



## BRIEFS

### BOT meeting held on SoDM dean replacement

#### Staff Reports

On Wednesday, the university's Board of Trustees held a meeting in the Trustees Suite of Mendenhall Student Center.

Seven members of the board attended the meeting in-person, while several joined via conference call.

One of the most important items on the board's agenda was to discuss a potential replacement for James R. Hupp, who recently resigned as the Dean of the School of Dental Medicine.

### County suffers loss of agriculture after Irene

#### Staff Reports

The first numbers for agricultural losses in the county have come in, however, they are likely to change throughout the next few weeks.

In the past, flooding has often been the blame for damage, but this time, high winds produced most of it.

A tour of farms has revealed that a high number of fences, roofs, shelters, greenhouses and grain bins were heavily damaged by the storm.

### University announces new calendar changes

#### Staff Reports

As a result of Hurricane Irene, the university has decided to make revisions to its academic calendar.

The last day of drop/add has been extended until 5 p.m. on Thursday.

In addition, the last cancellation for non-payment will take place on Tuesday.

### Damage estimated at \$1 million on ECU campus

#### Staff Reports

The university has estimated that the cost of repairs might reach as high as \$1 million.

Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration Rick Niswander said that the number could change since it is still early.

The storm damaged residence hall windows, roofs, trees and left many buildings completely soaked. Niswander said that around 70 trees larger than 10 inches were blown over.

The Spillman Building suffered some of the worst damage on campus. Metal sheeting on the roof of the building was blown off and rain drenched the inside walls.

A drainpipe burst inside of Greene Hall, flooding some of the floors and displacing more than a dozen students.

State and federal funds and insurance money will be used to pay for the repairs.

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# Hidden transportation fees burden students

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According to the ECU Transit website, "Service is free for students, staff and faculty; all you need to ride is your 1 Card." But residents at The Bellamy and The Landing are now paying additional fees to ride to campus.

The Landing is charging \$10-per-month or \$100 for the year and The Bellamy is charging \$13-per-month.

"Recently, The Landing has come to an economic choice – cancel the service or charge a small fee to defray part of the cost," said Matthew Vermillion, Regional Manager of Corridor Property Management. "It's out of necessity and we feel sorry about it and we prefer to not have to cancel the service."

The additional charges to residents at these complexes maybe new, but Vermillion said it is more of a long-term problem.

"As ECU Transit operating costs increase every year, it passes those costs onto students and property managers, in at least two forms – transportation fees on the student's university bill, and through massive contracts with property owners," Vermillion said.

According to Director of ECU Transit, Wood Davidson, "This premium service should come at a higher price to the residents that have the option to use it."

ECU Transit has always charged the eight 500+ bed apartment complexes that it serves: Pirates Cove, University Manor, Sunchase, The Landing, North Campus Crossing, University Suites, Copper Beech and The Bellamy.

The Bellamy management would not comment on the changes, but residents had something to say about it.

"I think it's stupid because we already have to pay for transit through part of our tuition, and nobody ever told me I would have to pay for it at The Bellamy," said Katie Gray, a sophomore who signed her lease last year.

Davidson added, "It only makes sense that students living in the large apartment communities would have a higher transportation expense, (which is) included to cover the public and private partnership for premium transit service."

Because the fee is fixed into the rent at The Bellamy, all residents have to pay the fee even if they do not use the transit service. Students also do not have



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Some students will have to pay to ride the bus to and from certain apartment complexes.

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## Honors College begins new academic year



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Sophomore engineering majors Andrew Sualevai and Brandon Freeman and freshman cinematic art and media production major Maggie Pendergrass study in one of the honors dorms, Garrett residence hall.

#### Staff Reports

Within the estimated 4,000 incoming freshmen in this academic year, 106 students have been accepted into the Honors College. With these new additions, the honors programs now has a total of 206 students. Additionally, the program is now requiring students to meet the minimum requirement of 3.5 GPA and at least a 1200 on the SAT.

The Honors College recently began its second year, following a successful inaugural year. During that year, the Honors College built a foundation by delivering innovative curricular, diverse and multi-disciplinary seminars, while providing leadership opportunities to engage in the community.

"I chose the ECU Honors College because I wanted an emphasis

on leadership and academic excellence throughout my education," said Savannah Black, a sophomore psychology major.

Kevin Baxter, associate dean for the Honors College, said, "The program at the Honors College is enticing for students who want to be challenged. We deliver a quality program for four years that provides a various style of advanced courses, including a senior project under the supervision of an appropriate and a salient faculty member."

That being mentioned, the honors students will be interacting with the experienced faculty members from various colleges and schools on campus, via seminars, courses, research assistantships and mentoring sessions.

The required senior project is similar to a graduate-level thesis paper. The honors program is

designed to boost skills to be competitive for top graduate programs and to prepare for careers upon completion of the program's coursework.

"The program helps instill good studying habits, the importance of networking on campus and achieving goals," said Black. "The Honors College will help me attain short-term goals better, so that I may achieve my long-term goals more easily. I plan to attend graduate school after graduating from the program."

Not too long ago, ECU was known to be an easy school to gain admission into, but that is no longer the case. The university has modified the academic probation regulation by raising the minimum GPA. The university currently offers a wide array of quality programs and extracurricular activities, in both undergraduate and graduate programs, in relatively small class sizes. Moreover, accepted students have well over 1000 on the SAT. More competitive students are now interested in attending ECU, with some interested in the honors program.

"Our top priority is to recruit and retain from the highest competing students for the honors program," said Baxter. "The Honors College is growing swiftly and hopes to enroll more students in the program in the near future."

Mamie E. Jenkins building, one of the six buildings opened in 1905, was remodeled in January to house the Honors College program. Baxter mentioned that the university.

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## Campus Special app launched

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Apps are very prevalent in today's society and have been created to provide smartphone users various services that make simple tasks easy and occasionally more enjoyable. And now, there is an app just to help students save a buck.

The Campus Special coupon book that is normally found in places like U.B.E. throughout the year can now be found electronically. The Campus Special App, only for iPhone and Android users, was launched nationally on Aug. 12. The app caters to students on 150 campuses. It also has a built-in GPS element so that the app can help the student find where the closest deals are in Greenville or in other college towns.

"This app is unique because it is made by students to serve students," said Stephanie Scott, Online Sales Manager at The Campus Special. "Campus Special has always tried to provide students with ways to save money. Now they can do that with something that they are never without – their cellphone."

Based on multiple factors, Campus Special expands to many campuses each year, with campus size being one of the major factors. Students from across the nation tested the product in private before its launch. Each campus that is served by Campus Special had either two or three student representatives working as interns during the summer. This past summer, Jackie Ziegler was one of those student

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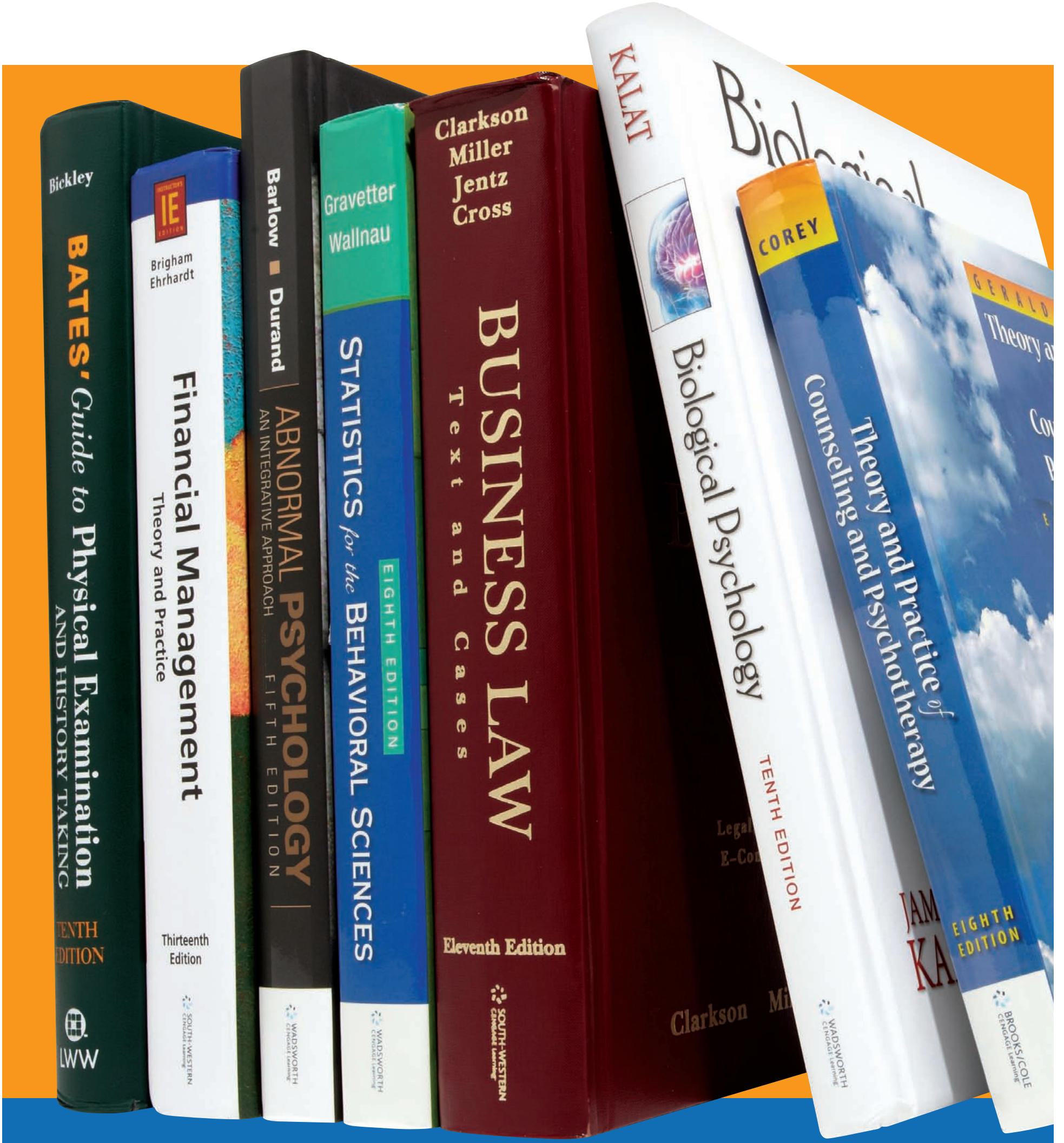
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# Regulations change for religious holidays

**Jamie Harper**  
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Recent legislation enacted by the General Assembly of North Carolina amended the North Carolina General Statutes, which required the university policy to allow a minimum of two excused absences per academic year for religious observances by a student.

The Civil Rights Act and its amendments prohibit discrimination of an individual on the basis of religion. The intent of this act means that any employer or organization must allow all aspects of religious practices, beliefs and observances unless allowing an employee/person to do so would cause a severe hardship within a business, organization or workplace.

According to Taffye Benson Clayton, the associate provost for Equity, Diversity and Community Relations, the university believes that students should receive the same accommodations for religious observances as an employee would. This means that if a student has an exam scheduled on the same day as

a religious observance, then the exam will be rescheduled and that student will receive an excused absence. Students must receive the opportunity to make up any work missed on the day of the excused absence.

"We want to make sure that students understand what these new provisions entail and how it can allow them to exercise their religious freedom," said Clayton.

All religious practices and observances, including those that may be different from the majority will also be respected by the university policy.

Damarius Hayes, a graduate student in the software engineering program, said he thinks it is important for students to be given the opportunity to observe their religious days. Hayes said, "This society is built on traditional Christian [values] so naturally we should give all denominations a chance to practice their religion also."

Some, but not all, of the religious days of observance that require accommodations are the series of Jewish High Holy Days and the Eastern Orthodox Good Friday.

The Jewish High Holy Days occur in autumn and the Eastern Orthodox Good Friday occurs on a different day than the Christian denomination Good Friday. An Interfaith Calendar, which is available for reference, can be found through the University's website.

Lauren Batiansila, a senior communication major, utilizes excused absences for religious observances like Rosh Hashanah. Batiansila said, "It's never been a problem and it's always excused, but you're still required to make up the work quickly and that can be a little overwhelming."

The revised policy for students states, "Students shall be allowed a minimum of two excused absences each academic year for religious observances required by the faith of the student." Students are required to provide a written notice to any professor in which the religious observance will affect the attendance of the class. The notice must be given to the professor with "reasonable" time prior to the date. If a professor has a specific amount of time that they require for prior notification, that amount of time will be made clear to the class at the beginning of each semester.

According to Clayton, there are no documents required for a student to receive an excused absence except for the student to give written notice to their professor or faculty member.

"As a person who has seen this in action, it is helpful when the students provide the appropriate written notice to the professor in a timely manner. And I have seen that work very well," said Clayton.

The policy also states that no employee or student can be punished for utilizing the religious observance policy. The university policy states, "Any act by a university employee or student of reprisal, interference, restraint, penalty, discrimination, coercion, retaliation or harassment against an employee or student for using the applicable policies responsibly interferes with free expression and openness and violates university policy."

Discrimination based on religion is strictly prohibited by The Equal Employment Opportunity policy, Notice of Nondiscrimination and The Religious Accommodation Interim Regulation. These policies are available in the University Policy Manual.

Any student that feels that have not received fair treatment or accommodations for their religious observance should contact the Dean of Students or the Office of Equity, Diversity and Community Relations.

"This is all a part of making our environment at ECU more inclusive and really affirming that. We hope that people appreciate that," said Clayton.

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# SoDM begins without dean

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Dr. James Hupp submitted his resignation as dean after he failed to report outside compensation for travel expenses during the initiation period for the new dental school.

The Office of the State Auditor specifically notified the school, in a 13-page report, that Hupp did not report his travels.

On August 16, Chancellor Steve Ballard made the announcement that Hupp will no longer be dean of the School of Dental Medicine at the ECU Student Center during a news conference. Although Hupp resigned as the dean, he will remain as a faculty member of the dental school.

Even though Hupp resigned, the dental school community was appreciative of his work.

"Dr. Hupp's decision to resign his position as dean of the School of Dental Medicine was difficult for all of us, professionally and personally," said Dr. Margaret Wilson, associate dean for student affairs at the dental school. "He is an incredibly talented, visionary leader in

dental education, and under his leadership, the School of Dental Medicine accomplished much. Dr. Hupp's passionate commitment to the mission of the dental school established the culture that allowed all of these achievements to take hold and flourish."

Shannon Holcomb, a first-year dental school student, said, "Dr. Hupp is someone that I admire and respect. His passion and commitment to establishing the School of Dental Medicine was evident and inspiring. I am personally very appreciative of everything Dr. Hupp accomplished under his leadership to get us to where we are today."

Despite the fact that the dental school started off the inaugural class without a leader, the faculty members are committed to dental education.

"We have recruited a nucleus of nationally-recognized faculty and knowledgeable staff, and also developed an innovative curriculum that leverages cutting-edge technology to prepare our students for future practice," said Wilson.

In addition, dental students understand that the

faculty members will not be discouraged in this unhealthy condition.


"As our first week of classes came to an end, we are all excited and focused," said Holcomb. "We are in a time of change, but have full trust in our faculty and staff that they will prepare us to fulfill the mission of the school."

The dental school faculty and staff are proud of the community service learning centers and believes that the committed 52 students will serve the residents of North Carolina in the future.

"Our team has admitted our inaugural class of 52 talented students, all of who have a clear commitment to serving the citizens of North Carolina," said Wilson. "Our model of community service learning is the first of its kind in the country, and perhaps the world."

The dean of the dental school will be named in the future, after the university interviews candidates for the position. The new dental school building is still on schedule to be finished next year.

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the option to opt out at The Landing.

Drew Kanz, a junior and first-year resident at The Landing, said, "I'm not angry, but it is frustrating because the big lure for The Landing and other off-campus housing are the buses."

According to Vermillion, who manages student living in several locations including Iowa, Pennsylvania and Illinois, there is a reason that these complexes are drawn

to the nice equipment and schedules that the transit service offers, but it is going to come with a cost.

"I have a lot of hope for this in the long-term future, but as long as the transit at ECU operates the way it does, that's going to be the barricade to get over," said Vermillion.

But some apartment complexes have worked their way around charging extra transit fees to residents, at least for

now. Kim Quintord, Property Manager at Sunchase, said she is actually paying less this year for transit services than she budgeted for.

"We have no plans to charge any fee. That is just a service that we provide for (our residents)," Quintord said.

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representatives. She went to Chicago for training, just before returning to Greenville to get popular local businesses to pay for a coupon in the book and on the app.

"Campus Special is a really great thing and they are all about the students," said Jackie Ziegler, senior public relations major. "Plus, they make it free to save money."

All of the coupons are offered by either national chains or local shops based on the businesses that were contacted by the student interns. Like most coupons, students can only use them once. However, with the physical book and app available, there are now two outlets that students can get the coupons from.

Once the app is downloaded, each coupon can only be used once.

A bonus with the coupons is that companies reserve the right to change their coupons whenever they choose. If they want to change the coupons bi-monthly, that is done at their discretion. The same companies that are offering coupons also have their contact information listed in the GPS feature of the app. This leads to the third function of the app which is an online ordering service called Food Court. Any students can order their food for delivery or for pick-up. Students can also use the coupon in the estab-

ishment that they choose to place an order from.

"I enjoy saving money because tuition is so high," said Kayla Hudson sophomore nursing intended major.

The app is being downloaded constantly at a rate of more than one download per minute. The first 200 Pirates that download the app to their smartphone receive a free pita from Pita Pit in

downtown Greenville.

Campus Special is based out of offices in Chicago and Atlanta. It was recognized as one of the fastest growing privately owned companies for the past two years. They started with 40 campuses in 2008 and are currently present in 150 college towns.

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A big thanks to the ECU employees in the dining halls and maintenance for all of their hard work during and after Irene!

Kudos to all those who helped clean up campus after Hurricane Irene.

After Hurricane Irene, with all the downed trees on campus, there must be sooo many homeless squirrels now. Oh, the carnage!

A few fallen trees, shattered windows and a TON of water isn't enough to break the PIRATE NATION!

I'm a former student body president that HAD to visit ECU this weekend during Hurricane Irene. Let me tell ya, Pirates STILL know how to weather a storm.

"I was born this way!" So what you're saying is that you were born stupid?

Dear Health Education Department: Thank you for making me do an internship. Now I know what a SLAVE feels like.

The only thing more dangerous than texting and driving is texting and skateboarding.

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Why don't you actually lift a finger and help clean the apartment instead of just cruising by the mess without helping to clean ANYTHING? The best part is that it won't even occur to you that this is about you, because NOTHING matters to you but your own opinion!

I think I peaked on partying my freshman year. WTH happened to my life?

Just so you know: There are stupid questions.

I hate when teachers make us read books that they wrote because then you can't tell them when it's terrible.

For some reason, one day, I went to class and my bag reeked of onions even though I don't eat them or own any.

Freshman walking behind me to class: Hearing how wasted you are at 9 a.m. and talking about "rolling a fat blunt after class" makes me believe you will not last long in college.

There's no reason I should go 24 hours without water when I pay \$5,100 a year to live on campus. Thank you, Campus Living!

To the idiots who ripped a tree down at NCC during the hurricane and then slid around in the "muddy" water in the courtyard: That was all dog s\*\*t no one cleans up. Enjoy.

The Ethnographers this Saturday, Septemeber 3rd with Jack the Radio, Hadwynn and Rebekah Todd at LIVE off of Firetower Rd.

I enjoy when people do work in a timely manner. Or at all.

I see stupid people. Many, many stupid people.

# DE students shunned



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Last week, as I sat there listening to this peculiar old lady drone on and on in a nerve-grating pitch about subjects that my hung-over mind was far too hazy to grasp, I couldn't shake the eerie feeling that I had been there before. The vast hall seemed strangely recognizable, and the blur of text projecting from some mystical source in the ceiling seemed oddly familiar.

Then it dawned on me: fall semester had definitely started. This was not some bland dream that I was having. This was yet another syllabus day where the professors dictated the university's Academic Integrity Policy to us word-for-word for the millionth time. Because last week's lectures consisted of this mind-numbingly monotonous drivel, most of us had plenty of opportunities to catch up on each others' summers.

I, for one, didn't go on a cruise, study abroad, take a road trip, have an internship in some exotic city or do anything cool like that. Instead, I was enrolled in summer school here at ECU.

The classes I took were required for my major; they are only offered during the summer and they are only offered as distance education classes. While that frees me up so I'm not shackled to any one physical location, the mobility has been wholly unwanted and, ironically, detrimentally more restrictive than traditional face-to-face classes.

For those that don't know, "distance education" is a euphemism for "Internet class."

The obvious difference between a DE class and a traditional class is that the class never actually meets in a physical location. There might be scheduled lectures, rigid time windows to complete assignments and required forum postings with time stamps.

As long as you have an Internet connection, most instructors couldn't care less if you post from an Internet café, a coca distribution center in Peru or from your mom's basement, gamin' it up as you simultaneously "zerge" on some "noobs" — fingertips awash with Cheeto dust and Funyun residue. As long as the work gets finished by the deadline, you're golden.

The not-so-obvious difference between a DE class and a traditional class is a tiny little spec on your tuition statement that appears under the line item "University Fee." This line item can be further broken down into a Student Activities Fee, an Athletics Fee, Indebtedness Fees and Special Fees. While you get a proper breakdown of these fees if you're a main campus student, as a DE student, you only get a conciliatory asterisked point about how your tuition "includes \$15 per semester



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hour in required fees."

These "required fees" don't allow the DE student to attend Health Services or the Student Recreation Center, however. This is particularly distressing if, like me, you need to work out so you can drop a few pounds of flesh. Despite the fact that I was a tuition-paying student with that tuition covering "required fees," I was still considered second-class or less worthy than a main campus student.

Do DE students pay tuition? Do we fulfill academic obligations? Are we bound by the same code of conduct as our main campus counterparts? If you prick us, do we not bleed?

This didn't sit well with me, so I went to Joyner to look up more information on these fees. When I got there, my efforts were thwarted as droves of non-student locals occupied all of the computers. I'm sure their scholarly pursuits

were just as valid as mine. However, one can only guess at the nature of their inquiries as most users seemed to be viewing gratuitously violent music videos on YouTube.

Now, some would argue that ECU is but a single thread in a larger tapestry and that it should freely give back to the community of which it is a part. I typically don't take a stance against such philanthropic endeavors. However, it's more agitating than a festering urinary tract infection when a tuition-paying student can't use the gym but a free-booting Townie is lavishly given free reign over the campus library. Priority check.

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# From doghouse to our house



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If Greenville seems empty in the summer, there is still one place that never lacks for people: the dog park. Watching people prance and romp around the dog park often makes me wonder whether taking the dog for a walk is merely an excuse for dog-owners to go look at one another, flirt and play.

It appears that pets are becoming central to our social as well as our emotional lives, filling the void once taken by family and community. You aren't likely to see Rex spending the night outdoors these days. Far from the doghouse — you don't see those much anymore — most pets stay indoors now, almost half of them in Master's bed.

This move has coincided with an increasing cultural infatuation with pets. If economics is an indication, all those Pet Smarts, worming medications and Paris Hilton-style designer dog carrying bags add up to a whopping \$43 billion every year, three times what it was worth 15 years ago, according to American Pet Product Manufacturers Association.

When the American Animal Hospital

Association tells us that more than 80 percent of pet owners refer to themselves as "mommy" or "daddy," there can be no doubt as to the nature of this relationship. We look upon or dogs and cats as children and we shower upon them the same affection once reserved for our own offspring.

We are buying them educational toys, doting on their cute behaviors and worrying over their slightest maladies. It is currently fashionable for young couples to adopt pets as a "test run" for having children, as though the experience of raising a puppy and that of raising a child are comparable. And now our pets are beginning to suffer the same afflictions as our latchkey, television-age children: they are understimulated, lazy and overweight.

Pets have begun to attain the status of quasi-humans. All those classic pet names like Fido, Spot and Rin-Tin have given way to human names like Max, Maggie and Chloe. We even view them as psychologically similar. Does your dog yap when you go to work? Perhaps he suffers from separation anxiety: give him Clonocalm, the dog anti-depressant. Is your relationship with your pet on the rocks? Hire a dog whisperer to council you both on how to get along with each other.

There is a transformation in legal rights as well. If someone damages your car, he is liable for up to the cost of replacing your car. If he damages your pet, he is now liable in many states for a host of expenses, including psychological trauma. Our sympathy with pet-animals such as dogs and cats far outruns that which we have for farm animals that provide for our food.

It is an outrageous contradiction to allow the murder of deer in the name of sport while jailing Michael Vick for dogfighting. And witness this strange controversy over "puppy mills." The lesson is that people cannot stand the thought that Max was bred under the same conditions as the livestock on our dinner table.

All this leads to the overwhelming question: how does it feel that we are buying educational toys for animals in an age where inner city school systems are failing? That millions of pets have health insurance when millions of Americans do not? That we can afford to purchase blueberry facials and luxury hotel rooms for animals when so many humans struggle to make ends meet? That thousands of pet owners will appear at the drop of a dime at city hall in San Francisco to protest leash laws and "pooper-scooper" mandates, when protests for things like social justice are all "pooped-out?" And what can we say of a society where man's best friend is truly a dog?

But, hey, I like the dog park. In truth, I miss living in a place where dogs can be seen ambling up the street to meet their friends and I miss the sound of hounds baying in the night. Perhaps what Greenville needs to do is expand the dog park. They can begin by ripping down the fences, and extending the boundaries of the park southward toward Fire Tower Road and north to encompass the airport. Let Greenville become a shining City of Dog for the world to see.

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# To feel the burn or to not feel the burn



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The requirement of certain classes that you have to take in order to graduate from ECU is almost as broad as it is intricate, according to your major. Being a communication major, I was relieved and exuberant at being exempt from taking any higher level of a math class than the borderline "half-wit" Math 1065.

But, I sadly know the nursing and engineering majors can't say the same. Nevertheless, overlaps do occur between every student. Apparently, no exception can be accepted to keep you from taking the lovely EXSS 1000 class before graduation.

According to our campus's website, the university is choosing to keep the exercise class for a plethora of reasons. Glenn Gilbert, dean of the College of Health and Human Performance, believes that we easily develop sedentary behaviors. By taking the class, we can "develop healthy lifelong habits."

Tim Gavin, professor of physiology, stated, "Many people do not know the first place to start living an active, healthy lifestyle."

So, it's perfectly clear: not only are we too stupid to actually be proactive in learning how to take care of ourselves, but many of us unfortunately live lifestyles where we are basically slugs.

Those comments contradict everything that I have witnessed over my three years

of walking around on this campus. I see students regularly engaging in activities among themselves without faculty help. I constantly see people playing frisbee, touch football and the ever alarming game of "Humans versus Zombies."

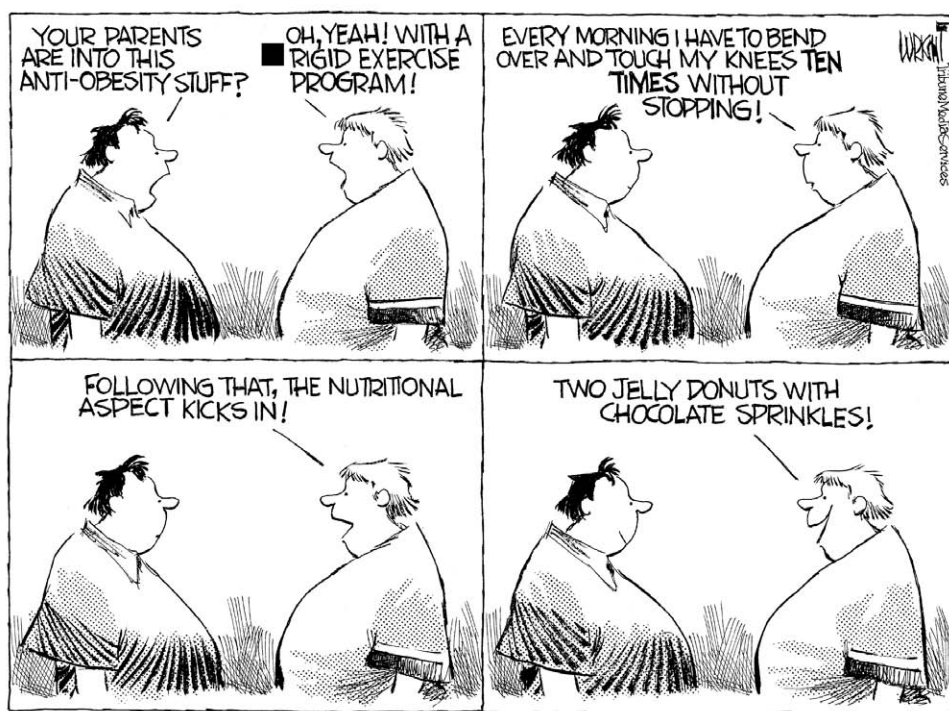
Just walking into the Rec Center or the workout room in any of the apartment complexes shows a packed house full of people working their butts off. In my mind, they are being proactive in leading a healthy lifestyle.

Katie Manning, sophomore and student of the EXSS 1000 class, has thoughts which are somewhat different regarding the class structure. "About half of my class can't even keep up with the workout, which is way too strenuous for a beginning exercise class," said Manning. "I feel like, if I want a hard workout, I can on my own time and will adjust the intensity so that I don't pull a hamstring. Many people look like they did in class."

Lincoln College had similar feelings in 2009 and decided to be even more proactive for the betterment of student health. They required that every student with a body mass index of 30 or higher, which is in the obese range, take a fitness class three times a week. Those who failed to show up didn't graduate.

Obese people and overweight individuals are not stupid. They know very well how to change their lives if they want to and that an hour-long class is not going to get them toned and thin. It's just going to humiliate them by forcing them to do workouts way too advanced for what they need to start with.

Students are surrounded by every



kind of technology these days, including a television, which can easily be changed to the health channel, Internet that can easily be searched on to reveal millions of sites dedicated to health, wellness, smart food choices and workouts according to your size.

Students have brain cells. These brain cells are the same ones that got them into college. They allow us to make independent choices every single day, like, "Do I want a cheeseburger or a salad at the dining hall?"

Please, do not insult our intelligence and allow us to make these choices on our own time and with the right one-on-one help. Not in a class of 30 students. There is no point. Overweight students will only learn through EXSS 1000 that our campus is entirely too vain.

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## Waive out or you're in!

— Don't be fooled, read the fine print —



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At the beginning of this semester, as I went through all my normal routines to get ready for classes to begin, I stumbled upon something new in my advisor's office. I saw a little 2-by-3-inch business card that read, "Waive out or you're in!"

This immediately caught my eye because every year, when my father and I go through the slow tiring process of signing up and paying for classes, my dad always reminds me, "Don't forget we have to waive you out of that darn insurance plan your school always signs you up for."

Every semester, except for my first semester of freshman year, I have always waived out of the insurance plan ECU automatically adds to the tuition bill without asking. I have saved hundreds of dollars every semester just by simply going online to waive out.

I realize that, by law, students are required to have some form of health insurance, but too many are paying for unwanted extra insurance without even noticing. This 2-by-3-inch card is the only evidence I have ever seen in the three years I've been at campus informing or warning students about this. If my father didn't thoroughly read the fine print, we would be automatically signing up for hundreds of dollars of health insurance I do not need. I'd still be paying for it today.

ECU does this every semester and to every student. If ECU chooses to continue on this way, they need to advertise more. A small, simple card on my advisor's desk is not going to get the word out anytime soon. The fact that ECU quietly adds up to a \$500 charge to my tuition, which I didn't ask for, is very uncalled for. Many students are just hearing about this now, and if you are one

of them and have been paying for unwanted insurance, you should probably look into this as soon as possible.

President Obama signed required student insurance into effect on March 30, 2010. Since then, students may have unwillingly been paying for health insurance and the advertising of this policy comes down to the university. ECU should be more responsible in informing students of their options.

Students can waive out through Student Health's website and also get answers to any questions about student health insurance. The deadline to waive out for this semester is Sept. 15, so students still have the chance to get some cash back.

Some students may choose to use the insurance plan, which is through Pearce and Pearce Inc. The plan comes with multiple benefits that some students might prefer, such as 24/7 access to policy and plan summaries online and access to anything else one might need.

There definitely needs to be some fine-tuning done to this student health insurance enrollment. Students should have to waive in, instead of out. Most students have their own alternative health insurance plans, so waving in students would be the more logical plan than waving them out. Even if it were made so students only had to waive out once a year (instead of every semester), it would be an improvement.

ECU needs to be more upfront with this service. A simple bold sentence at the top of the page saying, "Waive out or you're in!" would be a good start. So next time you're getting prepared for a new semester, make sure you don't just click buttons to get it over with. Slow down, re-read fine print, and make sure you don't sign up for the student health insurance plan unless you actually need it.

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## 5 Things we're obsessed with this month

### 1. Pirate football

The summer wait is finally over, and Pirate Football has arrived! We can't contain our excitement for the first home game! We're Pirate fans, obviously we're going to get giddy about the Purple and Gold storming the field in September, no matter if we're tailgating or not at the game!



### 2. Cooler weather

Even though it still gets pretty warm during the day, cooler weather is on its way. No more humidity, hot flashes and pit stains. Now is the time to break out the new fall wardrobe as the cool winds are fast approaching. Bring on the cardigans, hoodies and flannels!



### 3. Frozen yogurt

Tired of ice cream? Have no fear! It seems like there's a yogurt shop on every street in Greenville. We love loading our yogurt with festive treats such as fresh strawberries, marshmallows, gummy bears and chocolate syrup at places like Peppermints, Local Yogurt and Burrberry.



### 4. Labor Day weekend

With syllabus week over, it's time to take one last sigh of relaxation as we dive headfirst into the hectic semester. We're looking forward to using the long weekend to squeeze in our last summer outings, play a game of Ultimate Frisbee with friends or finish up our summer reads!



### 5. Bravo T.V. shows

Bravo always has some entertaining shows, but we're especially in love with the ones that are airing this fall! We're hooked on watching Top Chef: Just Desserts and Millionaire Matchmaker. Devine looking desserts plus matchmaking equals addictive television!



# Improving lives one raindrop at a time

TJ Weaver  
STAFF WRITER

Ask anyone on campus to describe the first week of school, and they'll probably answer with one word: "Hectic."

In one week alone, students have experienced the slight trembles of an earthquake, the warnings of possible tornados and the fury of Hurricane Irene.

While some may scream, "The end of the world is near," a team of scientists on campus works around the clock, studying and documenting rainfall patterns in N.C. This happens all thanks to a three-year grant, awarded by the National Science Foundation, worth \$314,000.

The Geography Department's mission of applying science is exactly what Tom Rickenbach and Rosana Nieto-Ferreira, atmospheric scientists in the Department of Geography at the Thomas Harriot College of Art and Sciences, have set out to accomplish.

According to Nieto-Ferreira, the grant will allow the research team (which also consists of several ECU graduate students) to study the precipitation in N.C. and how that precipitation distributes itself throughout the state.

Some may wonder, "Why bother studying the distribution of precipitation when larger issues exist?" What many may not realize is that N.C.'s rainfall greatly affects Greenville and other coastal regions — just look at the recent photos of flooding due to Hurricane Irene.

According to Rickenbach, the research being done will provide better understanding of how rainfall and snowfall impact our state.

"Here in North Carolina, the water resource that we have available to us falls within the state, unlike in California, where the rainfall feeds most of the western United States," said Rickenbach. "If we can better understand how the rainfall arrives here, we can better prepare for the impact of storm surge and flooding from hurricanes."

The research team only has three years to perform, analyze and present their work in a form that other scientists will be able to use.

"In the first year, I document what type of large scale water systems come through North Carolina, while Rickenbach identifies the types of rainfall systems that occur during those large-



Dr. Nieto-Ferreira (right) demonstrates a rotating tank of fluid that helps scientists better understand storms.

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scale water systems," said Nieto-Ferreira. "In the second year, we will merge our two data sets to provide one massive data set. And in the third year, based on our research, we will publish a number of scientific articles and journals in our field."

To some, \$314,000 to conduct any form of research may seem like a lot of money. After all, with \$314,000, at least five out-of-state students attending the university can pay for all four years of college. However, every penny of the grant lends itself not only to the research, but also to campus.

"The grant money helps pay the bills of the university, such as electricity and other expenses," said Rickenbach. "(Nieto-Ferreira) and myself are also paid by the grant to perform the research. In addition, the three graduate students who help with the project receive an annual salary."

"The grant also allows teachers and students to go to conferences and meet other scientists and exchange ideas," added Nieto-Ferreira.

Linwood Hall, a graduate student who is also part of the scientific team, believes that the amount of research being done will benefit N.C.

in the long run.

"The weather in North Carolina is so unpredictable. There's not a lot of direct research in the area rainfall in the state," said Hall. "With the research, we can manage not only drought, but also the amount of rainfall that comes from storms and other weather-related events."

While studying weather patterns and rainfall may not be a priority to some, it affects many in the end. And thanks to the Geography Department's goal to actually apply science, we can better understand how rainfall affects us.

"We are an applied science program," said Rickenbach. "People that come from all over understand that the program here at ECU uses research to improve people's lives."

For those who are interested in studying weather and climate, the Department of Geology has added a new degree to its curriculum: B.S. degree in Applied Atmospheric Science. Please contact Nieto-Ferreira for further information at ferreirar@ecu.edu.

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# 'Our Idiot Brother': A lovable comedy

## Grade: A

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"I've got to get back to work on the Tom-yun ... it's a cross-pollination between a tomato and onion ... well think of the time it'll save when you're making spaghetti sauce." This unique aspiration is one of many from genuine dufus Ned (Paul Rudd) in the new film "Our Idiot Brother."

After being arrested for being dimwittedly generous in handing a cop a blatant drug deal, Ned is released from jail to find no girlfriend or best friend. With no place to continue his organic farming, Ned returns home, where he's passed around from house to house by each of his three sisters. His sisters have their lives sorted out, until their idiot brother comes around.

Soon, it becomes a burden for Ned's sisters to deal with his oblivious and candid personality, messing up their ideas of happy lives. Passive Liz (Emily Mortimer) let herself go after having two children, bossy Miranda (Elizabeth Banks) is overly consumed with her ambition for journalism and secretive Natalie (Zoey Deschanel) doesn't realize she's wrapped up in herself. And little do they know, Ned's good intentions are going to create more disastrous drama.

Ned tries to bond with his nephew, River (Matthew Mindler), who may not be as content with the plans his parents have hoped for him. As the two recreate the notoriously funny surprise attacks between Inspector Clouseau and Kato from Blake Edwards' "Pink Panther" films, Ned portrays a childlike

naivety that is genuinely satisfying.

Though the plot began as a plan to take care of their brother Ned, the lovable goof ends up helping his sisters out with their issues. The cast is full of characters with outrageous yet relatable situations: infidelity in an outwardly perfect marriage, a lesbian who may not be sure of her sexuality, best friends who may have feelings for each other, a lovable idiot and an even bigger dufus.

The chemistry between Ned and the unexpectedly bigger moron Billy (T.J. Miller) is undeniable. They're no Cheech and Chong, but do have that enduring quality of amiable stoners. Although Billy is not one of the main characters, the "Dumb and Dumber"-like bromance that he shares with Ned is hilarious.

Overall, this film is a cross between a feel-good and laugh out loud comedy. The relatable situations and supporting characters make the film refreshing. The ensemble cast worked great together to form a drama-filled, yet lovable family, which will form an instant connection with audiences. Ned's nonconformity and trueness to himself makes the film especially captivating.

Rudd has come a long way from the intellectual stud step-brother Josh in "Clueless", and in a sense, he has

become the cluelessly goodhearted Cher Horowitz (Alicia Silverstone's character). However, Rudd has played lovable characters in many films, such as "I Love You Man," "Knocked Up," "How Do You Know" and "Role Models" — but he has always played the normal or straight-laced funny counterpart to the leading idiot. His characters usually learn the lesson from the clown, but as Ned, he's switching to that idiotic role.

Although the film was enjoyable, it was a bit cliché as a feel-good comedy where drama erupts then the dufus makes it better after he messes up. Most of the characters and ideas were overdone, such as how a man's best friend (his dog) can make everything better. In this case, the dog is named after one of his owner's favorite icons, Willie Nelson.

But life can actually be a bit cliché, so it's inevitable that relatable comedies follow this formula. Not every movie needs to be as unpredictably twisty as "Inception" or comically intertwined as "The Hangover." Cliché films can be box-office hits if there's an element of light-hearted charisma found in the film.

In the end, he may be an idiot brother, but he's "their" idiot brother. Through all the relationship issues, the sisters realize their sibling relationships are the most important. It's not a chick flick since there are many moments of "bro-tastic" humor that will make male viewers feel connected. Plus, there are few films more gratifying than a comedy spiced up with quirky situations!

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Local vendors sell fresh goods and more

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When thinking about downtown, the first thought that comes to most students' minds is crazy nights, the "drunk bus" and the after-10 p.m. nightlife. However, there is much more to Greenville's downtown district than the bar and club scene known to most students.

Greenville's downtown area is actually referred to as Uptown Greenville and it provides students and locals with more than just an exciting nightlife. Uptown Greenville's Umbrella Market is just one of the many things Uptown Greenville has to offer.

"We want people to start thinking of the uptown district, not just for the night scene," said Denise Walsh, executive director of Uptown Greenville, "but also for the restaurants, the arts and crafts opportunities and the family-oriented things."

Uptown Greenville's Umbrella Market has been running every Wednesday since the beginning of June, and will continue through the end of September. According to Walsh, it provides students and Greenville residents with vendors offering local produce, seafood, organic meats, cheeses, antiques, homemade goods by local artists, craft brew from Duck Rabbit and live music from local musicians.

The market sells tokens for locals to purchase the Duck Rabbit craft beer, which is distributed out of a brewery in Farmville, N.C.

According to Walsh, an average of 300 to 400 people attend the Umbrella Market on Wednesday nights.

"We have 40-50 vendors at a time and it's a come-and-go kind of thing," said Walsh. "It's a great opportunity for people of all ages to come out."

Hanna Abdalla, an employee of one of the vendors, The Scullery, believes the Uptown Umbrella Market adds to Greenville's sense of community. "I'm a local and I was raised



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Greenville's Uptown Umbrella Market is open every Wednesday from 5-8 p.m. Items sold include organic meats, cheeses, antiques and homemade crafts.

here. I think (the Umbrella Market) is great for this town," said Abdalla.

Many local vendors come out with their homemade food and crafts to see if people will like their work before venturing out to start their own businesses. Some of these handcrafted items sold at the market include homemade bows and dresses, original jewelry and handcrafted pottery. Artisan cheeses are brought in from Starlight Café and the Scullery Coffeehouse and Creamery brings in items for market-goers.

"It's great we've been able to go out there and serve coffee and ice cream," said Abdalla. "It brings business to our door, too, because it's right across the street."

A variety of restaurants also come out to the market and put on food demonstrations using produce from the market. Bike racks were also made available at Five Points Plaza

in order for the public to have the option of riding bikes to the market.

"We encourage people to ride bikes," said Walsh. Uptown Greenville also has a trolley operating during the Umbrella Market. They received funding for the trolley from a grant because the city wanted to give more people access to the fresh local produce provided at the market.

The trolley is free to the public and runs from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., making a stop in front of Wright fountain.

"There is a lot that the district has and it doesn't just happen after 10 p.m.," said Walsh.

To find out more about Uptown Greenville's Umbrella Market visit [uptowngreenville.com](http://uptowngreenville.com) or find them on Facebook.

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## Credit card companies target college students

**TJ Weaver**  
STAFF WRITER

As another school year begins, many students will find themselves applying for their first credit

card. Some may become victims of credit card fraud, and others may find themselves trying to pay off unwanted debt before graduation. What's a Pirate's best weapon of defense against credit card abuse?

Knowledge.

Everyone has a purpose for applying, whether it's to help build credit or to help financially as one heads downtown with his or her buddies. However, many students sign the dotted line without delving into all the rules, which in turn makes college students an easy target for credit card companies. Forget the "Freshmen 15" Welcome to the "Freshmen \$15,000."

According to a study performed by The American Council on Education, by the end of their first year, nearly 43 percent of freshmen will have at least one credit card. By senior year, that number increases to 74 percent.

In 2009, The Consumer Confederate reported that many students felt as if they had not received enough information about credit cards. In an effort to educate their students, the University of Michigan requires all freshmen to take a basic credit card budgeting and finance class.

"I don't think people know what they're doing half the time," said Mary

Simmons, a sophomore musical theater major.

"If we learned about budgeting and finance at an earlier age, people would be able to manage their credit. I'm sure a mandatory class geared towards credit and finance would've helped a lot of my friends now trying to pay off their debt."

Most freshmen encounter their first credit card application while shopping at retail stores. Alex Hunt, 20, now a junior, admits that he only applied for credit cards to take advantage of additional discounts.

"I've been offered credit cards at certain stores — American Eagle, Banana Republic and Saks 5th Avenue," said Hunt. "I never used the credit cards, but the additional percentage off was too good to pass up."

In 2009, the government passed The Credit CARD Act. The act states that credit card companies can only issue credit cards to



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Seventy-four percent of college seniors have at least one credit card bill.

people under the age of 21 if they provide proof that they can repay their debt or if they have a parent willing to co-sign.

According to a report from the Federal Reserve, since the act has been put into action, the number of college students applying for credit cards has declined 17 percent from 2009 to 2010.

Even more importantly, every credit card holder should be aware of credit card fraud. Last semester, U.B.E. found itself in a nightmare of a situation. According to Yvonne Perry, U.B.E.'s operation manager, an overseas group hacked into the store's credit card system, adding false charges to many students' accounts. Foreign credit card hackers have also hit national companies, such as Sony, Michaels and eBay.

"It's a nightmare no company wants to find themselves in," said Perry.

Since the incident, U.B.E. staff have made efforts to improve their security procedures.

"We've installed a new SISCO firewall, upgraded our point-of-sales software, hired a special forensics team out of Utah to monitor the system regularly and blocked all traffic to our registers," said Perry.

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# Stage is set for Charlotte

## Pirates are 3-1 in Charlotte

### Staff Reports

Saturday's contest against South Carolina marks the fifth time the Pirates have played a neutral site game in Charlotte, N.C. ECU is 3-1 in the Queen City with wins over N.C. State (1996), West Virginia (1999) and Virginia Tech (2008).

## Last time against the Gamecocks

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The two football programs last met Sept. 18, 1999 at Williams-Brice Stadium, where ECU posted a 21-3 victory. The Pirates' stay in Columbia lasted an additional week because of the flooding associated with Hurricane Floyd in the Greenville area. During the stay, ECU was extended workout privileges on the South Carolina campus in preparation for its next game against Miami, Fla. The Gamecocks have won eight of 12 contests in Columbia and taken two of three in Greenville. This year's contest represents the opener of a five-game scheduling agreement announced in 2007.

## They said it...



McNeill

"It will not surprise me when I see how our fans react or carry themselves. I know we'll be a first-class and professional group. When the world sees Pirate Nation in Charlotte, everybody will be able to see a group that is very enthusiastic and pulling for their team. Everybody will be able to see what we have here. This team is their team. This school is their school. These players are their players. These coaches are their coaches. I'm their coach." — Ruffin McNeill, ECU head football coach

**Adam Bunn**  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Coming off an up-and-down 2010 season, the Pirates' football team is set to break in a new defense and showcase its explosive offense against the South Carolina Gamecocks in Charlotte on Saturday.

After finishing 6-7 last year, the Pirates' coaching staff went back to the drawing board. While the offense remained untouched, drastic measures were taken with the defense, moving from the 4-3 to the 3-4 in the hopes of making up for the defensive disaster that defined 2010.

On the offensive side of the ball for the team, everything remains intact, despite the loss of leading receiver and Pirate legend, Dwayne Harris, as well as the top two running backs on the roster.

Stepping in to replace Harris will be senior wideout Lance Lewis. Lewis endeared himself to Pirate Nation last year when he showcased his deep ball ability on his way to grabbing 89 catches for 1,116 yards, and a team leading 14 touchdowns.

With the presumptive number-two receiver Michael Bowman on the shelf for the opener due to a suspension for off-field troubles, the Pirates' coaching staff is turning to a pair of freshmen to pick up the slack.

Getting the start as an inside receiver will be freshman Danny Webster, who played quarterback in high school, but made the switch to receiver in the spring. Along with Webster, red shirt freshman Justin Hardy will also start.

The biggest question mark on the offensive side of the ball has to



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Andrew Bodenheimer (right), Dominique Davis (center), Dayon Arrington (right) and the Pirate offense celebrate in the end zone after a quarterback scamper by Davis against Memphis during the 2010 season at Dowdy Ficklen Stadium.

be the running back position. While carries are rare in this type of air raid offense, having a talented running back can make a huge difference. The only running back remaining on the roster that carried the ball more than 10 times last year is Michael Dobson who rushed 11 times for 62 yards. Despite his experience, Dobson lost the starting job to junior college transfer Reggie

Bullock.

"It feels great," Bullock said of getting chosen to start in his first game as a Pirate. "I feel comfortable in this offense. I feel like I can make plays when called upon."

The Pirates return all-conference member Dominique Davis, who looks to repeat the magic he brought to Pirate football last season.

While the offense has some minor questions to answer, the defense on the other hand, is a complete and total mystery. Gone is the 4-3 defensive alignment, replaced by the 3-4, and with that change comes new roles for everyone to play.

The Pirates ranked last in total defense last season. So obviously,

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# Senior trio leads volleyball attack

**Alex Serkes**  
STAFF WRITER

As the 2011 volleyball season gets under way, ECU looks to thrive in the upcoming year.

After a rough season last year, in which the team finished 2-30, Coach Patti Rolf will look to rebound hard after such a devastating year. The team now possesses a much more experienced squad, as well as something Rolf has never had in her three years as head coach ... senior leadership. Three seniors, Amanda Lutzow, Britney Roper, and Jackie Varnum, will look to stand out amongst the pack.

"The biggest thing for me as a coach is not what my expectations are, rather what their expectations are for the season," said Rolf. "I am a bit of a philosopher and a bit of a humanist. The reality is that my

goal for them going into this year is that they will have put the work in over the last three years, so that they can fulfill the dream that they have as athletes."

Despite the teams record last season, Lutzow, Roper, and Varnum did tremendous jobs as juniors, leading the team in most statistical categories, including kills and points. Lutzow led the way with 214 kills, followed by Roper's 210 and Varnum's 203. In terms of points, Varnum led the team with 254 points, followed by Roper's 242.5 and Lutzow's 240.

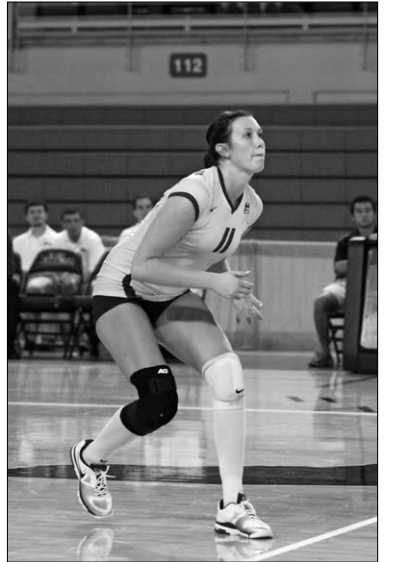
"We have elevated all of their work in the offseason, and I feel that the fruit of their work will lead to major success," Rolf said. "We have some very intense women on

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Outside hitter Amanda Lutzow gets set on the back line to receive a serve against Gardner-Webb.



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Outside hitter Britney Roper charges to the attack zone to play a live ball in action with Gardner-Webb.

## Weekend schedule

**Friday**  
Soccer at Davidson, 7p.m.  
Volleyball at Virginia, 11 a.m.\*  
Volleyball vs. Long Island, 5 p.m.\*

**Saturday**  
Football vs. USC, 7 p.m.\*\*  
Volleyball vs. California, 1 p.m.\*

**Sunday**  
Soccer at Charlotte, 4 p.m.

\* Jefferson Cup, Charlottesville, Va.  
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# Ranking the Carolinas

## OPINION



**Carlos Olivera**  
STAFF WRITER

South Carolina enters the season's first rankings as the clear-cut number one. The twelfth-ranked Gamecocks come off of their best season under the ole ball coach, Steve Spurrier, where they came up short in the SEC championship game against the eventual national champions, the Auburn Tigers.



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**South Carolina Gamecocks**  
The Gamecocks have improved since last year, returning their top three offensive players in QB Stephen Garcia, and pre-season All-Americans WR Alshon Jeffrey and RB Marcus Lattimore. USC also added the best recruit in the

country in Jadeveon Clowney (DE). If Garcia can avoid the mental mistakes that have plagued him while in Columbia, S.C., the Gamecocks may be considered a dark horse when contending for the national title. Coincidentally enough, USC takes on the Pirates in week one at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, N.C. this Saturday.



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**North Carolina Tar Heels**  
Coming in at number two are the North Carolina Tar Heels. Last season, UNC was ready to make a run at the national championship until an NCAA investigation into improper benefits completely derailed their title hopes. The Tar Heels had 12 players suspended last season, including Marvin Austin (DT), Robert Quinn (DE) and Greg Little (WR); all of which were selected in the first two rounds of this April's NFL Draft. The Tar Heels also lost four-year starter T.J. Yates to the NFL, and Head Coach Butch Davis, who was fired on July 27.

Losing Yates is a big blow to the Heels, but sophomore Bryn Renner is a talented youngster who will make the transition a little more manageable. But Renner's inexperience may turn out to be the Heels Achilles heel.

Helping him out will be the return of their leading receiver Dwight Jones and tailback Ryan Houston, who missed all of last season after deciding to redshirt after being held out of the first five games due to the NCAA investigation. The Heels will no doubt have another dominate season on the defensive side of the ball, led by Donte Paige-Moss and Quinton Coples.



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**N.C. State Wolfpack**  
Coming in third is the N.C. State Wolfpack, who will also break in a new quarterback this season. In steps junior Mike Glennon, who will take over the reins from Russell Wilson, who transferred to the University of Wisconsin. In 2010, Wilson accounted for 4,230 total yards, along with 31 touchdowns. Wilson was a great dual-threat quarterback, rushing for almost 700 yards and nine touchdowns.

Expect the Pack to change to a more conventional offense under Glennon, who is a more traditional pocket passer standing at 6-foot-6. But Glennon and the offense might sputter early on, as they have lost three of their top four receivers.

## Gamecocks lead the preseason ranks

A positive for the Pack will be the defense, which returns eight starters, including their entire defensive backfield and their leading sacker, defensive tackle J.R. Sweezy. But Sweezy, who had six sacks last season, is expected to miss the first four games after undergoing foot surgery in August.



**East Carolina Pirates**  
Coming in fourth are the home-town Pirates. The Pirates are coming off of a rollercoaster year where they finished at 6-7, their first losing season since 2005. The Pirates were a tale of two teams last season, ranking 8th and 16th nationally in passing (318.7 yards per game) and points for (36.8) respectively. Their defense, however, was ranked 119th in points against (44 points per game), and dead last in total yards per game (478 ypg), which prompted the switch to the 3-4 defense this spring. Luckily for the Pirates, the defense can't get any worse, so expect them to be better with an experienced defense that returns seven starters.

The biggest loss for the Pirates was 2010 Conference USA MVP Dwayne Harris. With Dwayne Harris playing on Sundays, Lance

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# Soccer takes momentum on the road

Stephen McNulty  
STAFF WRITER

It may only be two weeks and three games into the 2011 season, but it has already been an eventful one for women's soccer (2-1).

The Pirates expected things to get back to normal following the opening of their brand new stadium, but then Hurricane Irene came roaring up the East Coast. The massive storm caused ECU to move up their match against UNC-Wilmington and then forced the team to cancel their Sunday night matchup against UNC Greensboro.

Despite the limited action, the Pirates do, however seem to be playing very well behind their senior leaders.

Fueled by a hat trick against Old Dominion, senior captain Kimmy Cummings is tied for the team lead in scoring. So far, her three goals match her season total for last year, even though she started all 19 games for the Pirates. Cummings has also taken eight of the team's nine corner kicks this year.

Fellow captain Amanda Malkiewicz recorded an assist off of a goal made by Cummings for her lone point of the season. But as the season goes on, you can expect plenty more points from the senior. Malkiewicz became one of only five Pirates ever to lead the team in goals (7), assists (6), and points (20) in a season in 2010. The New Jersey native has started every game on the Pirates' campus, and has found her name among the school's all-time lists.

Malkiewicz's 17 goals place her sixth among Pirates all-time, out of reach of the lead, but in place to break the top five. The forward has already reached the top five in assists, where she ranks third, and in points, where Malkiewicz is fourth.

The third senior captain for the Pirates is Wake Forest native Jessica Abshire. The midfielder entered the season also starting each of her 60 career games with Malkiewicz. However, an off-season knee injury halted her streak.

Although some believed Abshire wouldn't be ready for action until conference play began, the senior has been on the field and making plays. Particularly against UNC-W, when Abshire played all 90 minutes.

"She's doing fine," said head coach Rob Donnemwirth. "Playing ninety minutes is a testament to her fitness coming off ACL surgery. At times, (Abshire) maybe looked



Forward Kimmy Cummings (right) works the ball away from Gamecock defender Lauren Hyden (left) during the Pirates' opening night in the new stadium.

a little tired at the end, but overall, I think she did outstanding."

A healthy Abshire is key for the Pirates. Abshire was second on the team in 2010 with 11 points, and played every minute in 14 matches for ECU.

Alongside Cummings as the point's leader is junior Katy Butler. Butler, this week's C-USA Player-of-the-Week, scored her first goal of the season against Old Dominion and recorded both Pirate goals against UNC-W to match Cummings' three scores. Butler scored four goals last season, good enough for second on the team.

Starting in goal for the second year in a row for the Pirates is Christiane Cordero. The California-native recorded her third career shutout against UNC-W and allowed just one goal against ODU. A strong showing for Cordero, supported by campus's senior leadership, can prove for a very successful year for the Pirates.

Up next for the team is a two-game road trip that includes Davidson (1-1-1), on Friday, and Charlotte (1-1-2), on Saturday.

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the court, who also try to do extremely well in school, and now, their hope is that after all that work, it will finally pay off."

In addition to bouncing back from a string of sub-par seasons, the volleyball team will have to perform well against some of the nation's top programs. The 2011 schedule will feature matches against Long Island State, Virginia, and No. 1 California. The Pirates will face the perennial powerhouse Bears at the Holiday Inn Jefferson Cup on the weekend of September 2nd.

"One of our main goals is to prepare and do the best we can in order to beat both Virginia and Long Beach State in the upcoming weekend," said Rolf. "Cal you know, Cal is Cal, Cal is a great opportunity for our team to learn, but obviously, we can't get too emotional about it. We need to go in there to learn and come off of that game going strong into Long Island."

In terms of Conference USA play, Coach Rolf is not as concerned. "In our conference, to be honest with you, its pretty much everybody, because teams from top to bottom are pretty even RPI-wise, you got to have respect for everyone in [C-USA]."

A hard-hitting schedule and a group of senior leadership is something Rolf has not had since she has been at ECU. Aside from the four seniors, the Pirates return almost all of its starters from the previous year, a group that accounted for 97 percent of its kills, assists, and total blocks last season. Unfortunately, preseason injuries have plagued the team, as four starters have been ruled out so far this season.

The Pirates started off their season on a high note, defeating Gardner-Webb (3-1) in their home opener.

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Lewis must fill his shoes as Dominique Davis' main target. Pirate fans can expect Davis, Lewis and the offense to light up the scoreboard with an extra season in Lincoln Riley's offense. If the defense can make a significant improvement, expect the Pirates to contend for a third C-USA title in the last four seasons. I expect the defense to be much improved, but if they're not, we may be waiting until mid-October for the team's first victory.



### Clemson Tigers

Closing out the rankings are the Tigers, who are also breaking in a young quarterback. With the exit of Kyle Parker, a first round draft pick of the Colorado Rockies, redshirt sophomore Tahj Boyd enters the game. After struggling on offense the past few seasons, the season's biggest pickup for the Tigers will turn out to be Chad Morris, the former offensive coordinator at Tulsa. The Tigers should have no problem scoring on people in Morris' fast-paced, no-huddle offense.

Along with Morris, the Tigers welcome the eighth-ranked recruiting class in the nation. Expect freshmen like Mike Bellamy and Sammy Watkins to step in and have an immediate impact in Death Valley. The Tigers also return leading receivers DeAndre Hopkins and Bryce McNeal. If Boyd can pick up Morris' offense and avoid crippling mistakes, the Tigers should improve slightly.

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a change was needed. With the majority of the defensive starters returning, the Pirates will have a defense that has seen live-game action.

Even with that experience, the new defense changes everything from play calling to technique.

"We've got a lot of different techniques with this new defense," Defensive End Matt Milner said. "But the main philosophy that we had last year was for everybody to be a swarming defense, and we have carried that into this year. I think everybody is going to buy into that."

On the flip side, SC enters the 2011 college football season with far fewer questions.

On the offensive side of the ball, Gamecocks return just about every playmaker they had last year. Running the show will be senior quarterback Stephen Garcia, who despite numerous legal troubles remains the number-one guy for Head Coach Steve Spurrier. Garcia completed 224-of-349 passes for 3,059 yards with 20 touchdowns and 14 interceptions in 14

games last season.

"Offensively you have to start with Garcia," Head Coach Ruffin McNeill said. "Coach Spurrier has always had fine quarterbacks. Garcia is that guy who can make all the throws. He can throw the hash to sideline ball, the seam route and the long pass."

In the backfield, the Gamecocks return their dynamic running back Marcus Lattimore, who in his freshman campaign last year, rushed for 1,197 yards on 249 carries with 17 rushing scores.

In the receiving core, the Gamecocks are led by junior Alshon Jeffery who caught 79 passes for 1,387 yards with 9 touchdown receptions.

"Jeffery is a great football player," McNeill said. "He's not just a great receiver, but a strong football player. I remember watching film of him in high school when we were in Texas. He is a big young man who can run and catch the football. He'll no doubt be a top NFL Draft choice. We have to make sure we have our calls right and are focused on him."

On the defensive side of the ball, the Gamecocks are the total opposite of the Pirates.

Last year, South Carolina ranked 43rd in the country in total defense, whereas ECU ranked 120th.

"Defensively, Devin Taylor is a guy who is mentioned quite a bit," McNeill said of the Gamecocks defense. "That's fitting because he's very athletic. He'll be one of the top players in the conference."

Not only does South Carolina return the majority of their defensive playmakers, but they also welcome in the top overall player in the 2011 recruiting class in Jadeveon Clowney.

The Pirates and the Gamecocks will open up the 2011 football season from Charlotte's Bank of America stadium Saturday at 7 p.m. The game will be broadcast by FoxSports Carolinas as well as ESPN3.

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