



BRIEFS

University cancels all classes Monday, Tuesday

Staff Reports

On Sunday, university officials decided to cancel Monday classes for all students.

Emails sent by the university cited "campus recovery" as the reason for class cancellations; however, campus remained open for students.

Residence halls and food service venues remained open on Tuesday and officials expect classes to resume on Wednesday.

"We know we have a lot of students who have family and friends affected by the storm. Many are coming from areas where there is flooding and a lack of electricity. We felt it was wise to wait one more day before having classes to make sure there's been sufficient recovery in the community and region," said Mary Schulken, the Director of Public Affairs for the university.

Schulken also stated that all but 5 of the residents in Greene have been returned to their rooms after a drainpipe burst.

Updated information is available at www.ecu.edu/alert.

Progress Energy restores power by Wednesday

Staff Reports

By midnight on Tuesday, Progress Energy expected to restore power to 96 percent of customers who lost power during Hurricane Irene.

On Monday, 85 percent of power had been restored. Progress Energy hopes to finish repairing 99 percent of outages by Wednesday.

More than 355,000 customers lost power during the storm. At its peak, about 280,000 people were in the dark.

Those who are still without power should call 1-800-419-6356. Report any downed power lines to Progress Energy.

Irene kills two in county

Staff Reports

Two deaths were reported in Pitt County as Irene passed over on Saturday, reported WITN.

21-year-old Jose Corona ran off of County Home Road and hit a tree at 7:40 a.m. on Saturday. The wreck is still under investigation since alcohol was found at the scene.

A man was found dead in his home in Ayden after a tree fell on his home as a result of high winds. His name and age have not been released.

Five people in North Carolina died during the storm.

Greenville residents may be scammed after Irene

Staff Reports

According to WITN, police are urging Greenville residents to watch out for people trying to scam them out of their money.

City of Greenville Public Information Officer Steve Hawley says there have already been reports of people trying to sell cheap generators.

Hawley says residents should look out for those offering to help with cleanup and debris removal. Hawley says to ask for a business license and identification from anyone offering help.

Hawley also says residents should not pay for services upfront and should report any gouging or scamming to the North Carolina Attorney General's Office at (877) 5-NO-SCAM.



Hurricane Irene leaves mark on N.C.

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Top: Trees at the mall on campus snap in half causing widespread damage. Bottom Left: Students look at the rushing water flowing across the bottom of College Hill during Irene. Bottom Right: A tree totals a car after falling on top of it on Warren Street.

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Hurricane Irene made landfall on the N.C. coast early Saturday morning as a Category One storm. Irene was the first hurricane to hit the continental U.S. since 2008.

Irene made landfall just east of Cape Lookout on the Outer Banks and the eye arrived shortly after 7:30 a.m. on Saturday. The storm brought with it 85-mile-per-hour winds, heavy rain and an overwhelming coastal surge.

The strong winds tore branches from trees and knocked down power lines, leaving many in the state without power. About 45,000 people in the Greenville area had their power disrupted at one point.

Some city residents had to be evacuated as the rain produced major flooding. Over 800 people made use of shelters that were set up across the county. Fifteen deaths have been attributed to the storm; two of which occurred in Pitt County.

There were no injuries reported on campus after the storm, but a preliminary report of damage was released at 5 p.m. on Saturday

afternoon.

The report found that there was leaking from a pipe on one of the upper floors in Greene Residence Hall, but the pipe has since been cleaned and inspected. About two dozen students had

"It's cool that pretty much the only thing left standing on the mall is the pirate statue."

- Danielle Winch, hospitality management major

to be relocated to the lobby of Greene and will be moved once more if their rooms cannot be cleaned properly.

Both Greene and Garrett halls had windows broken by falling branches and a tree fell on two cars at College Hill.

The Spillman building, which houses the university's administration, was not left untouched

by the storm. Large metal sheets on top of the building were ripped off by the wind and dropped near the building's entrance.

Buildings on the medical campus have been reported to have leaks as well. High water was reported at College Hill, as well as Fourteenth Street.

Danielle Winch and Lindsay Cook, both roommates in Campus Towers, said they didn't realize how bad the storm had been until they viewed the damage.

"It's just a mess," said Cook, who is a nursing major.

Winch said she felt the storm brought the university together and proved that Pirates can stick together.

"It's cool that pretty much the only thing left standing on the mall is the pirate statue," said Winch, a hospitality management major.

Sunday morning the university announced that Monday classes were canceled and only staff involved in the campus cleanup effort were

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Virginia earthquake shakes East Coast

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Last Tuesday, N.C. residents felt the effects of a magnitude 5.8 earthquake centered in Mineral, Va.

According to the U.S. Geological Survey, the earthquake was a half-mile deep and occurred at 1:51 p.m. about 38 miles northwest of Richmond, Va.

The effects of the earthquake were felt as far south as N.C. and as far north as Ontario, Canada. Shaking could be felt at the U.S. Capitol building, the White House and the Pentagon. Parts of all three were evacuated.

During the time of the earthquake, many officials in Washington D.C. were on August vacation. However, the quake could be felt in Martha's Vineyard at the golf course where President Obama was playing golf.

In New York City, the federal courthouse in Manhattan began swaying and the 26-story building was evacuated. Court officers did not allow evacuees back in.

Several aftershocks were reported: a 2.8, which was registered at 2:46 p.m., a 2.2 at 3:20 p.m. and a 4.2 at 8:04 p.m.

No injuries or damage was reported in N.C. Residents were urged not to call 911 about the earthquake unless there were safety issues or hazards.

Students and residents of Greenville both felt the shaking of the earthquake produced. University officials sent emails to students urging them to be safe and informing them of what to do during an earthquake.

"I was on the bus going to my apartment when the earthquake came through," said junior elementary education major Sarah Young.

"I didn't feel it but my mom in Raleigh said it was really noticeable."

An email sent to students informed them of what to do if they are indoors, outdoors, in moving vehicles or trapped under debris during an earthquake.

"Stay as safe as possible during an earthquake. Be aware that some earthquakes are actually foreshocks and a larger earthquake might occur. Minimize your movements to a few steps to a nearby safe place and if you are indoors, stay there until the shaking has stopped and you are sure exiting is safe," stated the email.

The university utilizes a webpage on its main website which intends to warn students of potential danger and keep them up to date on class cancellations and alternate schedules. Students can access information on what to do during inclement weather at ecu.edu/alert.

The website includes hotlines that faculty, students and staff can call to receive information and contains the most current information on what is happening during an emergency.

"I'm glad that the university has systems like the alert site and the speakers on campus to better prepare and inform us about emergencies," said sophomore community and family service major Hannah Fortune. "An earthquake doesn't happen everyday in the east and the university was on top of things."

In addition to the site, ECU ALERT operates a Twitter page, sends text message alerts and runs an outdoor speaker system to notify students of an emergency.

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expected to show up. Tuesday's classes were also canceled.

"We are closing campus so our Campus Operations staff have the access needed to efficiently and effectively restore our campus buildings, grounds and parking lots to normal operating status. In addition, the campus still contains hazards due to standing water and downed or damaged trees, so we need everyone to stay off campus, unless you are part of ECU's emergency operations," stated an e-mail sent by the university to students.

Governor Bev Perdue spent most of Sunday assessing damage across the state.

"We will reach anyone who needs help as quickly as we can. Everyone needs to remember that while Irene has left North Carolina, there are still very real dangers, such as downed power lines, rising flood waters and fallen trees," said Perdue.

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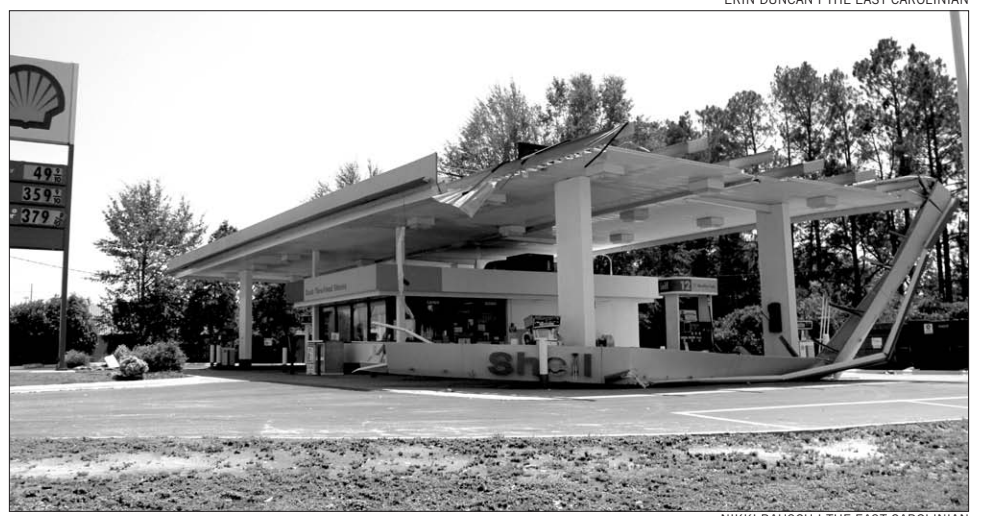


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Top Left: A tree fell through a house on Woodlawn Street causing extensive damage. Bottom Left: Workers repair downed powerlines on 10th Street. Top Right: Crews assess the damage of a large uprooted Oak Tree on campus. Middle: Campus Towers had some of the siding ripped off the side of the building. Bottom: The Shell gas station on 10th Street had the overhang partially ripped off.



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Exercise requirement kept

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As universities throughout the nation are cutting foundational exercise courses due to financial crunches, ECU will maintain the required course in attempts to fight obesity.

In an interview with ECU News Services, Glen Gilbert, dean of the College of Health and Human Performance, said that Exercise 1000 helps students to get rid of the unhealthy habits often acquired during the college years.

"If all universities provided that opportunity for students, we would likely see improved health behaviors," said Gilbert.

The exercise requirement is intended to help students live a healthy lifestyle. This is not only while they are enrolled in the course, but also long after their college years are up.

The course is intended to help students fit exercise into busy schedules. It teaches unique ways to tie exercise into a daily routine when one cannot make it to a gym or does not have enough time.

Rebecca Davis, who teaches Exercise 1000, said that students are taught to use everyday items (like a chair) as a part of their fitness routine.

"Requiring college stu-

dents to participate in an exercise science class taught by proficient instructors has been proven to provide the skills necessary to help young adults develop healthy life-long habits," Gilbert said during an interview.

Dr. Tim Gavin, a professor of physiology, said that "Most people do not know where to begin an active, healthy lifestyle. Just like people need a skill set to manage finances and work, they need one to manage healthy habits, and college is the first place they can start."

Most students agree with Gavin that the college course has given them a foundation for a lifelong exercise routine.

"It is a laid-back and enjoyable course," said Michele McElhinney, a junior special education major. "It helped me to make better use of my workouts."

The course, which has six components (aerobic, muscular strength, flexibility, stress management, energy balance and exercise), could also help students to save money in the long run.

Gavin explained that, "A lot of people can't afford pharmaceutical or surgical solutions to weight loss."

Exercise, however, is the healthiest and most cost efficient option, improving overall mood and cognitive function.

While campus is main-

taining its foundational Exercise 1000 course, the university has dropped the swim test that was required in the past.

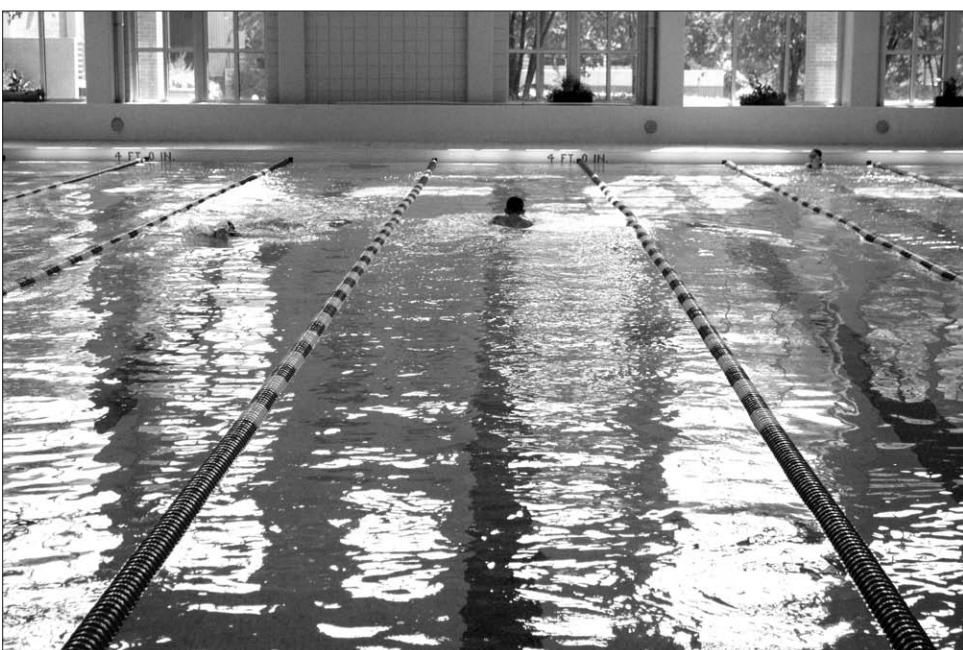
In previous years, all students were required to complete a swim test before they graduated. Students took the swim test at the beginning of their exercise course. If they did not pass, they were put into a beginner-swimming course.

However, Stacey Altman, chair of the Department of Kinesiology, said that requirement has been dropped because students often delayed signing up for their exercise courses because they feared the swim test.

Many students seem to think the decision to drop the requirement is a good one. "I mean, I know I can swim, but for the students who maybe are not such strong swimmers, they shouldn't feel scared or embarrassed in front of everyone just because it is required by the university," said Nicholas Thrasher, a junior criminal justice major. "So I think it's a good idea."

In addition to Exercise 1000, the university offers many other ways to stay fit through programs offered through Campus Recreation and Wellness. For more information, go to ecu.edu/crw.

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The university removed the swim test but decided to keep the exercise requirement for students.

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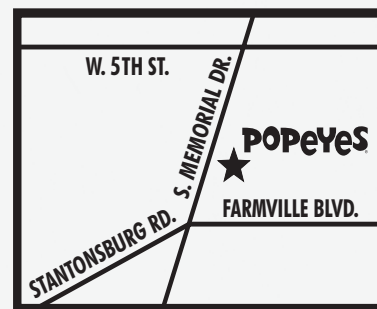
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Why did the ECU ALERT Emergency Notification System not sound during the 2 days Hurricane Irene was DESTROYING campus? Campus Officials sure did find it necessary to test the annoying thing 10 times during Move-In Weekend.

To the hippos that live above me: What in the world are you doing up there! I literally thought there was an east coast earthquake with how hard you guys shook our entire apartment.

Whoa, that wasn't my hippo upstairs neighbors shaking my apartment. That was an EARTHQUAKE! Holy crap!

It is the first week of school and you are already buying a pregnancy test ... what?

Dear Freshmen: You aren't going downtown, you're going to class. Take off the slutty dresses and heels already.

I know you're a slut and an alcoholic, but now you're a thief? Next time you steal my clothes and let your "bestie" wear them, try not to put a picture of it on Facebook, where I can see it.

Snooki totally cheated with her man on Mike. Totally.

Nothing says "I'm a Freshman" more than wearing the new Student Pirate Club T-shirt the first day of class.

Thanks, Student Patrol. You guys are awesome!

Does this mean that if I tip the canoe at the new beach that I have to drown, since I'm not allowed to swim to shore?

I miss the tranquility of summer classes: Not as many people and no earthquakes!

Dear Joyner Library: If you are going to charge us 10 cents per page, at least they could be double sided!

The narwhal bacons at MIDNIGHT!

New semester starting, all I have to say is:
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Irene power outages at The Bellamy = Flashlight tag with other apartments.

Is it just me or is the freshmen class incredibly annoying this year?

It's not even 9:00 a.m. and I've already seen 10 parking tickets. Welcome to ECU!

PURPLE!!!!!!

If I say PURPLE and you don't say GOLD, it should be mandatory to go to Student Health.

No one on the first floor of Sci-Tech thinks you are cool. Playing your music louder does not help either.

So glad I called the Bellamy emergency service number for what sounded like "bursting water pipes" only to find out your VIBRATOR was on for 7 hours straight. EW!

Annoying girls ask annoying questions. Stop being an attention whore and let us get out of class early. Thankssss.

Where I come from a "friend" does not ask my husband to sleep with her.

To all the people complaining about Greenville PD: A lot of crime committed around here is due to college students being here. Also, you didn't have to come here. Go to UNC if you hate it so much.

Seriously, freshmen? You've had one sip of beer. You are not drunk.



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Better late than never



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ECU is usually pretty tardy when it comes to alerting students of weather emergencies.

With Hurricane Irene, it was no exception. However, other than taking longer than they should have to acknowledge the hurricane's impending arrival, ECU actually handled communication regarding the storm quite well.

I was very surprised last Wednesday evening when I still hadn't heard anything from ECU about the Category 3 hurricane barreling its way here. The storm was a mere 36 hours away, and there hadn't been a single email, text message or notification on ECU ALERT's website.

The National Weather Service had been forecasting Irene's landfall in N.C. for nearly a week. Irene was growing larger and more powerful by the hour, and it was looking as if no matter where Irene made landfall, Greenville would get hit hard.

Finally, on Thursday morning, I received ECU ALERT's first email about Hurricane Irene. It stated that the campus was continuing to monitor Irene. It then said that rain and

wind could be expected as early as Friday and students living in residence halls were encouraged to stay there. And thus began the barrage of emails, hitting us harder than Irene.

Later on Thursday afternoon, I received an email from Student Affairs about class cancellations and the closing of most of ECU's services. The decision to cancel classes after 3 p.m. and to close most dining facilities and transit services early was a smart one. Not long before the closing of classes did bits of rain start to roll through Greenville.

Fifteen minutes after the email from Student Affairs, I got another email from ECU ALERT with more details on the storm and the expected impact throughout Greenville. It also listed the phone number for parents to call if they have any questions about the hurricane, as well as the Red Cross "Safe and Well List" website.

It is good that we got all of this information, but I wonder how many people read the emails from both sources. The way that the email from Student Affairs was written was easy to read, with points clearly laid out in bullet-point format. However, every email from ECU ALERT was in a huge paragraph. Though it contained valuable information, I'm not sure that many people had the patience to read all of it.

Also, the fact that it was sent only 15 minutes after the email from Student Affairs made

me (and probably many other students) assume that it was going to contain much of the same information. After all, I seem to receive almost every emergency text from ECU twice, with the exact same message written out.

Throughout Friday and the weekend, ECU continued to send emails and texts to students with various tips on how to prepare for the hurricane, where exactly it was, how long it was expected to last and which campus services were still being offered.

I was actually quite impressed with how prompt and thorough ECU was in relaying information on this storm back to the student body. However, despite the preparedness, the campus went a little overboard on the constant updates.

Sometimes it's hard to take the ECU ALERT or Listserv emails seriously, such as when we receive an email about what to do during an earthquake an hour after the earthquake actually occurred, or when some people receive an "ALL CLEAR ALL CLEAR" text message a half-hour after a tornado warning was cancelled. However, the system is improving all the time, and as this weekend has shown, ECU does care about its students' safety.

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Our View

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Praise the Lord(s)

Most students revel in the idea of winter break. After a semester of tedious work and gradually being bogged down by winter clothes as the months went by, a brief respite with the family around the Christmas tree is just what a college student needs.

But what about the students who don't hack down an evergreen and throw lights on it for decorative purposes? Though it may be shocking, not everyone is Christian and some people have other days of religious observance, which should be acknowledged. After all, spinning the dreidel alone in your dorm room sounds like quite the drag.

This is all about to (slightly) change. Due to an amendment to a North Carolina General Statute, ECU now allows students to miss a minimum of two days for religious observances. Now, people of different

religions and sects are allowed to balance their beliefs with their schoolwork and not be denied their basic rights. Praise Buddha!

Though this is wonderful from a Civil Rights perspective, this raises some concerns amongst the student body. When the Editorial Board began discussing the new changes, one of the first comments made was "Which religion can I claim to be that has the most holidays?"

While this may sound insensitive to those who utilize their new rights for actual observances, the temptation of saying your religion required you to sleep past the start of your exam sounds better than being lazy. To combat the typical college student, the new amendment requires written notice to the teacher prior to the date of the holiday.

So, for those of you beginning to draft a scheme of the "Flying Spaghetti Monster" reaching down his noodly appendage to spare you from your lab report, you may need to work on a better alibi. While the excuse is ultimately determined by the teacher, Student's Rights and Regulations requires nondiscrimination. Who's to deny your belief of pasta and a meatball in the sky? The policy has many gray areas which, in due time, will hopefully be worked out.

And for those of you who have previously felt incredibly inconvenienced at the Christian-predominant holidays being the only ones recognized by the state, congratulations on your new days off. May you enjoy them and praise your respective deity accordingly.

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Rush away: Pledging to Greek life



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My afternoon siestas have been disturbed, as of late, by singing from a nearby sorority house. It appears that sorority recruitment is upon us. They begin early, don't they? A freshman girl has barely made herself at home

in Greenville and sorority sisters are already competing to be her closest and most endearing friends forever — that is, of course, if she is pretty enough and can pay dues.

I find it strange that the university, supposedly a place where people come to mature culturally and intellectually, has become a place where young adults go to extend their adolescence as long as they possibly can. Fraternities and sororities have become symbolic of this self-indulgent college fantasy, where getting drunk and getting laid have replaced the importance of getting an education.

If people talk of frat-bros and sorority chicks as though they are many faces of the same person, it is because Greeks are strikingly uniform in their personalities. Greek life is a rigorous course in conformity that rivals boot camp in its ability to cleanse a person of all individuality.

If the bewildered freshmen are afraid of being amongst thousands of strangers for the first time in their lives, they need never fear of loneliness within a Greek house. Every waking hour will be spent under the probing inspection of one's adopted brethren, and there will never be any moments at night, in the dark, alone with oneself. Nor will there ever be need to be around those that look — or worse, think — differently than you.

A study done by Alan DeSantis at University of Kentucky showed that fraternity brothers spend more time lifting weights than partying, and more time partying than anything school-related. It figures, since the aim of fraternity life

is to transform each brother in to an uncultured caricature of masculinity. And all that friendly stupidity is as studied and affected as the incessant will to get laid. And this does have consequences. According to Dr. John Foubert in "Conquering Rape: A Men's Issue," fraternities' "culture includes group norms that reinforce within-group attitudes perpetuating sexual coercion against women."

It doesn't hurt that sororities play into their hands. A sorority's prestige is based on its ability to command the attention of the leading fraternities, and to this end the sisters spare no effort. Sex appeal is the supreme goal of sisterhood.

Endless diets of salads and ice-chips and endless afternoons at the gym are the necessary means toward attaining beauty, and if a wayward sister must be bullied by a game of "circle-the-fat," then so be it. Sisterhood is forever. As reported in People Magazine, one sorority house even had to replace its plumbing system: stomach acid, it turns out, is corrosive to metal.

And let us not be fooled by the phony claims these houses routinely make about their charitable efforts. If Greek houses at ECU raised \$34,000 for charities last year, it cannot begin to compare to the amount of money collected in dues. Even if I estimate \$400 a semester in dues for every one of the 1300-odd students that are members of social fraternities — and every Greek on campus knows that I am lowballing it here — I still come up with a whopping half a million dollars a semester.

If helping people is your purpose, why not simply donate your dues, or better yet, join one of the service fraternities

that is not afraid to get their hands dirty? A barbecue dinner fundraiser is not the same thing as community service.

So here is my advice: to the officials of ECU, abolish the office of Greek Life and withdraw any official university status from the social fraternities. They are adverse to the mission of the university, and ECU should not make any effort to support them any more than any other spit 'n whittle club that pops up on the sidewalk. And to incoming freshmen, when the sorority sisters begin their siren chant to entice you to join, "Rush" away.

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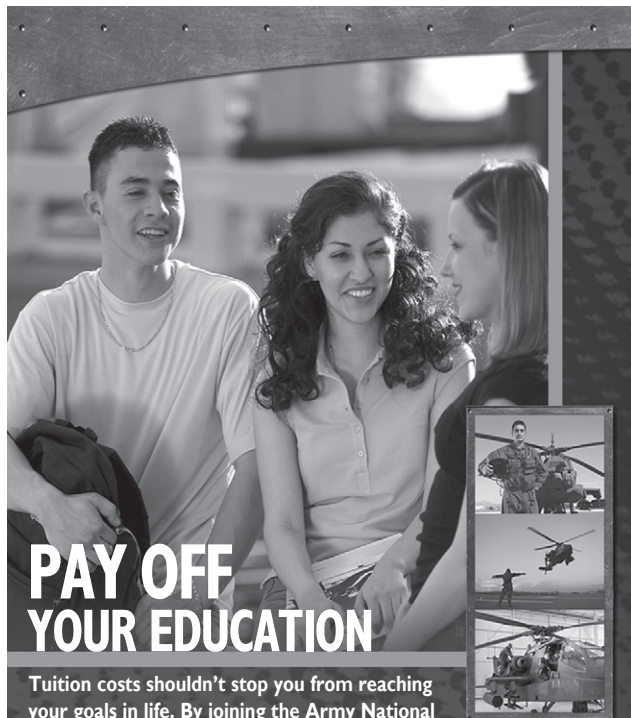
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ALBUM REVIEWS

Meet Stephen



Stephen Mason
COLUMNIST

This column will run once a month and review five to seven albums over a range of genres. The choices aren't quite a representation of my personal tastes, but cater instead to artists most readers will be acquainted with. As for my own musical origins, I was raised on a diet of Stax and Motown — Sam & Dave, the Supremes and Wilson Pickett to name a few, so naturally I'm a sucker for a strong beat, truly soulful vocals and an active bass line. The first album I ever loved was Cream's "Disraeli Gears." Now, I love "Astral Weeks" and "In Rainbows." I'd argue that Arcade Fire is the best band in the world right now, and Nickelback is the worst in history (though Insane Clown Posse make a strong bid, too).

I write this column out of sheer love for music and a strong belief that the album is still an effective medium for serious artists to display their catalogue even in our increasingly digital lives. The grades used in this column are mostly arbitrary, but consider it this way: Any A- grade album is required listening, a B+ is noteworthy and may strike the right listener's aesthetic fancy more than mine. Anything below that score spans from innocuously commonplace to downright terrible. Here we go:

TRACE ADKINS – Proud to Be Here: Does it seem crass to judge an "artist" for an album of songs he didn't write when the lyrics are stupid and slightly misogynistic? Because Adkins only co-wrote one song on this album, the other two he co-wrote abandoned as bonus tracks. The album-titled opener (which he didn't write) suggests salvation/transformation, but instead of the truck accident he sings (but didn't write) about sending him to the pews, it sends him to his honey again and again. And again. It'd be one thing to play this unapologetically or with a wink, but delivered straightforwardly in emotionless baritone juxtaposed against ballads reeking with sentimentality (which, again, he didn't write), the whole thing is crass, leaving me to wonder just who the hell to blame for this steaming pile.

THE HORRORS – Skying: More remarkable than The Horrors' transmutation from goth-rockers to '80s imitators is their ability to sustain an album on such a premise for so long; no song clocks in under four minutes and half go beyond five. The trick isn't merely washing everything in layers of synth and reverb in typical '80s fashion — they do that, sure, but the foundation of each song is solid, thus the fleshing out of the album seems natural rather than desperate or half-baked. If "You Said" and "Monica Gems" aren't the catchiest numbers, they certainly exert the emotional punch the band is aiming for — a feeling of otherworldliness, transcendence, of being swept up and carried away.

JAY-Z & KANYE WEST – Watch the Throne: As a title, "Watch the Throne" implies both showcase and skepticism — Jay and Kanye are themselves on top, but fully aware of challenges to their stature. What critics deride as complacency is actually nervous energy: For

Rockin' and rollin' on the east coast

Last week's earthquake scared students



Ashley Evans
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A 5.8 magnitude earthquake rocked the east coast last Tuesday. The widespread event was felt from New York all the way to Georgia. The epicenter occurred near Mineral, VA, which is 35 miles from Richmond and 85 miles from Washington, DC.

The earthquake lasted merely 45 seconds, but still shocked and scared millions of people living in these areas. In New York, workers ran from buildings in fear, as the 10th anniversary of the September 11th tragedy was still fresh on their minds. The Pentagon, Capitol Building and White House were all evacuated.

Here in North Carolina, feelings ranged from disbelief to fear due to the rarity of earthquake occurrences in the area. According to Eric Horsman, an assistant professor in the university's Geology Department, said that the reason we rarely have earthquakes is because North Carolina is not on an active boundary between plates.

Dr. Horsman said that under the Atlantic Ocean, there is a type of plate tectonic boundary, unlike that of the San Andreas Fault in the West, where there lies a spreading center in which new oceanic crust is formed as the plates pull apart.

"Forces that result in earthquakes are produced at these active plate boundaries and we are really far from these boundaries," Dr. Horsman added.

According to the U.S. Geological Survey Earthquake Hazards Program website, there is a 100 percent chance that an earthquake will occur today. And they do occur on a daily basis, yet millions of people never feel them.

In his research, Dr. Horsman has discovered that usually the magnitude 6 or greater earthquakes occur at least once a week somewhere around the world. In an average year, the National Earthquake Information Center estimates an average of 20,000 earthquakes, about 50 earthquakes a day. The NEIC website stated that it "no longer locates earthquakes smaller than magnitude 4.5 outside of the United States."

Unfortunately, there is no real way to predict when and where an earthquake will happen. The U.S. Geological Survey has produced maps of the entire U.S. that show the likelihood of earthquakes happening, based on research they collected on the loca-

tion of plate boundaries.

"In California and places like that, where there are major fault systems and higher earthquake probabilities, the likelihood of earthquakes happening is greater," said Dr. Horsman. "We can use this information to predict the probability that an earthquake will occur in an area in the next 30 years, but we cannot exactly predict when and where the earthquake will happen."

Although an earthquake cannot be predicted, there are provisions and safety precautions one can take to ensure their safety during an earthquake.

If you are outside during an earthquake, move away from buildings, streetlights, trees and utility poles. Do not go inside. Once you are in a clear area, lie down and cover yourself until the shaking stops.

If you find yourself inside, do not attempt to go outside. The best thing to do, according to Dr. Horsman, is to get under a sturdy piece of equipment, such as a desk, and hold on until the earthquake is over. Only then is it safe to get out of the building.

Lastly, if you are in your car, stop immediately, put it in park and cover your head until the shaking ends.

When the earthquake occurred last Tuesday, many people in the Greenville area were unsure what to do, since earthquakes happen so rarely in North Carolina.

Cameron Adams, a freshman, said she was in class when the earthquake happened. "From where I was on the third floor of the science building, we really didn't know what was going on," said Adams. "The screens started shaking and that's when we realized the building was moving."

Victoria Thomas is an ECU Distance Education student living in Washington, DC, closer to where the earthquake actually occurred. Her apartment is on the 9th floor and said all of a sudden she heard very loud sounds coming from upstairs. "The building shook for a second time and then started shaking harder. I got into a door frame until it was over," said Thomas.

While the earthquake was certainly a scary situation for our area, the only way to combat this is to be prepared the next time things get a little shaky.

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Pirates in Germany: Dreams coming true

Two students receive \$12,000 scholarship

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Some people dream when they are younger that they will grow up to be a professional athlete, a ballerina, an award-winning musician, a firefighter or even, a model. However, Ashley Hooper, a senior history and German double major, has dreamed her whole life of traveling, especially around Europe.

Last year, Ashley Hooper's dream came true, as she was awarded a \$12,000 undergraduate study abroad scholarship by the Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst, also known as the German Academic Exchange Service, which gives her the opportunity to study and do research in Germany.

"I freaked out. I was crying. I was so happy," said Hooper, as she reminisced about the night she opened the email saying she was the recipient. "It was probably the happiest moment of my life because I knew that I had worked really hard. It has been a dream of mine since I was a child to travel and go to Europe, and I finally had realized this dream I had come true."

Every year, the DAAD gives out around 55 undergraduate scholarships to students all across North America. The German study abroad scholarships range from anywhere between four-months to ten-months, and students are given around a 650 Euro stipend a month

to survive off of.

"They gave me 650 Euros, and I had to decide how to use it," said Hooper. "I used it to pay for my rent, for food, and that kind of stuff. It was basically my life."

Though ECU has affiliated universities throughout Germany, Hooper chose to study in the eastern German region of Leipzig, at the University of Leipzig. According to Hooper, one of the main reasons she chose a non-ECU affiliated university in Leipzig was because "it was an important city in the reunifying of Germany," and therefore, she found the area historically invigorating.

In order to be awarded the annual DAAD scholarship, one must fill out a personal statement (which Hooper said were the three most important pages of her life), a language proficiency exam, two letters of recommendation and a high school transcript.

Every year, for the past three years, ECU has given a student from the German department this prestigious and highly competitive scholarship, which is the most rewarded scholarship by any North Carolina university.

This past year, Chadwick Spence, junior German and chemistry double major, received the scholarship. He will be departing



Ashley Hooper studied abroad last year in Germany thanks to a \$12,000 scholarship that was awarded to her by the DAAD, a German exchange service.

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Hov and Yeezy, money and materialism aren't instant keys to happiness, black-on-black violence is both confusing and saddening, and sampling Brown and Redding is a way of pondering, not asserting, their rank among greats. But they do think they're great; when Kanye announces "This is something like the Holocaust/Millions of our people lost" on "Who Gon Stop Me," he speaks more to his own survival rather than the overall condition. Hence their invitation for you to watch carefully. After all, if they made it this far, they must be doing something right.

MAT KEARNEY – *Young Love*: Kearney takes complementary components of contemporary radio-friendly pop and hip-hop and distills them into predictable form — solid backbeat overlaid with jangly acoustic guitar or piano (or both) laced with lyrics clumsily clawing their way to a moderately-catchy chorus. Sounds nice, and if every song was as innocent and high-spirited as "Hey Mama," I might be sold on this brand of digest. However, momentary delights such as the soaring "Sooner or Later" or tender "She Got the Honey" are only pleasant speed bumps in an aggressively mediocre set, of which by the time you hit "Rochester" will wish wasn't so predictable.

ROYCE DA 5'9" – *Success is Certain*: Wherein Royce renounces his assertion of certain death and comes to collect a long-standing debt with the rap community; he's "like the landlord/Hip-hop's currently falling down the stairs," announcing "I should run a marathon backwards/To see what second place looks like." Morally it's retrospective: the professed savior savant regrets beefs and alcohol, but is convinced (and is convincing) that he's always been above the apathy, insipidness and dull opportunism plaguing the lower echelons of hip-hop's ringtone-sales-seeking hacks. Better for him if it's true that the biz is in decline (it isn't) — if he's really this good and everyone else is that bad, he'll find where his money's at in no time.

JOSS STONE – *LP1*: Stone's third album was titled "Introducing Joss Stone," the fourth "Colour Me Free!," and now we have "LP1," yet another attempt to revamp her style. Despite how much Stone wishes to free herself from constraints she initiated, she sings in the same overly-powerful soul-soaked way regardless of what producer Dave Stewart throws at her. It doesn't matter if the tune leans more toward funk or blues, for Stone exerts too much force time and time again. And with Winehouse's unfortunate early exit, it's up to Adele to fill her soulful shoes, as "LP1" (and Stone's earlier efforts, too) only sounds like soul, but never feels like it has any.

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the United States this week for the Universität Konstanz in southern Germany.

"Both [students] are academically gifted and inquisitive," said Dr. David Smith, associate professor of German and program coordinator. "Both are passionate and engaging in certain ways, but they both are adept at meeting new people and getting to know them."

Dr. Smith encouraged both Hooper and Spence to fully immerse themselves in the German culture by "staying away from English speakers, finding the German roommate, and living with the Germans."

Before the students left for their respective trips, they met with Dr. Smith and the German Department to figure out which classes they would take at the German universities. The advisors sat down with each of them and discussed which classes they

needed to take to stay on track for graduation.

Since Spence is due to hop the pond and jump a few countries within the next week, he was unavailable for interview. However, according to Dr. Smith, said that Spence is excited about studying in Konstanz because he believes immersion in the language and culture is the next logical step in his training, and that it's a great location for experiencing regional differences in Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

Hooper gave fellow pirate Spence a few words of advice.



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Chadwick Spence is studying abroad in Germany this school year.

"Pack some warm clothes, seriously warm clothes," she said. "I was not ready for the German winter, so pack a nice warm jacket and remember that this is going to be the best

year of your life."

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PIRATE EATS

Cheddar's: Fine dining at a reasonable price

Grade: A

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Finding an affordable place to go out to eat on a college student's budget can be difficult ... until now. Cheddar's Casual Café recently opened their third North Carolina location here in Greenville.

"The prices are great," said Taylor Rathbun, a junior elementary education major. "It was really surprising too because it was such a nice restaurant."

Cheddar's restaurant has a very appealing look, both inside and out.

The inside of the restaurant is very nice and stylish. Their prices did not match

their look—which, in this case, was good.

The prices listed in the menu were almost unbelievable, especially compared to the atmosphere of the restaurant. The restaurant was decorated in a very upscale fashion and it seemed the prices would be somewhat expensive.

"Nothing in our menu is over \$13.95," said Jessica Wren, manager of Cheddar's. "And that's a steak."

The restaurant was very busy even in the middle of the week. Wren explained that the restaurant has remained busy since their opening about a month and a half ago. When dining at the restaurant, the wait time was about 30 minutes around 6:30 p.m. on a Wednesday night.

"It's been really busy," said Lyndsey Sloan, a server at Cheddar's and a student at Pitt Community College. Sloan explained that even though they have smaller sections the amount of business the restaurant gets makes up for it.

Wren explained that they feel it is unnecessary to participate in promotional deals because they have such a large selection of menu items priced very reasonably.

"The décor and food prices are wonderful," said Ashley Lackey, a sophomore health services management major. "I love being able to get a complete meal for under \$10."

"The spinach dip was very creamy and light," said Rathbun, "unlike most spinach dips I've tried. Our whole meal was delicious and well priced, not to mention we got a lot of food for the price."

The portion size of the spinach dip was very large and enough to satisfy cravings. It was also served with salsa. The salsa was mild and not too spicy. It was not very



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Cheddar's opened its first Greenville location this summer.

thick, which unfortunately would have made it more appetizing.

The chicken alfredo pasta was delicious. The alfredo sauce was thick and creamy. The portion size was more than enough to have left overs. The amount of pasta was overwhelming, but the dish could have had more chicken. It was served with a side of broccoli and carrots that were uncooked and mixed in with the pasta and alfredo sauce. This mixture was a little different, but still satisfying.

Cheddar's is much like a compilation of many different popular upbeat restaurants. It has qualities that resemble TGI Fridays, Chili's and Ruby Tuesday—but the restaurant has taken aspects of those restaurants and thrown in their own qualities.

My party had good service during our experience, although we were surprised to have a wait in the middle of the week. After we were

sat, our server greeted us. At first, they seemed agitated, but throughout our meal they became friendlier.

"The food was great the first time I went," said Lackey. "However, the last two times I went service was slow, my chicken was raw and the staff was sloppy. I would recommend it, but they do need to step up their game, 'service wise!'"

Overall, my party's dining experience at Cheddar's was wonderful. The service was great, considering the restaurant is still fairly new. We were surprised that our food came out shortly after we ordered, even with the restaurant being busy. Most importantly, everything tasted great.

It is definitely a wonderful restaurant with great food and even better prices to match!

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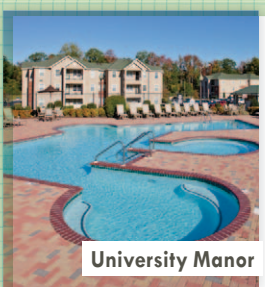
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McNeill home damaged by Irene

Staff Reports

Hurricane Irene damaged the home of head football coach Ruffin McNeill on Saturday. In all, McNeill lost 13 trees from the landscape of his property, with one tree falling on a portion of his home.

"We were inside and saw one big one fell, then another big one and then a third one went 'boom,'" McNeill said. "I was mad at the situation. Enough was enough. We just kept counting and were up to nine down before we went to bed. When we got up the next morning, there were four more down."

The extent of the damage was not made public, but McNeill assured the media at his Monday press conference that his family made it through unharmed.

"More importantly, we got out without injuries. Erlene was a trouper during that time," he said. "She had everything set up for us. It was Erlene, Samantha — my dog — and me at home. We heard the tree hit and it was tough that next morning. I saw the damage that was done to us and the whole neighborhood. I know there are a lot more families who have it a lot more difficult than we do. We felt it as we were in the house."

Athletic facilities weather the storm

Staff Reports

According to the ECU Sports Information Department, all athletic facilities remained unharmed after Hurricane Irene battered eastern North Carolina on Saturday. The extent of the aftereffects includes downed trees near the Cliff Moore Practice Facility and scattered debris on and around the Olympic Sports Complex.

Butler named Player-of-the-Week



Cathy Butler

Staff Reports

Junior Cathy Butler has been named Conference USA Offensive Player-of-the-Week, according to an announcement by the league office Monday afternoon. For Butler, it is her first career honor and the first by a Pirate since Blair Heffner on Nov. 3, 2008.

Butler helped the Pirates to their second-straight win of the season with a 2-0 victory against intrastate rival UNC Wilmington on August 25 at the ECU Soccer Stadium. The junior netted both goals marking the first multi-goal game of her career. In the 10th minute, she received a through ball from senior Leah Bagonis and scored from 21 yards out, staking the Pirates to an early 1-0 lead, her third career game-winning goal. In the 61st minute, she sealed the victory with another through ball from Bagonis and beat the Seahawk keeper one-on-one for her second strike of the night.



Outside hitter Amanda Lutzow sails a spike over the net past a Gardner-Webb blocker in Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum on Friday afternoon.

Chase Kroll
STAFF WRITER

As Hurricane Irene was in full preparation to do some damage up and down the east coast, it could be said that the real storm was going on inside Minges Coliseum.

The volleyball team did some serious damage of its own en route to its season-opening victory over the Gardner-Webb Bulldogs. The Pirates and the Bulldogs played four sets, with ECU winning 3-1 (25-20, 16-25, 25-20, 25-21).

Britney Roper and Jackie Varnum led the Pirates offensive outpour with 13 kills each, as Kasey Kavanaugh recorded 35 assists and Shelby Beasley notched a solid defensive effort with 17 digs. Ironically, ECU recorded less kills (41-42), assists (39-40), digs (50-62), and blocks (11.0-12.0), when compared to Gardner-Webb.

The Pirates began the fourth set with a 5-2 advantage, before the Bulldogs were able to

deadlock the game at six all. This was the first of 11 ties and six lead changes of the exciting set. The set, and match, finished with ECU down 19-20, before scoring six straight points to secure the win.

"I saw fight. I saw control," said head coach Pati Rolf. "They were in trouble here, and they showed control and brought themselves back."

The Pirates scored three of the first four points in the third set to take an early lead. The beginning of the set was also the first appearance of freshman Zara Cecich on the court for ECU, who subbed in at setter for Kavanaugh for a few minutes. Gardner-Webb was able to tie the score at 13 before calling a timeout when the Pirates took a 14-13 lead. A kill by the Bulldogs' Laura Wilcox a few points later was enough to tie the game at 17. From there on out, it was all ECU, as the Pirates went on an 8-3 run to win the set.

Gardner-Webb came alive in the second set, breaking out to a 4-1 lead and they never looked

back. ECU never once held the lead or brought the game to a tie, with the Bulldogs taking the set going into intermission.

"We have to be more consistent. We had some serving errors and some defensive mishaps," said Rolf.

The Pirates opened the match by storming out to a 5-1 lead. The closest that Gardner-Webb would come to, evening the score, was when they pulled to within one, with the score at 14-13. ECU showed poise when the game mattered most, as the scored the final three points of the set to clinch a 25-20 victory.

"After playing one game, you can see areas that you need to improve on and I think we can get better with serving and putting the ball away," said Roper. "But for the first game, I thought it looked pretty good."

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Forward Cathy Butler plays the ball past UNCW defender Meagan Simeone on Thursday night.

Soccer gives no quarter to Seahawks at home

Stephen McNulty
STAFF WRITER

ECU soccer moved to 2-1 on the season after shutting out in-state rival UNC Wilmington (1-1) last week. However, the Pirates match against UNC Greensboro that was slated for Sunday evening was canceled following Hurricane Irene.

Despite nine of the last 10 matches between the former conference rivals being decided by one goal, the Pirates out-shot UNCW 16-6.

"Wilmington is a great team and this is a great rivalry," Head Coach Rob Donnenwirth said

following the win.

From early on in the match, the Pirates used long passes and speed to get behind the defense. In just the 10th minute of play, junior Cathy Butler used her quickness to beat the defender and score from 21 yards out.

"My teammates really did it all for me," Butler said. "I made the run but they played me in perfectly so I just had to be there and finish."

The score held tight at 1-0 despite several opportunities from both teams. In the 30th minute, UNCW put a shot off the cross bar that led to action in front of the goal and two corner

kicks. It was Christiane Cordero, however, who came out on top for the Pirates. Cordero recorded her third career shutout in the victory.

UNCW racked up three yellow cards in the match, and keeper Caitlin Hunter tallied eight saves for the Seahawks.

In the 61st minute, Butler found space behind the defense again and beat the goalie to give ECU the 2-0 lead. Butler's second goal made it her first career multi-goal game.

"The biggest difference with

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Sink or swim for new defensive scheme

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OPINION



In years past, ECU has been a team that has won by combining a conservative, low-risk offense with a fundamentally sound and aggressive defense.

However, in one year under new coach Ruffin McNeill, the Pirates embraced a whole new style to win football games. Instead of that conservative, low-risk offense, McNeill brought out an aggressive take-no-prisoners offensive explosion.

While McNeill's air raid may have improved the offense in his first year on the job, the defense took a gigantic step backward from the Skip Holtz years.

So entering spring practice, McNeill and his defensive coaching staff decided to revamp the entire defense. What they decided on was to switch from the traditional 4-3 defensive alignment to the less often used 3-4 scheme.

Obviously, the coaching staff thought it was best for the players or they would not have done it. However, one has to question the timing of this move, one year after a radical offensive realignment.

While the players may take to this system and be better players for it, it remains a curious decision to make now. Why not make this change last year when the majority of the defense was first-year players, who barely knew how to play in the 4-3 to begin with?

If McNeill and defensive coordinator Brian Mitchell had instituted the 3-4 last year, then the young guys that are still playing for the Pirates would be in a much better position than they sit now, having to learn a new system all over again.

By making this choice after year one, you basically throw out last season. He acted like all last season was a trial run to see what would work and what wouldn't work. If that's the case, then many Pirate fans wasted their time and money on tickets to see a team where everyone on staff wasn't fully invested.

But I have a hard time believing that McNeill wasn't fully invested in this team. After having one conversation with the man, you can see his love for this program.

More likely, McNeill didn't want to come in his first year in the program and dramati-

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Wrestling revival hits campus

Jordan Anders
STAFF WRITER

During the 1960s and 1970s, ECU fielded a varsity wrestling team that won multiple Southern Conference championships and ranked as one of the best around.

Then, suddenly, in 1982, the wrestling program was gone, the victim of financial cuts in the athletic department.

In the 29 years since, students have started multiple wrestling club teams through Club Sports, but all have failed.

Now, thanks to some help from some former wrestlers of that successful era over 30 years ago, a group of current students are in the process of building what promises to be our campus's best chance of returning wrestling to campus for good.

"There's always been interest," said ROTC Cadet Sheridan Rucker, the team's president. "I would wear my wrestling shirt on campus or to the gym and get all these comments like 'Oh, you wrestled? Where?' So there was a lot of interest before to start a club."

That interest was shared by multiple groups of students throughout the years, but all of those clubs eventually folded.

Yet, this group, led by Rucker and former president Tyler Frazier, has an advantage that those other groups lacked: the help of a former generation of great Pirate wrestlers.

While Frazier and Rucker were doing their own work to get a wrestling team back on campus, EXSS instructor Milt Sherman was doing his own investigating into reintroducing wrestling to campus.

A member of the ECU athletic Hall of Fame, Sherman posted a career record of 101-13-1 as a Pirate wrestler from 1972-74. In the years since the end of the wrestling program, he said that the revival of wrestling on campus has taken a little longer than he expected.

"I know that I, along with some other former wrestlers, figured that it was only a matter of time before wrestling was back here," said Sherman, who is the club's faculty advisor. "We all kind of sat around waiting for it to happen, and it never materialized."

Once Sherman got hooked up with Frazier and his group through the club sports program, they set off to tackle the biggest hurdle standing in front of the wrestling club.

"The clubs that were here before,



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The club wrestling team practices one-on-one grappling drills at the Student Recreation Center.

their problem was that they didn't have their own mat," Sherman said. "They would have to go around and practice here or there. So we knew that was what we had to do in order for this club to make it."

Get a mat they did, thanks to donations from former ECU wrestlers. Sherman said that the team got donations ranging from a few hundred to as much as \$3,000. The outpouring of support was so strong that the team was able to raise enough to purchase the new mat and still have some money left over to go towards uniforms and other equipment.

The team spent all of last school year raising funds and laying the foundation for getting the club team into action. That action begins this year when the wrestling club begins its first season of competition. While the schedule has yet to be finalized, the club plans to compete against both in-state and out-of-state competition during the

season.

For those who are interested in joining the club, practices will begin in September. Unlike previous wrestling clubs, the new mat allows the club to have a stable home at the Student Recreation Center, where practices will be held in addition to hosting home events during the season.

Both Sherman and Rucker noted that, because it is a club team, there are no tryouts or cuts when it comes to trying to join the wrestling club, which means anyone can come out and be a part of the team. Sherman said the team had about 25-30 people last year, and expects roughly the same number this year.

Anyone interested in joining the wrestling club should contact Milt Sherman at shermanm@ecu.edu.

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The East Carolina Classic was cut down from a four-team tournament to just one match, in precautionary efforts due to Hurricane Irene.

"It's always fun to play three teams at home, but we are excited that Gardner-Webb decided to come," said Roper.

Both Florida Atlantic and Presbyterian chose not to make the trip to Greenville, as ECU was originally scheduled to play all three teams over the course of Friday and Saturday. "It was the coaching staff that was a little crazy with all the scheduling changes," Rolf said of the multiple schedule adjustments. "For our staff and everybody here at East Carolina, it was tough. We were working so hard to put everything into perfect form. Gardner-Webb making the commitment to come and getting here early helped."

The win for ECU puts the Pirates on a two-game winning streak dating back to last year's final game. Even more importantly, they are halfway to reaching their win total from last year.

"Every win we have, we build confidence. Success builds confidence and I think that is a big step for us," Rolf said.

The excitement the team has for this season was made evident by Roper.

"We had an awesome pre-season with long hard two-a-days, but it feels good to be back at home and playing our first game at home."

That excitement, coupled with the team's play early on in this season, shows that the team is ready to take on any challenge, and they have the capability to weather any storm.

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The Pirate defensive line tears through the Memphis offense during the 2010 season at Dowdy Ficklen Stadium. The defense has just one week left to prepare the new 3-4 scheme for the season opener against South Carolina in Charlotte on Saturday.

cally change everything that his predecessor left him. He stayed on the course. But following the absolute disaster that was last year, he could wait no longer.

The negatives to this change are easy to acknowledge. The majority of the players on this defense were a part of last year's team and going back to high school, most of these kids have only played in the 4-3 system. By making this change, it takes away everything they have ever been taught.

Secondly, and most importantly, the personnel for the Pirates doesn't exactly match-up with the new scheme. The strength of the 3-4 rests in the defensive front seven, the lineman and linebackers. In the 3-4, you need defensive linemen who are big and can take up a lot of space, which the Pirates lack. And the biggest problem lies in the linebacker core, where no one in that starting group has more than a few games of experience playing that position.

The only real positive to making this move now, is that other than defensive back Emanuel Davis, basically

everyone on the defense has at least two years left in the system. While this year may be tough, it will lay the foundation for possible improvements over the next few years.

Implementing anything new is difficult and poses a challenge to a group of players who have spent their entire football careers learning one thing. But what takes a football player from talented player with potential to a star player with NFL abilities, is being able to adapt to new challenges being thrown at them.

Pirate fans better hope that the coach-speak emanating from the football office isn't just coach-speak, and that the players really have adapted well to the new defensive system. If they haven't, they will experience baptism under fire in the 2011 football season.

Whether or not you agree with it, the decision-makers have made their choice and it seems they are ready to ride high or fall quickly on the shoulders of this decision.

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(Butler) this year is her fitness," Donnenwirth said. "She used to be able to do that in spurts the first couple of years, but now she is just everywhere."

Butler agrees with her coach that the Texas native's fitness may be the key to her early success this season.

"I stayed here over the summer so I was able to workout with my teammates and that really helped me," Butler said. "Last year I wasn't ready to play on this big field."

The forward continued her hot streak on Monday by being named the Conference USA Player of the Week. The last Pirate to earn such an honor was Blair Heffner

in 2008.

Butler's two goals Thursday gave her a total of three scores on the year. Butler and senior Kimmy Cummings have accounted for all six of the Pirate's goals so far this season.

Leah Bagonis received the assist for both Butler goals on the night. Junior Rachel Wechsler had three shots on goal, seniors Cummings and Amanda Malkiewicz had two each, and also getting in on the action with a shot on goal was freshman Mackenzie Semerad.

Semerad is just one of many young players for the Pirates this season. The rookie midfielder has come in

and made good impressions right from the start.

"(Semerad) has been playing great and we wanted to get her out there and she has definitely made a big impact," Donnenwirth said.

ECU was scheduled to face UNC Greensboro on Sunday. Unfortunately though, Hurricane Irene had other plans and the game was canceled due to heavy rainfall.

The Pirates travel to Davidson and then Charlotte before returning home Sept. 11 to face William & Mary.

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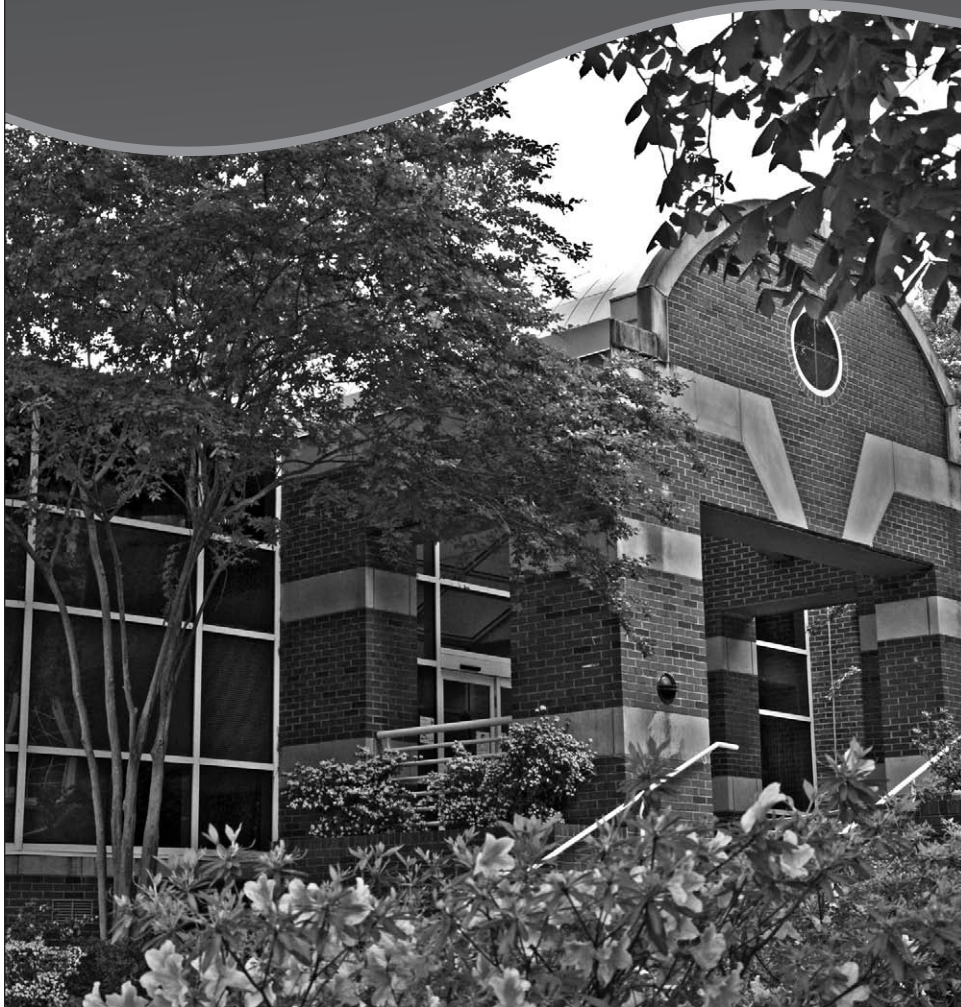
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