

OPINION: I find it outrageous that I'm a student at ECU yet I cannot park at the library without getting a ticket. ECU you are bleeding me dry. **A5**

LIFESTYLES: Get to know the bands behind Barefoot on the Mall. Turn to Lifestyles to read about the bands that will perform at this year's event! **A6**

SPORTS: Softball hit the diamond against in-state rival N.C. State Wednesday night. Turn to sports to see if the Pirates were able to defend home turf. **A9**

The East Carolinian

theeastcarolinian.com

YOUR CAMPUS NEWS SOURCE SINCE 1925

PREVIEW

SOIS critique begins

Jamie Coan
STAFF WRITER

The Student Opinion of Instruction Survey opened on Tuesday and will be available to students through April 25. All students are encouraged to participate.

The SOIS is an online survey conducted each semester to obtain student evaluations of their instruction. The results of this survey become part of instructors' personal records and are used to help develop and modify their courses. They are also used by administrators to assess tenure and promotions. These surveys are kept completely confidential.

The report of the results is a group summary. It shows how many students gave each rating and it shows the average rating. Students are asked to give a comment to their instructor and all of these comments are compiled into a list given to the professor. Students' names and ID numbers do not appear in the report, and the results are not given to professors until after final exams.

Chuck Rich, associate director of Institutional Assessment, said, "There are two types of results from the survey: numeric ratings of aspects of the instruction and comments written by the students. The reports of numeric results and comments are shared with the instructor who is evaluated."

Rich also said, in a reminder email to all students, "Please do not include your name or identifying information in your comments, since they will be given to your instructor verbatim."

"I always take the survey because I feel like it's the only way that teachers will hear what their students think about a class," said student Don Strickland. "And I like the fact that our names are not given to the professors."

It is important that students participate in this survey to give helpful feedback so that instructors know what they are doing well and what they could improve on. The instructor's chairperson also sees the results of the survey so they can make helpful suggestions.

Teachers have begun reminding students to take this survey, some even offering extra credit to those who participate or to the whole class if a certain percentage of students participate.

"I have never taken the SOIS before, but I definitely will this semester. Most of my teachers this semester are giving extra credit if most students take it," said freshman Jenna King.

Joyce Nelson, a music professor who teaches classes of about 200 students, said, "I sit down and think about what to tell my students every semester when it comes up, because I really want to hear from them and I want it to be constructive. When it's anonymous, there is a change of hearing things that people wouldn't necessarily tell me. I actually read the comments and it really helps shape my course for the next semester, so they are doing a great service to the next students that I get."

Despite an "Our View" article written by the Editorial Board of The East Carolinian expressing concern that the survey's 10-point scale is too vague, no changes have been made to the SOIS this year. There is, however, a committee that surveyed students on their opinion of the SOIS, but they are still gathering information.

"Any changes recommended by the committee will need to be approved by the Faculty Senate and then it would take some time for any changes to be implemented by our technical staff in ITCS (Information Technology and Computer Services)," Rich said.

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

WEB POLL

Do you agree with the Richardson guilty verdict?

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



DOUG MACKENZIE | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The Native American Exhibit was displayed in Joyner Library this past week in the North Carolina Arts Collection on the third floor.

Native Carolinians exhibit opens at Joyner

Hannah Jackson
STAFF WRITER

A new exhibit opened in the North Carolina Collection at Joyner Library last week. "Native Carolinians, 1585: The Theodor de Bry Engravings of John White Watercolors," from the collection of Michael N. Joyner will be on display through May 15.

The Native Collections exhibit will feature 22 engravings created by Theodor de Bry that appeared in the English, Latin and German 1590 editions of Thomas Harriot's "A Briefe and True Report of the New Found Land of Virginia." The engravings were based on watercolor paintings, created

around 1585 by John White, who later became governor of the colony on Roanoke Island.

Harriot's report was the first published account of native North Carolinians, as well as plant and animal life in the coastal areas of North Carolina. The College of Arts and Sciences is named for Harriot, a scientist who traveled with Sir Walter Raleigh to Roanoke Island to conduct experiments. White worked with Harriot throughout the region to record a visual record of the account as well.

The engravings are on loan from Michael N. Joyner, who acquired his first de Bry engraving in 2009 of the "Virginia Indians," which is based on the original watercolors of White.

John Lawrence, head of the N.C. Collections, said, "Michael Joyner has now compiled a complete collection of de Bry engravings from Briefe Report, as well as the accompanying Latin text of this rare historic document."

The library became aware of the prints from Larry Tise, the Wilbur and Orville Wright Professor of the History of Science and Technology from the History Department here on campus. Tise is an acquaintance of Michael Joyner and brought it to the attention of Special Collections, which then negotiated and scheduled the materials for an exhibit

> NATIVE page A3

FDA requires menu calorie counts

Jamie Harper
STAFF WRITER

Menu labeling requirements proposed by the Food and Drug Administration will require chain restaurants with 20 or more locations, including drive-through lanes, bakeries, grocery stores, convenience stores and coffee chains, to clearly post the calorie count for each item on their menu.

These rules will also apply to vending machines, if the items do not have the calorie information visible on the package.

The calorie count is estimated to apply to 280,000 establishments. The requirements are part of health legislation signed into law last year, and the calorie counts could be on menus as early as 2012.

Janie Owens, the nutrition director of Campus Dining, explained that the nutritional information is already available for students through the kiosks in the dining halls, as well as online, but having the information posted directly on menus could have a positive impact on the choices students make.

"If calorie counts were posted on menu boards, it could have a positive impact on students by heightening awareness about the nutritional content of the foods they are choosing. Often times, food choices are made without the knowledge of how many calories or grams of fat are present. Such information posted could assist students in making healthier choices," said Owens.

Since nutritional information for many restaurants is not easily accessible, the goal of these requirements is to make sure consumers are aware of nutritional information before they decide what to eat.

Stephanie Kinner, graduate student in the clinical nutrition program, said, "I think having the calorie count on the menus will help people make more healthful choices when they are at certain restaurants. Especially when they are certain sauces and condiments

and things like that sometimes can be more calorically dense than the actual burger you are eating or the chicken strips you are eating."

The menu boards will also remind consumers that the information is based on a 2,000 daily calorie intake and that individual needs may vary.

"We've got a huge obesity problem in this country, and it's due in part to excess calorie consumption outside the home," says Mike Taylor, FDA deputy commissioner for foods.

One-third of calories are consumed by eating out, according to the FDA.

Kinner, who is an RD-eligible nutritionist, said, "I think it will open people's eyes to how many

calories they are eating. Some people, of course, aren't going to care. They are going to continue to eat how they eat because they are not calorie conscientious. They don't care."

The calorie count on menus will provide consistent information for consumers.

"I think that a great majority of students on campus do tend to be more health conscientious because the majority of students are upperclassmen," said McKenzie Moore, a senior communication major. "I feel like freshmen may not care. They are 'breaking

> FDA page A3



TYRONE DEMERY | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Sophomore Exercise Physiology major Suzanne McLaughlin scans the nutrition guide at Destination 360

Obama starts 2012 campaign

Brian Havens
STAFF WRITER

Obama announced through an email to his supporters and a video released on his website, barackobama.com, that he would officially run for reelection in the 2012 elections.

According to an article in USA Today, Obama wrote his supporters, saying, "Today, we are filing papers to launch our 2012 campaign." After Obama files his papers with the Federal Election Commission, he will be able to send out the bid for his second term.

Obama mentions that he is planning on running the election race in a completely new way. Obama is specifically asking for the help of his previous supporters. In the email, Obama says, "We'll start by doing something unprecedented: coordinating millions of one-on-one conversations between supporters across every single state, reconnecting old friends, and redefining ourselves for next year's fight."

The same morning, Obama unveiled his 2012 campaign website, barackobama.com/get-involved, where people can donate their money to his campaign and find other ways to "get involved." The site even allows users to comment on posts by using other mediums, such as Facebook or Twitter.

Obama's announcement for reelection does not come as a surprise to most people. Carmen Mercer, a graduate student who is working on her master's degree in Public Administration, said, "Well, considering the fact that he's been elected once, most presidents (once elected) do want to run for reelection. So, it's a given."

Obama, who's turning 50

this year, will face many challenges as he begins to set up for his reelection. While the U.S. is engaged in three different military conflicts overseas (in Afghanistan, Iraq and Libya), many problems are occurring right here in America. Not only did his health care plan fail to gain support in national public opinion polls, but also problems in the economic recovery are making many voters weary.

Frank Donatelli, a former White House political director, said, "He'll have a lot of advantages as the incumbent ... not challenged for his party's nomination and with an unlimited campaign fund ... On the other hand, we're still in very tough economic times, and his approval rating has been below 50 percent for a year now."

Donatelli, who once served as John McCain's top aide in the 2008 campaign, believes that Obama's chances of getting reelected are "slightly better than 50-50."

Mercer believes that Obama has already shown himself to be an effective leader.

"The nation has already considered and qualified him as a good candidate. I really don't see the Democratic party as not having him as a nominee," said Mercer.

Sophomore Phil Sgro, a history major, said, "I do not think he's doing a bad job. He's doing an 'alright' job in office. At this point, I think he's the best candidate for the Democrats."

Despite the lowered approval rating, Obama has some strengths that make him a fierce competitor. Fundraising and demographics are surely in his favor. Obama has also successfully brought down the

> OBAMA page A3

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

FOR RENT

WALK TO CLASS! 1 block from campus (across from Joyner) and right next to campus police! 2 bedroom apartment with hardwood floors and central heat/air. Washer/dryer, dishwasher, high-speed internet, basic cable, water & sewer all included. 1 available immediately or for the summer and 1 available Aug 1st. Call 252-916-5680.

2 bedroom, 2 bath Dockside. Available in July. Excellent condition. \$600/month. Call 252-355-6339.

Available now. 1711 Knollwood, family neighborhood. 3BR/3BA. \$1200/month. 113 E. 9th near ECU. 3BR. \$690/month. Available May 1. 1300 Cotten. 3BR. \$800/month. 2406-A E. 3rd. 3BR. \$750/month. Available June 1. 2202 Jefferson. 3BR/1.5BA. \$900/month. Others coming. Call 252-902-9686.

SUBLEASE an apartment for one semester! Graduating in December? A fully furnished studio apartment at First Street Place. If interested contact: Lafraetae09@students.ecu.edu

Single female roommate needed to share 4BR/2BA house. Walking distance to class and downtown. Private bedroom. \$350/month plus utilities. Available now through July. Call 980-226-6911.

1 bedroom in a 3BR/3BA apartment for sublease at North Campus Crossing. Immediate occupancy. Utilities included. A deal at \$400/month. Please call 336-213-0565.

Room for rent in house 2 blocks from campus! Fully furnished except vacant room, washer/dryer, central AC/heat, fully functional kitchen. Available May 1st. Rent = \$400/month plus 1/3 of utilities, cable and internet. Contact Hilary at 252-754-8119 or flemingh09@students.ecu.edu

ECU AREA! Various houses and duplexes available in June. 3BR house: W/D hookup, fenced, security, HVAC. \$750/month. 1BR: W/D hookup, fenced. \$400/month. 2BR: W/D hookup. \$530/month. Contact Tilley Properties: 252-830-9502 or tilley_melissa@yahoo.com or visit www.tilleyproperties.webs.com

HOME FOR RENT- 2 BLOCKS FROM CAMPUS & DOWNTOWN. Large home with all appliances including washer/dryer. 3-5 bedrooms available May/June 1st. Call Thomas at 704-877-3055.

University Manor sublease for summer. Private bedroom and bathroom. Available May 9 to July 31. \$399/month. Call 804-337-2846.

Two rooms available for sublease in Copper Beech for June and July. Rent is \$420 plus utilities. Clean and spacious apartment with private bathrooms. Call 704-699-4722 or 919-608-8979 for more information.

Now leasing newly remodeled 1&2 bedrooms (201 N. Woodlawn & 802 Willow). High-speed internet, water/sewer, 1BR with hot water and heat furnished. Great location for students. Beautiful river walk/view and bike trail. Call 252-364-1476.

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

Walking distance to ECU: 3BR/1BA house. Fenced yard. Hardwood floors. Pet friendly. Located on First Street and Woodlawn Avenue. Available Fall 2011. \$900/month. Call 252-531-5701.

WALK TO CLASS - 1 BLOCK. 2BR/1.5BA quadplex "Buccaneer Village" 507 E. 11th Street. Save money, no ECU parking fees to pay. Kitchen appliances, dishwasher, and washer/dryer. \$525/month. Pinnacle Management: 252-561-RENT(7368).

3BR/3BA spacious condo at 320 Brownlea Drive. You choose your rent amount. \$900/month includes water. \$1325/month gets you cable, internet, lights, and water. On ECU bus route or walk to class. Bring your own roommates, we do not match. Pinnacle Management: 252-561-RENT(7368).

EXPENSIVE ADS = EXPENSIVE RENTS. We Don't Do That! CHECK US OUT! WYNDHAM COURT APTS. 2 bedroom with full-size washer/dryer, dishwasher, FREE cable, internet available, cheap utilities, on ECU bus route. As low as \$275 per person (\$550 per unit). Pets OK. Pinnacle Management: 252-561-RENT(7368).

NOW ALL INCLUSIVE!! WYNDHAM COURT APTS. All utilities, cable, internet. 2 bedroom with full-size washer/dryer, dishwasher, on ECU bus route. Starting at only \$342.50 per person (\$685.00 per unit). Pets OK. Pinnacle Management: 252-561-RENT(7368).

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

Close to ECU: 2711 East 2nd Street- 2BR/1BA duplex; 1103 East 4th Street- 3BR/1.5BA duplex; 110 West 11th Street- 2BR/1BA house. Stove and refrigerator included in all units. Contact Wainright Property Management at 252-756-6209 or visit www.rentingreenville.com

Private bedroom and bathroom available at Sterling Pointe (behind

Home Depot and close to PCC). Kitchen privileges and cable included. \$300/month. Male tenant preferred. Call 252-551-2103.

Newly decorated 2 bedroom, 2 full bath Wyndham Circle duplex available June 1, July 1, and August 1. \$620/month. Cathedral ceilings. Great landlord! Great price! Big backyard! Great parking! Walk to class, on ECU bus route. Some pets OK. Garbage disposal. Patios for grilling. W/D hookup. Ceiling fans in all rooms. Refrigerator with ice-maker. Dishwasher. Call fast!!! Call 252-321-4802.

PIRATEPLACES.COM has a bunch of great one-bedroom homes for rent within a few blocks of ECU. We have five new one-bedroom homes that are being renovated now and they will have new everything. New kitchens, new bathrooms, new floors, new insulation, new windows, new appliances and washer/dryers included. These will be some of the best and **LARGEST** one-bedroom homes around ECU and you have the chance to be the first to live there. Check out **PIRATEPLACES.COM** for these and other great homes. **PIRATEPLACES.COM**

For Rent: University Manor fully furnished 1BR/1BA available May 1st! Cable, internet, washer/dryer and utilities included, with pool, gym, tanning, computer lab, and parking. \$414/month. Will reimburse application fee! Contact kerj10@students.ecu.edu or 803-397-3214.

ROOMMATE WANTED

Roommate wanted. Townhouse in Windy Ridge. Female preferred. \$425/month. Includes utilities. Month to month rent. No pets. Email ritencourt09@students.ecu.edu

FOR SALE

2004 Ford Mustang GT Vortech Supercharged. Thousands invested in this true 40th anniversary edition collectible. Only 53,000 miles. Very fast and fun! \$13500. Call 910-265-2937.

HELP WANTED

Medical office hiring for part-time office administration position. Responsibilities include compliance, HR tasks, and other miscellaneous office tasks. For more information, email marketinghomecare@gmail.com

Ocean lifeguards wanted in North Myrtle Beach, SC. \$11.00 to \$12.00 per hour + bonus. For more information, go to www.nmlifeguards.com or call 843-281-3820.

SUMMER WORK IN GREENVILLE. MULTIPLE OPENINGS. Flexible with other commitments (summer school, another job, etc.) Great resume builder. All majors considered. Scholarships, Internships possible depending on major. Simple Customer Work. No experience necessary. Interview now, start after finals. Call 252-215-5633 or apply online at WorkInGreenville.com

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

Cooks needed at Professor O'Cool's (605 Greenville Blvd. SE). Day, night, and weekend hours available. Apply in person M-F before 11:30am or after 2:00pm. 252-355-2946

Swim instructors needed at Raynez Swim School. Looking for people with teaching experience, competitive background, life guarding, or WSI teaching infants to adults. Call 252-916-5494.

GREEK PERSONALS

The sisters of Delta Zeta would like to thank everyone for coming out to the 4th Annual Big Man on Campus. We would like to thank contestants Timothy Andrew, Harrison Phillips, Zach Blank, Greg Medlin, Holt Rains, Josh Carter, Dalton Stout, Alex Kile, Zac White, and Jesse Breaux. Great job! Congratulations to our 1st place contestant, Harrison Phillips; 2nd place contestant, Zac White; and 3rd place contestant, Jesse Breaux. We would also like to thank the Swiss Improv and step performance by Kappa Alpha Psi! Lastly, a big thank you to the judges: Tremayne Smith, Karen Clegg, Shannon Holcomb, and Jennifer Cremeens. The event would not have been possible without the sponsors: Kyle Quinn from Student City Spring Breaks; Belks; Sheetz; McAllisters; Sweet Pets; and Pugh's Tire and Service Center! Delta Zeta appreciates your support and we hope everyone had a great time!

CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Register with DKMS as a bone marrow donor! ECANS will be sponsoring a donor drive on Thursday, April 14th from 9am-1pm at the College of Nursing. Please visit www.GetSwabbed.org for more information.

The Rising Leaders Circle and Phi Sigma Pi present, "Rock your Resume." Students are invited to learn resume strengthening techniques from ECU's Career Center on Thursday, April 14 at 6 p.m. in Bate 1032.

Benefit concert on Thursday, April 14th at 9pm at Topsy Teapot (409 Evans Street) to raise money for disaster relief in Japan. All proceeds are going to the Red Cross. For more information, contact ayscuee08@students.ecu.edu

**MINI STORAGE
MONTHLY SPECIAL!!
\$49.50
10X10 Units**

Controlled Access

Convenient to ECU & PCMH

CALL TODAY!!! 252-756-5865

**Absolute Services
2410 United Drive
Greenville, NC 27834**

www.absoluteservicesonline.com



"Now pre-leasing for August 2011"

252-756-6209

3481-A South Evans Street, Greenville, NC 27834
1-2-3 BR Units Close to Campus & Medical School



Cannon Court
Cedar Court
Cedar Creek
College Park

Cypress Gardens
Gladius Gardens
Monticello Court
Moss Creek

Park West
Park Village
Peony Gardens
Rosemont

Townhouse/Duplexes available

VISIT WEBSITE FOR GREAT MOVE-IN SPECIALS

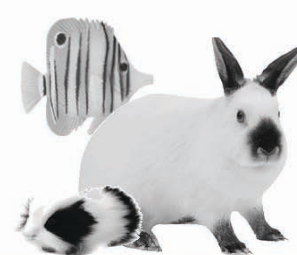
www.RentInGreenville.com

Sweet Pets

You've never seen a pet shop like this!

Wide Variety of Saltwater & Fresh Fish and Coral

- Ferrets • Rabbits
- Hedgehogs •
- Guinea Pigs •
- Hamsters • Lizards
- Snakes • Tarantuals
- Scorpions
- & Many More Small



- Animals and Reptiles • Pet Supplies • Feeders
- Toys • R.O. Water

We Now Have a Dog Tag Engraving Machine!

- Flea Medications including:
- Advantage
- Advantix
- Frontline



**All Holistic
Dog & Cat Food!**

And So Much More!

Located on Firetower Rd. at Charles Blvd.
Mon - Sat 10am-8pm • Sun 12-6pm • 252-329-PETS (7387)



SOUTHERN TIDE

**Spring 2011 Trunk Show
Thursday, April 14th
9am - 6pm**

Come see our newest line, Southern Tide!

View their complete Spring 2011 collection of knits, sport shirts, shorts, bathing suits, hats and visors. In addition, preview and preorder from the Fall 2011 collection.

COFFMAN'S
Est. 1956

Lynndale Shoppes, 505 Red Banks Rd., Greenville
Mon-Fri: 8:00am - 6:00pm • Sat 10:00am - 5:00pm
252.756.8237 • www.coffmansmenswear.com
Become a fan at facebook.com/coffmansmenswear



**You drank.
You danced.
You had sex**

missing something

Free Pregnancy Tests
Carolina Pregnancy Center
Greenville Location: carolinapregnancycenter.org
(252) 757-0003
1012 Charles Blvd.
(Next to Sheetz)
Washington Location: (252) 946-8040
**24 Hour Hotline:
1-800-395-HELP**

THE PROVINCE

STUDENT LIVING

OPEN HOUSE

TOMORROW @ NOON!

LEASING OFFICE:
PURPLE & YELLOW TRAILER
NEXT TO DOMINO'S PIZZA
ON CHARLES BLVD.

FREE FOOD!
UNCLE YAMMY'S
PIG PICKIN'

GREAT MUSIC!
DJ PAUL SPINNIN' TUNES

MODEL OPEN!
TAKE A TOUR



1/2 OFF

AUGUST RENT!

3BR/3BATH &
4BR/4BATH
ONLY

BETTER HURRY!
LEASE MUST BE
SIGNED BY 4/16!

THE CLOSEST
COMMUNITY TO
CAMPUS!
WALK TO
CLASS!

INDIVIDUAL
LEASES

BRAND
NEW!



LIVETHEPROVINCE.COM

252
752-1050

African-Americans top ECU graduation rates

Alexa DeCarr
STAFF WRITER

ECU is graduating African-American students at a significant rate as universities throughout the nation struggle to graduate more minority students. According to a report from Education Trust, an organization out of Washington, D.C., that works to close the gaps in educational achievement between minorities and other Americans, an average of 56.2 percent of black students graduated while 55.4 percent of white students did from ECU between 2006 and 2008.

While the report did not specify how long it took the students to graduate, it recognized ECU and three other schools in the UNC system for their success in graduating African-American students.

"Three institutions in the UNC system stand out as leaders with respect to serving African-American students well," it stated. "UNC-Greensboro, UNC-Charlotte and East Carolina University all tend to graduate black and white students at similar rates."

The report credited "strong leadership from the UNC system" for the accomplishment of the three universities, adding that the schools "provide evidence that when colleges and universities commit to the hard work of improving student achievement, all students benefit -- particularly African-Americans."

Many students were not aware that African-American students held such high graduation rates at ECU.

"It is a surprise to me," said sophomore hospitality management major Jon Stamper. "But I think it's good to see. I think we should graduate as many students as possible."

According to Jayne Geissler, executive director of Retention Programs and Enrollment Services, African-American women in particular have an impressive graduation rate, holding the record as the demographic group with the highest six-year graduation rate. Out of the total number of African-American women who entered the university between 2000 and 2003, an average of 61.3 percent graduated within six years, a number that Geissler said she finds "really interesting."

"We collect all the numbers and look at the data, but it is hard to pinpoint a specific reason behind the numbers," said Geissler.

African-American female students are the second highest demographic group when it comes to four-year graduation rates. Of the African-American females who enrolled between 2000 and 2003, an average of 28 percent graduated within four years.

While white female students in the same cohorts, or incoming freshman class, were slightly higher in terms of four-year graduation rates, they lagged in six-year rates. An average of 33.6 percent of white females graduated within four years, while 59.5 percent graduated in six years.

Among males, the university graduates slightly more white males than black males. Out of the male

students who entered the university between 2000 and 2003, 20.3 percent of white males and 17.7 percent of black males graduated within four years. Within six years, 50.6 percent of white males and 44.8 percent of black males graduated.

Although graduation rates are similar between both genders, Geissler said that the reason African-Americans graduate at a slightly higher rate is due to the exceptionally high number of African-American female graduates.

"The African-American females play a significant role," Geissler said.

Freshman sociology major Rhonda Harper said that graduating college is a major priority for her.

"It's something I've always wanted to do for myself since I was a little girl," said Harper.

Harper said that the fact that African-Americans lead ECU graduation rates is a surprise to her.

"In high school, the biggest dropout rate was African-Americans, so you wouldn't think they would be the ones to have the highest graduation rates in college," she said. "But I think it's good."

According to the Education Trust, the average graduation gap between black and white college students is about 20 percent. Amongst institutions in the UNC system, there is less than a 4 percent gap between black and white students.

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

Conference call with vice president to discuss assault

Cameron Gupton
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

On Wednesday, April 6, Vice President Joe Biden participated in a conference call with university presidents from across the country to discuss the growing instances of sexual assault on women on college campuses.

Arne Duncan, secretary of the U.S. Department of Education, and Valerie Jarrett, chair of the White House Council on Women and Girls, accompanied the vice president on the call.

During the conference call, Biden, Duncan, Jarrett and college presidents discussed the Obama administration's new Title IX guidance to help schools, colleges and universities understand their civil rights obligations to better prevent and respond to sexual assault.

Biden's call comes during Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). According to the SAAM website, the campaign "explores common, everyday behaviors and offers individuals viable, responsible ways to intervene."

Sexual assault and violence against young women on college and university campuses nationwide has become more frequent, and sexual assault rates have risen over the years, and SAAM is looking to "create environments where

people are safe in their relationships, families, neighborhoods, schools, work places and communities."

Student Government Association President Tremayne Smith believes that Title IX is very progressive.

"I think it's a great idea," said Smith. "It's very proactive."

Smith says the measure sheds a new light on the issue of campus violence and assault on women.

"It really brings the issues to the forefront with a different perspective."

Smith stated that he feels that most incidents that occur happen in the presence of alcohol and universities need a place for victims to turn.

"I think a large majority of assaults, especially sexual assault, happens around alcohol consumption," said Smith. "We need preventative measures in place and services in place."

The university has had services in place for those who are victims of such crimes since 2005. According to the ECU Office of Victim Services website, they provide "victim advocacy services to those individuals whose life has been affected by crime." The office seeks to "safeguard the constitutional rights of and provide for the emotional needs of victims during a very difficult time."

Smith recently had a meeting with a sergeant from campus police. In that meeting, Smith said he was informed that most crimes that occur on campus here are larceny and alcohol-related infractions. Therefore, sexual assault is not one of the most frequent crimes.

Many females on campus have differing views on the safety of campus and the likelihood that sexual assault may occur.

Sophomore Alicia Mosby said, "I have to work in the library and don't feel safe when I have to walk back to my dorm at 2 a.m., especially living on West End."

Mosby said she frequently works late nights in the library and loses track of time. She often dreads walking back to her dorm.

"I'm frightened and don't feel safe walking that late at night. I think Joyner should be open 24 hours."

Music therapy major Lauren Langworthy has an opposite view on the issue; she said she feels very safe on campus.

"In the two years I've been here, I've never been assaulted, but there is the vulnerability of it," said Langworthy. "I see campus security patrolling, and I know I can use Safe Ride, so I always know I'm safe."

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

Become an Ad Rep at T.E.C.

Have Fun at your job!

We are looking for new ad reps!

Benefits:

- Flexible hours
- Gain a ton of work experience
- Great resume builder

Must:

- Work well with others
- Be detail oriented
- Be able to multitask

Fun rewarding job at:
The East Carolinian
Self Help Building
100F Evans St.
ads@theeastcarolinian.com

It's all about you at Sunchase!

NO UTILITY OVERAGES



100% All-Inclusive

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

PET FRIENDLY

Come take a TOUR!

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

WHERE:
2201 NE Greenville Blvd

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

Contact us TODAY!
252.758.8002
Sunchase-ecu@msc.rents.com

Friend us on Facebook 'Sunchase at ECU'

We have available units for short term leasing!

252.758.8002 - Sunchase-ECU.com

New & Return Donors

Earn \$100 in the first 2 weeks

*not donated in 6 mo.



Earn up to \$170/mo.

Short of Cash? Donate Plasma! Thousands do.

DCI Biologicals 2727 E. 10th St Greenville 252-757-0171

Bring: Picture Id, SS Card & proof of residence www.dciplasma.com



Higher Fees



Longer Hours

BICYCLE POST



215 East Arlington Blvd
530 Cotanche St
Arlington 756-3301
Cotanch 757-3616

New Shipment of Cruisers just Arrived!

Selective models of Trek and Specialize at reduced prices.

NATIVE continued from A1

on campus.
 "Through his exceptional generosity, the students at ECU and the people of Eastern North Carolina will have a rare opportunity to view important images of Native Americans as they were seen by Europeans during the lifetime of Sir Walter Raleigh," said Maury York, assistant director for Special Collections at Joyner Library.
 The exhibit also includes the English title page of the Briefe Report, three early portraits of Sir Walter Raleigh and Queen Elizabeth I, an engraving of the Spanish Armada, an early biography of Raleigh and a rare copy of Raleigh's "Historie of the World." The last item in the exhibit is Joyner Library's copy of the Latin edition of the Briefe Report.
 According to The Daily Reflector, Joyner said he hopes that

making these images of native Algonquian Indians from coastal North Carolina available will inspire a new generation of Americans to rediscover the early history of the state and English exploration and interaction with the native people of the Outer Banks and surrounding coastal communities.
 In a press release, Larry Boyer, dean of Academic Library and Learning Resources, said, "We are truly grateful to Mr. Joyner for his generosity in agreeing to have them displayed here in Joyner Library for all of us at ECU, as well as our Eastern North Carolina neighbors to enjoy. This, perhaps, is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity not to be missed."

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

BRIEFS

Controversial juror in Richardson murder trial former police officer

Staff Reports

WITN has reported that juror Lamuel Anderson, the juror who says he caved to pressures to vote James Richardson guilty, was a former police officer.
 Anderson was an officer for the Ayden Police Department in Pitt County until he resigned in October 2006.
 In a letter given to the chief, he stated that his resignation was immediate but gave no reason as to why.
 Anderson stated a day after the guilty verdict was given to Richardson that he believes Richardson is innocent.

Greenville man crushed by van

Staff Reports

According to WITN, on Monday around 12:20 p.m., a man who was working on his mini-van was crushed to death after the vehicle fell on him. The man was identified as Michael Harris of Brown Place Drive off Highway 33 near the airport.
 Harris, 44, died at the scene. Deputies say it appears to be an accident.

FREE Week of TANNING
FREE Week Level 1-5 UV Tanning
Enjoy unlimited tanning for one week.

Must be used within selected days. First Time Customers only. ID Required. Levels 1-5 beds only.
Code: 1WFALTEC Expires: 4/21/11
Greenville Blvd. (Across from Pizza Inn) **931-1147**
Evans Street (Beside Overton's) **353-5400**
www.tannbed.com


FDA continued from A1

free from the nest, and they don't care. They want to eat the bad stuff?"
 Movie theaters, airplanes, bowling alleys and other establishments, whose primary business is not to sell food, will be exempt from the requirements, according to the FDA.
 Alcohol will also be exempt from the requirements. According to WRAL, Margo Wootan, the director of nutrition policy at the advocacy group Center for Science in the Public Interest, says that could be misleading to consumers.
 "I think it's going to be confusing if customers see the calories for soft drinks and juice labeled on the menu but not other drinks such as beer and wine. It will make it seem

like they are better choices," said Wootan, according to WRAL.
 Kinner said, "I think people may be more aware of how many calories are in their alcoholic drinks. The serving sizes are always going to be different; they are never going to be the same."
 The labeling requirements were added to the health bill with the support of the restaurant industry. New York City was the first in the country to implement the calorie posting law, and California and Seattle have also adopted the law.

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

Gamma Sigma Sigma Proudly Presents...
Jam for Japan
 Featuring:
JOSH AND THE REVE WARREN LATION
 \$5 cover
 Come Jam out and help us raise money for
RELIEF EFFORTS IN JAPAN
 Proceeds go to the American Red Cross
 April 14, 2011 * 9pm * Pirates Den * Greenville, North Carolina
 Contact: jamforjapan2011@gmail.com for more info! We'll see you there!

DO YOU WANT TO BE ON TV!?
OF COURSE YOU DO!


- Do you have any cool videos?
- Great instructional videos?
- Club sporting events?
- Any info you want to put out?

 If so, call Jake Postma at Greenville Public Access TV. He can help you get your home videos on TV for everyone to see. Club/intramural sports, funny home videos, info for rushing or a socials, or instructional videos.
 If you want more information you can call Jake or you can visit their website at <http://gpattv.org/>
 Jake Postma: 252-439-2303

OBAMA continued from A1

jobless rate for America. Nearly 500,000 jobs have been created in 2011 alone.
 Yet the jobless rate is still high enough to affect many unhappy voters. Many presidents who have run for reelection with jobless rates at above 7.5 percent have normally lost. Robert Borosage, co-director of the liberal Campaign for America's Future, said, "Any president going into an election with 8.8 percent unemployment faces real chal-

lenges."
 However, Sgro said that voters should not expect too much change in rough economic times.
 "I don't think people can expect the jobless rate to suddenly go down. I mean, it's pretty bad during this recession. So people shouldn't expect anything to change too fast," said Sgro.
 This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.

NEEDED
GRADUATE ASSISTANTS
 for Student Activities and Organizations
 Student Activities and Organizations is currently seeking two qualified, energetic students to serve as Graduate Assistants for the 2011-2012 academic year. The Graduate Assistants will contribute 20 hours each week and will receive a compensation equivalent to in-state tuition plus a stipend for the term of the contract.
REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS
 Bachelor's Degree
 Preferably in Education, Business, Communication, Psychology, or other Related field
 Excellent written and oral communication skills
 Availability on some nights and weekends
 Intermediate skills in Microsoft Word
 Microsoft Excel
 Microsoft Powerpoint
PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS
 Past participation or leadership in Student Affairs program/events or Student Organizations
 Experience in event planning and budget management, as well as experience in Adobe Illustrator.
ALL INTERESTED APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT AN APPLICATION THROUGH <https://ecu.peopleadmin.com> PLEASE ATTACH A RESUME AND LIST OF REFERENCES
 Questions can be directed to Mrs. Emily McLamb, Associate Director for Student Activities mclambe@ecu.edu or (252)737-2003

THE RULES HAVE CHANGED!
 SUMMER 2011 FINANCIAL AID
Change #1

- Visit Touch Net or OneStop to check charges
- Visit OneStop to check financial aid award amount
- Calculate the difference (balance or refund)
- Pay any balance due

Change #2


- Financial Aid will only appear on your Summer Session 1 bill

Change #3

- Financial Aid will be disbursed twice regardless of which summer session(s) you are enrolled

Change #4

- Summer 2011 Pell Grants may be affected by Congressional action


 For more information, restrictions and questions, please visit www.ecu.edu/financial
East Carolina University.



Be heard.

ECU.EDU/SGA • VOTING WILL BE HELD ON ONESTOP

FILING

will be held April 7–8 in the SGA office

ELECTIONS

will be held April 14–15

Available positions include:

Executive Officers:

President • Vice President • Secretary • Treasurer

Legislative Officers:

Senators

Class Officers (1 per class)

College of Allied Health Science (1 position)

College of Business (3 positions)

College of Arts and Sciences (3 positions)

College of Education (3 positions)

College of Fine Arts and Communication (3 positions)

College of Health and Human Performance (2 positions)

College of Human Ecology (2 positions)

College of Nursing (1 position)

College of Technology and Computer Science (2 positions)

Honors College (1 position)

General College (6 positions)

Any student interested in running for the above positions must file for candidacy on April 7-8 in the SGA Office (101 Mendenhall) between the hours of 9:00am and 5:00pm. For more information about elections and positions, please go to www.ecu.edu/sga, or contact Brittney Williamson, Elections Chair, at electionschair@ecu.edu



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

If my professors knew what I said about them in the SOIS, some would turn my A's into F's.

My professor is a sleeping pill in pants.

I need to get a bandana, socks, and a nerf gun ASAP.

I find it outrageous that I'm a student at ECU yet I cannot park at the library without getting a ticket. ECU you are bleeding me dry.

Addition to Barney Stinson's "Bro Code": A bro always represents his school, unless his school isn't East Carolina.

The early presidents and patriots were generally Deists or Unitarians, not Christians. Maybe you should study history more.

Oh sorry! I didn't see you there your wearing camo head to toe!

You have slept with almost everyone on campus: How could he love you?

Do the hammock people in the middle of campus confuse anyone as much as they confuse me?

Yes, I do blast "Eye of the Tiger" in my ears when I run on the treadmill and there ain't nothing wrong with that.

I think it's quite ironic that a 'family and marriage' grad student was having an affair with my husband.

Dear Art Building: Please turn off the AC. Sincerely, a figure model.

I feel like going up to the guy blasting the music outside of Dowdy and punting his completely unnecessary, ridiculous speaker.

I always knew my ex-girlfriend's best friend would be better in bed.

I was on the rebound. You were convenient. Don't flatter yourself.

I don't know how in the world guys here talk about most of the girls being grenades when 80 percent of the guys I see walking around look busted as hell.

Could you not pick a more inconvenient time to start construction in the library?

To the Yankees: The South WILL rise again. So get over yourselves!

If it takes me 6 years to graduate from college, does that make me 2 years smarter than everyone else? Or just 2 years poorer?

Thank you for using StumbleUpon while sitting in front of me in class. You may not know it but I enjoy stumbling with you.

Put away the flags guys. We're in college. I doubt anyone in the library cares if you're Blood or Crip.

I sure hope my ECU tuition is not paying for someone to hold open the door for me at the Wright Place and Croatan.

More Pirate Rants on the website

THE MAN PANEL

Visual stimulation



Zach Cooper, Gordan Ingram and Shane Small
THE MAN PANEL

"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.

How many of you have been shocked, disappointed, confused or even upset when you found out your boyfriend uses pornography? According to a study published on SafeFamilies.org, the reality is that over 70 percent of men between the ages of 18 to 34 visit a pornographic website at least once a month. I suspect that the percentage would be much higher if you were to narrow the age range from 18 to 32 to 18 to 22, or college-aged males.

In a recent anonymous survey conducted in an ECU health class, 98 percent of the 60 men in the class reported that they regularly view Internet porn. Basically what these statistics show is that your boyfriend, or the guy you are talking to or that cute guy you just met, probably watches porn with some regularity. The question we are finding that most girls have about their man's porn interest is: "Why?"

At the most basic level, it comes down to the fact that men are visually stimulated. We need to be able to see it. It's why we like Playboy, it's why we like to have sex with the lights on, it's why there is a market for sexy lingerie and, ultimately, it's why we like to watch pornographic movies.

The opposite of that is that men don't particularly enjoy other kinds

of stimulation, which is why we don't tend to enjoy romance novels or erotic stories. If there is no visual appeal, it simply is not as stimulating to a man. Women, on the other hand, while they might appreciate visual stimulation, don't have the same necessity for it.

Men rarely masturbate without some sort of visual aid. So it stands to reason that if he gets horny and you're not around, he is going to find something to look at. Wouldn't you rather it be a computer screen or the pages of a magazine rather than an actual girl? I can assure you that your boyfriend would rather you do the exact same thing.

Another concern that women have voiced to us about their boyfriends' porn habits is that they feel like they cannot live up to the women that their boyfriends are seeing in the magazines or online. Of course you can't; they aren't "real women," and we know that. It would be like a man getting upset

when his girlfriend is swooning over those dopey Twilight guys. I'm pretty sure women don't expect men to turn into hyper-romantic and overly sensitive vampires, just like we don't expect our girlfriends to turn into insatiable plastic women who desperately want to sexually gratify us in any and every possible way.

Men don't watch pornography to obtain feelings of intimacy. They watch because they want sexual release and they need some visual stimulation in order for that to happen. Watching porn is not a memorable or meaningful experience to most men. I can't recount a single time I jacked it with any detail. But I can tell you about sexual experiences with a girlfriend I've cared about.

Most normal guys don't compare their girlfriends to porn stars. I can honestly say I've never had a sexual encounter with a woman and sat there disappointed because she doesn't compare to women I've seen on the Internet.

So when does porn become a problem in a relationship? Porn becomes a problem if it is ever taking your place in the bedroom. The day your boyfriend chooses to watch porn by himself instead of sharing some intimacy with you is when porn becomes a problem. When it comes to the point where he is choosing porn over you, then it is just like any other problem that detracts from a relationship.

Also, some experts warn that if really young guys regularly view hardcore porn before any actual sexual experience with real women, that some of them may be setting themselves up for intimacy problems down the road. But for most of us guys, porn is just a means to an end. So, I guess the moral of this story is that pornography in itself is not something for a partner to feel threatened or worried about, so don't be.



ILLUSTRATED BY MARK WROBLEWSKI

Hating on health



Ryan Chandler
OPINION COLUMNIST

Many of the first ladies in our country often decide to take on a campaign objective that will help our country become better. The literacy campaign was supported by

both former first ladies Barbara and Laura Bush. Nancy Reagan had her famous "Just Say No" slogan that led the war against teenage drug use. Lady Bird Johnson planted flowers to beautify our country's landscape.

But none of these women have been seared as much as Michelle Obama for something that is so beneficial to this country's youth. The current first lady has been receiving hateful words as the anniversary of the start of her "Let's Move" campaign comes around, an initiative that encourages kids to eat more vegetables and exercise.

Everyone knows and should agree that the nation's children are getting even fatter right before our very eyes. Obesity has become a serious health problem and it's a shame that the first lady's push to increase exercise and educate on healthier meals has received such a backlash from the right.

One hilarious remark made by Republican Rep. Michele Bachmann said that she is trying to form a "nanny state" by telling Americans what to eat. This is a free country; we are going to eat and do what we please. All this woman is trying to do is offer guidance in the hopes that we can better ourselves as a community and a nation as a whole. It is a commendable legacy she is trying to leave, and I applaud her for the effort she has put forth.

About two-thirds of American adults and about one-third of American children are overweight or obese. The country spends about \$150 billion every year treating obesity-related diseases in attempts to fix the issue, most of which are preventable. Obama's proposed \$1 billion to improve school breakfast and lunch is chump change compared to this amount.

Military officials, looking at a pool of increasingly thick recruits, have said that the nation's weight problem is a security issue, as well as an economic one. Obesity is now one of the most common disqualifiers for military service.

The success of Michelle Obama's work was presented in an annual culinary meeting. "Over this past year, we've seen the first signs of a fundamental shift in how we live and eat," said White House chef Sam Kass at a recent meeting of culinary professionals. "We've seen changes at every level of our society - from classrooms to boardrooms to the halls of Congress."

ECU has taken its own steps to improving the health of students around campus and provided options to guide those who are focused on making healthy eating a regular habit. Campus dining has implemented "All Foods Fit" items available on campus, which means they are lower in total and saturated fat, sodium and cholesterol. Look for the AFF label in the dining halls and other spots around campus.

The Lighter Side at Todd and West End Dining Halls also provide great options that can benefit the body. This station, located at both dining halls, feature entrees at lunch and dinner, Monday through Friday, which are lighter in calories and/or fat. These items will be made from mostly fresh, whole ingredients with little-to-no processed ingredients. There are many more helpful tools that can be found on ECU's Campus Dining website to aid in your eating decisions.

So no matter how much criticism people would like to put on first lady Obama's cause, the ball is already rolling and people are making the conscious choice to better their lives. The cause is alive and well and something so helpful can't be shot down. It's just sad that politicians are targeting such a worthy cause that will hopefully change our future generations for the better.

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

Scribbles to the captain

The East Carolinian welcomes letters from readers. Letters must include the writer's name, address and daytime phone number and must be signed (except those sent by e-mail). Letters selected for publication may be edited and may be republished in any format. All letters submitted become the property of The East Carolinian. Questions? Please call 252-737-2999 or E-mail: opinion@theeastcarolinian.com

Dear Editor,

I enjoy reading articles from The Man Panel and think for the most part they do a good job. As a 46-year-old woman, I was impressed with their maturity in the previous column and this one as well.

While I agree with a lot they said about men dating younger women, I was hoping you would let an older gal speak up about this subject. The Man Panel stated, "Men are said to get better looking with age."

Umm, excuse me? The way my eyes see it, that is not based in reality. Look around at men my age: many have back hair, Buddha bellies, baldness, spider veins and plenty of flaws just like us older women do. We all have battle scars from life and not taking care of our bodies and most of us age, including men. Women sometimes wrinkle a little sooner due to estrogen loss, but trust me, men catch up.

Some women do let themselves go as they age, but I feel it is because older beauty is not valued and so they think they cannot show it off and society has had taboos about older women dressing sexy until recently.

Society is just hard on women - we are objectified so we are all taught that women are to be valued for their looks and that everything about men is just better. Just look at those Pirate Rants that put down clothes and looks; they are usually about females. I was in the store one day and there were front cover pictures of celebrity women showin on the rack was a cover picture of John Travolta, bare-chested, big Buddha belly and all, and nothing was mentioned about his body, just the hard times he was going through emotionally.

The Man Panel also mentioned something about younger women being in their prime. I am thinking you must be talking about their looks or fertility because, guys, trust me on this: I am in my prime at 46 in many ways. Emotionally, sexually and intellectually, I am the best I have ever been. There are some wonderful things about my body that started in my 40s.

So perhaps there is some hope for some of you shallow guys yet. I have been told I am in good shape for my age, but I like to think that what younger guys (or older ones) find sexiest about me is who I am because that is secretly what most women want to be valued for.

-Peggy Bennett

STAFF INFORMATION

Katelyn Crouse, Editor in Chief

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

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

Contact Info

Newsroom 252.328.9238 Fax 252.328.9143 Advertising 252.328.9245

Benefit concerts organized for Japan

Madonna Messana
STAFF WRITER

With the recent devastating events that have occurred in the country of Japan, students are left wondering how they can help.

Tonight in downtown Greenville, there will be two benefit concerts that will take place to raise donations for the American Red Cross in order to benefit Japan. Both events require a cover charge that will be donated to the American Red Cross, and the events will also be accepting additional donations.

At 9 p.m. tonight, a concert will take place at the Topsy Teapot. The cover for the event is \$5 and will be donated to the American Red Cross-Pitt County Chapter.

"In light of the recent disasters, donating goods is not always the most logical thing to donate to countries because there is the issue of finding out exactly what they need and how to get it there," said Emily Ayscue, who organized the concert event at the Topsy Teapot. "The money being donated to the Red Cross will be used to buy or perform the services of help that they need."

Four bands and artists will be performing at the Topsy Teapot including Brandon Hughes, whose sound is alternative, Emily Ayscue, an alternative indie artist, West End Revival, which also has an indie sound, and Sunshine and Crime, bringing a reggae funk-rock sound to the event.

"Sunshine and Crime is a funk reggae-rock foursome of perfect proportions," said Estee Gabay, who is a fellow musician and friend of Ayscue and Sunshine and Crime. "These guys formed less than a year ago and have only been playing shows for a few months, but they'd fool you with how much chemistry they have onstage and how well they sound together."

Each band and artist brings a different genre or sound to the concert, therefore appealing to a very large group of people. "I have heard Brandon Hughes," said Ayscue. "I think that they have a great sound — almost a style of Dave Matthews Band." Also tonight, Gamma Sigma Sigma will be hosting Jam for Japan, another concert that will take place at Pirate's Den featuring Josh Warren and the Revelation, who have a reggae-rock sound. The event will begin at 9 p.m. and the band will begin playing at 10 p.m.

"I have never heard (Josh Warren and the Revelation) play live, but I have looked them up," said Mary Blake, the Gamma Sigma Sigma sister who is in charge of the venue committee for the event. "They are a local band and their music is very inviting. I definitely look forward to hearing their music (live). They play all over Greenville, so we are very lucky to have them at our event."

The cover for the Jam for Japan will also be \$5 and will be donated to the American Red Cross to help Japan recover from the devastation they have experienced in recent weeks. There will also be a raffle taking place at Jam for Japan, with several opportunities to win. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$1 at the door and all proceeds will be donated to support Japan.

"The raffle has many different prizes to win," said Blake, "including T-shirts, gas cards, gift cards, ECU football tickets and even a \$100 grill donated from Lowes."

For those interested in helping the cause who cannot make it to the event, there are other ways to help.

"We (Gamma Sigma Sigma) have been going all around Greenville asking for donations and we have also set up a table outside of Dowdy to hand out flyers and collect donations to help Japan," said Blake. "If anyone else would like to help, please feel free to email us at jamforjapan2011@gmail.com."

Both concert events are for students, as well as the general public. The first show begins at 9 p.m. and the second will begin at 10 p.m., giving concertgoers enough time to make it to both shows, especially since they are around the corner from one another.

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

Excellence in Teaching



MEME WILSON | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Award winning professor John Howard teaches his 11 a.m. Organizational Communication class.

Communication professor John Howard wins UNC award

Katey Warren
STAFF WRITER

After recently receiving an "Excellence in Teaching" award, Associate Professor John Howard is transitioning from feeling surprised to feeling motivated to continue improving as a teacher, mentor and leader.

"They chose me because they thought I was good, but I was still pretty surprised by the whole thing," said Howard. "I was really just flattered and honored. I felt like I had won the lottery."

Howard, who studied at the University of Rochester, Bowling Green State University, SUNY Binghamton and North Country Community College, began teaching in 2003. He now teaches both graduate and undergraduate courses for the School of Communication, including those focusing on organizational, interpersonal, scientific and small group communication.

Howard is one of 17 tenured professors from each of the constituent institutions of the UNC system to receive the "Excellence in Teaching" award this year. He describes himself as extremely passionate about his work and believes that his teaching methods lead his students to greater levels of self-understanding and self-reflection. According to Linda Kean, director of the School of Communication, he is an "expert at getting students to engage with the topic and think about the impact of communication in all aspects of their lives."

Throughout the semester in each of his classes, Howard encourages students to ask themselves the questions "Who am I?" "Who am I becoming?" and "Who do I want to become?" He believes this type of reflective thinking allows his students to discover what happiness and satisfaction mean to them.

"I like to see the excitement on their faces when they talk about things," said Howard. "I don't need to impress anybody. My joy and my appreciation is in watching others really do well and experience life and grow in that experience ... There's something very satisfying about it."

Howard's ability to integrate humor,

> HOWARD page A7

Remembering Holocaust victims



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY MEME WILSON | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Sarah Kenney, junior hospitality management major, holds her Torah and Pulitzer Prize winning novel Maus in honor of Holocaust Awareness Day.

Memorials scheduled in honor of Holocaust Awareness Day

Rebecca Blanchette
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Monday is ECU's Holocaust Awareness Day and the Volunteer and Service-Learning Center will be hosting activities throughout the day to remember those men, women and children who had their lives taken during the Holocaust.

"In this moment, it makes it more unique to connect the past with all the things that are going on across the globe right now," said Jessica Gagne Cloutier, service-learning coordinator.

The first activity of the day will begin at 6:30 a.m. and will last until 3 p.m. During that time, students, faculty and members of the ECU and Greenville community will take turns reading off names of people who died during the Holocaust in 15-minute increments. This will take place at the cupola and anyone is welcome to go sit on the mall and listen to the names being read off.

Cloutier estimated that probably about 30,000 names would be read throughout the day, "depending on how fast the readers go," she said. "We don't make much of a dent." She went on to explain that if people read off names 24 hours a day, it would take three months to read all of the names of the 6 million people who died.

"I think people usually understand the Holocaust in numbers, and this puts an identity to those numbers," said Cloutier about the readings. "These were family members who had hopes and dreams and plans."

English professor Angela Mellor has participated in the readings in the past and will also do so this year. "I think it's a nice way to honor victims and survivors of the Holocaust," she said. "It's something that we all learn about in school, but I think it's easily overlooked during our busy lives, and I think it's important to remember that for one day."

After 3 p.m., volunteers will spend the afternoon lining bags of sand with victims' names written on them along the sidewalks surrounding the mall in preparation for the night's luminary, where 1,000 candles will be lit at dusk. Also at this time, the reading of the names will pick back up. Students are urged to go check out the luminary, which

is expected to last until about 9:30 p.m., weather permitting. "It's an opportunity for self-reflection and remembrance," said Cloutier.

After 9:30 p.m., volunteers will take down the luminaries while reflecting on all of the lives that they represent. "We've created a ceremony of taking the luminaries down in silence, slowly and methodically," said Cloutier. She said that the thought processes when blowing out the candles is, "I'm blowing out this candle, but in the next year, how am I going to think of this person and advocate about hate and violence in the world?"

Throughout the day, students will be able to pick up remembrance bracelets, which will be passed out at Wright Place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and at the reading spot by the cupola all day. Each bracelet will have the name of an individual who died on it. "You can make a personal connection with that person for the day," said Cloutier.

This will be the Volunteer and Service-Learning Center's eighth year hosting the daylong remembrance event. "It

> HOLOCAUST page A8



The headlining band for this year's Barefoot on the Mall will be pop/rock group Cartel. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Barefoot bands bring variety

Hunter Ingram
STAFF WRITER

The winding down of spring semester and the warming of the weather can only mean one thing for ECU: Barefoot on the Mall is just around the corner.

Next Thursday, the Student Activities Board will hold the 32nd annual Barefoot on the Mall, a free event that will feature live music, entertainment and opportunities to interact with organizations and businesses from throughout Greenville.

Possibly the biggest part of Barefoot on the Mall each year is the live music, which has in the past included Shwayze, Carolina Liar, Jason Derulo and Eric Hutchinson. This year, after over 1,400 student votes were tabulated, the band Cartel was revealed as this year's opener.

Getting their start back in 2005 with the release of their debut CD "Chroma," Cartel has made their mark on the pop/rock scene. With three albums to their name, Cartel has cranked out hits like "Honestly," "Say Anything (Else),"

"Lose It," "Wasted (featuring Wyclef Jean)" and "Let's Go." They have toured with bands such as All Time Low, We The Kings, Good Charlotte, Third Eye Blind and LMFAO.

SAB Special Events Committee Chair Jordan Millette is happy with the results of the university-wide voting.

"I really like the fact that the student body got to choose the band for Barefoot, and I think Cartel and all the bands are going to put on a great show," said Millette.

Opening for Cartel will be the up-and-coming alternative band Sparks the Rescue. After forming in 2001, Sparks the Rescue worked their way up the ranks to release their debut single album, "Eyes to the Sun," in 2009 and are best known for their song "We Love Like Vampires."

On May 10 this year, they will release their second album "Worst Thing I've Cursed With." Sparks the Rescue has also been featured on the compilation album "Pop Goes Punk 3" singing Lady Antebellum's "Need You Now," and also was featured on the 2010 Vans Warped Tour.

One tradition of Barefoot on the Mall is to have the winner and runner-up of the annual Battle of the Bands competition play on stage as well. This year's winner was the Greenville-based band The Ethnographers.

The Ethnographers, whose band members include several ECU students, have gained tremendous success and a big following within the university community recently, following their local CD release and their Battle of the Bands win.

Erin McLean, the SAB Entertainment Chair, organized this year's Battle of the Bands and was really impressed with The Ethnographers.

"They received the highest responses from both the judges and the audience at Battle of the Bands," said McLean. "So I'm really excited to see what they have planned for Barefoot, especially now that they have an ECU following."

Jonny Waters and Company, a country/southern rock band, will also act as an opener

HOWARD continued from A6

personal stories and thought-provoking questions into his dynamic lectures have led many of his students and colleagues to develop a sense of respect and gratitude toward him.

"John Howard does not just teach his students what is in their textbooks but also furthers their knowledge about the world around them," said Melissa Curra, a junior and one of Howard's current students. "Not only is he a great professor, but he is also a decent, helpful and intelligent man. He has a way of making learning something that can open your eyes and broaden your horizons, not something you have to do to earn your degree."

Jordan Batchelor, a media production major who is also enrolled in one of Howard's courses, also believes that Howard's teaching style is both engaging and effective. "He's a professor that expects you to give 110 percent in his class, and when you do, you will be rewarded," said Batchelor. "He's the kind of professor who actually wants to see you succeed and will assist you in any way he can."

The Board of Governors committee from the UNC system was not the first to recognize Howard's outstanding teaching skills. His extensive list of awards and recognitions also includes the "University Alumni Outstanding Teaching Award," the "Top Panel Award," the "Charles Shanklin Award for Excellence in Research" and the "Feminist Scholar Award." He is also a four-time winner of the university's "Most Inspiring Faculty Award" and two-time winner of the "Outstanding

Professor Award" from Bowling Green State University. Though Howard takes pride in his accomplishments, he believes his awards are milestones that constantly challenge him to continue improving as both a professor and a mentor.

"The only way I can honor that award in return and make it worthwhile is by me trying to improve and affect more people," said Howard. "I have to keep trying to do better. Teaching is a service and I want to make the world a better place through that."

At the upcoming University Awards Day event on April 26 in Hendrix Theatre, Howard will be recognized for the "Excellence in Teaching" award and will present a five-minute speech about his teaching philosophy.

Not only is Howard excited about this milestone he has surpassed in his career, but he is also excited about a milestone he is approaching in his personal life. Howard and his wife, Laura Prividera, who is also a fellow faculty member, are expecting a baby girl at the end of April.

"It's going to be the first time that I have not taught in the fall in almost 20 years," Howard said about his upcoming leave. "I'm so going to enjoy it and savor every moment I have with that little girl. And I'm going to be equally as passionate when I come back."

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

Many Women. Many Needs. One Practice.

Offering women a complete range of obstetric and gynecologic services.



(252) 757-3131

2251 Stantonsburg Road, Greenville, NC 27834

Beverly Harris, MD, FACOG; William Brown, MD, FACOG; Amy Blumenthal, MD, FACOG; Andrew Haven, MD, FACOG; Paige Fisher, MD, FACOG; Deborah Morgan, CNM

> BAREFOOT page A8

save \$200 with zero down

SCAN & LEARN

upgraded resort-style amenities + private bedrooms + individual leases

Pirates Cove

Pirates Place

University Manor

GREENVILLESTUDENTHOUSING.COM

PIRATES COVE

252.752.9995

PIRATES PLACE TOWNHOMES

252.321.7613

UNIVERSITY MANOR

252.758.5551

AN AMERICAN CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Congratulations to the newest members of

Omicron Delta Kappa

National Leadership Honor Society

Undergraduate and Graduate Students

- Jason Atkinson
- Ashley Ball
- Shelby Barry
- Michael Blankenship
- Anita Blount
- Corey Boles
- Brittany Brown
- Ian Bryan
- Jermaine Bryson
- Kayelin Buffington
- Kristin Burnette
- Alexandria Cafarelli
- Stephen Canady
- Zachary Carideo
- Cara Beth Carr
- Leighann Cleland
- Jacqueline Coleman-Carmon
- Holly Davis
- Chelsea Demarest
- Tyler Dockery
- Joshua Dorsey
- David Eckell
- Kristen Everett
- Nicole Frazee
- Sherita Gooding
- Derval Hamilton
- Katherine Harris
- Veronica Hayes
- Laura Iheanachor
- Praisya Isaac
- Juliana Jalal
- Michael Jarrett
- Chase Joyce
- Alyssa Joyner
- Cynthia Klaess
- Amanda Kozziel
- Melanie Lassiter
- Jonathan Lee
- Caitlin Marsiliu
- Cherisa Martin
- Jennifer McDougall
- Nathan McKinnon
- Vivian McPherson
- Samantha Morgan

Undergraduate and Graduate Students

- Isaac Morton
- Jennifer Moynihan
- Nkeiruka Muonagolu
- Quan Nguyen
- Brittani Parker
- Matthew Paske
- Ryan Paslowski
- Michael Petrongolo, Jr.
- Emily Price
- Chelsea Roach
- Esther Seisay Adam-Samura
- Bagé Shade
- Jonathan Shaw
- Tiffany Statler
- Marc Stevens, Jr.
- Jacob Subashi
- Michael Swanner
- John Vaill III
- Melissa Valentine-Barrow
- Joseph Villari
- Jonathan Walker
- Angela Waller
- TaRay Watts
- Evan Wells
- Hilary Wiltshire
- Jacob Zimmerman

Initiation is being held on Saturday April 16th at 3:00 p.m. Hendrix Theatre, Mendenhall Student Center.

For more information regarding membership and selection criteria, visit our website: www.odk.org

Email us at ODK@ecu.edu

Faculty/Staff

- Mr. Hank Bowen, Jr.
- Dr. Austin Bunch
- Dr. Kathleen Cox
- Dr. Paul Cunningham
- Mrs. Tracy DeMar
- Mr. Jeffery Hope
- Mr. Brad Lockertie
- Ms. Likhia Moody
- Dr. Mark Moore

Alumni

- Mrs. Margaret Bradsher
- Mrs. LaVette Ford
- Mrs. Cyncere Neal

Honorary

- Dr. John Meredith

HOLOCAUST continued from A6

started here kind of on a whim," said Cloutier. "I experienced a similar event at my university (Elon University), and picked it up and said, 'Hey, let's give it a whirl!'"

Cloutier reflected on other Holocaust-related events on campus, such as Holocaust courses that are offered. "I know there have been survivors that have come to speak at ECU," she said. "The number of survivors is dwindling, so I think we have a responsibility to take up this cause."

If people want to learn more

about the Holocaust, Cloutier suggests visiting the U.S. Holocaust Museum website and/or Yad-Vashem.org, where pictures and stories are displayed to be looked at and read.

"It's a neat way to bring the community into a university activity," said Cloutier of Holocaust Awareness Day. "This is an easy way to get involved. You don't need to step up on a soapbox and argue your point. Just be there and be able to show honor and respect in a very quiet and reflective way."

Though the majority of the volunteer spots are already taken, there are still some that need to be filled, and anyone can sign up by going to the calendar of events on the VSLC website. Students, faculty and both the ECU and Greenville communities are welcome to come out on Monday and show their support at the readings and the luminary lighting.

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

BAREFOOT continued from A7

on the Barefoot stage. Lead singer Jonny Waters is a student at ECU and the band also performed at Battle of the Bands this year.

"I think that by having a good variety of music at the event, it really open up the music portion to a wide range of people, which is exactly what we aim to do with the lineup," said Millette. "And with

the openers being ECU-related, it will make the event even that much more special."

For over three decades, Barefoot on the Mall has been a fun university tradition that helps usher in the eagerly awaited final weeks of school. With an exciting lineup of bands and plenty of entertainment and games to

go around, this year will be no exception.

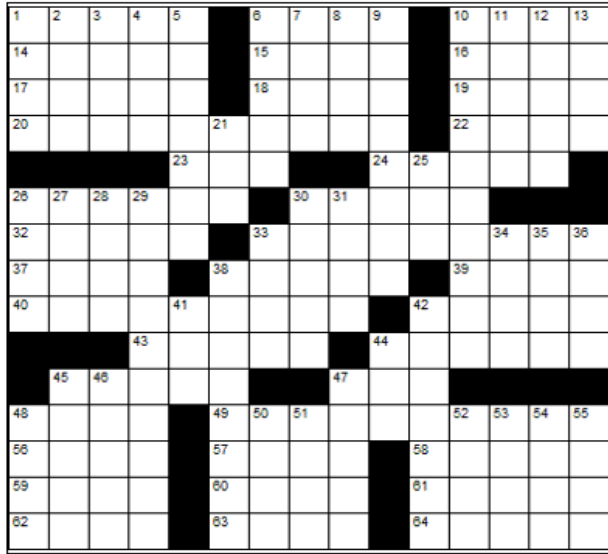
The 32nd Annual Barefoot on the Mall will be held on April 21, from 12 to 6 p.m.

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

DOWN TIME

ACROSS

1. Accumulate
6. Rock formed from volcanic ash
10. Purposes
14. Gentleman's gentleman
15. Freudian stage
16. A Roman emperor
17. Playful aquatic animal
18. Curse
19. Beloved
20. Brothel
22. Formerly (archaic)
23. What we breathe
24. Brusque
26. Caress
30. A state of extreme happiness
32. Sycophant
33. Abundant
37. Hodgepodge
38. Informal language
39. Nil
40. Poor
42. Former Hungarian monetary unit
43. Delicacy
44. Cause to go crazy
45. Penniless
47. A club or stick used in baseball
48. Twofold
49. Airborne infantry
56. Cocoyam
57. Nile bird
58. A keyboard instrument
59. All excited
60. Where a bird lives
61. Stage between egg and pupa
62. Declare untrue
63. Joy
64. Nap



DOWN

- | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Acknowledge | 21. Hasten | 41. Perturb |
| 2. Arithmetic | 25. Estimate (abbrev.) | 42. Guards |
| 3. Countertenor | 26. Cease | 44. Welcome |
| 4. Fortuneteller | 27. Lacquered metalware | 45. Move very slightly |
| 5. Marked with stripes | 28. Precipitation | 46. Radioactive gas |
| 6. Small drum | 29. Dental medicine | 47. Sew together loosely |
| 7. A Central American sth | 30. An explosion | 48. Not alive |
| 8. Air movement devices | 31. Focusing glass | 50. Cain's brother |
| 9. Momentary | 33. Entreaty | 51. Ascend |
| 10. Smaller than normal | 34. Manage | 52. Verbal |
| 11. Clairvoyants | 35. Encourage | 53. Monster |
| 12. Delete | 36. Diving bird | 54. Asphalt |
| 13. Pigeonhole | 38. Snoozing | 55. Break |

University Suites

No money until
move in!

Rent ONLY \$429!

No App fee!

No Security Deposit!

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







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

*some restrictions apply

www.UniversitySuites.net
apply online!

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

**The East Carolinian
&
Health 1000 Present**



THE MAN PANEL

Love? Sex?
Romance?

**3 college men will answer your
questions 100% honestly, no BS.**

Thursday April 14
4-5 pm
Hendrix Theater



Watkins garners C-USA weekly honors

ECU Media Relations

ECU junior David Watkins has been named the Conference USA Golfer-of-the-Week after he recorded a third-place individual finish and led the Pirates to the team title at the 2011 River Landing Intercollegiate. He carded three sub-par rounds en route to a season-best 207 tournament total. The Hamlet native carded a 54-hole tally of 9-under par (69-68-70=207), shooting under-par in all three rounds and posting a season-best tournament total. The performance was his fifth top-10 finish of the season while his second round 4-under 68 tied his lowest round of the season.

Watkins, who currently ranks as the No. 85 collegiate golfer in the nation, has led the Pirates in three tournaments during his junior year and has finished within the top-20 in the past nine events for the Pirates. The team title was the second for ECU this season and the first since taking honors at the ODU/OBX Collegiate on Oct. 24-26. It was also the seventh top-five finish for the team during the 2010-11 campaign.

With his efforts, Watkins earned the second Golfer-of-the-Week honor of his junior year and the fifth of his career.

Men's hoops signs Kemp for 2011-12 season

ECU Media Relations

Six-foot-seven forward Maurice Kemp, Jr. has signed a National Letter-of-Intent to attend ECU and play basketball for the Pirates beginning with the 2011-12 season. Head Coach Jeff Lebo announced Wednesday.

Kemp averaged 16.7 points and 9.9 rebounds per game as a sophomore at Miami Dade College this past season and earned first-team All-Florida Community College Activities Association honors while helping lead the Sharks to a 21-11 record. Kemp ranked 17th nationally in rebounding and 12th in Region XIII in scoring. He connected on 59 percent of his field goal attempts and 52 percent of his 3-point shots.

A native of Pembroke Pines, Fla., Kemp attended Dade Christian High where he averaged 26 points and 11 rebounds as a senior. Kemp signed with Alabama A&M out of high school, but spent just one season there before electing to transfer.

The NCAA Division I spring men's basketball signing period runs from April 13 to May 18.

Volleyball signs Cecich for 2011 campaign

ECU Media Relations

Zarah Cecich has signed a national letter-of-intent to play volleyball for and attend ECU beginning this fall, according to an announcement by Head Coach Pati Rolf Wednesday.

Cecich, a 5-foot-11 setter, is a three-sport athlete at Crown Point (Ind.) High School where she owns the single-season and career assist records with 763 and 1,642, respectively. Cecich also finished her prep career ranked second at Crown Point in all-time sets played (375) and total blocks (260), as well as fourth in solo blocks (69) and fifth in kills (532). During her final season alone, she amassed the record 763 assists, 39 aces, 194 digs, 30 solo blocks, 85 total blocks and 79 kills. Cecich is also a member of the basketball and track squads.

As a senior, Cecich led the Bulldog volleyball team to a 25-10 overall record and a 9-4 mark in the Duneland Athletic Conference – good for third place. She was named the squad's co-MVP and became the first Crown Point volleyball athlete selected for the Indiana North-South All-Star Game. Cecich subsequently earned All-DAC honors to go along with her nod as MVP at the 2010 Chestertown Tournament, at which Crown Point won the title.

In addition to her athletic prowess, Cecich displayed acumen in the classroom as she earned academic all-state honorable-mention recognition.

SPORTS

SOFTBALL SWEEP BY STATE



Catcher Kai Clark pops up to gun down a runner against the N.C. State Wolfpack on Wednesday night.

Stephen McNulty
STAFF WRITER

Following a tough weekend on the road, ECU softball returned home for a double-header against N.C. State on Wednesday.

It was an unusual night for Toni Paisley (22-8) right out of the gate. The ace, who was recently named one of the 25 finalists for the 2011 USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year, walked the first batter she faced. Paisley settled down, however, with a strike 'em out, throw 'em out double play to clear the slate.

Paisley encountered trouble again with two on and only one out in the top half of the third. But once again she escaped with consecutive strikeouts to end the inning.

The Wolfpack finally caught up to Paisley in the fourth when Bethaney Wells drove one deep over the center field fence for a two-run home run. Wells's hit was only the third home run given up by Paisley this year, and her first extra-base hit allowed in her last five starts.

The Pirates attempted to rally in the bottom half of the fourth. A Sissy Jimenez hit-by-pitch followed a double from Alex Fieldhouse, and Suzanne Riggs walked to load the bases.

Kai Clark hit a hard shot straight at the shortstop for the second out of the inning. Jill Jellnick took a walk for the Pirates, scoring Fieldhouse before Jasmine Robbins grounded out to end the inning.

A fantastic over-the-shoulder catch by Riggs just before the warning track held the Pirates within a run entering the final two innings. However, as has been the story lately, the Pirates really struggled to get things going with the bat.

"With this team it is not a pitching issue; it is that we cannot buy a timely hit to save our lives," head coach Tracey Kee said.

ECU failed to score again in the game, losing the first game 2-1 to N.C. State. One-run losses have become sort of a tradition for the Pirates this year, as 10 of their 15 losses have come by just a run.

"I don't care how young or how inexperienced this team is," Kee said. "They understand they play 56 games, and only they can pull themselves out of this."

Faith Sutton gave up two hits to start the game and eventually loading bases. The Wolfpack jumped out to an early 1-0 lead and forced Kee to the mound to settle down Sutton. A strikeout and groundout followed, and the Pirates barely got

out of the first.

The Pirates answered, loading the bases themselves in the first. Riggs hit a towering sacrifice fly to dead center that barely held in the park to tie the game at one. A leadoff walk in the third put Kristi Oshiro on base and Fieldhouse moved the runner to scoring position with a sacrifice bunt. A wild pitch moved Oshiro to third and a Jimenez double in the gap gave the Pirates the lead. Riggs singled to left and a Wolfpack error allowed Jimenez to score, giving ECU a 3-1 lead.

The Wolfpack responded with a leadoff solo homerun from Alyssa Ishibashi in the top of the fifth. Sutton followed the longball by hitting the next batter and giving up a single to put two on with no outs. Alyssa Albritten drove in a run with a double off the wall, tying the game at three runs apiece. That would the night for Sutton as coach Kee decided to go with Paisley for the remainder.

Either team was capable of producing much on offense as the game rolled into extra innings for the third time in the Pirates' last five games.

The game reached the 10th inning still tied at 3-3 when both coaches decided to use the international tiebreaker, which starts off each inning with a runner already at second. The

Wolfpack started the inning with a sacrifice bunt, moving the batter to third. Later in the inning, Alicia Abbot added a double to the left, scoring two and putting N.C. State up 5-3.

A wild pitch moved the Pirate runner to third, and a Jimenez sac fly cut the lead to a run in the 10th. However, ECU failed to score another run, falling 5-4 in the contest.

Paisley, who suffered both losses on the night, actually pitched quite well.

"They just had the clutch hit when they needed it," Paisley said.

"I think Toni actually pitched better in the second game," Kee said. "She came back out and settled in."

The Pirates travel to UAB (29-11, 11-1 C-USA) this weekend to take on the first-place Blazers. UAB was one of only two schools to take their season series against the Pirates in 2010.

"We cannot look to go down there and take one game," Kee said. "We have to go down there and take the series on the road against the best team and, in my opinion, the best pitching staff in our conference."

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

HEAVY BATS EXPECTED FROM UCF

Adam Bunn
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

After stepping outside of conference for a mid-week game at North Carolina, the Pirates return to Conference USA action this weekend as they welcome Central Florida to Greenville.

The ECU baseball team enters into the matchup struggling a bit in conference play, after dropping two of three against Rice last weekend. The series against Rice exploited the Pirates' hitting woes that had been covered up by the pitching staff since the beginning of the season.

In the two games the Pirates dropped to the Owls, the offense was more than just ineffective, striking out a combined 27 times while only posting four runs, leaving the work up to the pitching staff. The Rice series illuminated the offensive struggles that have been present since the season began; only three Pirates are hitting over .300, and the batting leader Ben Fultz bats just .313.

One main cause of ECU's offensive stumble is the lack of power being produced from the heart of the lineup. The Pirates' typical No. 3-5 hitters are Corey Thompson, Zach Wright and over the last few weeks, Trent Whitehead.

The three players have combined for 12 of the Pirates' 17 home runs on the year, with nine of those coming from Wright alone. The departure of Kyle Roller in the off-season was seen as a loss, but not a major one, as John Wooten and Thompson were supposed to pick up the power numbers that were lost. So far in the 2010-11 season, that has not happened.

Entering the weekend series against the Knights, a big question mark has to be placed on Whitehead.

Whitehead has been a staple on this team. As the leadoff hitter, he was going to set the tone for the rest of the order, but instead, Whitehead's season has been one struggle after the next. Batting .271, Whitehead was removed from his leadoff spot early in the season. Head Coach Billy Godwin has been trying to find the right fit for Whitehead in the batting order all season, putting him third, fourth and sixth, all at different times during the season, but nothing has worked.

HEAVY BATS page A10

PURPLE AND GOLD TAKES THE GRIDIRON

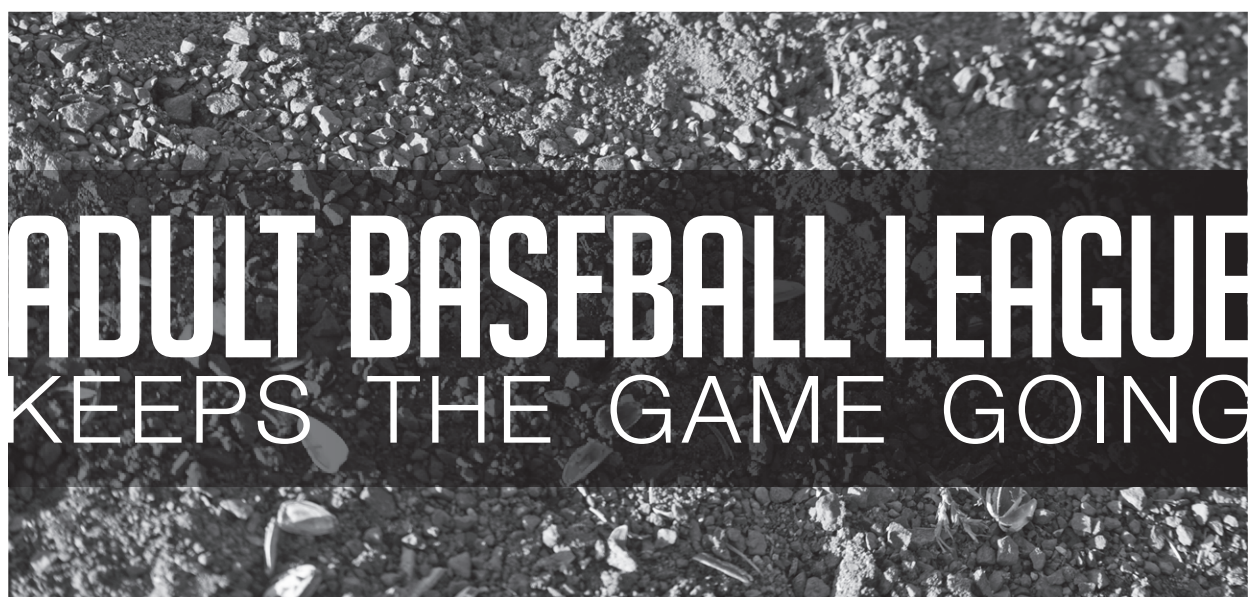
Jordan Anders
STAFF WRITER

As the ECU football team sits three-and-a-half months removed from a disappointing loss in the Military Bowl that ended its 2010 season, the purple-clad football fans around these parts are clamoring for a little action.

They'll get a little taste on Saturday, as ECU football stages its annual Purple/Gold spring game at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium as part of the 28th annual Pigskin Pig-Out. The annual scrimmage will give Pirate Nation its first look at the squad that will take the field for ECU when the 2011 season starts in September.

The Purple/Gold game will be the big story on Saturday, but the Pig-Out actually begins

GRIDIRON page A10



Lorianna Whitford
STAFF WRITER

Greenville is a baseball town. It is rare to find a desolate diamond in and around Pitt County. ECU baseball, Pitt Community College baseball, high school varsity and junior varsity teams, middle schools, little league and travel teams in all of these age groups combine to create an area that finds the sport to live up to its reputation as the American pastime.

The magnitude of baseball in this area is wonderful, but there is one problem: It excludes a certain age group of the population. In reality, every young baseball star will not go on to play college or professional baseball. Although many will succeed in the game, most will pursue careers in other fields of specialty, but what is a man supposed to do when his love of the game suddenly goes unsatisfied? The answer is finally here.

The Greenville Men's Baseball League is up and running, ready to fill the void that has been left by a lack of opportunity. The GMBL provides a great opportunity for baseball veterans to sharpen their skills and for young men to continue playing ball without the restrictions and commitment of a college or professional team. It allows men to pursue their careers and goals outside of the diamond, while providing an opportunity for them to continue to compete in an activity that they love.

The GMBL is a collage of different ages, professions and lifestyles. It welcomes any man in the area who wants to compete no matter how old or how long they've been out of the game. The age range stretches from young men right out of high school, to men in their 40s. Less than a year old, this baseball league has been flooded by an immediate response from the community.

During the first season last fall, the budding league accumulated five teams in a short time span, proving the overwhelming need in the area for a league like itself. Unlike other leagues of its kind, the GMBL has made itself an inexpensive hobby.

Founder of the league and Greenville fireman Wesley Taylor explained the simple genius of the league's ability to function without a high charge to each competitor and without sponsors.

"It's a non-profit league, and what we do is require each player to come to each game with \$5," Taylor said. "We use that money to pay the umpires, and if there is any money left over, we use it to buy baseballs." He continued to explain where the league holds their games. "I'm the coach of the Farmville Middle School baseball team, so we can use the school's field to play, which is great. A big problem in Greenville is field space, because it is such a huge area for baseball."

Taylor explained how the league accommodates the busy schedules of its players. "We only play on Saturdays and Sundays and it's completely relaxed," he said. "We play around major events like ECU football games and the Pigskin Pig-Out. During the summer, we're especially relaxed because we don't want to tie up everyone's summer weekends. During the fall is when we get more serious and play by a set schedule."

Although the league is open to a variety of community members, a large majority of it is made of college students in the area, particularly ECU students. Although ECU is the home to an impressive club team and varsity team, there are a few positions open each year and many students find that their career pursuits do not allow the time commitment that these teams require. The GMBL is the perfect answer for students of this nature who aren't ready to leave the game in the dust of their lifetime pursuits.

Taylor talked about his goals for the league's expansion in the coming seasons.

"I would love to see the league take off. We want to stay local, but I would love to be able to build the league enough where we could have at least 10 teams at a very competitive level. That would be outstanding."

The GMBL has made joining the league incredibly accessible through their website, greenvillemensbaseball.com. Interested players can find contact information for the founder of the league, Wesley Taylor, and be back in the game in no time.

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

HEAVY BATS continued from A9

While Whitehead has been nothing short of a disappointment thus far, Fultz has been a pleasant surprise. The freshman has become the Pirates' new leadoff hitter and has the highest batting average on the team.

Pitching has been without a doubt the strong point from ECU, and that has allowed the Pirates to win, despite the offensive problems.

All the glamour toward a pitching staff will typically go to the starting rotation, and while the Pirates' starting rotation is one of the best in C-USA, if not the country, the Pirate bullpen deserves some recognition.

The Pirates' bullpen boasts four pitchers who have sub 2.00 ERAs, as well as the program's all-time-saves leader in Seth Simmons. The real star of the staff, however, has to be Brad Mincey, who stands second on the team in ERA, with a 0.58 ERA in 31 innings pitched.

The Pirates' starting rotation is led by Seth Maness, who stands tall with a 4-3 record and a 2.10 ERA in 60 innings pitched.

UCF comes into this series with a 21-11 record, while holding a 3-6 record in conference play. The Knights team is the exact opposite of the Pirates, as pitching has been their main issue on the year, not offense.

The UCF pitching staff has just one starting pitcher with an ERA lower than three in Ben Lively. Currently, he has a 2.44 ERA in 44.1 innings pitched. Other projected starters for the series are Ray Hanson, who holds a 3.35 ERA in 43 innings of work, and Brian Adkins, who boasts a 3.07 ERA in 41 innings on the mound.

The offense for the Knights is nowhere near an issue, as half of their batting order hits over .300.

Leading the way for the Knights is Travis Shreve, who is hitting .357 with 12 runs batted in. As a team, UCF has a lot of pop. They have hit 26 home runs as a team and are led by D.J. Hicks and Jonathan Griffin, who have hit seven homers each.

The Pirates and the Knights will kick off their three-game series Friday with the first pitch scheduled for 6 p.m.

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



Infielder John Wooten slides into second base during a game against Rice on Saturday.

DAN WILLET | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

GRIDIRON continued from A9

on Friday, with a Pig-Out party at Dowdy-Ficklen that includes live music, inflatables for the kids and, of course, a whole lot of barbeque. The bash kicks off Friday night at 6 p.m.

The football team then takes center stage on Saturday. The spring game marks Pirate Nation's first look at the new 3-4 defensive scheme that Head Coach Ruffin McNeill and defensive coordinator Brian Mitchell implemented for this season. The 2010 edition of the defense was absolutely abhorrent in almost every facet. McNeill and the rest of the coaching staff are confident that the scheme change will pay big dividends for the team once the season starts.

"I feel good about the progress of our defense," McNeill said. "(We want to show) that we're fundamentally sound."

The defense has a fair amount of talent to replace with the loss of well-known starters Josh Smith, Dustin Lineback and Melvin Patterson. But

they do have returning talent in the form of 2010 standouts Derek Blacknall, Emanuel Davis and Matt Milner.

On the offensive side, the day that Pirate fans have all dreaded has come to fruition where No. 17 won't be lining up at the line of scrimmage. But the Pirates have plenty of offensive firepower to make up for the departure of Dwayne Harris.

Senior quarterback Dominique Davis, who ranked in the nation's top five in both passing yards and passing touchdowns a season ago, returns to lead the Pirates' offensive ship. Unlike last year, Davis comes into the season the unquestioned starter, but fans who attend the spring game can expect to see a little of junior Brad Wornick, sophomore Rio Johnson, redshirt freshman Shane Carden and true freshman Cody Keith.

Wide receiver Lance Lewis, who tied for fourth in the NCAA last season with 14 touchdown catches, returns for his senior year. In addi-

tion to replacing Dwayne Harris, the Pirates also must replace their two leading rushers from a season ago after losing running backs Giavanni Ruffin and Jonathan Williams to graduation. They look to underclassmen Michael Dobson, Alex Owah and Damonte Terry to fill the void, and the Spring Game could be a good chance for them to perform in a game-type situation and earn the starting spot.

While it's true that the scrimmage doesn't count for standings, McNeill said not to mistake that for a lack of importance.

"I take away a lot (from the game)," he said. "It's a good opportunity to put our guys in front of the fan base with officials, to get as close to official game reps as possible. Each young man will be evaluated. All the film will be evaluated. I treat it just like a practice."

Overall, McNeill said that he is simply looking for continued

progress.

"The biggest thing is to keep developing our fundamental thought process," he said. "If we can do that on all three sides of the ball, it's going to make us a really special football team."

He thinks that with spring practice winding down, the game will be a good experience for his team.

"I'm looking forward to Saturday," he said, "and I'm looking forward to continued improvement throughout the summer."

Fans who want to come out and judge the team for themselves can attend the Spring Game on Saturday at Dowdy-Ficklen. Game tickets are \$5, or students can purchase a \$10 combo that includes a ticket and a barbeque plate. Kickoff is scheduled for 2:30 p.m.

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



Quarterback Dominique Davis drops back into the pocket during spring practice. Davis and the Pirates will take the field in the spring game on Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

SID

You never know how many friends you have until you have a place at the



BEECH!



Copper Beech TOWNHOMES

2001 Copper Beech Way
(252) 757-1015

Sign a lease for a 2 bedroom and get FREE MONEY! We're out of 3's and 4's and now we're almost out of 2's so HURRY IN!!!



Join us for our Open House THIS THURSDAY April 14th, free food and free applications all day!! Also sign a lease and you will be entered to win an Ipod and docking station!