been making. Fans can catch No. 1 Darius Morrow leading the team against UCF, Saturday, Feb. 5, in Minges Coliseum. The battle begins at 5 p.m.

This writer can be contacted at sports@theeastcarolinian.com.

**Ask the sports editor**  
Have a question about the sports section contact the sports editor at sports@theeastcarolinian.com

# Checking in with Coach Macy

Macy gives her thoughts on the first half of the 2011 season

Jordan Anders  
STAFF WRITER

Very rarely does a head coach walk into a new program and lead a team to unbridled success without some sort of growing pains.

First-year ECU women's basketball coach Heather Macy knows all about those growing pains.

Macy is nine months into her first season as head coach of the Lady Pirates. Taking a new job is always a hectic experience, but coach Macy knew what was expected of her in taking over for Sharon Baldwin-Tener, the winningest coach in the history of ECU women's basketball.

"The expectations here are to play for and win championships," she said. "That is the goal of this program."

But in this maiden season at the helm of the Lady Pirates' ship, Macy has had to help sail her team through some stormy waters.

The Lady Pirates started the season 6-10 overall and 0-3 in Conference USA. Macy attributes the slow start at least in part to the jolt of her team having to

adjust to a new coaching staff. She says the early part of the season was tough because her players were "not only learning new plays, but also learning new expectations and a whole new set of terminologies."

Her Lady Pirates currently sit at 9-11. Those 11 losses are slightly foreign territory for Macy, who had lost more than nine games only once in her career before this year.

"Losing isn't easy," Macy said, "and it's something I haven't done very much. So this has been different and it has definitely pushed me beyond my comfort level. It's something that I'm never going to get used to."

Coach Macy, though, chose not to mope about the losses but use them as motivation.

"I'm probably the most competitive person you've ever been around," she said. "When we're losing, I come to work earlier, I stay later and I work even harder."

That hard work seems to be paying off for the Lady Pirates as of late. After a stretch in which they lost seven out of nine games, they have reeled off three

wins in their last four contests, including a 65-58 home victory over UCF last Saturday.

Coach Macy thinks that this is just the beginning. "We've gone through some adversity with injuries and things like that," she said. "But we're turning a corner. We're playing better. We're playing better together, and we're getting better at playing within our system."

With nine C-USA games left in the regular season, the Lady Pirates have a 3-4 conference record, and are currently ninth in the C-USA standings, 4.5 games out of first place.

But for coach Macy, the objective for the second half of the season remains the same.

"The goals haven't changed," she said. "Our goal is still to win a conference championship and go to an NCAA tournament."

But the road to a potential C-USA title is tough. Over the next two weeks, the Lady Pirates have four games, including road games at 16-6 Memphis and at conference-leader Houston, a team that boasts a 17-4 overall record and a perfect 8-0 mark in confer-

ence play.

But despite the early season struggles and the tough upcoming schedule, Macy insists that the best is yet to come for the Lady Pirates.

"We're seeing growth at this stage of the year, which we anticipated," she said. "And this is the time of the year that you want to see that your team is playing better."

"I'm very proud of the progress that we've made so far," Macy continued, "but it's not anywhere close to where we're going."

Whatever heights coach Macy and the Lady Pirates ascend to, they would like the students of ECU to come out to the games and take the ride with them. And for those students who laugh at the idea of women's basketball, coach Macy has a message:

"The key with it is to give it a try. Just come out and see what we have to offer and I guarantee they'll be coming back for more."

This writer can be contacted at sports@theeastcarolinian.com.

**2,000 COLLEGES. 8 MILLION ROOMMATES. WHICH ONE WILL YOU GET?**

**LEIGHTON MEESTER MINKA KELLY CAM GIGANDET**

# THE ROOMMATE

SCREEN GENES PRESENTS A VERTIGO ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTION "THE ROOMMATE" BY MICHALKA DANNEEL HARRIS FRANCES FISHER AND BILLY ZANE  
MUSIC BY MICHAEL FRIEDMAN MARGOT BY JOHN FRIZZELL EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS BEAU MARKS SONNY MALIH PRODUCED BY DOUG DAVIDSON AND ROY LEE WRITTEN BY SONNY MALIH  
SUPERVISED BY MICHAEL FRIEDMAN DIRECTED BY CHRISTIAN E. CHRISTIANSEN TheRoommate-Movie.com

PG-13 PARENTS STRONGLY CAUTIONED  
SOME MATERIAL MAY BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 13  
VIOLENCE AND MENACE SEXUAL CONTENT  
SOME LANGUAGE AND TEEN PARTYING

**IN THEATERS FEBRUARY 4**

1885 E Firetower Rd, Greenville (at the intersection of Firetower Rd and Arlington Blvd) Tel. 252-321-7407

**Happy Valentine's Day**

**2 FOR \$5**  
SMALL 31° BELOW

2 for \$5 Small 31 Below  
Limit one coupon per customer per visit. Coupon must be presented at time of purchase. Customer must pay applicable tax. May not be combined with any other coupon, discount, or promotion. Coupon may not be reproduced, copied, purchased, traded, or sold. Expires 3/6/11.

**\$3 OFF ANY CAKE**  
(MINIMUM \$15 CAKE PURCHASE)

\$3 Off Any Cake  
Limit one coupon per customer per visit. Coupon must be presented at time of purchase. Customer must pay applicable tax. May not be combined with any other coupon, discount, or promotion. Coupon may not be reproduced, copied, purchased, traded, or sold. Expires 3/6/11.

**Try Our New Mini Soft Serve Parfait \$2 Each**

**BRING THIS AD TO WAIVE ALL SIGN UP FEES!**

**100% All-Inclusive**

- Electric
- Cable
- Internet
- Water/Sewer
- Fully Furnished
- Private bath
- Basketball Court
- Volleyball court
- 24hr Fitness Center
- 24hr Business center
- 2 Tanning Beds

**\* PET FRIENDLY**

**Come take a TOUR!**

**WHEN:**  
Monday-Friday 9-7pm  
Saturday- 10-5  
Sunday-12-5

**WHERE:**  
2201 NE Greenville Blvd

From Campus turn left at the 10th St. & Greenville Blvd. Intersection. SunChase on the Left!

**Reserve Your Room FREE!**

**Contact us TODAY:**  
252.758.8002  
SunChase-ecu@msc.rents.com

252.758.8002 - SunChase-ECU.com

The East Carolinian,  
Self Help Building  
Phone (252) 328-9238  
Fax (252) 328-9143

**FOR RENT**

**WALK TO CLASS!** 1 block from campus. 2 bedroom apartment with hardwood floors and central heat/air. Washer/dryer, dishwasher, high-speed internet, basic cable, water & sewer all included. Available immediately. Call 252-916-5680.

**WALK TO CLASS!** 6, 5, 4, 3 and 2 BEDROOM HOUSES available August 1. How about your own house with a yard (some dogs OK), a large bedroom and be able to walk to campus, downtown, the Rec center, etc. (1 to 2 blocks from campus). Central heat/air. Basic cable, high speed internet, washer/dryer, lawn care, monitored alarm system all included. Private locks on bedroom doors. Call 252-916-5680.

ECU AREA: Duplex with two bedrooms and 1 bathroom. Pets OK. Washer/dryer. Hookups. Central heat/air. Deck & storage. \$500/month. Call Tilley Properties at 252-830-9502.

**PIRATEPLACES.COM** It's time again to start reserving your house across from ECU. We have the best and closest houses next to ECU and we are signing new leases now for rentals starting in June, July and August. Every year these houses are rented quickly so don't miss out and go to **PIRATEPLACES.COM** today and let us know which house you are interested in before they're all gone. **PIRATEPLACES.COM**

Now leasing 1 & 2 bedrooms (201 N. Woodlawn & 802 Willow). New owner and newly remodeled! Great location for students. River view! Beautiful river walk and bike trail. Call 252-364-1476 M-F 9am-5pm.

Apartments above Armadillo Grill, which is located downtown. 1500 square foot 3 bedroom, 2.5 baths. Available Fall 2011. If interested, please call 252-531-5701.

**BLOCKS TO ECU: PRE-LEASING - WIDE SELECTION OF QUALITY HOMES.** Central heat/AC and appliances. We mow the yard! Available late May, June, July, or August. Visit collegeuniversityrentals.com or call 252-321-4712.

Want to live at Riverwalk? Who doesn't?! Reserve your spot for Fall 2011 before it's too late. For more information, call 252-321-3281.

The Gables East is now offering newly renovated one and two bedroom apartments starting at just \$429.

Don't forget to ask about our move in specials! Call 252-321-3281 for details.

Room at North Campus Crossing in 3-unit apartment available immediately. Present tenant must interview. Please email xxx5640@gmail.com to arrange appointment.

**DUPLEX:** 3 bedroom, 2 full bath. Newly painted. Excellent condition. Close to campus. Students are welcome. 1402A Angels End. Call 919-906-4083.

**HELP WANTED**

Disabled man seeks CNA for M-F morning hours 7:00am-1:00pm and one weekend per month. Duties include assistance with all ADL's, transporting, computer assistance, repositioning. NCDL and background check required. Call 252-353-9074 or send resume to marty.koda@yahoo.com

Wait staff needed at Professor O'Cool's. Please apply in person between 2pm-4pm on M-F. Must be available for lunch and dinner shifts. No phone calls please.

General office help needed in a financial planning office Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 2:00 to 5:00. \$8.30 per hour. Call 252-355-0032.

REAL Crisis Intervention live-in counselor needed. Gain experience and still have time to attend classes. Free room and utilities. Near ECU. Monthly stipend. Call 252-758-4357.

**BARTENDING!** \$250/day potential. No experience necessary. Training available. 1-800-965-6520 (EXT 202).

**CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The National Pan-Hellenic Council and the American Red Cross are hosting a Blood Drive on Thursday, February 10th from 10am-4pm in the Student Health Building Multipurpose Room. Please come out and give blood!



Do you want the chance to win some great PRIZES? Today is your lucky day!

Log onto Onestop and take a 5 minute TEC readership survey, and you will be eligible to win!

**WE WANT YOU!**

**SPRING BREAK JAMAICA**

Once you go you know.

- JAMFEST
- Live Concerts
- VIP Parties
- Beautiful Beaches
- Cliff Jumping
- Spectacular Sunsets

**SIS STUDENT TRAVEL SERVICES**

1.800.648.4849

www.STSTRAVEL.com

**FREE Week of TANNING**

FREE Week Level 1-5 UV Tanning

Enjoy unlimited tanning for one week.



Must be used within selected days. First Time Customers only. ID Required. Levels 1-5 beds only

Code: 1WFALTEC Expires: 2/10/11

Greenville Blvd. (Across from Pizza Inn) 931-1147

Evans Street (Beside Overton's) 353-5400

www.tannbed.com


**COLLEGE NIGHT @ PIRATES DEN TONIGHT!**

**NO COVER!** FIRST 50 PEOPLE IN THE DOOR!

**WEAR YOUR PROVINCE T-SHIRT!** GET A DREAMSICLE ON US!

**T-SHIRT TOSS!** AT THE TOP OF EVERY HOUR!

**DREAMSICLES!** SPECIAL PRICE!



SPONSORED BY **THE PROVINCE**

SEE WHAT **LIVING THE DREAM** IS ALL ABOUT!

252.752.1050 [LIVETHEPROVINCE.COM](http://LIVETHEPROVINCE.COM)