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BRIEFS

Universities challenged to break world record

Staff Reports

The North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics will attempt to break a world record on March 5 and they have asked the universities of North Carolina to help.

The school is hoping to break the Guinness Book of World Records' mark for the most pounds of food gathered in a single place in one day.

Last year, the school itself raised 319,000 pounds, but with the help of schools such as UNC-Chapel Hill, N.C. State, N.C. Central, UNC-Wilmington and ECU, they hope to raise 515,000 pounds.

From now until Feb. 25 at 5 p.m., students can bring as many pounds of non-perishable food to the SGA office, Suite 101, in Mendenhall Student Center.

Potential degree cuts to impact students

Staff Reports

The UNC system has released a list of degrees it wants to eliminate. The list consists of 60 programs, but only one is at ECU.

The BA in Art program is the one program that has been proposed to be cut. The program was established at the university in the 1960s and has three students who would be transferred into the new Bachelor of University studies program.

Since the students attend classes in other concentrations, there will be no elimination of tenured or tenure-track faculty.

The UNC Board of Governors has to decide whether or not to eliminate 36 baccalaureates, 22 master's and two doctoral programs system-wide.

Relay for Life donations still being accepted

Staff Reports

From Feb. 21 to Feb. 25, ECU's Relay for Life is competing with N.C. State's Relay for Life to see which school can raise the most money.

To aid in the competition, there will also be a "Paint the Campus Purple" event. This event is campus-wide and strives to get students pumped up for the relay.

The team will have a table in front of Wright from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; there will also be a table set up on the medical campus.

There will be prizes given away, and the team will be selling the famous "Relay Ribbons."

On Feb. 21, Local Yogurt will be hosting a percentage night. The store will donate a percentage of that day's sales to the relay team.

If interested in donating, go to www.piraterelay.com.

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Students can help keep ECU green by placing items that can be recycled in there appropriate trash cans.

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In the back of students' minds

Hannah Farmer-Fernandez
STAFF WRITER

Recycling is a concept that has been in students' lives since grade school. Plastic, glass, aluminum cans and paper can be recycled. But recycling isn't a notion that many students make use of.

According to Re3.org, "Every year, North Carolinians throw away enough trash to circle the Earth twice." In Greenville alone, apartment complexes' trash areas are becoming more overwhelmed with products that could potentially be recycled into new material.

"That's horrible. That statistic alone makes me want to

recycle more," said sophomore Jessika Chapman, a social work major.

Campus holds many recycling events throughout the year. Each fall, the university's ground services assist in compiling all of the cardboard boxes students use to carry their possessions in when they return to their dorms after summer break. In addition to the university's help in recycling cardboard, hardback books are being donated to help end the book famine in Africa. There are designated recycling holders for the various recyclable items.

Chapman stayed in Clement Hall last year and says that the residents were told to break down their boxes after students were done using them, but other than recycling

boxes and being informed of a clothing drive, she wasn't more influenced to recycle while living on campus. "If there were more events on campus, it obviously wasn't effective because I didn't notice them. The only time I recycled on campus was in the purple recycle cans if I had an empty plastic bottle," said Chapman.

Students who live off campus are farther away and are less likely to be influenced by the recycling effort.

"I don't recycle because it's too much of a hassle when you live in an apartment complex," said senior Alex Phetteplace, an exercise physiology major. "My roommates

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Pi Kappa Phi raided, suspended

Cameron Gupton
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

After a weekend party at the Pi Kappa Phi house last weekend, two people have been arrested and more than 60 have been cited.

The incident was very similar to the Chi Phi bust in 2007 in which 77 people were cited with underage drinking.

The Pi Kappa Phi house on Hooker Road was raided by police after a search warrant was obtained. Greenville Police, ALE officers and Pitt County ABC officers raided the house soon after getting the warrant.

Inside of the house, officers seized alcohol, marijuana, drug paraphernalia and a sign that read, "\$1 shots of tequila, rum and vodka. Party 'til you pass out, Drink 'til you're dead."

Dylan Baker, 19, of Greenville and a member of Pi Kappa Phi was charged with aiding and abetting underage possession of alcohol, selling and possessing for sale alcohol without ABC permits and underage consumption of alcohol.

Another member, Stephen Charron, 23, was charged with aiding and abetting underage possession of alcoholic beverages.

Following the raid, the national chapter of the fraternity issued a suspension of the fraternity to further investigate.

Keith Tingley, the director of Greek Life for the university, learned of the incident last Sunday when the chapter called to inform him that they had broken some of their national policies.

"They admitted that they were wrong so there really isn't too much of an investigation," said Tingley. "They will have a

hearing with their nationals at the end of next week and we should have more information by then."

Tingley said that at the current moment, the organization is at a standstill since they are waiting for the sanctions that nationals may place.

"The chapter will know something by the 28th," stated Tingley.

Students seem to have mixed reactions regarding the incident that took place at the Pi Kappa Phi house.

Hannah Fortune, a freshman and family and community service major, commented on the situation with the fraternity. "I know some of them and they are really great guys. They just happened to be the group that was made an example of."

Fortune feels as if the fraternity was just partaking in a typical weekend activity. "Almost every frat parties. We're in college; it's what they do," said Fortune.

Sophomore Lee Harrison has a different view on the topic. "I agree with the suspension. They were breaking laws and putting people in danger," said Harrison.

"It is unfortunate that so many people got in trouble, but when you're doing things that you shouldn't be doing, you have to face the consequences."

"If you aren't of age, then you shouldn't be drinking, and smoking marijuana is illegal to start with," said Harrison.

Pi Kappa Phi is working with the Office of Greek Life to gather information concerning the claims.

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The Mamie Jenkins building is being completely renovated for the new Honors College.

The Mamie Jenkins

Home to the Honors College

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STAFF WRITER

After renovations are finished, the Mamie Jenkins building will become the new home to the Honors College.

The renovation process started in early December 2010 with a projected goal to be finished early this April. The plans for this project include adding an access ramp onto the existing rear entrance, updating the air and heating system, adding new furnishings for the entire building and replacing some unstable walls. In order to maintain the character of the historic building, to minimize costs and to hasten the delivery date, most changes will not entail redesigning the building.

The Mamie Jenkins building was one of the six original campus buildings and named after one of the first three professors at the East Carolina Teachers Training School. The building originally cost less than \$10,000 to build and served as an infirmary from 1909 until 1929, when the building was designated as the home economics practice house. The most recent use was for the Institute of Coastal and Marine Resources.

The decision to move the Honors College is primarily to give both the students and faculty a better experience and "a place to call home," said Kevin Baxter, associate dean of the Honors College.

The move will allow the advising staff, the interim dean, the associate dean and other faculty

members to work together in a specific place with more office space. The building will solely be occupied by the Honors College, which provides the opportunity for their programs to be housed in the building and have room to provide for their students.

The seminars that the college offers the students each semester will now be in a specific room that will be a smaller version of a SMART classroom. With that technology at its disposal, the college also has the opportunity to have some classes there.

There will also be a study room, well equipped with tables, chairs and stations for laptops. There will also be a library sup-

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Unemployment rate decreases nationwide

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STAFF WRITER

The U.S. unemployment rate dropped to 9 percent in January, the lowest it has been since April 2009.

The national unemployment rate has continued to decrease steadily since November. According to the U.S. Labor Department, the unemployment rate was 9.8 percent in November, 9.4 percent in December and dropped to 9 percent in January. This is the steepest drop reported in a two-month period in approximately 53 years. The number of unemployed people in the U.S. dropped by about 600,000 in January from previous months.

Latest reports from the Labor Department show 36,000 jobs have been made available in the economy. In the manufacturing sector of the economy, about 49,000 jobs were added, which is the largest number since August 1998. Some 28,000 jobs were added in the retail sector, the largest number in a year. Construction and transportation sectors both reported losses.

Allison Gregory, a senior communication major, said "it makes me feel a lot better since I'm about to graduate. Since it's decreasing, hopefully that means more jobs will become available the months after

graduation."

The Labor Department survey revealing a decrease in unemployment rates conflicts with a survey of businesses, which revealed weak job growth in January. The business survey does not take into consideration the self-employed and may undercount the nation's smaller businesses. Severe weather disrupted business payrolls in January, which also could have contributed to the construction and transportation sectors' losses. Construction jobs decreased by 32,000; the most since last May.

The Labor Department's survey of households, which is used to calculate the unemployment rate, measures the self-employed, farm workers and household employees. According to the survey, the number of people who are classified as self-employed rose by 165,000 to 9.7 million in January, the highest total since May 2010.

Carol Woodruff, the assistant director for the Career Center and liaison for the College of Human Ecology and College of Fine Arts and Communication, said she thought the decrease in the unemployment rate could potentially help graduates. "It certainly won't hurt. Whether or not it's going to help will depend on the field and what steps

the student is taking to conduct an effective job search."

Woodruff explained when a graduate is applying or interviewing for a job, research on the company of interest is very important. Students need to research the company they are interested in so they can appropriately prepare for interviews and match their skills to the job description. "I can't tell you how critical research is," Woodruff said.

North Carolina has one of the highest unemployment rates in the country. Currently, it has the 14th-highest unemployment rate of all states, including Washington, D.C.

"When you graduate college, your experience will be limited, so don't forget you have very transferable skills like teamwork, time management and communication. All these are important skills you can leverage when talking about your strengths," Woodruff said. "Also, it can take up to six months. Be realistic. You probably won't be able to start at the top and may not get the salary you want. You may not end up in the profession you intend at first. Be willing to consider something that may not have occurred to you before."

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House bill bans illegals from college education

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A Republican lawmaker is proposing a law that would ban illegal immigrants from attending North Carolina public universities and community colleges.

The North Carolina state community colleges board voted in 2009 to allow illegal immigrants to attend state colleges as long as they graduated from a U.S. high school and paid out-of-state tuition. They were also not eligible for financial aid. This is still the law as of now. North Carolina community colleges have changed their illegal immigrant admission policy four times since 2000.

The IRS and the North Carolina Department of Revenue gives illegal immigrants Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers, or ITINs, which function like Social Security numbers and allow the IRS to collect taxes on individuals.

Rep. George Cleveland has proposed this ban before in previous sessions with a Democratic-controlled General Assembly. But now that Republicans are in control for the 2011 session, he hopes that his bill will make it further.

House Bill 11 would not apply to students who are in the middle

of a program of study. But if the bill were to pass, the future admission of undocumented immigrants would be banned.

"I definitely do not think that illegal immigrants should be allowed to attend schools in North Carolina," said Brandon Hill, a junior geology major. "I feel that our education system in the state should adhere to the laws governed by the constitution in regards to citizenship rights, meaning that if you are not born or naturalized in the United States as a citizen, you should have absolutely no right to gain an education."

Cleveland said that he tried to get a number of how many illegal immigrants are enrolled in state community colleges last year, but the community college system did not have a count. He said that it is not about the number of students enrolled, but it's the principle that matters.

"This is about the state not recognizing illegal aliens and ignoring the law," Cleveland said. "Any of these kids can go to a private school and get educated. So it's not about education. A federal law is being broken and I'm not OK with it."

There have been many protests and vigils around North Carolina opposing this new bill. In Green-

ville on Feb. 2, there was a vigil held at New Covenant Church. Many people spoke and gave their opinions on the matter. There was also a march in Raleigh on Feb. 11, followed by vigils in Greensboro, Charlotte and Asheville.

This bill was introduced Jan. 27, setting off an e-mail exchange between N.C. Dream Team activist Ian Smith-Overman and Cleveland.

The N.C. Dream Team is a group of undocumented immigrants and their supporters who are fighting for more rights for the state's illegal immigrants.

"I find it revolting that an American thinks that we should financially support people that cannot legally work in this country through taxpayer subsidized education," wrote Cleveland in an e-mail response to Smith-Overman.

Viridiana Martinez, community organizer and cofounder of the N.C. Dream Team, called this effort "revolting" and an attempt to place her generation in the "back of the bus."

Cleveland defended the bill by saying that students need to take the steps necessary to become legal.

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and I are all too busy to take it to the recycling area in our apartment complex." Phetteplace, who lives in Pirates Cove Apartments, has access to one recycling area, but it is only convenient for the residents who live in Phase II of the complex. "By the time I get done with school and off work, recycling is the last of my worries," she said.

Chapman has lived at the Bellamy for a year and says she has yet to see a recycling center. "I don't recycle because it's not convenient for me or anyone else who lives in my complex," said Chapman. "My roommate last year tried to get us all to recycle and would remind me before I threw things away, but it only lasted a month because we had nowhere to take our stuff."

Recycling in North Carolina has created many jobs and is an emerging piece of the state's economy. According to Re3.org, "Recycling employs more than 14,000 North Carolinians and recycling jobs have increased about 48 percent in the last ten years."

"If the recycling area was more accessible and if someone came to collect recyclables weekly, it would make the process easier for busy students," said Phetteplace.

The City of Greenville Sanitation Division collects recycling once per week for residents with curbside service. To have curbside service, students have to reside in a condominium or a house. For students who live in apartment complexes, some major complexes supply students with recycling resources. Many complexes only have recycling centers in one part of the compound. The City of Greenville offers unlimited access to a recycling drop-off site at the Public Works Department located at 1500 Beatty St.

"If there was a way to distribute recycling bins to each building in an apartment complex, I'm sure that more students would recycle. But with those bins and the convenience they will bring comes the factor of money. And I don't know who or how the bins and service would get paid for," said Chapman.

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plied with studies and dissertations for research. Because of the services that will be available for students, the college is working on developing late-night-hour access, similar to the access that the art students have to the Jenkins Fine Arts Center.

"I believe that the Honors College has made considerable progress since fall 2010. The students admitted and those we are looking forward to admitting are of extraordinarily high quality and should add to the academic experience of all ECU students," said Richard R. Eakin, interim dean of the Honors

College.

With the progress that the college has made in the past year, they plan to continue to offer more to the students of the Honors College, including more courses to choose from. The improvements to the curriculum itself include adding and completing the courses available, especially the newly added special topics course.

"I am happy that they are actually making a college now with more standards and that there are more chances for involvement," said Morgan Grissom, sophomore biol-

ogy and chemistry double major.

The residence hall for the honors students, starting next semester, will become Garrett Hall, to complement the relocation. The Honors program officially turned into a college in July, which gave the college an increased budget to progress further in the years to come.

Baxter exclaimed his feelings about his past year in his position, "I am very proud of the team we have because the progress we have made over the past year has been nothing short of spectacular."

To build on their progress, there

will be an increase in the scholarship provided to honors students. In the past, students were given a scholarship automatically to offset cost of admission, starting the first semester of their freshman year and continuing if the student remained in good standing. Starting with the freshman class entering this fall, that scholarship will increase to cover the exact cost of the in-state tuition.

Among the benefit of getting a scholarship renewed each semester, the students enrolled in the college also get the benefit of having priority during registration period.

To help out with the registration period, each student has at least two advisers, one for the specific Honors College requirements and one for their major concentration.

The college has plans following move-in to re-evaluate current policies, such as the policy to accept students after their freshman year into the Honors College and developing a great way to connect the current students with alumni to continue engagement even after graduation.

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You know you're a Pirate when beer is for breakfast, liquor is for lunch, you don't remember dinner, and Cook Out is for dessert.

Just because you don't have someone to buy you a teddy bear and a flower doesn't mean your life is awful. Get over it.

If I ever win the lottery, I'm going to make every academic building on campus have a room full of cots where students can go to nap. I'm bringing back nap time!

To the boy I'm hooking up with: I'm really sorry, but I'm in love with your friend. Please forgive me.

You say you're addicted to Pirate Rants. I say I'm addicted to you.

Girls who jump from relationship to relationship are so unattractive. Try spending time alone for at least two weeks; maybe then you won't fall for the first ugly guy that is nice to you. Good luck getting out of this one

To all custodians: I would like to thank you for the job you do; you make daily life possible for everyone. Thanks!

I love seeing pretty girls with subpar looking boyfriends.

Maybe the professors keep failing me because they need my tuition money to help keep the school afloat.

How did I get carded at the movie theater but not at the ABC store?

To the girl who thinks she lives at my apartment and had the audacity to say I'm jealous of her: You look like a tranny and your boyfriend told me he cheats on you all the time.

I just saw a gold parking ticket on a purple car... ARGHH!

To the girl in the gym Tuesday night: Zebra print booty shorts don't even look good on attractive people. Just throw them away. No one needs to see that. Ever.

I think that Bob Barker was the original Fake Bake.

You're the most ignorant person I have ever had the misfortune of meeting. What scares me more; you work with children.

Yelling profanely at a game on TV doesn't make you a coach.

I walked past a girl on campus on her phone asking about free pregnancy testing while smoking a cigarette. I hope and pray she isn't pregnant.

I told my mom I missed her. She said she missed my ex-boyfriend. What's wrong with this picture?

Seeing you DT just made me feel 100% better about breaking up with you, I didn't think you could get much fatter, but you did.

I know there are some good looking baseball players here but somehow I've never seen any of them.

Your boyfriend is a money-sucking leech and you are an idiot! You let him spend up all of your money while you sit at home broke and begging family members for money.

Warm weather and all the girls on campus go crazy! Shorts and sandals are not needed in February. It is still winter.

Thank you to that person in the cashier's office who is always so polite and kind to me when I call. Just kidding, there's no such person.

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ECU profits from our maladies



Ben Cochran
OPINION COLUMNIST

Cold shoulder. Cold indifference. Cold heart. If a noun is described with the adjective "cold," odds are it's not good. It's no different with water. When your shower goes from piping hot to freezing cold, the first person you blame is your roommate who insists on having copious amounts of coitus in his shower, thereby draining all the hot water. Cold water sucks and that's all there is to it.

Aside from all you crazies who took part in the Polar Bear Plunge, people tend to avoid cold water at all costs. Case in point: how busy is Carolina Beach in February? The only time people willingly venture into cold water is to accept a triple-dog dare and prove how big their manhood is. I find that grotesquely ironic as the very thing they're hoping to display also happens to shrivel to the size of something you might find in a package of Hillshire Farms Lil' Smokies. Lookin' good, fellas.

If no one particularly cares for cold water, the question has to be raised as to why the university made the decision to disallow hot water in its bathrooms on campus. For any

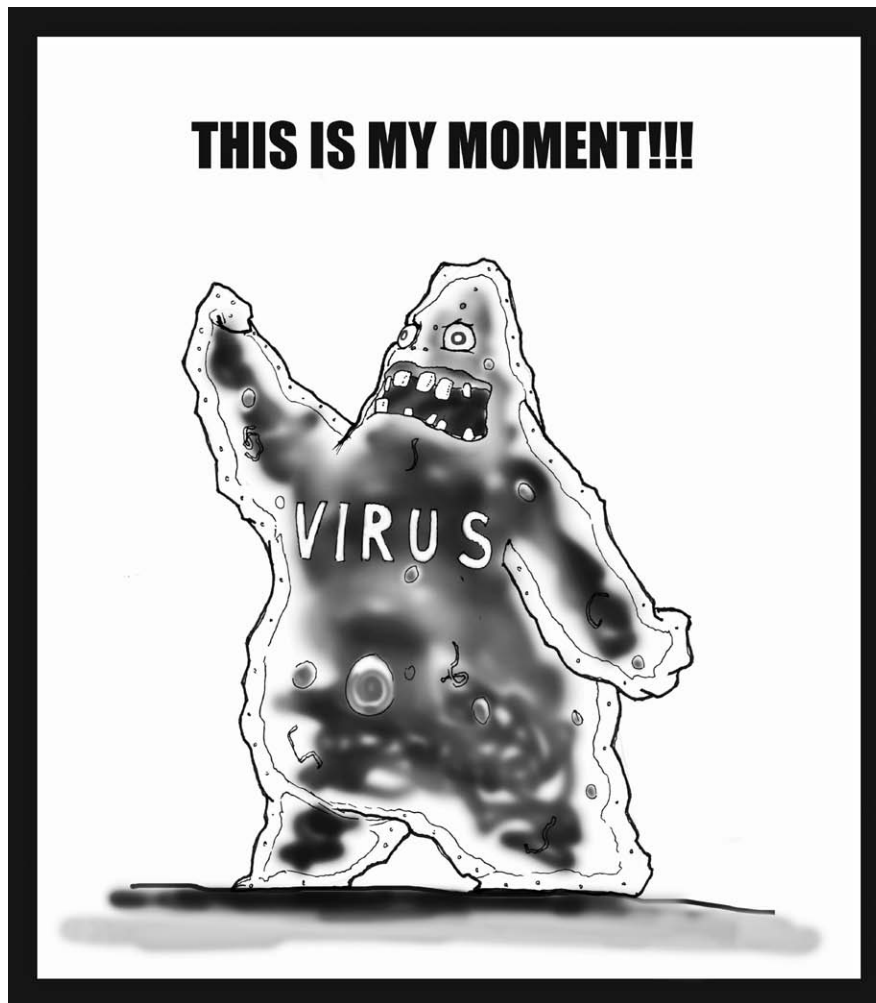
of you who have tried to do the socially acceptable thing and wash your hands after using the restroom, you might have retracted your hands from the sink to realize they had been encased in blocks of ice.

This is not an example of hyperbole; water in the campus bathroom sinks is colder than a glacial stream at Hitler's alpine getaway. With freezing-cold water as our only resource for washing our hands after we wipe our Clostridium-infested perineum, it's no wonder we keep spreading germ after germ.

Hot water provides the motivation necessary for washing hands effectively. Washing hands after use of the restroom drastically reduces the prevalence of communicable diseases. Ellen Goldberg, nurse manager at Student Health Services, agrees that washing your hands frequently is a sure-fire way to break the chain of infection.

The flu continues to ravage campus this season with dozens of cases being reported every week. There is also a stomach bug that induces hysterical bouts of vomiting that is being reported at Student Health. These illnesses keep us from attending class, going to work, hanging out with friends; essentially every activity of daily living is hindered by these illnesses. Want to kick their asses? Wash your hands.

In Biology 2110, the first lab that we performed was proper hand washing. A lot can be inferred about the importance of washing hands if the curriculum called for an



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entire lab on proper scrubbing technique. If something is so important that it is first, that usually means there is something rather pertinent about it that we should all pay attention to.

If the university wants to save a few bucks at the end of the day by disallowing hot water in its campus bathrooms,

I won't complain. I won't gripe that this decision greatly discourages proper hand washing technique and could increase the prevalence of student illnesses. I will simply ask that if we make it university policy to restrict hot water usage, we should really see it through and carry that policy into the home of whoever made that decision.

It's simple, really. No hot water on campus also means no hot water in that administrator's home. I hope he or she has a porn star's sex life, because this policy would require them to take a lot of cold showers.

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Scribbles to the Captain

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Dear Editor,

I found your recent article entitled, "I can wipe my own butt now," to be very immature and highly irresponsible. To think that skipping classes is some sort of right that college students should have because they are "grown up" proves how little you have actually grown. I have more maturity in my little finger than half of ECU's students have combined and to give them this idea will prove disastrous for the university. To illustrate this point, you defend your use of a cell phone in class and even print a quote that goes directly against your own claim. What if the majority of the class was doing that, the professor would be wasting his or her time trying to teach a bunch of little kids. Nothing you are doing is that important that it can't wait fifty minutes.

When you take the time to sign up for a class and then enter it, you should give that class your undivided attention. Yes there are some excuses to this that include death in a family or illness. But that is it. We as students know at least half a year in advance where we are going to be at that specific time, and a specific day. You have that long to make a plan to be there.

-James Fair

Dear Editor,

I would like to reply to the author of "I can wipe my own butt now." As an alumna of ECU, I occasionally read TEC online and it is typically like a reminiscing over college days. But reading this article actually infuriated me.

I find the fact that the author doesn't recognize attendance policies offer students the entrance into the adult world shows the true lack of maturity. Attendance policies are commonplace in the real world, from jobs and any other responsibilities you may have. Everyone expects you to be on time. If you choose not to be in the place where you are expected, then you face consequences. In class, that may be points off your grade, but in the adult world you may lose your job.

As to the texting and lack of bathroom breaks, it is time to return to some sort of semblance of civility. I am quite sure that Ms. Manners would find texting during class appalling. I will be the first to admit that I whip out my blackberry a little too often, but to ignore a lecture to text is downright rude. If you were to text during an office meeting, there's a chance your boss would have a much harsher reaction than your professors.

So maybe you are a "legal" adult, but you are not acting like an adult. An adult accepts their responsibilities, such as coming to class and getting good grades. No one is going to hand you life on a silver platter. If you want to be treated as an adult, act as an adult. ECU is a fun school, and college is a fun place, but you are also here to get an education.

-Ginger Anderson

African-American or black?



Morgan Logan
OPINION COLUMNIST

I find it difficult selecting the box "African-American/black" when asked of my ethnicity on an application. As ignorant as it may sound, I am one of the many black people who do not consider themselves "African-American." I have never been to Africa. My people have been born here for generations. My traditions and customs are of American descent. Why do I have to be labeled as something that I am not?

The title "African-American" has been used to describe both people who originate from Africa and the brown-skinned people who live in America. They decided after the Civil Rights era that this was the politically correct term to describe our people.

In 1989, Jesse Jackson was intrigued by a poem titled "I Can," by Johnny Duncan and coined the pronunciation "Afr-I-Can Amer-I-Can," as we had been through a struggle and seemed to have obtained civil rights. Granted, it's better than being called "colored" or "negro," but it still doesn't fit.

Olivia Walker, the marketing chairperson for the Black Student Union, however, does not like the word "black." Walker states, "It defies what we are trying to step away from. I feel like it's derogatory, and it's a step back." She feels that, at this time, "African-American" is the best option

for now.

I spoke with Maramé Gueye, a professor of African-American literature, and she "feels offended" that blacks and Africans are grouped in the same category. "We didn't have the same experience blacks had," Gueye stated.

During the Triangular Slave Trade, Africans were imported via foot to the western coast, where they would be housed, and then boarded a ship to take them to the New World. In this New World, as most of us know, they were made slaves.

The slaves were often raped, producing a "mongrel race," which we would refer to as "mixed" today, as well as interbred with the Native Americans, Dutch, Irish and other immigrants who were in America. These experiences alone separate us from the true African.

After the abolition of slavery, freedmen were granted the right to vote. However, they had difficulty exercising that vote due to disenfranchisement mechanisms such as poll taxes. After that era, we faced Supreme Court decision Plessy v. Ferguson, which ruled "separate but equal" facilities for the races were constitutional, which ultimately permitted segregation and Jim Crow laws. Eventually, after marches, protests and sit-ins, we had our civil rights.

"There's a significant difference between African-Americans and black Americans. They are two different types of cultures," says Michaella Kosia, a student who was born in Sierra Leone and moved to the United States at age five.

She went on to describe how black Americans have this image of Africans running around in loin cloths, making clicking sounds with their tongues and with bones

through their noses. "Black Americans are ignorant. They don't like to accept they have African roots. It upsets me that blacks don't know anything about Africans and it upsets me that whites know more about Africans."

Gueye informed me that on the outside, people just see her as black, but when she speaks, they want to know where her accent is from. When she replies she is from Senegal, "whites seem to be more comfortable. They looked more relaxed." And this has happened on more than one occasion. Whites seem to accept the fact that one is African and seem more intrigued and more often times will hold a conversation with a person of African descent.

So what's this? Is the reputation that black people have made for themselves that demeaning? Black people have been thrown, or in some cases are forced, into institutionalized racism. In 2009, blacks made up 25.8 percent of poverty compared to 9 percent of whites.

I have also learned from my Health Disparities course that a white person with a criminal record has a better chance of getting a job than a black person who has a clean record. African-Americans want to distance themselves from that stereotype. We do look similar, but there are indeed differences.

So why would I want to be considered black over African-American when the term black is, all around, negative? I feel like my generation, as cliché as it may sound, has the power to make a difference and slowly change that perception. That's what our forefathers, Civil Rights leaders and parents would want from us.

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Disney offers internships in theme parks

Disney recruiters conduct informational presentation at Hendrix

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Representatives from Disney will visit Hendrix Theater Wednesday, Feb. 23, at 6 p.m. and Thursday, Feb. 24, at 4 p.m. to hold their biannual recruitment presentation.

Interested students are encouraged to attend one of the two presentations, or, if necessary, view the E-Presentation at the Disney College Program website instead. Every student is eligible to apply.

A theme park as a workplace may sound too good to be true, but that is exactly what the Disney College Program is all about. Beginning in May, June or August, positions in hundreds of different jobs open up for prospective interns. Students may sign up for positions such as equipment operator, guide, ticket dispenser, food server and much more, depending on their occupational interests or academic needs.

The program's website discusses a treasure trove of benefits, including the internship's positive contribution to any resume, as well as the summer pay. Students develop useful workplace skills, interact with company leaders and meet other interns from around the world, all while living on Disney grounds with other students and professional Disney staff.

No matter what time of the year the internship takes place, students also have the opportunity to earn college credit for their efforts. While working at Disney, some students may take 6 to 12 semester hours or more, though they are not required to do so. According to the Career Center website, the decision is a personal one based on the student's program difficulty, motivation and time-management skills, among other aspects.

Interns will maintain their full-time student status no matter how many classes they take during the internship. Students not enrolled in classes are considered full-time as well, as long as they complete and turn in the placement form found on the Career Center website.

However, not all students are eligible to receive academic credit. Prospective interns should speak with their adviser to determine if their department offers academic credit through co-op work experience. Registration for the semester after the internship is another essential talk to have with advisers before leaving. Since interns will be physically away from campus during the early registration period, they should discuss their schedule earlier with advisers and ask to be e-mailed their PIN number so they can register online via Banner.

To fund the Disney venture, students with financial aid retain their aid and also continue loan deferment as long as they are taking six semester hours or have filled out the placement form.

Students should note that during the internship, they are not eligible to waive into student health insurance. In the event that students belong to a parent's insurance, it is necessary to let the company know that rather than being at college, the student is on a co-op experience. Providing documentation to the insurance company may be necessary, which can be obtained through the Career Center. Internships can take place either at the Walt Disney World Resort near Orlando, Fla., the Disneyland Resort near Anaheim, Calif., or at Walt Disney Imagineering in either the Florida or California locations. At "Imagineering," master planning for the parks takes place, involving creative development, project management and engineering.

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Mekara and Natara Bryant at work in the software engineering lab in the Science and Technology building.

Sisters defeat the odds

Mekara and Natara Bryant excel in software engineering master's program without background knowledge

Rebecca Blanchette
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLES EDITOR

When twin sisters Mekara Bryant and Natara Bryant decided to pursue master's degrees in software engineering, the odds were against them. Not only are there a limited number of female African-American students in the field at ECU, but according to Mekara, "In the industry itself, there are not many African-American females." Additionally, the sisters came from undergraduate degrees unrelated to software engineering. Mekara had received her bachelor's in psychology and Natara received hers in management information systems, both in May of 2009. The following semester, they decided to start a journey down a completely different path.

"I was looking up all of the stats and requirements and the economy as far as psychology-related fields," said Mekara. After realizing that psychology jobs would not earn her a lot of money, she began searching for fields that would. "I just started basically looking up the top paid," she said. "Software engineering was at the top of the list, along with doctors and professors, so that's when I looked up the master's program and the requirements."

During this time, Mekara had brought her idea to the attention of Natara, who also became interested. After searching for schools with software engineering programs, the sisters found that ECU was on the list, having the only master's program in the state.

At first, they were skeptical as to whether or not they would be accepted into the program without background

knowledge in the field. They went to talk with the director of the program, Nasseh Tabrizi, to explain to him their situation. "He basically wanted to make sure that I was serious about it," said Mekara. "And if I was serious about it, it was accomplishable."

"When they approached me, I listened to them, I talked to them and I felt like they were sincere," said Tabrizi, founder and director of ECU's software engineering master's program. "I felt like they just wanted to pull themselves up. They really wanted to move up and that is a wonderful attribute."

Tabrizi warned Mekara and Natara that the program would require a lot of hard work, but that he would help them as long as they took deficiency courses. These are undergraduate courses that they were required to take, since they had no background, before they could start the master's program.

"Most of the other students already knew the program; that was the biggest obstacle for us, is that we came in without that background knowledge," said Mekara. However, the sisters are greatly appreciative of all the help they received through the program. "We might not have been successful without help from the professors to excel in the program," said Mekara.

They also are extremely grateful for the mentors who were assigned to them. "These are more experienced students that provide us with additional help with our programming-related classes," said Mekara. They spent about seven hours a week on face-to-face time alone with professors and mentors. In addition, they also did some

studying and reading on their own to help them learn the skills they needed. Mekara and Natara have never earned any grade less than a B in any of their classes. They attribute their success to the help that they have received and all of the work that they have both put in.

"One thing that was clear to me from the beginning is that they were doing their best," said Tabrizi. Tabrizi believes that the girls should be role models for anyone who wants to enter the program but finds the idea daunting. "You can see how they flourished as they went through their semesters," he said. "They are moving into A grades."

The twins decided to concentrate on the project management side of software engineering. "Both of us thought we would do better on the process, documentation and quality-assurance end," said Mekara. "There are so many different careers that could become of this program."

Students of the program are constantly getting career opportunities sent to them throughout the year, according to Mekara. In addition, Mekara said, "We actually get to meet with several representatives from companies looking for employees in our field." Therefore, job security is no longer an issue for the Bryant sisters.

"They just have their minds on their education," said Tabrizi. "I see a very bright future for them."

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Help your health

Americans are urged to be aware of their food intake

Katey Warren
STAFF WRITER

An updated version of the U.S. Dietary Guidelines urges Americans to reduce sodium intake, increase whole grain and vegetable intake and reduce portion sizes.

With its seventh edition of dietary guidelines released Jan. 31, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.S. Department of Human and Health Services are aiming to encourage Americans to make these changes in their diets to prevent obesity and chronic diseases.

"The new Dietary Guidelines provide concrete action steps to help people live healthier, more physically active and longer lives," said HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius in a recent press release.

According to the new guidelines, on average, American adults consume nearly 800 calories per day from solid fats and added sugars and consume far below the recommended amounts of fruits and vegetables.

To combat this problem, the guidelines suggest Americans consume a variety of vegetables, especially those that are dark green, orange or red.

"Some of the dark green leafy vegetables are rich in calcium and are a good source of folate, Vitamin K, Vitamin C, iron and magnesium," said Kimberly Lukhard, professor, registered dietician and co-owner of Foodies 4 U Nutrition Counseling. "Orange and red vegetables are rich in Vitamin A, and tomatoes are beneficial for disease prevention."

The dietary guidelines also recommend consuming greater amounts of fat-free or low fat milk and milk products, reducing sodium intake to less than 2,300 milligrams and replacing at least half of all grains with whole grains.

The USDA and HHS guidelines urge people to "avoid oversized portions," and to "enjoy your food, but eat less." Lukhard also believes that Americans need to cut back on their portion



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Healthy foods-- such as oranges, apples and vegetables-- fall into the updated version of the U.S. Dietary Guidelines.

sizes and suggests they share snacks with friends to avoid over-consumption.

In addition to urging Americans to monitor and control their intake of certain foods, the dietary guidelines also encourage Americans to increase physical activity. Lukhard agrees with this suggestion and believes laziness has contributed to such high percentages of obese

Americans and Americans with chronic diseases.

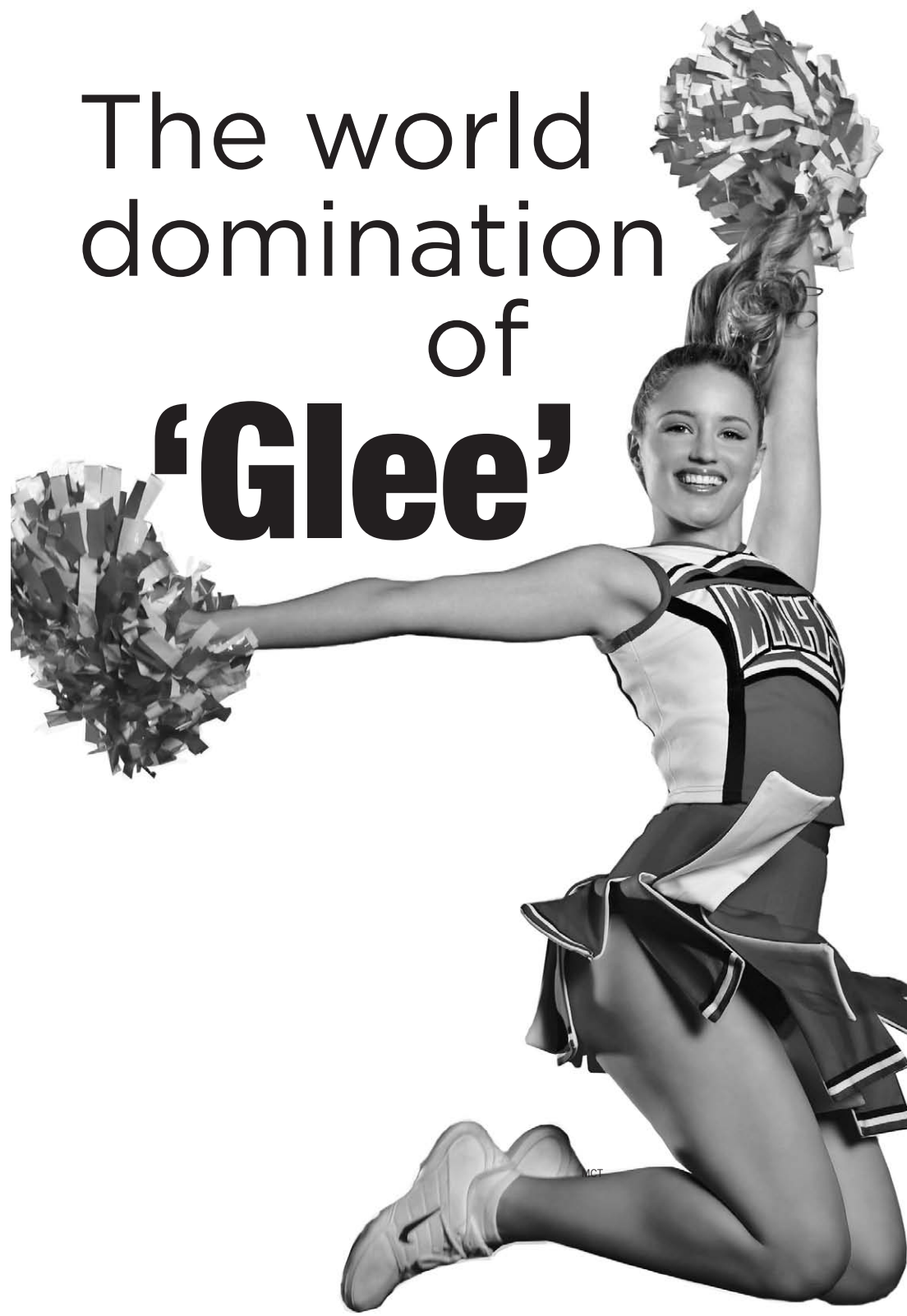
"We've become a very sedentary society," said Lukhard. "We sit in school. We sit in front of the computer, and there are very few people with jobs who get up and move around. We need to think of how we can build physical activity into our day."

Though she believes peer pressure and availability of

unhealthy foods and drinks make it difficult for students to make smart dietary choices and follow these new guidelines, she says there are several ways they can stay healthy throughout their college careers.

"Students should take advantage of the Rec Center and club sports or intramu-

The world domination of 'Glee'



The Glee phenomenon has taken the world by storm with its popular TV episodes and Billboard hit songs.

Hunter Ingram
STAFF WRITER

For a show whose logo is usually associated with the universal hand signal for loser, "Glee" has become anything but that since its premiere in 2009, having well over 10 million viewers tuning in every week.

Chronicling the lives of the outcast members of a high school glee club, "Glee" mixes comedy and drama with the flashy productions of movie musicals to create a television experience that has taken the world by storm.

"I love 'Glee,' and I think it is so successful because of how talented the cast is," said Rachel Castro, a junior English and journalism double major. She goes on to say, "(The show) really appeals to everyone's inner dork and the over-the-top performances just make it even more fun."

This is the excitement that "Glee's" millions of fans have expressed not only for the show, but also for the many different platforms the show has branched out onto.

One of the biggest aspects of the "Glee" phenomenon is its music. Since the release of their debut single, "Don't Stop Believing," the "Glee" cast has defied traditional television standards and has become a record-breaking musical group. According to The Hollywood Reporter, "Glee" has sold over 21 million digital singles and 9 million albums.

In October 2010, the "Glee" cast surpassed The Beatles by having 75 songs on the Billboard Hot 100 chart at one time, making them the only non-solo group to ever do so. The group also received two 2011 Grammy nominations for best compilation album ("Glee: The Music - Vol. 1") and best pop performance by a duo or group ("Don't Stop Believing" - Regionals Version).

The cast even went out on a limited engagement concert

tour last May. Tickets for the show sold out in record time. Last week, a second and longer round of the tour was announced for this May/June, and this time, the small theaters that hosted the first tour will be replaced with sports arenas. Once the cast has finished their tour in the states, they will jet off to Europe for a 13-city international tour.

Music isn't the only aspect of "Glee" that is getting recognized. The cast has been praised from the beginning for its sharp wit and unique cast of characters. The show has won the Golden Globe for Best Comedy for the past two years in a row and the 2010 SAG Award for Best Ensemble in a Comedy. Its stars, Chris Colfer and Jane Lynch, both won 2011 Golden Globes for their portrayals of Kurt Hummel and Sue Sylvester, respectively, and Lynch also won an Emmy for her role.

The cast has naturally shot to super-stardom with the show's success. Lea Michele, who plays the fame-hungry but lovable Rachel, has graced more than a few major magazine covers. She also sang "America the Beautiful" at this year's Super Bowl and will star alongside Ashton Kutcher in the star-studded film "New Year's Eve."

Dianna Argon, who plays the recently pregnant Quinn, will star in the February action film "I Am Number Four." Matthew Morrison, who plays everyone's favorite teacher Mr. Schuster, will release his own album this spring, and Cory Monteith, who plays popular jock Finn, will star with Selena Gomez and Blake Lively in "Monte Carlo."

In an attempt to get even more publicity for the show, the producers of "Glee" are partnering with the Oxygen network to launch "The Glee Project," a reality competition that will feature fans vying for a multi-episode arc on "Glee" in its third season. The show will begin airing

this June. Sophomore media production major Cara Chooljian said she loves everything about "Glee." "I always had to choose between playing softball and being able to do musicals in high school, so I love watching 'Glee' and relating to what they are dealing with," said Chooljian.

While the show has obviously found success in the commercial aspect of the industry, it has also become a staple for teenagers across the country who are dealing with issues in high school. "Glee" has utilized the experiences of its gay character Kurt Hummel, played by Chris Colfer, to address the state of gay and lesbian tolerance in high schools. Kurt's coming out to his friends and father, and their acceptance, has given gay teens hope that their situations will get better, and while Kurt's experiences aren't always happy, they are powerful and provide a connection for teens who may be experiencing the same thing. The ability to successfully speak on this issue has garnered the show praise from GLBT groups all over the country.

One of the main themes of "Glee" is how being different doesn't mean you can't be normal, and through characters like Kurt and Artie, a paraplegic character with the desire to dance, and Becky, a Down syndrome-stricken cheerleader, the show illustrates this message in a truly inspiring way that has really connected with fans.

In just under two years, "Glee" has done nothing short of change the television industry. While it's hard to sum up every part of the "Glee" universe, it's obvious that the phenomenon isn't going anywhere. If it's anything like the ragtag glee club it depicts, its journey has only just begun.

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ral teams to get involved with that type of physical activity," Lukhard said. She also suggests that students cut back on alcohol, because over-consumption can lead to a "flabby tummy."

Additional resources available to students include consultations with on-campus nutri-

tionists, as well as nutritional information for campus dining, which is provided through the university's website.

"By adopting the recommendations in the Dietary Guidelines, Americans can live healthier lives," the USDA press release said, "and contribute

to a lowering of health-care costs, helping to strengthen America's long-term economic competitiveness and overall productivity."

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Lady Pirates set for Pink Zone event

The ECU women's basketball team will host its annual "Pink Zone" game when SMU travels to Greenville Thursday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m. Free admission will be offered to anyone wearing pink.

The Pirates have also announced plans for the fourth annual "Walk For Women," which is slated for Saturday, Feb. 26.

The cost to register for the event is \$30 for adults and \$15 for youth or students with a valid ECU OneCard. Included in the fee is breakfast, as well as a free ticket to both the softball contest against Lehigh the same day and the nationally televised women's basketball game against Marshall on Sunday, Feb. 27.

The WBCA began the WBCA Pink Zone in 2007 as an initiative to raise breast cancer awareness in women's basketball, on campuses and in communities. The late Kay Yow, former North Carolina State University head women's basketball coach, served as the catalyst for the initiative after her third recurrence of breast cancer in 2006.

In 2007, more than 120 schools unified for this effort and helped make the inaugural year a success. In 2008, over 1,200 teams and organizations participated, reaching over 830,000 fans and raising over \$930,000 for breast cancer awareness and research. The 2009 campaign raised over \$1.3 million, reached over 912,000 fans, unified more than 1,600 participating teams and organizations and saw 56+ schools break attendance records at their event. In 2010, over 1,800 participants came together to surpass \$1,045,000 in donations and reached more than 922,000 fans across the nation. Over 22 schools broke attendance records through their participation.

Overall, the WBCA Pink Zone has raised nearly \$3.3 million, has reached almost 2.7 million fans and has unified over 4,700 participants in only four years. For more information on the Walk for Women, or to register for the event, contact Brad Coleman in the ECU Sports Marketing Department at 252-737-4532 or colemanb@ecu.edu.

Women's golf finishes 14th at UCF

Senior Amber Littman shot a two-over par 72 in the final round, finishing tied for 16th place on the last day of the UCF Challenge at RedTail Golf Club in Sorrento, Fla. For Littman, it was her fourth Top-20 finish of the season and 24th of her career. Littman finished with a 54-hole score of 219 (70-75-74/three-over) after registering a birdie and three bogeys on Tuesday.

The Stoney Creek, N.C., native recorded nine total birdies. Freshman Fanny Wotle (226) finished tied for 40th after posting back-to-back rounds of three-over par 75, which included two birdies, three bogeys and a double-bogey during her final round. Amy Otteson (233) dropped one spot from Monday into a tie for 58th after a final round 79. Rounding out the Pirates' roster were Colleen Estes (235) and Faith Hardison (244), who finished tied for 67th and 87th, respectively.

Coastal Carolina was the champion in the 2011 UCF Challenge, winning by the narrowest margin of victory in the event's five-year history. The Pirates finished 14th with an event score of 909 (299-304-306).

The Pirates will be back in action on Feb. 27 when they travel to Valdosta, Ga., to participate in the Kinderlou Forest Challenge.

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SPORTS



Catcher Kai Clark at the plate during the Pirates' 8-0 win over UNCW on Wednesday.

Stadium debut success

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STAFF WRITER

ECU softball opened its brand new stadium with an 8-0 win over UNC-Wilmington Wednesday night.

The night began with a ceremony honoring Chancellor Steve Ballard, Athletic Director Terry Holland, Student Government Vice President Josh Martinkovic and Head Coach Tracey Kee, alongside T.A. Loving Company, which headed the construction process. Ballard, Martinkovic and Kee each threw a first pitch.

Toni Paisley put together another dominating performance, giving up just one hit in five innings.

"In my career, I feel like I don't ever get no-hitters," Paisley said. "So I don't really think about it or let it bother me."

In fact, Paisley has four career no-hitters to this point in what has been an outstanding tenure at ECU so far. Recently, she has been named to the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) of America Watch List for the 10th Annual Softball National Collegiate Player of the Year Award.

Paisley also has her eye on quite a few ECU and Conference USA records. She is now 13 wins shy of the ECU career record and is closing in on former Pirate Keli Harrell's career conference strikeout record. Paisley's 937 are just 21 strikeouts short of the record. Paisley and Harrell are

the only pitchers to record over 900 strikeouts in C-USA history. Tonight's victory put Paisley one win ahead of Harrell and atop the ECU career-victories list and just 19 shy of the all-time conference record.

Paisley did not return to the game following the fifth inning due in part to ECU's large lead. She finished with eight strikeouts and lowered her ERA on the season to 0.84. This was Paisley's third win this season, her only loss coming to the University of Maryland on Sunday.

Faith Sutton pitched a 1-2-3 sixth inning before the Pirates could add four more runs on the board in the bottom half. Rules demanded that the game be called after the Pirates reached an eight-run lead after five innings or more of play.

As impressive as the senior All-American's night was, the Pirate bats got the fans at the new stadium just as excited. Nine different Pirates got hits led by freshman Kristi Oshiro's three hits and two runs. Greenville-native Suzanne Riggs added two hits and two RBI as another Greenville native and freshman from North Pitt High School Abby Wynne made her catching debut and added a hit.

"We got 17 kids on this roster, and we got all 17 in," coach Tracey Kee said. "And the thing I liked was that the subs I made were the ones driving the triples in the gaps."

It sure was a good way to open the new approximately

\$4 million facility next door to Clark-Leclair Stadium. Two hundred chairback seats behind home plate complement the bleachers that stretch down each baseline. When filled to capacity, the stadium can hold 1,000 fans. Also included with the stadium is a concession stand and sufficient restroom facilities, both of which were missing at the old field. New covered batting cages, separate bullpens where fans can watch the pitchers warm up and a state-of-the-art video board also enhance the experience for the fan.

Longtime fan and Pirate softball enthusiast Jane Reel couldn't be happier with the new stadium. "I love it. It's long overdue, but now that it is here, it's everything," she said. "It will mean so much for the program."

ECU Softball begins the Pirate Classic Friday against Virginia and St. Johns and will go on to play Hofstra and Kent State as well in the six-game tournament. The Pirates then host Towson, Fairleigh, Lehigh and Campbell for the Pirate Clash, all part of an 11-game home stand to open the new ballpark.

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Baseball set to host Youngstown State

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If you have been watching Comedy Central over the last week, you probably noticed that every time you tuned your TV to the comedy giant, you saw one of the three Major League movies. Why would Comedy Central play them so often? The answer is simple: baseball is back and it's time to play ball. While spring training has just now begun for the majors, college baseball is getting set to take off this weekend as ECU takes on Youngstown State to start the baseball season. ECU will look to improve from last year's disappointing season that saw the baseball Pirates miss the NCAA tournament and get bounced from the C-USA tournament after posting a season record of 32-27. The 2010 baseball season was a tale of pretty much two venues for the Pirates. ECU dominated their foes at home, posting a season record of 24-12 inside the friendly confines of Clark-Leclair Stadium, while posting a sub-par 7-13 record on the road. If the Pirates are going to improve their results and return to the super regional's as the Pirates accomplished back in 2009, they will need to replace two of the most productive players in Pirate baseball history. Kyle Roller,

who graduated in May, hit .324 last year and finished third on the team in home runs with 12 and third in RBI's with 48. The Pirates will also have to replace outfielder Devin Harris, who finished second on the team in home runs, smacking 13 long balls during the 2010 campaign. Despite the departure of two key components to the recent success of ECU baseball, the Pirates return the majority of their offensive weapons as well as the heart of the pitching rotation. Returning for the Pirates are the top two hitters from last year in Cory Thompson and Trent Whitehead, who hit .377 and .331, respectively. Whitehead is one of the most popular players on the Pirate roster as he uses his athletic ability to run down any ball hit into the gap and he has the uncanny ability to turn a sure double into a long single. Baseball as we know it today is all about the long ball, but Whitehead has never been a power hitter, hitting just a total of 14 home runs through three years in Greenville. Whitehead is more of a contact hitter, totaling 81 hits in 2010, making his career total sits at 210. Thompson is the best hitter on the Pirate squad, totaling 86 hits in his sophomore campaign. Thompson is one

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In the ruck with club rugby



Women's club rugby in practice at North Campus Recreation Complex on Tuesday.

Alex Serkes
STAFF WRITER

It is safe to say that the majority of all ECU athletic-related discussions revolve around football, basketball and baseball. Yet there are several successful club-level sports, such as rugby, that are disregarded and put off to the side like a knife worn down to the nub.

While most club sports do not get the recognition that they deserve on the field and around campus, the ECU men's and women's rugby teams have developed into elite units that make them a precedent for considerable more recognition amongst the student body.

Of course this is the part where most readers stop and say to themselves, "I have absolutely no idea what rugby is or how it is even played." The sport of rugby, which originated in Europe, has been referred to as the "Father of American Football."

Having been established nearly 70 years before the first rules of American Football had ever been brainstormed and or streamed onto paper, we can say our sport of football derives incredibly from rugby.

In fact, rugby requires a special skill set, a mixture of both football and soccer skills

are needed in order to reach ultimate pinnacle of success as a rugby player. All players on the field, regardless of position, must be able to run, pass, kick and catch the ball. Likewise, all players must also be able to tackle and defend, making each position both offensive and defensive in nature. In other words, you would have to have the awareness and intelligence of Aaron Rodgers, the speed and quickness of Ed Reed and the power and vicious nature of a DeMarcus Ware — a scary combination, nonetheless.

Each team has 15 players on the field, eight forwards and seven backs. The ball is advanced by running, passing (laterally only) and kicking. There are four different ways to score: a "try" which is like scoring a touchdown worth five points; a "conversion" after a try, which is two points; a penalty kick attempt after a violation, worth three points; and a drop kick, worth three points.

The ECU rugby teams have experienced major success in recent years. The men's team has reached the National Tournament and has made it to the Sweet 16 on several

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OPINION



Jordan Anders
STAFF WRITER

The Super Bowl is over, and the Lombardi trophy once again resides in Green Bay.

But about 1,300 miles away from Lambeau Field, 200,000 people are preparing to trek to sunny Daytona Beach, Fla., for a Super Bowl of a much different sort.

Gentlemen, start your engines. The 2011 Daytona 500 is upon us.

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GENTLEMEN start your engines

2011 Daytona 500 is upon us.

means more tire grip for the drivers, which means that they can now race closer together than ever without worrying about losing traction and sliding into one another. With the new ideal track conditions, this year's 500 is shaping up to be potentially the wildest, most competitive show the Sprint Cup Series has ever put on. Dale Earnhardt, Jr. gave all of Junior Nation (including yours truly) something to celebrate this past Sunday by grabbing the pole position for the big race, although he had to forfeit the top spot after a Wednesday practice crash. It has no doubt been a trying week for Dale, Jr., as Friday will mark the 10th anniversary of the death of his father, legendary seven-time NASCAR champion Dale Earnhardt, in a last-lap crash during the 2001 Daytona 500.

But for Earnhardt, Jr., the

2004 Daytona 500 champion, 2011 represents a chance to bust out of a long slump. NASCAR's most popular driver hasn't won since June 2008 and he has finished outside the top 20 in points the last two seasons. But he has a new crew chief in Steve Letarte, and Junior Nation is hoping that Letarte is the spark to finally take the No. 88 from languishing at the back of the pack and return it to competing for wins like it did when Junior first joined powerhouse Hendrick Motorsports in 2008.

NASCAR pulls out all the stops to make the Daytona 500 the biggest spectacle of the season. But strip away all the pageantry, and the 500 is still just the first race in a grueling 36-race season that promises to be most intriguing.

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Senior center fielder Trent Whitehead connecting with a pitch, last season against Elon.

of those guys who is not a singles guy; he plays the game the way it is supposed to be played, spraying the ball to all areas of the diamond. Thompson put up balanced numbers in the power areas, knocking eight home runs, 16 doubles and three triples. Not only do the Pirates bring back their best hitters, they also bring back a dynamite pitching rotation led by two senior hurlers who combined to go 18-7 with a 4.34 era. Seth Maness is the ace of the rotation, throwing together an impressive 10-3 record in 2010, striking out 90 batters in 101 total innings pitched, while Jack Woods wasn't far behind Maness, posting a 8-4 record, striking out 103 batters in just 90 innings pitched. Filling out the Pirates' rotation will be junior pitcher Kevin Brandt, who went 3-7 in 19 appearances for the Pirates' last season. Billy Godwin returns to the dugout as manager once again to cement his Pirate legacy even more.

ECU will open at home against a Youngstown State team that doesn't have a lot of fan fair, and while their 2010 record wasn't impressive, this is not a team that should be overlooked. The Penguins are expected to struggle this season as they only return two players who hit above .300 last season in Joe Iacobucci, who hit .369, and Jeremy Banks, who hit .313. Youngstown also is feeling attrition on the pitching mound where they only return one of their three main starters from a year ago in senior right-hander Phil Klein, who went 2-4 in 17 games, pitching a total of 66 innings. The Pirates and the Penguins will open their three-game weekend series Friday at 3 p.m.

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NASCAR completely overhauled its points system in the offseason. In place of the old system that awards 43 points to the race winner, 42 to the second-place finisher, etc. The new system could play a big factor in determining the series champion, because a 43rd-place finish now nets you just a single point, which could cripple a championship run late in the season.

NASCAR also made changes to its season-ending "Chase for the Sprint Cup" playoff format. The top 10 drivers in points after 26 races are eligible to race for the title, but there are now two "wild card" spots to be awarded to the two drivers with the most wins that rank outside the top 12 in points. This new twist should create some big drama in the last few "regular season" races, especially if a big-name driver is sitting outside the top 12 but only needs one win to qualify.

In the end, the biggest question is who will beat Jimmie Johnson. Johnson has won an unprecedented five consecutive Sprint Cup championships. He almost faltered last season, having to overcome a 15-point deficit to Denny Hamlin in the season finale in Homestead, Fla.

All of these things are pressing as the Cup series heads to Daytona. Speedweek 2011 concludes with the 53rd Daytona 500. The green flag flies Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m.

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occasions in that tournament. The women's team has been undefeated so far this season, including shutout wins against Appalachian State, UNC-Wilmington and the University of South Carolina. On top of those feats, the girls have had only six points scored against them all season, all six coming against their rival, UNC-Chapel Hill.

"It's our first year moving up into the Division I level, and I feel like that is a huge accomplishment," women's team captain Shannon Kreider said.

"We've always had a pretty decent team," team captain Justin Bourgeois stated. "Rugby isn't so much followed in America as it is in other countries, but it's starting to pick up due to the Olympics, and we have a really solid unit here (at ECU) and have won nearly 70 percent of our games."

Some of the ECU rugby teams' players have been recognized on both the state and national level as well. Matt Hughston has played for the under-20 United States team, as well as the Mid Atlantic Region Men's 7's team for Nationals. Bobby Allen was also recognized for making the South Regional 7's team. A plethora of the players on the ECU

men's team have made state and regional all-star teams as well. The women's rugby team sent six women to North Carolina U-23 tryouts this past year, and five of those six were starting on the team. Eight women on the team have also received looks for the All-South Team.

ECU's rugby teams are certainly not ones to overlook, regardless of whether it is a club or a Division I sport. These players must use all their strengths and instincts and must be way more than one-dimensional in order to find success on the field, and they surely prove that they can do that.

The women's team will be hosting No. 7-ranked University of Virginia this Saturday, and on March 26, be sure to catch the girls in action against the Raleigh semi-pro rugby team Raleigh Venom. The men's team will be holding several games at home this upcoming spring, including matches against UNC-Wilmington and other schools in North Carolina. As the spring schedule unfolds, be sure to check out a match or two; it's surely not an opportunity to pass up.

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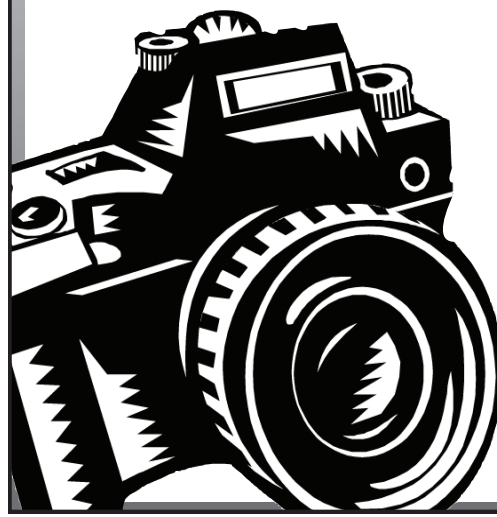
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