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## BRIEFS

### Lewis murder case receives continuance

#### Staff Reports

Phillip Lewis, accused of shooting an ECU student last year, was in court yesterday morning.

Lewis is charged in murder of Tommy Falcone, which occurred last August at Pirates Cove Apartments.

Authorities say that the shooting happened after Lewis had been threatened and a friend of Falcone had damaged his truck.

Lewis was released on \$500,000 bond and his case has been continued until June 27.

### Kleber now charged with father's death

#### Staff Reports

Last week, police finished the investigation of the shooting death of Roy Kleber.

Kleber was shot last month as he was helping his son move at University Park Apartments.

Kleber's son, Kevin, was charged with obstruction of justice after he made up a story about a black man shooting his father.

Kevin Kleber has officially been charged with the death of his father and is being held without bond.

### Burning candle severely damages apartment

#### Staff Reports

Saturday afternoon, officials were called to a fire at Pirates Place apartments.

The fire happened around 3 p.m. and was caused by a candle that was left burning inside.

No one was injured in the fire, but the apartment was seriously damaged.

### Driver charged after weekend crash

#### Staff Reports

Cornelius Keech, Jr., 19, of Grimesland, N.C., has been charged with reckless driving after falling asleep at the wheel.

On Saturday night, Keech fell asleep at the wheel around 8:20 p.m. and crossed into a grass median on Highway 264 as he was heading west.

Keech over-corrected and lost control of his 2002 Explorer, flipping the SUV twice in a median near North Campus Crossing.

There were seven passengers, including an infant, in the vehicle at the time of the accident.

### Police investigate walmart shooting

#### Staff Reports

Authorities responded to a shots-fired call in the parking lot of 322 Haven Drive.

Two people said bullets had damaged their cars and police learned a shooting victim had been dropped off at Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

The victim has non life-threatening injuries and refused to give any information to officers other than that he had been shot.

Anyone with information should call Greenville PD.

## WEB POLL

### Do you think the Pirate Rants are too offensive?

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Instructor Isaac Talley critiques a foundations level Figure Drawing class in Jenkins Fine Arts Center.

## University may lose degree

**Cameron Gupton**

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The UNC system has issued a report that lists programs it wants cut from universities statewide in order to better the budget crisis the state is facing.

The report listed 60 degree programs that need to be eliminated from the universities, and there is only one of these programs at ECU.

With a \$3.5 billion deficit, the system has been looking for ways to save as much money as possible, and there have even been rumors of cutting an entire UNC campus from the system.

If the proposal is finalized, ECU would have to cut its Bachelors of Arts for Art degree, which has been a part of the school since the 1960s. The program only has about three students in it, and they will be transferred to the new Bachelor of University Studies program. ECU is better off than other UNC system schools, which stand to lose multiple degrees and see mergers of others.

The UNC Board of Governors will decide whether or not to keep 36 baccalaureate, 22 masters and two doctoral programs in the system.

"Even though we are getting the better end of the deal by only cutting one program, I

still think it's unfair," said art education major Anna Hajjar. "Being an art education major and hearing about the BA in the Art program being cut is still a slap in the face."

Hajjar feels as if the arts are always the first program to be cut when a budget crisis is faced. "If anything were to be cut, the arts, in some shape or form, would be the first to go. It seems like we, the artists, are fighting for our lives for survival," said Hajjar.

Hajjar hoped that the university would take a different approach to saving money

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## Students can rent iPads in Joyner

**Alexis Headley**

STAFF WRITER

iPads are now available for checkout by students and university faculty at Joyner Library. Ten iPads are available that allow web browsing, e-mail access and viewers for photos and video and they can be borrowed for three days.

Senior family and community major Sierra Perry did not know that Joyner now offers iPads. "I come to the library a lot, but I had no clue they let students borrow them. I think it's a great addition to the library," said Perry.

The iPads that Joyner is offering already have preinstalled apps, such as the E-Books, Google Books, Nook, Kindle, eBooks and Stanza. The university is one of many universities that have now decided to bring iPads into their learning communities.

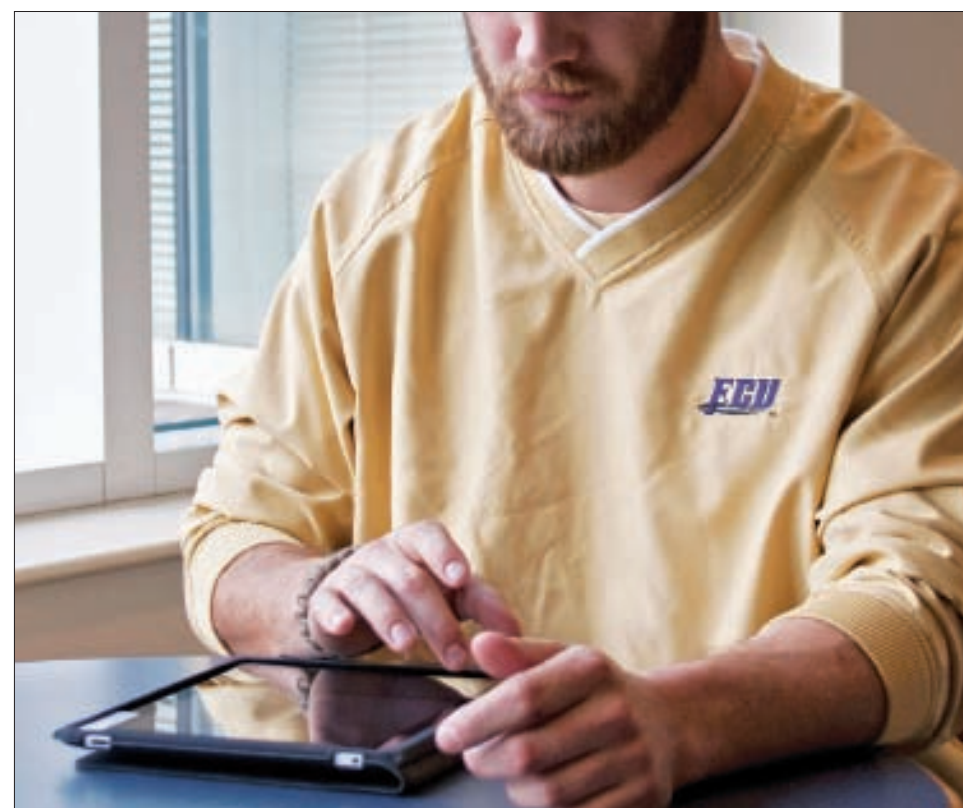
Before the iPad, Joyner also allowed students to borrow laptops and iPods. "I have my own laptop, so I rarely ever borrow one from the library, but now that I know there are iPads here, I'll take one out. I think

that just because the technology is so new students will want to use it, and it's always good for students to know how to use modern-day technology," said Perry.

The Apple Company has been developing a school market for the iPad by working with textbook publishers on instructional programs and sponsoring iPad workshops for administrators and teachers. About 5,400 educational applications are available specifically for the iPad, of which nearly 1,000 can be downloaded free.

Senior accounting major Reginald Peterson thinks the iPad has its pros and cons. "I think it could possibly be better for students because it's such an efficient product, but I don't know if students can actually be productive with it in such a short amount of time. There's also so few of them that most students will probably never even get a chance to use them," said Peterson.

The use of iPads in the workplace is expanding. It is even being considered as a tool in the operating room because of its effective and



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Senior Andrew Kiziah checks out an iPad from Joyner Library.

easy way to view images and its 2,000 health care-related apps. It also is not only at some universities, but now it can be found in some elementary schools, middle schools and high schools.

The Apple website states that the iPad is a way that "students can track their assignments, take notes, and study for finals. Teachers can give lessons, monitor progress, and stay organized."

The three iWork productivity applications that the iPad offers are pages, keynotes and

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## University receives positive outlook

**Tyler Kitchens**

STAFF WRITER

Gov. Bev Perdue recently announced that the daunting budget picture that has threatened universities throughout the UNC system may not be as bad as initially projected.

In the budget Perdue submitted to the North Carolina General Assembly, the proposed cuts represent around a 9.5 percent decrease in funding for the UNC system.

According to statements made by the governor in a YouTube video, these cuts could amount to a shortfall of about \$1 billion less than the \$3.7 billion that had been forecasted in earlier projections.

This has not stopped universities throughout the state from bracing for the worst when it comes to the budget. In his recent State of the University address, Chancellor Steve Ballard said that the university would prepare itself for cuts of up to 20 percent.

Should the General Assembly approve the 9.5 percent cuts, it would directly impact ECU through the availability of funds that the chancellor and his staff had not planned on having at their disposal as they created and debated various scenarios in which to reduce the impact of the cuts across the university.

In spite of this positive news, universities are not in the clear yet. As the governor's proposed budget makes its way through the General Assembly, the possibility exists that representatives might see these cuts as too light, believing that education should shoulder more of the state's budget burden.

In a recent statement from UNC system President Thomas Ross, he urged Gov. Perdue and the members of the General Assembly to insulate higher education from any further cuts. "Given the economic climate and the size of the projected revenue shortfall, Governor Perdue had to make some very difficult decisions in order to balance her proposed state budget. All of us in the University appreciate the challenges she faced and are grateful that she identifies potential ways to avoid even more severe cuts that certainly would cause permanent damage to our institutions," said Ross.

"As our state struggles to work its way out of this recession, affordable access to higher education has never been more

# Calendar Events

## Feb. 22 - Feb. 28

### Tuesday, Feb. 22

**Lecture: "Transforming the Army with Materials Science"**  
12:30 to 1:45 p.m. at Science and Technology C207.  
Dr. David Stepp is Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering & Materials Science, Pratt School of Engineering, Duke University. Dr. Stepp's research interests seek to establish the fundamental relationships between the structure of materials and their mechanical properties, as influenced by composition, processing, environment and applied stimulus.

**National Recreational Sports & Fitness Day**  
In honor of National Recreational Sports and Fitness Day, the SRC will be offering free group fitness classes as well as a BodyLive Vive class at noon.

**Paint Campus Purple**  
TBA  
Bake sale fundraiser for Relay for Life. Satisfy your sweet tooth for a good cause.

### Friday, Feb. 25

**SAB presents "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows"**  
7 and 9:30 p.m. at MSC Hendrix Theatre.

**Men's Tennis vs. The Citadel**  
11 a.m.

**Softball vs. Towson**  
4 p.m.

### Saturday, Feb. 26

**Opening reception and lecture for "Have a Seat"**  
2 p.m. at Joyner Library, room 2409.  
The speaker will be Mark R. Wenger, exhibit curator. The exhibit will feature 29 chairs from the 18th and 19th centuries on display in the Verona Joyner Langford North Carolina Collection, Joyner Library.

**Motown Concert**  
7:30 p.m. at Wright Auditorium.

**Men's Tennis vs. Richmond**  
10 a.m.

**Softball vs. Lehigh**  
4 p.m.

**SAB presents the Harry Potter Marathon**  
A movie marathon showcasing the first six Harry Potter films before the seventh film, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1," will be shown. The first three films will be shown beginning at 12:30 p.m. and the second three films will be shown on Sunday beginning at 2 p.m. "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1" will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

**Chambers Singers Concert**  
7:30 p.m. at A.J. Fletcher Hall.

### Wednesday, Feb. 23

**Lecture: "Who Owns History: Making Fiction from the Facts of the Triangle Fire of 1911"**  
4 p.m. at Mendenhall room 244.  
Katharine Weber, author and adjunct assistant professor of writing at Columbia University's School of the Arts, will give this free, open presentation.

**Paint Campus Purple**  
TBA  
Relay for Life fundraiser. Spin and Win: Spin the wheel; whatever you land on you will win!

**Disney Internship Program**  
6 p.m. at Hendrix Theatre in Mendenhall.  
A Disney recruiter will be hosting a presentation about internships. Interested students must attend either this date or Feb. 24 at 4 p.m. to be eligible to apply.

**Dayton Contemp. Dance Co.**  
7:30 p.m. at Wright Auditorium.  
Rooted in the African-American experience, the Dayton Contemporary Dance Company's mission is to deliver contemporary dance of the highest quality to the broadest possible audience.

**SAB presents "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows"**  
9:30 p.m. at MSC Hendrix Theatre.

**Men's Basketball vs. UTEP**  
7 p.m.

**Colm Toibin: The Art of Fiction**  
7:30 p.m. in Bate 1031.  
Born in County Wexford, Ireland, Toibin is the author of several works, including "The Master (2004)," the L.A. Times Novel of Year and Booker Prized finalist, and "Brooklyn" (2009), Costa Novel of the Year. He is the Leonard Milberg Lecturer in Irish Letters at Princeton University.

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**Men's Tennis vs. Memphis**  
12 p.m.

**Women's Basketball vs. Marshall**  
2 p.m.

**Softball vs. Campbell**  
3 p.m.

### Thursday, Feb. 24

**Blood Drive at NCC**  
2 to 7 p.m. at North Campus Crossing.  
The American Red Cross will be taking donations at the apartment complex. Please bring a valid ID and drink plenty of fluids before donating.

**Women's Basketball vs. Tulsa**  
7 p.m.

**SAB presents "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows"**  
7 and 9:30 p.m. at MSC Hendrix Theatre.

**Paint Campus Purple**  
Relay for Life fundraiser, corn hole and coloring: Small donation to play corn hole. Cartoon pictures will also be available to color.

**Afternoon Tea with Colm Toibin**  
4 p.m. at Joyner Library.

**Disney Internship Program**  
4 p.m. at Hendrix Theatre in Mendenhall.  
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**Neo-Latin Studies and the Humanities: An International Symposium in Honor of Dr. Charles Fantazzi.**  
7 to 8:30 p.m. at Joyner Library on the second floor.  
The two-day symposium, which is free and open to the public, features a host of distinguished scholars and will culminate in a special lecture by Dr. Fantazzi, who is retiring at the end of the spring 2011 semester after 14 years of service to ECU.

**Public reading by Irish writer Colm Toibin**  
7:30 p.m. at Greenville Museum of Art.

## BRIEFS CONT.

# Melbourne Park afternoon fire

### Staff Reports

Residents of Melbourne Park Apartments believe that a Saturday fire began after a cooking grill was knocked over.

High winds spread the fire

quickly through dry brush around the buildings around the complex's entrance.

The buildings were evacuated and the flames were controlled.

EMS and police were also called to the scene.

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and not cut any arts programs. "I am constantly hearing about elementary, middle and high schools' budget cuts and finding out that they are letting the art teachers go," said Hajjar. "I thought that college would give the arts a better chance, and it did. But now I see it's just following into the same pattern and cutting the BA in Arts program is the first domino."

Biology major Shana Wilkins feels that the cut of the BA in Art is justified considering other programs could take a considerable hit when it comes to budget cuts. "Personally, I feel like it does suck that art usually is the first to go, but, if you think about it, there are more jobs available with a science degree than a BA in Art," said Wilkins. Wilkins plans on going to medi-

cal school to become a psychiatrist, and she feels that programs like those in medicine and other areas are extremely important and cuts could severely affect the work that they do.

"The medical field and other sciences shouldn't face cuts because they are constantly looking for new innovations that will help our overall health and wellbeing as humans," said Wilkins.

Faculty in the program, both those who are tenured and tenure-track, will not be removed, and the students in the program are already taking classes in other concentrations.

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important to North Carolina's economic recovery and long-term competitiveness."

Students on campus agree that higher education should be protected as much as possible from the impact of any further cuts.

Senior criminal justice major William Troy believes that if ECU and other universities are forced to bear a higher percentage of the budget shortfall, it will be harder to come out of the recession that has caused this issue in the first place.

"To be honest, I think that higher education should be finan-

cially protected from the budget cuts more than any other area," said Troy. "By doing this, we're investing in our own future. The more people who are educated and have access to higher education, the greater equipped our generation will be to deal with issues such as this when the time comes for us to make the tough decisions that will impact the future of our university, state and nation."

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numbers, and they help students and teachers put together professional-looking documents, presentations and spreadsheets, no matter where they are.

The iPad's physical attributes include a large touchscreen, which is about 9.7 inches, and flat design, which offers a relief from students carrying around heavy books. "The iPad isn't just the best device of its kind - it's a whole new kind

of device," the Apple website says, explaining that the iPad can "easily transform any classroom into a digital learning environment."

"I don't think it'll replace books now but maybe in the future. It's lighter than most textbooks and it can hold a lot more information," said Peterson.

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It amazes me how people discriminate against immigrants but yet everyone is trying to be tan and/or speak Spanish.

Are the extra 30 seconds it would take you to put your dishes in the dishwasher really that crucial?

If you sit your toothbrush touching mine one more time, I will stick it in the toilet.

Stop updating your status "Gym" when you want people to think you're losing weight, you only go three times a month. Seriously?

When I'm sleeping DO NOT come in the room late and talk to me. I am sleeping because I actually go to my classes.

Just because a girl is nice to you, it doesn't mean she likes you! Get that through your thick, cocky skulls! Maybe we should all start being mean!

Stop staring from a distance. You think a girl is pretty, go up to her and tell her please. It'll give her a big confidence boost and most likely make her otherwise crappy day!

So I understand texting and driving is illegal but what about BBM'ing and driving?

You can make fun of my Five Finger Vibrams and Crocs all you want, but you'll always be an UGG slut in my book.

The person who thought it was a good idea to put a piano in some of the dorms must have graduated from NCSU.

I would have been perfectly fine kissing you back if you hadn't tried showing your tongue down my throat the whole time.

We were already disgusted from the smell of your Chinese food in Micro every morning, but that whaletail you've been showing is pushing the limits of classroom decency.

Half of the computers in Aycock are broken and half of College Hill is being poisoned by Todd. Where is my tuition going again? Oh yeah, that's right: The stadium that almost killed everyone.

It's about time we get something other than terrible rap/hiphop artist lined up to play at barefoot. I love it when we get real music to come to campus.

To the girl wearing the black legwarmers and silver flip-flops today: Who told you that was cute?

Is it bad that I want to get rid of my cats who pee everywhere even when their litter box is clean and trade them in for a dog?

Why on earth are you complaining about girls wearing shorts?

To the loud chick in Austin computer lab cussing at her mother over her FAFSA info: You're an idiot and if you were my child and talked to me like that, I would slap you and make you pay for college yourself!

It blows my mind when I go to the bathroom and there is pee all over the toilet seat. Seriously people, how do you miss the toilet that much?!

He made you pizza rolls and tater tots for Valentine's Day. He only wants one thing from you. Wake up and realize it. You look pathetic.

After failing out of art school freshman year you should have realized you SUCK at art. Stop complaining about how hard it is. Maybe if you were good at it I would have to listen to your whining.

**More Pirate Rants on the website!**

## THE MAN PANEL

### Mixing things up

**"The Man Panel" is for entertainment purposes only. Shane Small, Zach Cooper and Gordon Ingram are not certified sex columnists. They can only offer advice of an experienced college student. Please direct all comments, questions or concerns to the Editor in Chief, at [editor@theeastcarolinian.com](mailto:editor@theeastcarolinian.com)**



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

Full class loads, a busy work schedule and living in an apartment or house with a few roommates can all lead to the one thing both men and women hate the most: boring sex. While sex isn't everything in a relationship, having a dull sex life can put a serious strain on every couple.

The beginning of any relationship is inherently exciting, as you spend more time with your partner and are learning more about them. This is especially true when you start having sex. Exploring the other person physically and becoming

ing familiar with a new person sexually means even the simplest sex is great sex.

After a while, though, the initial intrigue can fall victim to routine and the busy schedules of both partners and can lead to expectation and familiarity in the bedroom. Whether it's trying new positions or places, introducing sex toys or role-playing a few fantasies, even something as simple as leaving the lights on, the way you approach your sex life can pay dividends in every aspect of your relationship.

The very notion of sex being boring or routine is almost hard to fathom. How do you take one of the most enjoyable and exhilarating life experiences and make it mundane? When couples fall into a routine such as always having sex at the same time, place, position(s) and with the same regularity, it becomes less exciting.

Think about the little things in life you enjoy the most: getting six chicken nuggets in a five-piece from Wendy's, not getting carded when you're underage, sleeping through class only to find out later it was canceled anyway. The reason those small things are so amazing is because they are unexpected. So make sex unexpected! Surprising your partner with something spontaneous is that extra chicken nugget. Except it's sex, so it's way better.

Sure, mixing things up with your

partner means immediate satisfaction between the sheets and makes sex that much better, but it has many "off the field" results as well.

In a poll conducted by Cosmo in the March issue, women reportedly prefer confident "go getters" for partners. What does this mean for men? Looking for fun and different ways to keep your sex life from falling into a rut is a great way to exude that confidence that women look for. Guys know this, too. When a guy is able to keep his partner satisfied and happy with her sex life, everything else in life seems to come easier and make him feel more like a man.

The spontaneity of being adventurous is another characteristic ranked highly by women, which carries over into every aspect of a relationship and adds to the satisfaction of both partners in the overall relationship.

A woman's ability to mix things up also speaks volumes about her. While for most guys, any sex is good sex, it is a huge turn-on when a woman is able to be comfortable, confident and willing to go outside what has become familiar and "safe." Whether it's a woman taking charge and initiating sex, or merely suggesting trying something new, the confidence that shows itself is more than enough to keep us engaged and excited.

Also, a common perception that passes through the male population (and is a favorite topic of jokes of the friends of the man in question) is the idea that the committed guy is having sex with the same person for the foreseeable future. In reality this is not a bad thing, and most guys in relationships are perfectly content with the idea of being a one-woman man, but when sex becomes routine, the thought of having that same boring sex becomes more formidable.

To quote Frank "The Tank" Ricard from the movie "Old School," "I'm definitely feeling a little freaked out about the fact that I'm gonna have sex with one person for the rest of my life!"

Keeping things fresh and exciting in the bedroom ensures that the idea of being with the same woman is something to be excited about, not feared.

It's a vicious cycle: an exciting sex life can improve the overall relationship, while an improved relationship results in a more enjoyable sex life. So get creative, try something new, step outside your comfort zone and explore.

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## Sagging: looking like a fool



**Ryan Chandler**  
OPINION COLUMNIST

Recently several university campuses across America have tried to enforce bans on excessively baggy pants, otherwise known as "sagging."

Sagging began in prison where oversized uniforms were issued without belts to prevent suicide and use as weapons. The style spread from rappers and music videos, from the ghetto to the suburbs and around the world.

Efforts to outlaw sagging began regionally in Virginia and statewide in Louisiana in 2004. These efforts failed when opponents petitioned a right to self-expression. The latest legislative efforts have taken a different course; drawing on indecency laws and their success is inspiring lawmakers in other states.

Ordinances have been drafted across our nation proposing fines or enforcing community service in response to the problems of exposing private parts in public. So how would you feel if this was brought to our campus?

The American Civil Liberties Union has been persistent in its opposition to dress restrictions. Debbie Seagraves, the executive director of the ACLU of Georgia, said, "I don't see any way that something constitutional could be crafted when the intention is to single out and label one style of dress, that originated with the black youth culture, as an unacceptable form of expression."

It's an issue because predominately black men wear this style. I don't believe that universities are raising

this issue to single out a race, though. I think it's more of a position on embodying what it means to prepare students for success. If that means enforcing a dress statute to show students how to demonstrate proper attire in the working person's world, then so be it.

A dress code is a new trend that has even shown up in unexpected places. The NBA now stipulates that no sports apparel, sunglasses, headgear, exposed chains or medallions

may be worn at league-sponsored events. After experiencing a brawl that spilled into the stands and generated publicity headaches, the league sought to enforce a business-casual dress code, saying that improper clothing projected an image that alienated audiences.

The sagging prohibitions are seen by some as racially motivated because the wearers are young, predominantly African-American men. This argument is lost when debat-

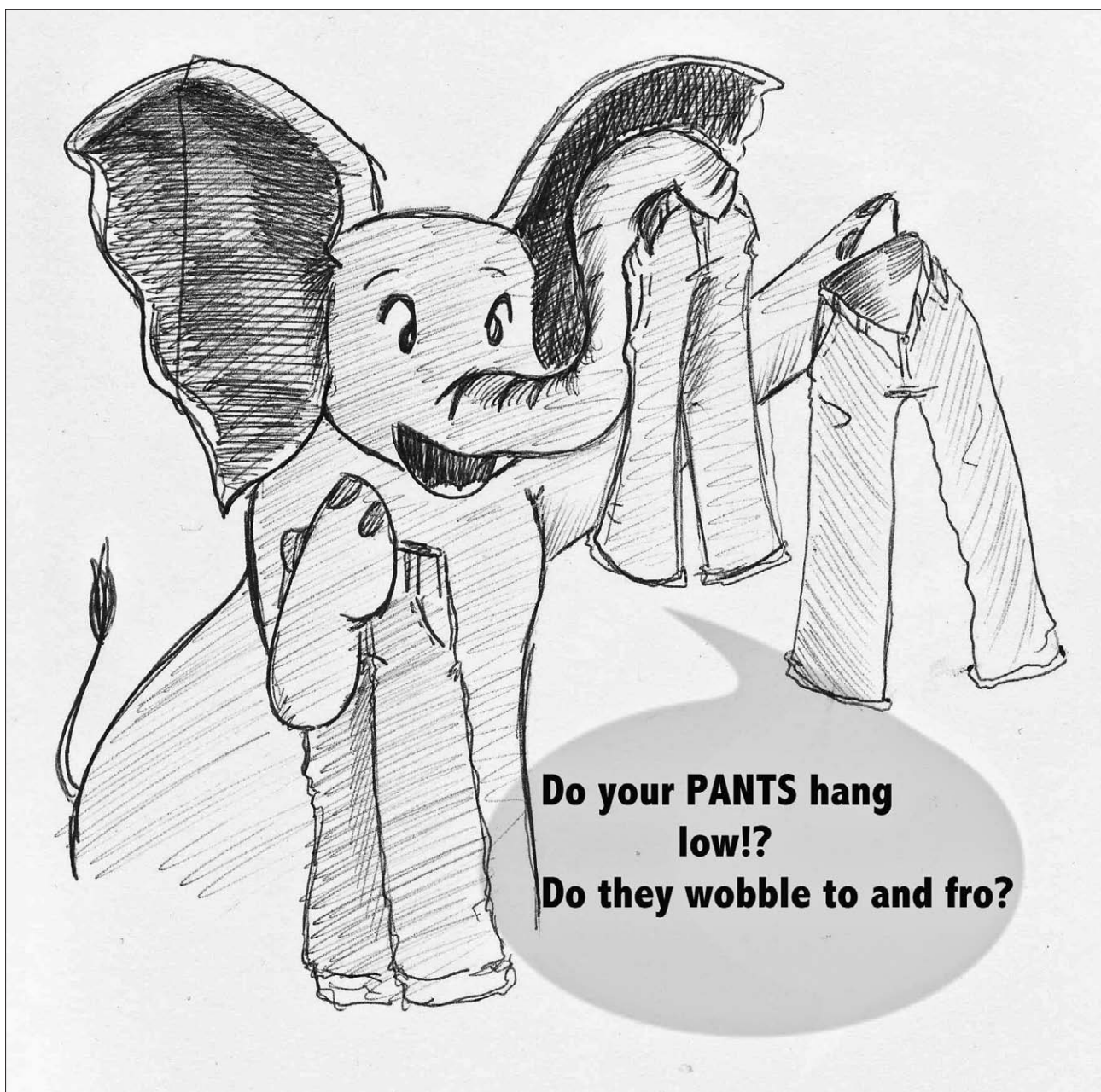
ers find that the legislation has been proposed largely by African-American officials who want young men to represent themselves properly.

It's an act that is trying to clean up our communities and our universities. We have reached this level of education and we ought to know how to present ourselves in a respectful and proper way.

Our student body president, Tremayne Smith, expressed his views on dress

codes at an institution of higher education. "We are students preparing for the real world. Dressing appropriately is just as important as the three Rs. I am in full support of any educational institution that wants to have a dress code that beckons students for success."

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### Pirate Rants

Since Sept. 12, 2006, Pirate Rants have been the talk of campus. On average, TEC receives around 100 Rants every day. From relationship and roommate issues to calling out that "trashy girl downtown," students have expressed their inner rage for almost five years.

According to our records, Pirate Rants are defined by "anything you want to say anonymously about anything and everything going on in your life, Greenville and – most importantly – on campus. We do this so you can vent away and nobody will ever know it was you. This way you don't have to worry about your roommate knowing that you're the one threatening to throw away her dirty clothes."

With rage comes controversy. We have received many complaints from our readers on the vulgarity, lewdness and unoriginality of some of our Rants. At TEC, we pick the Rants that follow the guidelines, amuse or seem controversial. After all, we are college students. Bawdiness with a side of brashness keeps our readers coming back for more.

That being said, keep in mind that submitting the most grotesque and nasty comments doesn't mean you will be published. We're a newspaper, not a written form of "Animal House." If you think some of the Rants are vulgar, you aren't wrong, but we receive way worse content. That doesn't mean we need to feel our gag reflexes at work when we read a submission. Grossing us out won't get your thought in the paper.

As far as picking out Rants, we aren't looking for shocking and nasty to fill up our bi-weekly side column. We want something interesting and unique. Is your roommate dirty? Buy them some soap. Is your boyfriend annoying? Break up with him. You thought that blonde was hot? We have tons of blondes at ECU – it will be hard to distinguish anonymously. The more original the Rant, the more likely you are to be published.

Our audience is composed of adults, and by submitting your Rant, you're choosing to represent your university. Keep in mind that alumni and potential students may look to the paper to know more about our school. With our fun section, don't forget personal responsibility.

If you have a legitimate problem with your roommate, hoping he or she notices an anonymous sentence in a paper won't help your problems. While we love hearing from our readers, we hope you use your discretion about submitting. Talking out an issue is better than being passive aggressive and anonymous.

## Scribbles to the Captain

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Dear Editor,

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

I would like to respond to the article "African-American or black?" in last Thursday's paper. While I do agree with the author that to be African and to be Black American are completely different, I believe that the true root of the problem in defining the two groups lies in the issue of constantly having to label a group of people based on their ethnicity, rather than the label itself.

In reply to the last paragraph of the article where the author states it is her generation's duty to change the negative connotation of the word black, maybe the best way to do that would be to place less emphasis on creating a separate label for American and to just be American. I know it may seem ignorant of me to say, even in today's constantly politically correct world, but I believe we all need to change our thoughts on what race is because putting a label like white or black before American only leads to further separation and even segregation. We only need to look at history to see that it is impossible to be separate but equal. There should no longer be a box "African-American/Black" or "White" or "Hispanic;" we should all be judged on our merits alone. I know it is difficult to see past the many races in our country because even the color blind see in black and white, but if America truly is a melting pot, then a step, even if small, towards unity is better than one towards yet another separate group and label.

Dear Editor,

I have received a number of emails from students and faculty about items in the Pirate Rants, which they perceive to be inappropriate and deeming to women. I would like to bring your attention to the latest one: "Ladies, for Valentine's Day you should have gave your man morning, afternoon, and night sex, a box of candy and cooked breakfast naked. Trust me, he loves it."

Although I understand the purpose of the Pirate Rants is to allow students to express themselves relatively freely, I do believe that the paper should take some responsibility for monitoring the content of these Rants to ensure that they are not deeming to groups of students on campus.

This particular posting clearly is. It sends a clear message to students on campus that women's purpose is to serve their men sexually "morning, afternoon, and night". At an institution of higher learning this is hardly the message that we want to send to young adults in our society.

Furthermore, it creates a sexually hostile environment for female students. I would ask that this particular Rant be removed from the newspaper's website and that the Pirate Rants be more closely scrutinized in the future for this kind of objectionable content.

-Marieke Van Willigen, PhD

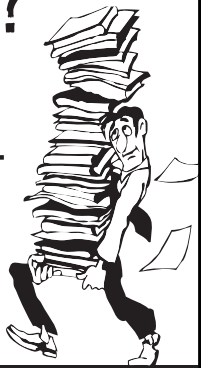
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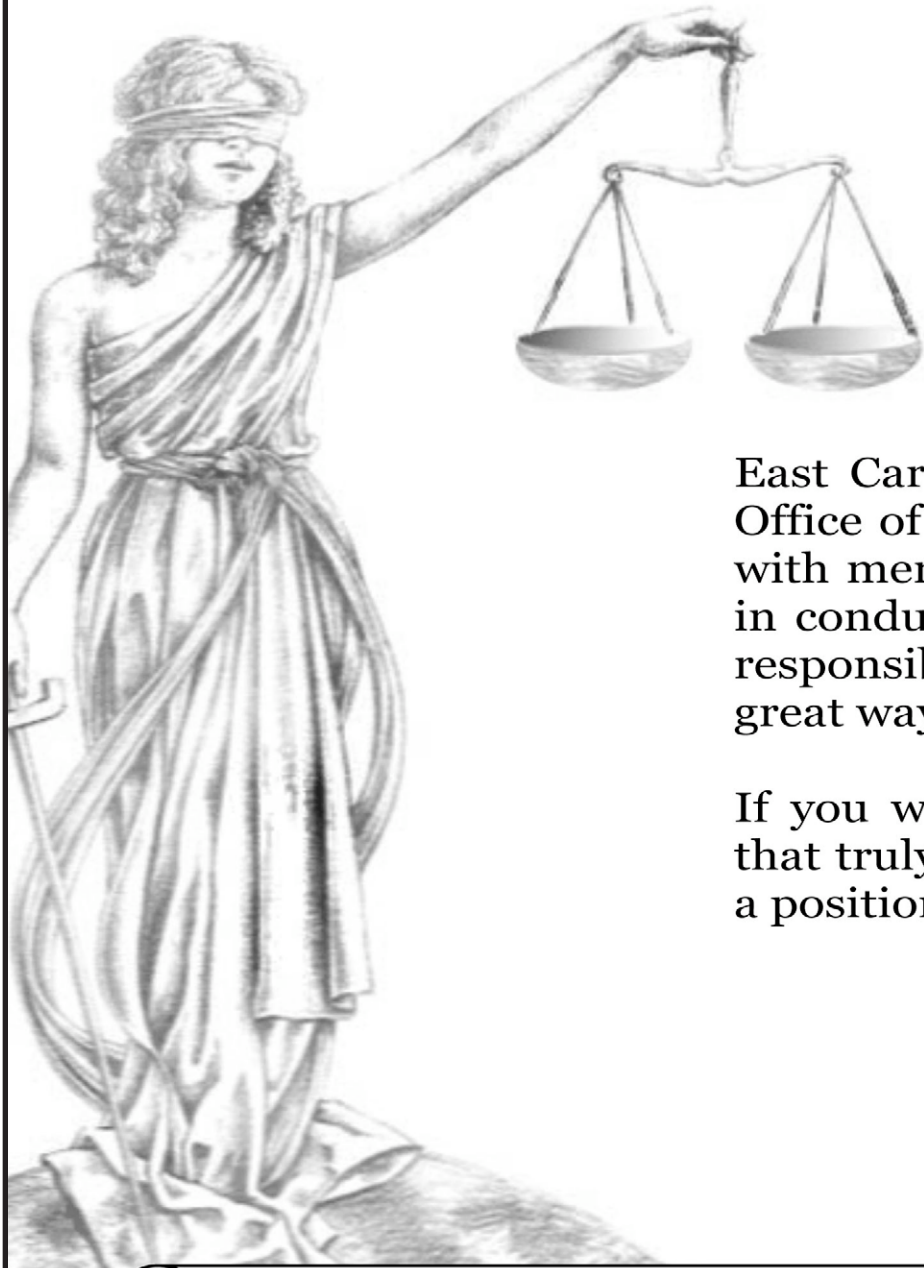
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## Did you know?

56 million people go to Major League baseball games each year.

A baseball has exactly 108 stitches.

Baseball games between college teams have been played since the Civil War.

Soccer is played in more countries than any other sport.

A forfeited game in baseball is recorded as a 9-0 score. In football, it is recorded as a 1-0 score.

In the four professional major North American sports (baseball, basketball, football and hockey), only eight teams' nicknames do not end with "s." These teams are the Miami Heat, the Utah Jazz, the Orlando Magic, the Boston Red Sox, the Chicago White Sox, the Colorado Avalanche, the Tampa Bay Lightning and the Minnesota Wild.

A device invented as a primitive steam engine by the Greek engineer Hero, about the time of the birth of Christ, is used today as a rotating lawn sprinkler.

Construction workers' hard hats were first invented and used in the building of the Hoover Dam in 1933.

Thomas Edison, the inventor of the light bulb, was afraid of the dark.

A large, flawless emerald is worth more than a similarly large flawless diamond.

The company Kodak is the largest user of silver.

Bamboo (the world's tallest grass) can grow up to 90 centimeters in a day.

The Siberian larch accounts for more than 20 percent of all the world's trees.

Hot water is heavier than cold.

An iceberg contains more heat than a match.

A baby giraffe is about 6-feet tall at birth.

It may take longer than two days for a chick to break out of its shell.

It takes 42 days for an ostrich egg to hatch.

To be called a mammal, the female must feed her young on milk she has produced.

Donald Duck comics were banned in Finland because he doesn't wear pants.

"Peter Pan" and "101 Dalmatians" are the only two classic Disney cartoon features in which both parents are present and don't die throughout the movie.

"The Lion King" is the top-grossing Disney movie of all time, with a domestic gross intake of \$312 million.

Walt Disney's autograph bears no resemblance to the famous Disney logo.



**VS.**



## Paint the campus purple

The university's Relay for Life chapter hopes to boost awareness

**Katey Warren**  
STAFF WRITER

"Celebrate, remember, fight back." The university's Relay for Life chapter is joining other colleges nationwide in celebrating this slogan and raising money and awareness for those who have been diagnosed with, survived or passed away from cancer. "Relay for Life benefits a lot of people," said Liz Gurkin, a junior and public relations chair for the organization. "It gives hope to everyone involved in that kind of situation, and gives light to people who have never experienced cancer." The university is hosting "Paint the Campus Purple" week starting Feb. 21 through Feb. 25. "Paint the Campus Purple" is a weeklong event in which all American Cancer Society Colleges Against Cancer chapters around the globe host activities and challenges to raise money for upcoming Relay for Life events in those universities' hometowns. "This event is a mini kickoff to keep reminding people and to create more awareness on campus," Gurkin said. For the second year, ECU's chapter is competing with North Carolina State University's chapter during "Paint the Campus Purple" week. It is a challenge that Gurkin and the organization's logistics chair, Lauren Farris, believe will be an exciting and fun competition for all students involved.

"That's our rival," Gurkin said. "So we need to get these Pirate fans wanting to beat N.C. State." Both university chapters have agreed that the losing team will send a picture of their team dressed up in the other university's colors. The Relay for Life student committee will have a table set up throughout the week in front of Wright Plaza and at the medical campus from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Their weeklong fundraiser activities include a bake sale, a "spin and win" game, corn hole matches and coloring. The committee will hand out informational pamphlets about Relay for Life to students interested in signing up. During the Relay for Life Luminaria Ceremony, the organization will be selling luminaries that will be lit to honor and remember individuals diagnosed with cancer. According to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life's website, this important tradition is an "opportunity for people to come together and to remember loved ones lost to cancer and those who have won their battle." All funds raised during the "Paint the Campus Purple" event will be added to the chapter's most recently updated total of \$23,083.47 raised. The chapter currently has 81 teams and 785 participants registered. Gurkin and Farris are encouraging students and other campus organizations to participate, donate and create their own teams to participate at Relay for Life, which will take place on April 8 at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. "It's a great way to get involved on campus, meet people and actually do a good service," Gurkin said.

Farris agreed, adding that every student can relate to the cause of the event. "Everyone knows someone with cancer, and you never know when it's going to affect you," she said. At the local Relay for Life event, participants will take turns walking around a track. The event will begin with the first lap, which is dedicated to cancer survivors, followed by the second lap, dedicated to caregivers and families of those survivors. Many of the participating groups in the community will have tables set up hosting activities or fundraisers during the overnight event. Gurkin and Farris hand-decorated 1,000 relay ribbons, each with a different design, to sell for \$1 each at their Relay for Life table, as well as at the organization's table during "Paint the Campus Purple" week. "We made them really fun because we want people to remember the cause, not the disease," Farris said. Students and groups may sign up to participate in Relay for Life online at [piraterelay.com](http://piraterelay.com) or may wait and sign up at the event. Students interested in creating their own team are encouraged to attend a team captain's meeting on Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. in Bate 1031. Students interested in volunteering to help set up at the Relay for Life event should contact Farris at [farris108@students.ecu.edu](mailto:farris108@students.ecu.edu) or for general questions should contact Gurkin at [gurkine08@students.ecu.edu](mailto:gurkine08@students.ecu.edu). This writer can be contacted at [lifestyles@theeastcarolinian.com](mailto:lifestyles@theeastcarolinian.com).

## Couch surf across the world

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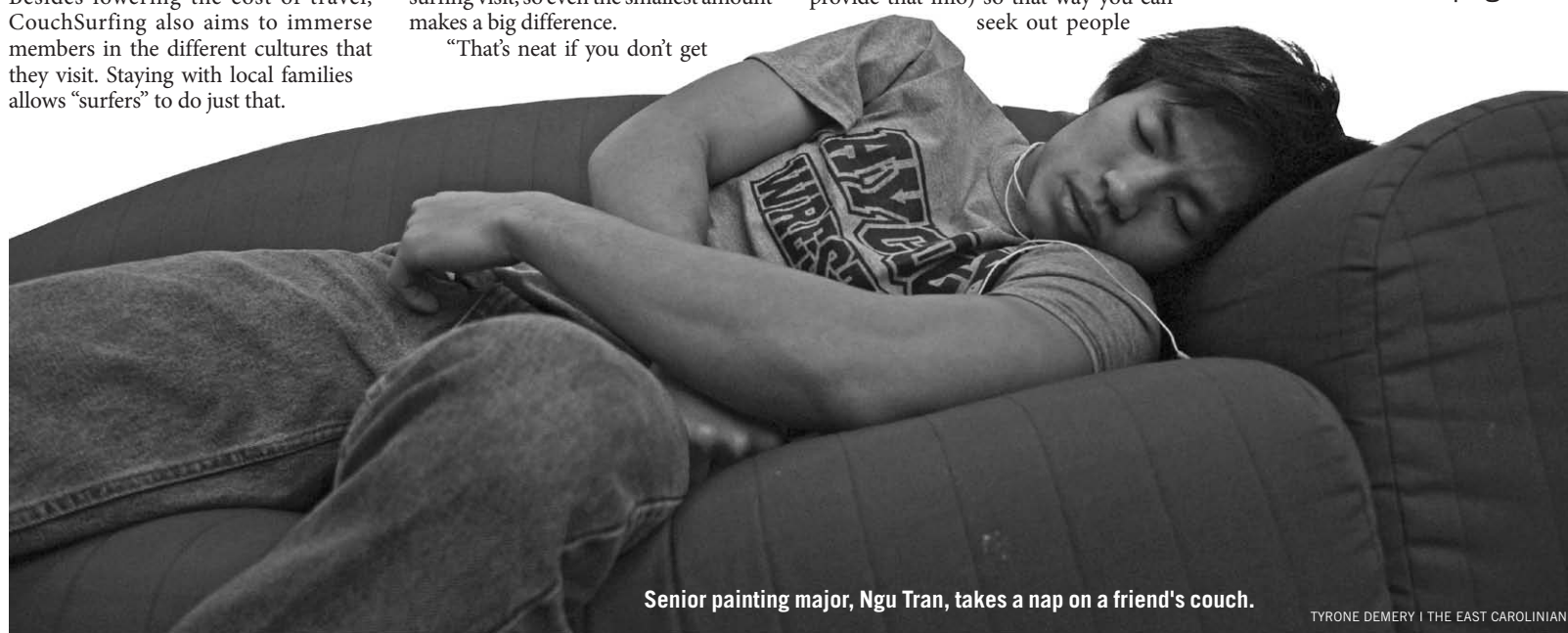
For those who have dreams of traveling near and far but don't have the funds to do so, CouchSurfing may be the solution. CouchSurfing is a non-profit international network that connects people from different countries, states or even just towns. Members of the organization open up their homes, and couches, to travelers, cutting out the worry of hotel fees. "We have a vision of a world where everyone can explore and create meaningful connections with the people and places they encounter," states CouchSurfing.org, the organization's website. Besides lowering the cost of travel, CouchSurfing also aims to immerse members in the different cultures that they visit. Staying with local families allows "surfers" to do just that.

"Members have reported over 4.3 million positive experiences, which is an incredible 99.7 percent of all CS experiences," states CouchSurfing.org. CouchSurfing has several guidelines that all members must follow, such as honest communication, making every experience fun and being appreciative of diversity. "We envision a world where everyone is inspired to help and care for each other, regardless of differences in culture or ideologies." CouchSurfing also aims to remain a non-profit organization. The network is run completely off of donations from its members, but that doesn't mean donations have to be colossal. It only costs the organization about 24 cents per couch surfing visit, so even the smallest amount makes a big difference. "That's neat if you don't get

murdered in your sleep," said senior Chris Hewitt. "If I had some information about the couple beforehand, I could do it." The website allows surfers and hosts to do just that, exchange information. Members create pages that list general information such as name, location and age. They also list their interests, in areas such as music and books, as well as the locations they have traveled to and pictures of themselves. In addition, they also post descriptions of the couch or living area where hosts would stay, and also describe the atmosphere of their house or apartment in general (such as house rules). "I love how the site allows you to see what other people's interests and occupations are (if you decide to provide that info) so that you can seek out people

of a like-mind that may understand where you're coming from," said ECU student and CouchSurfing member Nathan Walker. Walker is a classical musician and joined CouchSurfing last year because he knew he would be visiting different places for auditions and would need a place to stay. "At first I thought it was a small network of backpackers and garage bands on tour, but it turned out to be a huge variety of students, professionals and people who simply don't mind welcoming a stranger to their futon," said Walker. Though Walker has yet to do any

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Senior painting major, Ngu Tran, takes a nap on a friend's couch.

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"surfing," he did host a "surfer" last spring who shared a similar interest in music. After messaging back and forth, the member came to Walker's place and stayed for a week. "I can't lie, I thought it was slightly sketchy to let someone random live in my apartment, but he turned out to be a really cool guy," said Walker. "It was great to have an opportunity to show someone around town, introduce him to my friends and simply have a couple beers and a chat with someone new."

Though Walker realizes that some people may use CouchSurfing for inappropriate reasons, he doesn't necessarily feel like it is dangerous. "They have a way for you to verify your address (you have to mail back a postcard that they send to you), and there is messaging through the site (not directly through e-mail)," said Walker. "This way you have a decent bit of distance between you and the other guy. You have a chance to check out his profile, message him and

maybe see what his personality is like."

Ultimately, CouchSurfing allows people across the world to travel cheaply, become better exposed to different cultures and to connect with each other in a safe way. To become a member, browse profiles or learn more about CouchSurfing, visit [www.CouchSurfing.org](http://www.CouchSurfing.org).

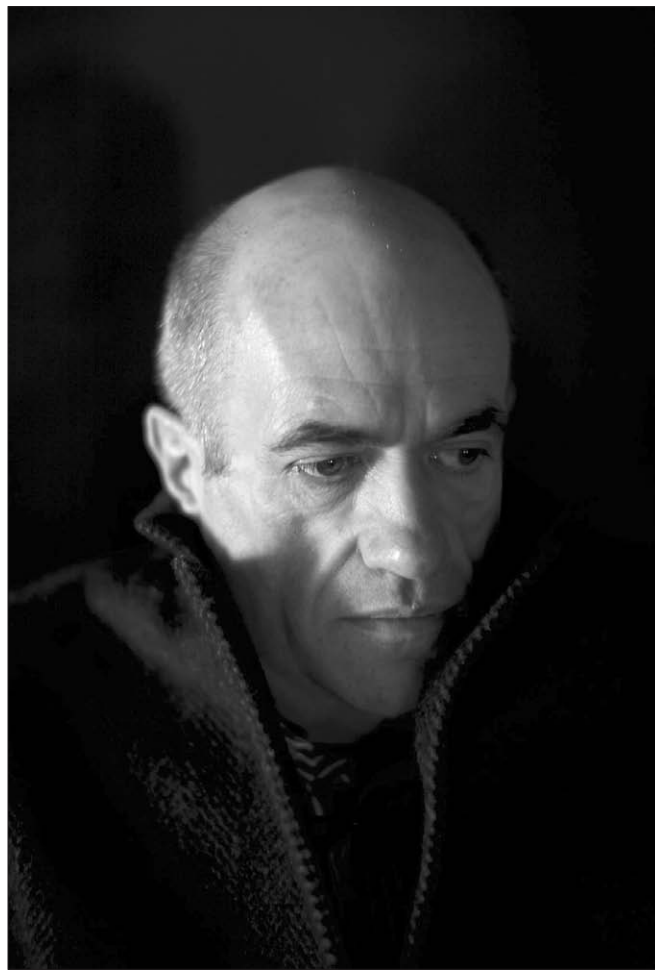
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Colm Toibon is an international novelist and will be visiting ECU.

**Novelist to visit campus**

The new Contemporary Writer Series hosts its first guest, Colm Toibon

**Rebecca Blanchette**  
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLES EDITOR

International novelist Colm Toibon will be visiting ECU on Wednesday, Feb. 23, and Thursday, Feb. 24, as part of the English department's new Contemporary Writer Series. "He's a wonderful writer and probably one of the 10 or 20 top writers writing in English right now," said Liza Wieland, professor of English.

Toibon is a native of Ireland, and his 2009 novel "Brooklyn" won the Costa Book Award for novel of the year. According to English professor Tom Douglass, "The Costa Award is the commonwealth prize equivalent to our national book award" for the United Kingdom and Ireland. Toibon has won a number of other awards for multiple novels, including his 2004 novel "Master," which won the LA Times Novel of the Year award.

"I love it. I could barely put it down," said senior English major Kelly Hunnings, in regards to "Master." "It's a deeply moving and complex novel." "I like Colm very much," said Douglass. "I like his art." Toibon's work has been translated into 30 different languages. "He's making a critical contribution and something new in fiction," said Douglass. "His reputation is still growing internationally."

Toibon was born in Ireland in 1955 and later attended University College Dublin. He resided in Barcelona for three years, from 1975 to 1978, and his experiences living in Spain inspired him to write his novels "The South" and "Homage to Barcelona," which were both published in 1990. "The South" won the Irish Times/Aer Lingus First Fiction Award. Toibon is currently a lecturer at Princeton University, and his latest novel, published this year, is entitled "The Empty Family."

"I would really encourage people to come to the events," said Hunnings. "It's a huge honor that Colm Toibon is coming to ECU. He's a major writer and a well-known writer."

Through the new Contemporary Writer Series, the English department aims to bring international and national writers to campus to "be present on campus for a couple of days," according to Douglass, and talk with students through presentations and readings. Guests will include writers of all different types of genres, including poetry, translation, fiction and non-fiction. The department is aiming to have one writer come per semester.

The idea of having a writing series has been on the minds of the English department staff for some time now. "We know we need something like this. We've been wanting to have something like this for a long time," said Douglass. "There are writers that we've invited so far that are really on the cutting edge of what's happening in the world of fiction today."

One of the series' goals is "to bring the world to Greenville," according to its pamphlet. "The CWS will bring to the ECU campus new and established writers, men and women of various cultural backgrounds whose work has made an unusually powerful contribution to literature and to the lives of readers." The series also hopes to attract students to contemporary literature and to reveal it as a living art form, as well as inspire thought, reading, writing and listening. All guest appearance events will be free to the public and to the university community.

Toibon will be speaking on "The Art of Fiction" on Wednesday in Bate 1031 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. On Thursday, he will conduct a public reading at the Greenville Museum of Art from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

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## Tennis tops Appalachian State

ECU rallied back after suffering a doubles sweep to win four of six singles matches, two in three-set fashion, and post a 4-3 non-conference victory over Appalachian State on Sunday at the ECU Tennis Complex.

The victory improved the Pirates' spring record to 6-2 while the Mountaineers dropped to 2-3.

The Pirates won at flights No. 4, 5 and 6 to complete the comeback after losing two of the first three singles flights. Freshman Jorvan Vliegen posted a straight sets victory over Sebastian King at the No. 4 position (6-2, 7-5). Sophomore John Schmitt completed a 7-5, 3-6, 6-2 win to outlast Andrew McKinnon at No. 5 and senior Stian Tvedt held off Matt Saltgaver (6-3, 4-6, 6-4) at No. 6 for the Pirates' final two points.

Massimo Mannino produced ECU's first tally, disposing of Alex Markov 6-3, 7-5 at the No. 1 slot before Appalachian State posted triumphs at the No. 2 and 3 positions. The Mountaineers got off to an early 1-0 lead by sweeping the doubles action, using 8-3, 7-6 (5) and 8-4 wins.

The Pirates will return to action Friday, Feb. 25, at 11 a.m. against The Citadel at the ECU Tennis Complex.

## Lady Pirates drop contest

The UCF Arena continued to prove a tough place to win for ECU as it lost 69-52 to the Knights Sunday. The Pirates fell to 12-14 overall and 6-7 in Conference USA play, losing their third-straight road game, while UCF improved to 16-10 and 9-4 in winning its fifth-straight contest overall.

Kim Gay scored in double figures for the 12th straight time, netting 11 while Ashley Clarke added 10. Chareya Smith was the top rebounder for ECU, grabbing six boards. Additionally, Allison Spivey handed out a team-high five assists.

The Pirates ended up with the slight edge from the floor, shooting 33 percent while holding the Knights to a 31 percent showing. UCF dominated the glass, corraling 56 rebounds of which 28 were offensive. The Knights also enjoyed 9-7 and 13-9 advantage in steals and assists, respectively. Additionally, ECU was held to a season low in points scored and failed to reach 60 for the first time this campaign.

ECU was able to get stops for most of the second 10 minutes of the first half, but could not convert on the other end as the Knights sat comfortably in front 31-19 at the break.

Rebounding was the story of the first 20 minutes as UCF grabbed 19 offensive boards as part of a 34-13 advantage. The Pirates were able to keep in the contest, however, due to 28 percent shooting by the home team. ECU did not shoot much better, draining 30 percent of their attempts from the field. It was a sloppy period, as the teams combined for 21 turnovers.

Celeste Stewart and Gay both netted four points in the half while Clarke pulled down a team-high three rebounds to go along with two steals.

The Pirates came out in the second half hot, cutting their deficit to 33-27 when Gay nailed a trey at the 16:30 mark. However, Jelisa Caldwell answered with five-straight points to make it a double-digit margin again. Aisha Kelly then gave UCF its largest lead of the game with a 3 as the score stood at 46-29 with 13 minutes left.

The advantage grew to over 20 when Asia Patrick hit a free throw to make the score 61-40 with 6:08 left on the clock. ECU could not rally from there, as Elaine Morgan dropped in a layup with two ticks remaining to make it the 17-point final margin.

ECU will play two of its final three contests at Mingos Coliseum, beginning Thursday against Tulsa. Tipoff is slated for 7 p.m.

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# SPORTS

## SOFTBALL HOLDS OFF HOFSTRA

Carlos Olivera  
STAFF WRITER

The Pirate softball team continued their home dominance on Monday afternoon with a 5-4 victory over Hofstra. Dating back to last season, the Pirates are 23-4 at home, including 6-1 in the new ECU softball stadium. The win also pushed the Pirates' 2011 record to 8-4.

The Pirates opened up the scoring in the bottom of the third as junior Suzanne Riggs singled in freshman Kristi Oshiro. Oshiro reached base on a walk and proceeded to steal second. After a ground out, Riggs stepped in and singled to left, scoring Oshiro.

Oshiro once again started a Pirate rally in the bottom of the fifth. Oshiro and Rebecca Lee reached base on back-to-back walks with one out in the inning; Riggs then stepped to the plate and blasted a three-run homerun over the left field wall. The homerun marked Riggs's first career homerun.

"It feels really good," Riggs said. "It's about time," she said jokingly.

All jokes aside, Riggs had a great afternoon at the plate. She went 2-2 with one walk and four runs batted in. She now leads the team in hits (12) and runs batted in (10).

Also playing well for the Pirates was senior Toni Paisley. Paisley was almost untouchable the first six innings, only allowing two hits. Paisley did have to work her way out of the final inning, however.

"They made really good adjustments and got me a little rattled," Paisley said.

"They're [Hofstra] a quality team, and it was their 14th inning seeing Toni this weekend," said head coach Tracey Kee.

In the top of the seventh, Hofstra's first four hitters reached base safely. The Pride



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Senior pitcher Toni Paisley delivers a pitch against Hofstra on Monday.

would go on to score four runs in the top of the seventh. With the game hanging in the balance, Paisley settled down and secured the win. With two outs, runners on second and third and a one-run lead, Paisley got Sara Michalowski to ground

out to Oshiro at second to end the game.

The Pirates also opened the 2011 Pirate Classic with a win against the Virginia Cavaliers on Friday afternoon. The Pirates earned a 3-0 victory behind another strong pitching

performance from Paisley.

The complete game shutout marked Paisley's 90th career victory and 44th career shutout. More importantly, Paisley's eight strikeouts put her atop the career Conference USA strikeout charts.

## PIRATE NINE SWEEP OPENER



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Lefthander Kevin Brandt tracks down a Youngstown State baserunner, during the Pirates 1-0 victory over the Penguins.

Adam Bunn  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Baseball returned to Eastern North Carolina this weekend as ECU hosted Youngstown State for a season-opening three-game series. The Pirates used superior offensive power and dominant pitching to sweep the series away from the Penguins.

In the series finale held on a beautiful Sunday afternoon, the Pirates used a four-run fourth inning to create the cushion they needed to cruise to a 10-0 win.

After freshman designated hitter Chase McDonald led off the four with a fly-out to shallow right field, left fielder John Wooten made his way to the plate. Wooten would hit the ball on the ground to Penguin shortstop David Leon on what looked like a routine ground ball. However, Leon would throw it in the dirt, allowing Wooten to reach on the error.

Following the error, Jack Wright, who had just one hit in the previous two games combined, belted a pitch to the opposite field, putting runners on first and third with just one out in the inning. Shortstop Jack Reinheimer would put down a suicide squeeze play that turned into a base hit

and throwing error, allowing Wooten to score from third, giving the Pirates a 1-0 lead that ECU would never relinquish. Right fielder Philip Clark would also join the suicide party, as he would lay a perfect bunt down, giving the Penguins no chance of throwing Wright out at home. Following back-to-back walks, Trent Whitehead recorded his first 2 RBIs of the year, capping off the four-run fourth inning.

Despite being up 4-0 and facing an obviously overmatched opponent, the Pirates refused to take their foot off the gas pedal, scoring six runs over the next two innings. Included in that two-inning scoring binge was not only the first home run of the season for the Pirates, but also the first home run of McDonald's short career.

"It felt good to get it out of the way," McDonald said of his line drive blast that sailed over the left-field fence. "Hopefully there will be many more of them."

Early on in the series, big-hitters Wright and Wooten were not performing at the level many expected, and as a result, the Pirates looked for their offense to come from other sources. However, Wright and Wooten both had big days to help ECU clinch the sweep, going a combined 4-for-8

with 2 RBIs and four runs scored.

"It was good to see John get going today," Head Coach Billy Godwin said. "We kind of expected that from him. ... With him and Wright kind of scuffling, one thing I know is they're gonna hit. But if we can win when they don't hit, that's a good sign for the Pirates."

While the offensive numbers are the part of the box score many fans look at, the success of this three-game sweep came on the arms of the Pirate pitching staff.

Starter Mike Wright pitched five innings of three-hit ball, never allowing a runner past second base in his five innings of work. For Wright, this was vindication, as many believed he was a bullpen arm not suited for the starting rotation.

"Just being mentally ready and being focused," Wright said of his pitching performance. "We had a lot of guys thinking about being in the rotation. About eight guys I think. I just performed early I guess."

"He did exactly what he's shown us," Godwin said of Wright's pitching display. "He filled up the strike zone, stayed down,

## WOMEN'S GOLF IN SEARCH OF NCAA BID

Lorianna Whitford  
STAFF WRITER

ECU women's golf has officially teed off for the spring 2011 season. After a successful fall season, the ladies of the green are back at it once again with ambitious goals to be met.

Striving to reach the NCAA tournament for the fourth consecutive year, these putting Pirates are without a doubt up to par. ECU women's golf has never made it to the NCAA tournament four years in a row and hopes this season will be the one to change that.

"We want to compete for the Conference USA Championship number one, and also we want to be able to play in the NCAA tournament," Head Coach Kevin Williams said. "We've been fortunate to play in it six times of the 10 years of the program's history, which is a good accomplishment."

Williams continued to explain that success in the NCAA tournament would lead to an opportunity to compete in regionals and advance to the National Championship for women's collegiate golf.

"Only 24 teams in the country get to go to the National Championship," Williams said. "It's a tough thing. We missed it by three strokes two years ago, which was very heartbreaking. We know we're close."

The Lady Pirates struggled at their first tournament at UCF, but that doesn't discourage them from preparing for an exceptional season. Williams explained that the key to their success is to strengthen their mental toughness.

"It is a mental battle. It's probably 90 percent mental and 10 percent physical, but you have to have the physical. I think a lot of times what happens is if your physical is not good, then it wears your mental part out, but if you have that mental stability, then it'll carry you through tough times. That's the battle we fight most of the time."

Williams elaborated on the UCF Challenge in which ECU placed 14th out of 17 teams.

"We just weren't sharp. We weren't as sharp physically so it wore us down mentally. I think a lot of the girls beat themselves down too much. So hopefully as they start playing better in practice our scores will translate

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## THIRD STRAIGHT LOSS FOR MEN'S HOOPS

Chase Kroll  
STAFF WRITER

The men's basketball team suffered its third loss in a row on Saturday, this time at the hands of Southern Miss by a score of 72-55.

The Golden Eagles were led by Gary Flowers, a Conference USA Player-of-the-Year candidate who scored a career-high 32 points in the contest.

The loss puts the Pirates' record at 13-13 this season, with a 5-7 record in conference play. Southern Miss posts a 20-6 record, while going 9-4 in conference.

Opening the second half leading by six, the Golden Eagles went on a 16-4 run to put themselves comfortably in the lead. Throughout the second half, ECU was able to pull within 14 points, but that would be as close as they got as Southern Miss held the lead firmly in their

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had good secondary pitches. He didn't punch a lot of guys out, but if we can pitch and play defense, we are going to be in a lot of ball games."

By holding the Penguins scoreless, ECU ran its consecutive innings without a run streak to 18 innings, while the starters haven't allowed a run since YSU's Leon hit a home run on the second pitch on Friday.

Saturday afternoon's game sticks out of this series, as it was the one game where the Pirates weren't smacking the ball all over the field. It was a masterful pitchers' duel where both pitchers dominated their opposing hitters with fastballs hitting the edges and their breaking pitches bottoming out right before the hitters' eyes.

Heading to the ninth inning scoreless, ECU made quick work of the Penguins in the top half, setting the stage for a dramatic finish in the bottom of the frame. After the Pirates were able to work the bases full, junior college transfer Tim Younger strode to the plate with an opportunity to send the fans home happy, and he would not disappoint. Younger drove a 3-1 pitch through the gap into right field, allowing Clark to score from third, giving the Pirates a 1-0 win.

The Pirates took the first game of the series by a dominating score of 11-3 as starting pitcher Seth Maness went seven innings, allowing just one run while striking out seven.

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in tournaments."

The women's golf team is a delightful combination of eight personalities filled with enormous amounts of talent and drive. Senior Amber Littman leads the Lady Pirates with the lowest stroke average, followed by freshman Fanny Wolte with the second-lowest stroke average and junior Amy Otteson with the third. Williams also mentioned senior Colleen Estes, who comes through as a dependable starter for ECU.

"I think we're a serious team," Amber Littman said of the team's dynamic. "We have a bunch of different personalities, even though we're a small team and even though we are different, we have the one common goal of kickin' butt on the golf course and having the goal of

reaching NCAA's. It keeps us focused on our individual game and in cheering each other on. I think we're extremely driven individually and as a team."

When asked about her personal goals and ambitions for the team as a whole, Littman knows exactly what she is striving for.

"Personally, I'd like to make it the fourth year that we've gone to NCAA tournament. That's been a goal of mine since I've been here to go every year that I'm on the team. My goal initially is to go to nationals one time, so this is the last year to reach that goal. For the team, I'd like to continue the bonding experience and work together to reach our NCAA goal and to gradually work together on lowering our scoring averaging

and try to win a tournament every now and then."

The dedication and determination of this small but mighty team is remarkable, be it in the classroom or on the golf course. Follow the ECU women's golf team through this exciting season as the team strives to make Pirate history. The next tournament is at the Kinderlou Forest Challenge Feb. 27 to March 1 in Valdosta, Ga.

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Paisley passes former teammate Keli Harrell's all-time mark of 948 strikeouts.

"It was good to finally get it. It took a lot of pressure off and I kind of cried a little bit," said Paisley.

ECU's lone loss of the weekend came at the hands of the St. Johns Redstorm in the late game on Friday. Fighting back from a 5-1 deficit, the Pirates would tie the game in the top of the seventh with two outs. The Pirates were thwarted in the eighth and ninth innings, as the Redstorm would score the winning run with two outs in the ninth.

With another double-header Saturday, the Pirates went 2-0 against Hofstra and Kent State. Behind two hits from Riggs and Alex Fieldhouse the Pirates collected their fourth shutout of the season with a 5-0 victory over Hofstra in the early game. Riggs also drove in two runs while Paisley collected her fifth win of the season.

In the nightcap, Faith Sutton earned her first victory of the season (1-2) in front of a new stadium-record 648 fans. Sutton pitched four innings and struck out six batters while giving up the lone Kent State run. Freshman Rebecca Lee led the Pirates with three hits and one run batted in on the evening.

The Pirates closed out the weekend and Pirate Classic with a little redemption. The Pirates destroyed the Redstorm in a rematch of their lone weekend loss. Paisley recorded another complete game shutout as she pitched five innings while giving up five hits and striking out five Redstorm hitters.

Freshman outfielder Jasmine Robbins made a splash as she blasted the first home run in the stadium. Robbins blasted a two-out solo home run in the bottom of the second to give the Pirates an early 2-0 lead en route to the 8-0 ECU victory.

The Pirates will next host the Pirate Clash this weekend. The Pirate Clash begins Friday at 4 p.m., when they will take on Towson in the new ECU Softball Stadium.

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grasp. The largest lead of the game for the Golden Eagles was 20 points, occurring twice, once with 13 minutes remaining and again with only two minutes left.

Brock Young led the Pirates' scoring efforts with 18 points, followed by 12 from Jontae Sherrod. ECU's Darius Morrow grabbed nine rebounds to lead the Pirates. Flowers recorded a double-double for Southern Miss, adding 11 rebounds to his career-high scoring night. Both totals led his team for the game.

As a team, the Pirates finished with a 38.5 shooting percentage, converting 20-of-52 attempts. Southern Miss held a 45.0 shooting percentage, going 27 of 60 on the night. ECU posted a respectable 75 percent mark from the free-throw line, as opposed to the Golden Eagles' 68.8 percent.

The first half of play was a much different story than the second. The teams went toe to toe as the game began, trading shots until the score was tied 19-19 with 9:35 remaining. Southern Miss scored seven of the next eight ensuing points, only to have the Pirates surge

back to tie the game at 26-26. In the final four minutes, the Golden Eagles put together a 10-4 run to go into halftime with a six-point lead. All of ECU's points during the run came from Young.

Both teams' leading scorers put in most of their work in the first half. Flowers finished the first half with 21 of his 32 points. ECU's Young scored 14 of his 18 points in the first half as well.

The Pirates have not had good luck against Southern Miss as of late. This was their fifth consecutive loss to the Golden Eagles, and they only have one win in the last 11 games played between the two teams.

ECU is now ranked eighth in C-USA following their loss. On the other hand, Southern Miss now holds second place in the division, one game behind UTEP for the conference lead.

The Pirates return to the court on Wednesday, Feb. 23, to play at home against UTEP. Game time is set for 7 p.m.

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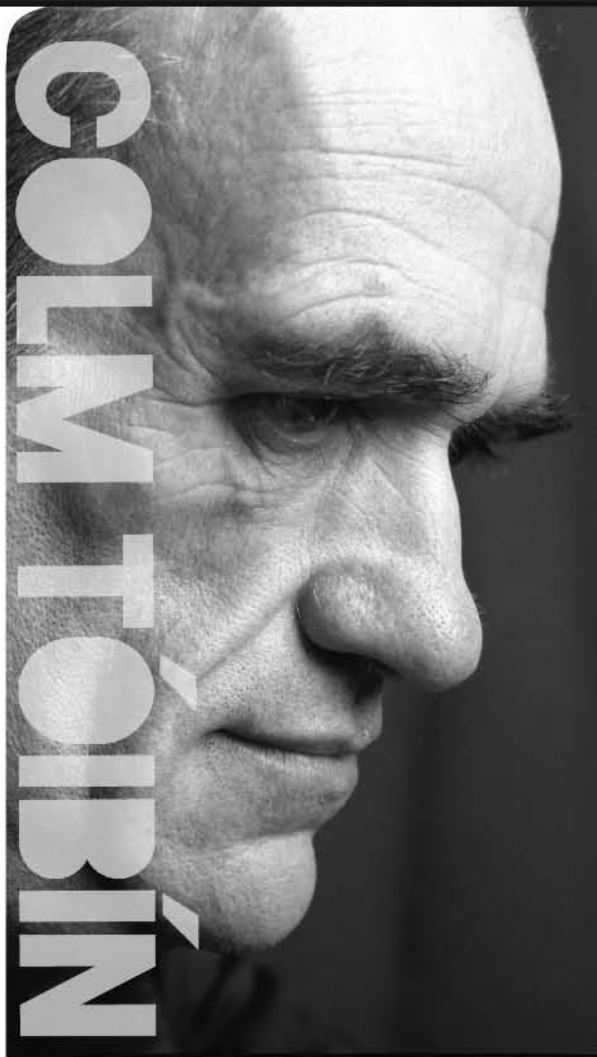
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