



## BRIEFS

### Drug charges dropped against Wiz Khalifa

#### Staff Reports

The Daily Reflector has reported that drug charges against rapper Wiz Khalifa have been dropped.

The charges were brought about after Cameron Jibril Thomaz, 22, better known as Wiz Khalifa, was accused of trafficking marijuana, maintaining a place for sale of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

University police seized a little more than two ounces of marijuana from his tour bus after his November 8 performance.

All charges against the rapper and six others were dismissed when three people admitted that the marijuana was theirs and pleaded guilty on Aug 11. Each of the three paid a \$1,000 fine.

### Vigil for equality held at Pitt County Courthouse

#### Staff Reports

A vigil was held last night at the Pitt County Courthouse by the LGBTSU.

The vigil, which began at 7 p.m., was a Vigil for Equality and included speakers from all over Greenville.

The vigil came on the heels of a recent announcement that the state has proposed an amendment, which will make it difficult to overturn the ban on gay marriage.

### Cancer foundation to host soccer night fundraiser

#### Staff Reports

On October 9 at 2:00 p.m., Riley's Army will host Riley's Army Day at an ECU Women's Soccer game. Proceeds from the event will go to Riley's Army.

The foundation was formed in 2008 to raise awareness for pediatric cancer patients and to recruit, train and provide volunteers to sit with the patients and their siblings.

After the game, there will be an auction, a presentation of the jerseys worn by the women's soccer team and a BBQ dinner at Texas Roadhouse.

For more information, contact Kimber Stone at kastone21@yahoo.com or call at 252-412-8191. Tickets can be ordered at ECU Pirates.com.

### Man killed by falling tree

#### Staff Reports

WITN reported today that a man died after a tree he was cutting fell and crushed him.

The incident occurred yesterday at around 3 p.m. outside of Williamston. Authorities said the man and another unidentified individual were cutting down large pine trees when it happened.

According to authorities, the tree hit the man and pinned him to the ground.

# AT&T adds broadband coverage to N.C. universities

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AT&T will be adding additional cellphone capacity to their network for five N.C. colleges, including East Carolina University, as part of the effort to begin to switch to a 4G network.

The AT&T Company announced that there would be additional broadband capacity on the campuses of five N.C. universities, as part of the company's \$20 million plan to invest in wireless improvements this year. These universities are Duke University, North Carolina State University, the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, University of North Carolina Charlotte and East Carolina University.

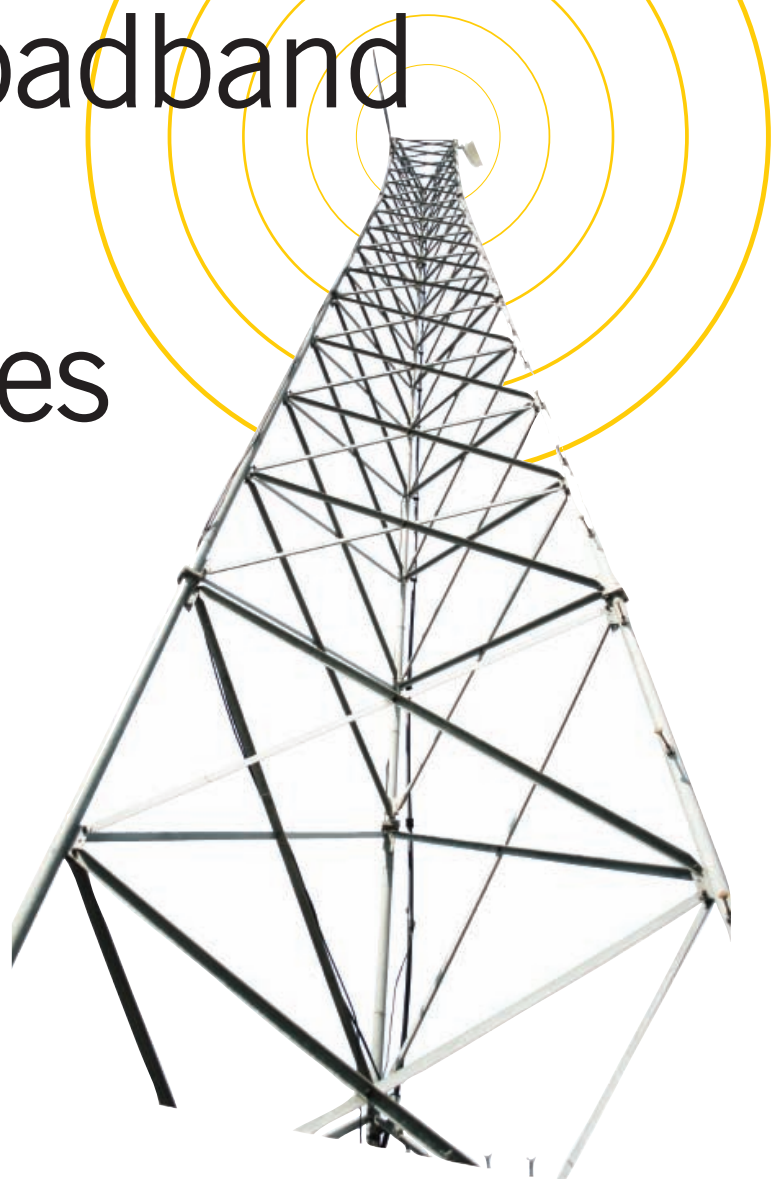
AT&T is currently still running on the 3G networks. The AT&T network is based on the 3rd Generation Partnership Project, "3GPP" family of technologies. 3GPP includes GSM and UMTS, which are the most widely used wireless network platforms in the world.

"3G networks are the uniform global standard network used for smartphones," said Te-Shun Chou, professor at the Technology Systems Department.

The frequency bandwidth for 3G networks is between 1.8 and 2.5 gigahertz, or GHz. The mandated data rate for 3G networks, which is measured in kilobits and megabits per second, depends on the type of user. The data rates range from 144 Kbps and 2 Mbps. A mobile user has a standard data rate of 144 Kbps for a 3G network and a stationary user has a standard data rate of 2 Mbps, explained Chou.

The bandwidth is supposed to increase with the implementation of the 4G networks. The frequency bandwidth for 4G networks will range between 2 and 8 GHz. The data rate, which must be met in order to have a 4G network, ranges between 100 Mbps and 1 Gbps. According to

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Towers will add more capacity to allow students to get on the 4G network.

# Students say "so long" to styrofoam to-go boxes

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STAFF WRITER

Campus Dining services has decided to take its part in "going green" yet again with the installment of reusable to-go trays in the dining halls.

In the university's continuing effort to go green and teach students the responsibility of recycling, dining services have implemented the To-Go program, which is a part of the sustainability initiative. This incorporates the community of students, faculty and staff all working together to reduce environmental impact and help to preserve the community.

In addition to the removing of trays from the dining hall, which started in fall of 2008 to reduce waste in the dining halls and preserve water used to clean them, the to-go initiative also plans to reduce the waste, this time in landfills. "We went through 145,000 to-go boxes, and that was just last year," said Joyce Sealey, food service director on campus.

According to the Campus Dining website, for \$5.99 a meal plan holder can buy into this program, allowing them to use the service to



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Styrofoam boxes were replaced by plastic reusable to-go boxes in the dining halls.

get meals on-the-go. Upon signing up, the student receives a reusable to-go container, which he or she can take to the dining hall whenever he or she chooses to use it. The student will also get an aluminum water bottle to bring to the dining halls to get their drink, since paper cups will no longer be provided.

When the student finishes his or her meal, they can return the used container to the dining hall to be cleaned and sanitized. They will receive a key-tag that signifies they are in the program and will use the tag to receive a new tray the next time they visit for a meal to-go.

"Having students pay the additional price may hurt some people," said senior math education major and meal-plan holder Lauren

Shultz. This is one factor that may deter students from the program. "However, I think it's a good idea because we are wasting less."

In regards to the extra cost for students, Sealey reassures students that it is money well spent. This option is not only more environmentally friendly for the dining hall, but it is also financially friendly as well, since money that is usually spent on to-go containers can now be saved. "This allows us to do more things in the dining hall for the students. The money that we're saving not buying to-go containers we can use to do a more upscale meal one night, and apply

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# Campus Living, apartments partner up

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With on-campus housing only being able to facilitate to 5,500 students, Campus Living relies heavily on the support from outside facilities to house the university's students.

On-campus housing provides a package to students that is not like one that can be found off campus. Campus Living offers housing, dining and educational programs with staff and facilities that are unique to the university.

With significant changes happening to the university's retention requirements as well as in Greenville's housing market, Campus Living is also making changes for the 2012-2013 school year, according to Aaron Lucier, the director of housing operations for Campus Living.

"Next year, the university has made the decision that incoming freshmen will be required to live on campus," said Lucier.

With Campus Living presently housing about 80 percent of the freshman class, the extra students should not be enough that campus living will have to exclude other students.

According to Lucier, upperclassmen that anticipate returning to live on campus should not have a problem if they sign up early enough.

The new requirement for incoming freshmen might come as a surprise to students, but it is one that has been thought out by the university and Campus Living. "Requiring freshmen to live on campus next year seems like a good thing. You can't truly experience what a university has to offer its students if you don't live on campus at least one year," said freshman history education major Ryan Giggey.

Because of the amount of students who cannot fit into on-campus housing, campus living has begun teaming up with apartment complexes. Off-campus student housing is in the early stages of forming a committee

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# Interim dean of SoDM named

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School officials announced an interim dean for the School of Dental Medicine last Wednesday.

Last month, Dr. James Hupp resigned from the position, leaving a vacancy before school began. Hupp stepped down after a state auditor found some of his travel suspicious and that he had failed to report his earnings from another teaching job.

Hupp had been the dean of the school since he was appointed

to the position in 2008. Hupp remains on the school's faculty but school officials are still reviewing his status.

Dr. Gregory Chadwick has been named as the replacement for Hupp. Chadwick is the associate dean for planning and extramural affairs for the university at the School of Dental Medicine.

This is the second time Chadwick has served as interim dean. In the early days of the dental school, he held the position as the university and UNC System began the initiative of starting it.

"Dr. Chadwick has been positively engaged in the development of the dental school for over five years and has earned this appointment," said Chancellor Steve Ballard. "I look forward to his continuing leadership and the development of the School of Dental Medicine."

Chadwick comes highly recommended from many faculty members within the university's medical community.

Vice Chancellor for health sci-

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## Students burdened by loans

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Paying for college can involve scholarships, grants and even paying out-of-pocket. However, many students have to apply for loans. In order to do so, they must pass an online quiz about the loan procedure and sign to verify that they understand the terms of the loan.

Most of the time, students do not take the time to read all of the loan material and just sign on the dotted line. This leads to misunderstanding of the terms of the loan and the possibility of defaulting on the loan because the student does not understand what to do.

This issue of defaulting, which occurs if a student fails to start paying off the loan within 270 days of leaving his college, costs the government millions of dollars each year. The only thing that makes paying back the loan harder is if the student drops out of college and does not complete his degree. This could lead to a vicious circle of financial damage and ruin the student's credit.

On the bright side, our university does not seem to

have a problem with either dropouts or with students defaulting on their loans.

In the school's Winter Report of 2010 and the U.S. News & World Report, the freshman-to-sophomore retention rate at the university had increased from 75.9 percent to 77.3 percent since 2008. Even though transfer students are included in the statistics as "drop-outs," the school's overall retention rate is one of the highest in the state.

According to Rick Niswander, vice chancellor for administration and finance, the college has a default rate of 2.2 percent, which is less than half of the national average. Most public institutions do not have a high default rate, as opposed to for-profit schools.

"Students have to pay attention to what they're spending on education," said Niswander. "They need to think long-term."

For-profit schools have recruiters that are paid on commission, and many students get loans to pay for their education at these schools, then drop out and end up defaulting on their loans. This accounts for these colleges

having a 43 percent default rate.

While the tuition rates are lower than most four-year universities in North Carolina, choosing between ECU and another in the state could make the difference of \$10,000 per year added to a student loan.

"We [higher education] do need to do a better job of informing college students about loans, debts, and default," said Niswander.

Students have the option to choose between subsidized and unsubsidized student loans, and also to apply for a Pell Grant.

Pell Grants are available to students who are in lower incomes and who are pursuing their first bachelor's degree.

Subsidized loans do not accrue interest during the student's college career while unsubsidized loans do. The government subsidizes the amount of interest and the student only has to worry about paying the interest after college.

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Chou, the required data rate for high mobility users, like users in a car, is 100 Mbps and the required data rate for low mobility users, like pedestrians, is 1 Gbps.

The AT&T company improvement efforts are part of the upgrade to the HSPA+ fourth generation wireless broadband network. HSPA+ is the technology that AT&T has chosen to use for its 4G network.

The company decided to add capacity to the selected N.C. university areas based on usage. The added broadband capacity should support heavy users and improve performance on cell phones and other wireless devices.

"That's really great," said Shannon Walters, an unde-

clared freshman. "I want to be able to talk in my dorm better ... I usually only have one bar."

AT&T felt it was important to have enhanced coverage in area that people, like students, are heavily using wireless devices like tablets and notebooks.

According to PR News-wire, Amy Hines Kramer, regional vice president of AT&T New York said, "Delivering dependable wireless coverage for consumers and businesses needing to stay connected is our ultimate objective."

Many students agree with Walters. "That's exciting. In some buildings, I don't get service or my Internet on my phone doesn't work at all.

Sometimes, I don't receive texts either," said Kaitlyn Collins, a junior rehabilitation studies major.

Currently, the AT&T company provides voice service for more than 220 countries and data service for more than 200 countries, which is the most of any other U.S. wireless provider.

AT&T, along with most other networks, is now beginning the switch to 4G networks but there is no company that completely runs on a 4G network yet. Sprint has two devices, the HTC Evo and the Samsung Epic, which have limited 4G services in certain areas.

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that cost to the food the kids are getting in the dining hall," said Sealey.

Some students also feel that this is an extra hassle when compared to the previous containers, which required little responsibility when it comes to remembering something when they go to the dining hall. "I remember freshman year living in the dorms. Even the previous

years, I could grab food and go home without having to worry about making sure I have a key tag or my container with me," said Shultz.

In regards to this issue, Sealey urges students to take on the responsibility. "We're trying to think about sustainability," she said.

In addition to reducing waste, this program is also established to create com-

munity amongst everyone in the Pirate Nation. It encourages students to come into the dining hall for meals, to interact and visit with friends, and to eat wholesome meals provided by the dining halls.

The program is available for lunch and dinner Monday-Friday.

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ences, Dr. Phyllis Horns said in a university news article that she commends the work Chadwick has done with the school.

"Dr. Chadwick has a commitment and passion for the School of Dental Medicine, the unique curriculum model we are putting together and the service learning center model we are developing," said Horns.

Horns said she is proud of the work Chadwick has done in starting the school and the vision he has for it.

Chadwick has plans to appoint Dr. Frank Serio, a professor and associate dean for clinical affairs at the dental school, as interim vice dean.

"It sounds like he's more than qualified for the posi-

tion and he has deep roots in the school," said Mike Ball, a junior history education major. "From his previous time as interim it seems that he would not only be a good leader but a good policy maker as well."

Chadwick's salary is still being negotiated; Hupp's was \$350,000 annually. Chadwick plans on continuing his duties as associate dean while undertaking the new position.

Before joining the university, Chadwick held several other positions in the field of dentistry. He practiced in Charlotte for many years and was the president of the American Dental Association, the North Carolina Dental Society and the Dental

Foundation of North Carolina. He also taught at the dental school at UNC Chapel Hill.

Chadwick received his bachelor's degree in business administration, a master's and a degree in dentistry all from UNC Chapel Hill.

"I feel like he definitely has the background," said nursing major Jennifer Ward. "I think he'll do well in the position."

This week Chadwick is at the FDI Annual World Dental Congress where he is serving his last year as the speaker for its general assembly.

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with the managers of Student Living apartment complexes to work with the university and focus on the educational needs of the students.

"It's in the apartment complexes' best interest for the students to be successful, because a successful student is a returning student," said Lucier.

Complexes such as The Landing have not felt significant changes from new competition in the housing market and are directing their marketing strategies to work collaboratively with the university.

"Our goal is to develop a more intentional partnership with the university for an environment of retention,"

said the Regional Manager of Corridor Property Management and The Landing, Matt Vermillion. "The emphasis of The Landing is to match up with the university's ideas and to provide a successful environment for students."

The Landing's marketing strategies and goal for the 2011-2012 leasing year are focusing their staff and facilities to accommodate the needs of the student and help them meet the new retention requirements, according to Vermillion.

"Our goal is to have a successful environment for our residents," said Vermillion. "If the university wasn't here, nobody would be here."

The Landing is housing

888 students, and is 88 percent leased for this year. The complex, like many others in the student housing community, want to support the students who don't fit into the dorm lifestyle.

"I've resigned my lease with The Landing three times out of convenience, but I think it's good that they are focusing more on the needs of the student," said senior apparel merchandising major Kelsey Stepp.

Apartment complexes and Campus Living will have to work together to ensure that the needs of the students are being met.

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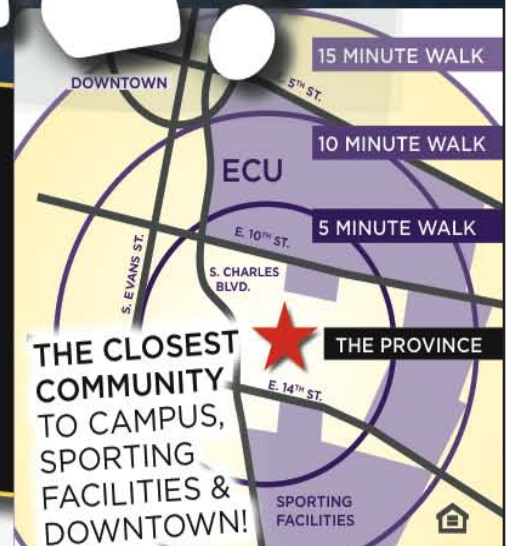
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Morning games are good: beer in one hand and a biscuit in another.

Dear residents: when I tell you about a program, then you close the door and start loudly talking about how stupid you think I am, just remember I'm still in your suite hallway and can HEAR YOU.

Well, if it isn't my old nemesis: the long bagel line.

You want to complain about taking EXSS 1000? Well, how do you think some EXSS majors feel about having to take PSYCH 1000?

If you see someone riding my old-school Diamondback beach cruiser with lime green rims, knock them off! They stole it!

Joyner Library puts its thermostat on "meat hanging weather."

Dear freshmen: Greek organizations aren't the only way to make connections and friends. Don't let the hype and false friendships fool you — if these people really wanted to be your friend, they would accept you the way you are and not charge you.

You ever think about smearing crap in between the sheets of a paper and then giving it to your professor? I have.

Don't come to the quiet floor to Skype people! SHUT UP!

Is there a reason why ECU has that glorified van running the Red Route? Can we PLEASE have an actual bus to take us to and from the medical campus? It would be very much appreciated. Love, the Med Students

Big dogs can be the most loving, cuddly things. It's the owners, not the dogs themselves, which screw them up.

Getting this high on a Wednesday should be illegal.

To the girl who thinks it's cool to smoke weed every day in the apartment: Stop being a pot-head.

Dear West End: I find it ironic that you expect us to pay for reusable To-Go boxes "for the environment," yet make us use styrofoam when we eat in. Way to go green, guys.

You keep asking me what's wrong. Did you ever consider it was you going off on me the other night that made me so upset?

You haven't been to the apartment in a week. Why did you even sign a lease?

Damon Magazu's interception in the end zone made Sports Center's Top 10 plays. Go Pirates, arggggh.

Every time I go to my foreign language class, I have to remind myself that it's actually math class. Hire teachers that speak English please!

To the girl wearing a half shirt and bootie shorts on Thursday: put some clothes on. No one wants to see your stomach rolls or muffin top.

# The right to rush

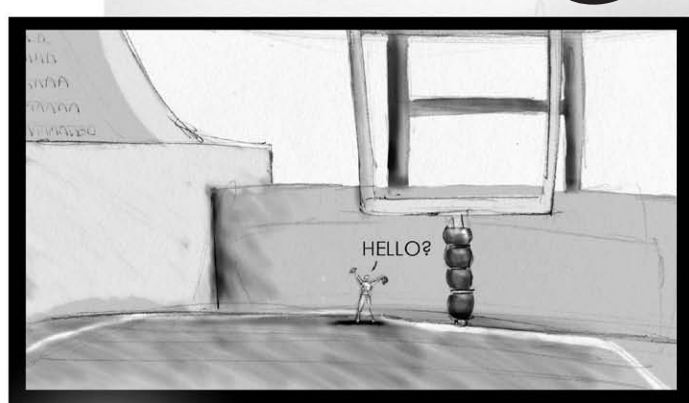


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College football is a religious experience. The stadiums are like grand cathedrals; the spectators can sometimes be more fanatical than the most zealous of televangelists. The absurdly skimpy outfits donned by some of the female fan base would make any man thank God above for the gift of sight.

Emotions run high at football games. Few other legal activities will generate the euphoria experienced by a successful Hail Mary that clinches your team's victory in the waning seconds — especially if you're playing against a big-name team.

Unfortunately, our university hasn't had a victory like that this season, even though we've played quite well. After the intolerable wait at gates 9 and 10, I was thrilled to see how well we were playing. I thought, for sure, we were going to beat Virginia Tech.

If we had succeeded, there was only one natural response: guzzle the last of the airplane bottles and then rush the field. It's not a conscious decision; it's the knee-jerk reaction to what would have been a tremendous feat.

However, in an effort to prevent lawsuits and keep everybody safe, the athletic conferences in the NCAA have recently (within the last decade) issued a rule that prevents students from rushing the field.

The way that it works is that if students rush the field, conference commissioners issue fines to the schools. Then, the schools have to pay the conference money from funds out of the athletic department. But it doesn't really add up.

The rule was issued to keep everyone safe. But people get hurt at football games all the time. Most of those injuries aren't even because of people rushing the field. As some of you may recall from last year, you can incur serious pain from simply standing on faulty bleachers.

The most common of the injuries that occur are alcohol related. Be that as it may, you'll never see conferences banning alcohol at tailgates. But conferences want to eliminate fans from rushing the field.

Frequently, the only time people get injured when rushing the field is when police officers implement crowd control tactics by gassing us with pepper spray and beating us down with Billy clubs. Now, I'm not saying that aerosols and handcuffs don't have their place, but I generally like to keep them relegated to a night of kinky role-playing.

Furthermore, this rule is the vasectomy of an otherwise very potent environment; it totally neuters the atmosphere. After a huge victory, the crowd needs a way to let loose its energy. Rushing the field is the perfect solution to that problem.

It used to be that universities didn't want students to rush the field because it destroyed the grass and the goal posts would always be ripped down. These days, most universities have installed collapsible goal posts in anticipation of students rushing the field. Also, our knowledge of turf management has drastically improved.

If universities have already invested in and prepared for our rushing of the field, then why have conference commissioners lorded over us with tyrannical fists in an attempt to suppress what is rightfully ours?

We deserve to rush the field by virtue of the fact that it's our university football team, paid for by us, cheered for by us and (in some cases) even tutored by us. So if we want to have an outward showing of jubilation because we've realized an awesome return on our investment, then how is some conference commissioner going to tell us no?

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# Teen drinking is very, very bad



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College ALC is a requirement for first semester freshmen under the age of 21. Well, technically, it is required if the student intends to register for second semester classes here on campus. This online course is designed to help inform people on alcohol misuse and its effects on the body. But if this is the intention, then why do we have Health 1000?

The online alcohol class is a great idea that stresses important issues, but if it is so important to everyone here, then shouldn't it be taught in a format that requires students to actually pay attention? Currently, it's an online class

that most people complete in order to be eligible to register for the next semester. It is great in theory, but students view the class as just another hassle they have to complete, something else they have to do and not a way to really learn about alcohol.

Robert Morphet, assistant director of the Center for Counseling and Student Development, says the importance of College ALC is due to the fact that "the misuse of alcohol is the No. 1 health and safety issue on all college campuses."

I completely agree that alcohol misuse is a huge issue, especially for freshmen who have had limited or no experience with alcohol, and should be taken extremely seriously.

The online alcohol class doesn't provide a personal way to learn about an issue that is vital to the wellbeing of everyone on campus. Health 1000 is a better platform to present this material. The solution for how to

educate students on alcohol use is a very simple one: make them pay for the class they are taking and then test them on the material. Health 1000 also covers alcohol use, but unlike College ALC, an actual human being, not a computer, teaches the material.

The College ALC program has recorded statistics about the students who have completed the class and boasts that "over 92 percent stated they benefited from taking College ALC and 93 percent felt better prepared to respond to alcohol-related consequences, such as alcohol poisoning."

This data was acquired by a survey that was to be completed 30 days after the completion of the class. But the majority of the students, who completed the survey and class, were not yet in college and were not yet living in Greenville.

Their loud and proud statistics were recorded before many freshmen had the chance

to actually experience college life and deal with such issues as "alcohol poisoning." Of course, almost all the students felt better prepared to deal with these issues because many of them had not yet had the chance to put their newfound genius about alcohol to use.

Teaching students about alcohol is an important part to college, but College ALC makes the experience completely impersonal and truly impossible to remember all the statistics they throw at you. Health 1000 is taught by an actual teacher and learned in a classroom with other students, who can also help you learn from shared experiences. Lastly, isn't one required freshmen health class enough?

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**RANTS CONT.**

I lost my camera at the game this weekend. \$50 reward if somebody found it.

It's three weeks into the school year and I've sat in the same spot every day. Please quit trying to take it. You will lose.

I'm sure that what the football team really needs to get their spirits up around the end of a game is to see their fans and supporters leaving the stadium.

There are so many snobby girls at ECU. How are they going to survive in the real world when they have to work with different people and not their friends?

When are they going to make ECU a smoke-free campus? I'm tired of smelling like smoke while I'm walking to class.

No wonder ECU has no money. All of it goes to pay for the AC in Joyner. It is freezing in there!

Everywhere I look, orange legs! Tanorexia may sound like a light-hearted vanity issue, but it is a deadly problem. Melanoma kills.

Please refrain from using the word "jelly" in substitution for jealous. You sound like an uneducated bimbo.

Dear Person on the 6th floor of Clement that plays "Electric Feel" religiously: It's an awesome song, but it's not awesome when I hear it once every hour. STOP. Thanks.

Fear Your Food 1000 (aka. Nutrition 1000).

Can't get the clickers to work? I vote we all get our \$50 back and go back to good ole' pen and paper. Welcome to the world of teaching/professing and having to actually grade papers.

I hope the way people walk around campus isn't a direct reflection or connection to how they drive.

# Our View

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## Forcing the freshmen

The dreams of having your own college experience may be restricted for future classes. Next year, campus will begin a new policy requiring all freshmen to live on campus.

On-campus living can create a plethora of horror stories: the crazy roommate, the disrespectful people down the hall, the diseases on every surface. Forcibly subjecting someone who may be incredibly uncomfortable with all of this is unreasonable.

While most people choose to live on campus their freshman year, the option to live off-campus can be very important too. The germaphobe or the insomniac may not be well-suited to share a cramped dorm room or a communal bathroom. Even suite-style living couldn't protect anyone from the worst slob.

Living on campus is far more expensive. On top of the room costs, all people on-campus living are required to enroll in a meal plan. If a freshman can find a great housing deal (they can), why not allow them to save some money? Not everyone can drop thousands of dollars for a tiny, shared space, especially when some students may want to live with older family and friends off campus.

Aside from costs, living in an apartment requires you to have more personal responsibility. Paying monthly rent, learning to manage money, cooking a decent meal and

paying overages offers students the best real-life experience. Making only one payment and being fed by the university makes our incoming freshmen less responsible.

Other schools, like UNC and NCSU, require their freshmen to live on campus as well. Yet, Greenville is a completely different town. ECU is already overcrowded in dorms and off-campus housing is suited for the continuously increasing class sizes.

The likely point for the new requirement is to increase freshmen involvement on campus. The more involved a student is, the more likely he or she is to graduate from college. While this is wonderful, where is the incentive for upper-level students to live on campus? Our campus only offers one apartment-style dorm and the spaces in College Hill Suites fill up quickly, even though it is significantly more expensive than living in an off-campus apartment. If our university had nearly the dorm capacity or options as our competition, we may find fewer complaints.

Almost all of the amenities offered to on-campus students are available to off-campus students as well. The extensive bus system and parking passes expands students' options beyond the realm of the residence halls. The university should allow freshmen to live where they please, not forcibly herd them into our dorms.

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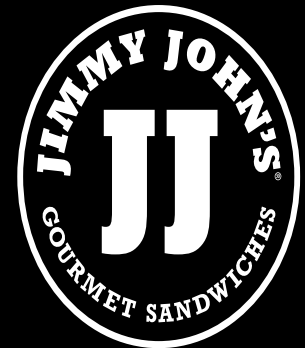
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## FASHION COLUMN

### Meet Lindy

#### Pirate Football Fashion



Lindy Maddox  
COLUMNIST

What comes to mind when you see the word "fashion?" Is it your favorite pair of jeans? What about that worn down sweatshirt of your boyfriend's? Or maybe it's your favorite baseball cap that's been pulled on and off so much that it has practically molded to your head? There is a plethora of things that could pop into your head when you see the word "fashion," but all that I seem to think of is "Oh my gosh, I want to go shopping!" Fashion is my obsession.

Hello, fellow Pirates! My name is Lindy Maddox and I am a junior. I am a fashion merchandising major with a minor in public relations. This year I am going to take you on a journey through the latest fashion trends that are happening all over the world, and most importantly, right here in Greenville. I will discuss what to wear to different events around campus, teach you why the way you dress can influence different opportunities at our school and fill you in on what chic ensembles to wear and when to wear them.

But I'm not writing this to talk about myself, what I want to talk about with you is that feeling. I know all of you have felt it at least once — the anticipation and excitement about a Pirate football game. On game day, Purple and Gold seem to be splashed upon every student and street. The feelings that encompass the girls and guys of our college on game days are not just expressed by how resonating their cheering is, but by how they choose to dress before heading to the games.

When my fellow fashionistas are considering what to wear to a football game, there are many options that they can choose. What some girls like to wear for a football game consists of a purple, gold or black dress with some cute cowboy boots and a pendant necklace, bangles or earrings to match, occasionally with a cardigan when the weather gets chilly. Not only is an outfit of this degree full of school spirit, it is also fashion forward. So while my stylish female comrades are trying to figure out what ensemble to sport for the next big game, why not try a black maxi-dress with a skinny gold belt? Or what about a purple pencil skirt with a white tank top? These outfits are perfectly appropriate for some football fashion.

As most Pirates know, where there is one preppy girl, you will usually find multiple preppy guys. When one spots a male student at a Pirate football game, he is usually wearing a purple, gold or white button down,



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# The history of Pirate TAILGATING

### Cornhole and grilling were not tailgating traditions in the 80's



Alumni Randy Cole (left) and Tom Stone (right) tailgated at the home game this past Saturday. They both remember a time when traditions were different.

TJ Weaver  
STAFF WRITER

For many fans, Pirate tailgating is more than just a social event; it's a way of life. On game days, Greenville awakens at the crack of dawn, with students, parents, teachers and alumni gathering to support the university's football team. However, ask any alumni who graduated at least 10 or more years ago and they'll tell you Pirate tailgating was a whole different experience.

There's no doubt that things were much different in the 80's. MTV played music videos, sitcoms ruled the air and the legal drinking age was 18. In 1983, the drinking age in North Carolina was raised to 19, and then again raised to 21 in 1986. This slight adjustment changed the tailgating experience forever.

Alumni, Randy Cole and Tom Stone, from the Class of 1985, reminisced on the days when people used tailgating as an excuse to socialize and drink.

"The drinking age is much

different now," said Cole. "Before games we all used to hang out, find a friend with a van, sit in the trunk and drink from the keg. Cornhole didn't exist back then."

"The culture was different back then. We were a little more experimental because people had less of a sheltered period," said Stone. "When 18 hit, we were on our own. The university is more involved now than they were back in '81."

Imagine walking through The Jungle or the Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium parking lot before a game and yelling, "Purple!" but no one yelling back "Gold!" In fact, students in the 80's had an entirely different set of traditions.

"Today, there's a lot more involvement with the crowd," said Stone. "We never had the rituals. We never even had 'Purple and Gold.' We had 'Hey! Hey! E-C You look so good to me!' Don't you add that 'U' in there!"

In the 80's, even the games were completely different. While the rivalry with North Carolina State

existed, it wasn't nearly as strong as it is now.

"Back then, we played all the Florida schools — Miami, Florida State, the Gators. We also played Duke my freshman year," said Cole. "With State, it was a rivalry, but it wasn't as rabid as it was now. They would never come to us. We'd play at their stadiums."

According to Anne Hill and Lawrence Hill, both alumni, Class of 1988 and Class of 2001 respectively, Pirate tailgating has evolved into something much more than just socializing. Now it's an art form.

"Things are way more elaborate," said Anne. "We only had a couple assigned parking spaces. We used to come out only a couple hours before the game. Now, we come out 6-7 hours before the game."

"There wasn't any grilling out or Wings Over Greenville delivery," added Lawrence. "We tailgated with other couples and then went out to eat at Parkers. That was it."

Now, 25 years later, Lawrence, Anne, Cole and Stone continue to

tailgate. And just as Pirate tailgating has changed over time, so has life for these four alumni.

"Today we tailgate with my son, Ryan and his friends," said Cole. "Some gamedays, I'll bring down a buddy. Whatever friends want to go, I just bring them with me."

"For our family, tailgating has become a Saturday ritual. It's our family time during the week," said Anne.

"I've been in the Pirate Club for 20 years now," said Lawrence. "We enjoy tailgating in The Jungle. But back in the day, we used to tailgate where the new track field is now — it's funny how things have changed."

Time may change Pirate tailgating traditions, but it will never change a Pirate's heart. While fans may differ in age, it's Pirates' love and passion for Purple and Gold that keep fans together. Cole speaks on behalf of all Pirates when he says, "I bleed purple."

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## Students cope with Irene's damage

### Clement Hall roommates clean up flooded dorm room

Leila Falls  
STAFF WRITER

Flooded and damaged — Greenville took quite a punch from Irene.

Although Irene's notorious visit on Aug. 27 led to cancellation of classes on Monday and Tuesday, some student living is still under repair.

"On the housing side, our most difficult situations have occurred in Greene, White and Clement halls," said William McCartney, associate vice chancellor of Campus Living and Dining, in an email sent to all students on Aug. 29.

Clement Hall experienced ceiling damage on the tenth floor, resulting in flooding that awoke some of the dorm residents.

"I heard dripping from the air conditioning vent, then I saw the room was flooded," said Shannon Smith, a freshman English education major.

Even though many residents evacuated with the threat of Irene approaching, Smith and her roommate Elizabeth Johnson remained in their 3rd floor room located on the north side of the building. "I would have come back to a room that was totally flooded if I didn't stay," said Smith.

Clement residents experiencing direct hits from Irene were forced to take immediate action. "We had five trashcans up catching water," said Smith. "They filled up every 30 minutes."

After alerting their neighbors, Smith and Johnson hustled in the cleanup to prevent the escalation of the leaks by placing towels down.

"It was literally a waterfall," said Johnson, a freshman business major. "Throughout the day, it got progressively worse."

One leak over Johnson's desk made the soak-zone go from worst to best.

"Everything on my desk was covered in water. Homework, phone and my brand new Mac," said Johnson.

Although professors have understood her "Irene-ate-my-homework" excuse, Johnson had to redo the assignments and deal with a soggy computer.

"It's fine now, but I have to file a claim in case it gets a glitch," said Johnson.

Irene's messes are currently listed from high



Freshmen roommates Elizabeth Johnson (left) and Shannon Smith (right) cleaned up the flooding in their dorm room in Clement Hall with the help of their RA (far right) after Hurricane Irene.

to low priority. "The vast majority of the damage from water to our buildings is cosmetic in nature and the restoration of paint and drywall repair may take several weeks," said McCartney, in the post-Irene email.

Incidentally, the water damage caused Smith and Johnson's room and clothes to smell like mildew, for which bleach was the remedy.

"We had to buy all these cleaning supplies," said Smith. "There was mold on the wood under our beds."

The mold and mildew caused from flooding may have a slot on the bottom half of the list, but it is still harmful. According to WebMD, "When mold is growing on a surface, spores can

be released into the air where they can be easily inhaled. If you're sensitive to mold and inhale a large number of spores, you could experience health problems."

The moisture in their dorm room left behind a harsh cold for Johnson and large bubble spots on the ceiling and walls.

"I tried to hang stuff back up and it won't stick," said Smith.

After the intense weekend, people from the university came to check on the room and to follow up on the list of damages.

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# Uncovering nautical past in N.C. river

**Mike Davis**  
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Throughout the month of September, campus's maritime studies program, along with the UNC Coastal Studies Institute and the Pocosin Arts Center, will be conducting research on shipwrecks in the Scuppernong River and Bull Bay located in Columbia, N.C.

Last spring, Nathan Richards, associate professor in the program of maritime studies and interim program head for the UNC Coastal Studies Institute, was asked if he could conduct an archeological and historical survey of the river, in hopes of finding information on the many shipwrecks in the area.

Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday over the upcoming month, Richards and seven maritime studies graduate students from his Advanced Methods course will carpool to Columbia and perform shipwreck research.

"The Scuppernong River hasn't been looked at since the 1980s," said Richards. "Other than that, no one has worked on the river. It is unexamined. The local community has an interest in understanding more of the history of the region."

The seven students are doing research on topics, including the fishing industry and shipbuilding in Tyrrell County, transport networks and the

development of Columbia, to name a few. Some of the research topics should help show the history of the once prominent Native American settlement in the area, the shipping industry that took ships from Elizabeth City to Columbia and the regional slave trade.

To help perform the everyday surveys, Richards will show his students how to properly use highly advanced technological devices, such as a side-scan sonar. This device sends out sound waves and brings back readings that "pick up undulations in the earth's magnetic field," according to Richards.

"It's going from the academics to the theory and the methods ... down to the very hard science of sonar and magnetometry," said Dan Brown, a third year maritime studies graduate student. Brown looks forward to putting into action the past three years of preparation.

These technologies, along with the students' knowledge and understanding of the surrounding area, will ideally lead to a community heritage trail. This way, people have a better understanding of the history and evolution of the region.

On Nov. 29, these students, along with Richards and the UNC Coastal Studies Institute, will each share their findings to the public in 20-minute presentations at a symposium during the Pocosin Arts Folk School. This just so

happens to be the same school that will be providing these Pirates with lodging and food for the month.

If everything goes according to plan, the group of researchers will receive a grant in January to help further educate the public. The grant would allow them to collaborate with Michael Dermody, who works with the School of Art and Design.

The collaboration will result in 12, three to five minute documentaries where Dermody will "package the historical and archeological data into movies that are then downloaded into iPods and iPads," said Richards. "They are GPS triggered. You walk to a place there is a wreck and the story of the wreck emerges."

One of the aims for the survey is to not only find the information and put it in scholarly journals, but to convey it with the community and the millions of people that drive by Columbia on their way to destinations such as the Outer Banks.

Through the emerging hours of sonar-scanning, magnetometry readings and video editing, the maritime studies program and its partners hope to show more than just a few lost ships, as they prepare to embark into the blue.

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and some type of shorts in either khaki, purple or gold. Occasionally, he is wearing a bow tie, and Sperrys or Rainbows. This look for men is easy to throw on, gets a couple of glances from the ladies and is threaded with school spirit. Most guys do not realize that you do not have to be "into fashion" to look like you did not get dressed in the dark. When searching for your ensemble, go into your closet and look for a solid top or bottom that is one of our school's colors. After you've selected your top or bottom of choice, pair it with a neutral. Throw on your shoes, add some shades and you are ready to hit the stands.

I know that many of you fall into the categories that I just discussed, but I also realize that some of you do not. Don't fret. There is another option

for the garments that you could wear as you venture into the stadium, casual clothes. For those of you who do not even consider dressing up for a football game, whether it is because of the hot weather or the fact that you are just not that into it, there is always the option of being decked out in some casual clothes with loads of school spirit, like your favorite football jersey or an old Student Pirate Club t-shirt. All that you need to worry about is remaining comfortable, while still being able to stand out as a diehard Pirate fan.



All of these clothing ideas are chic, stylish and ideal for Pirate football fashion. From the stands of the game to the booths at the restaurant you go to afterwards and all the way to that after-party you attend with your friends, these looks are going to be crowd favorites.

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Maritime studies graduate student William Schilling (right) deploys the side scan sonar sensor during an ongoing survey of the Scuppernong River. Nathan Richards (left) is the primary investigator of the project and an associate professor of maritime studies in the history department.



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"It was Monday," said Smith. "By that time, we had cleaned up the room ourselves."

This holding-down-the-fort experience has made the freshmen's parents nervous.

"My mom thought the water was up to the ceiling when I said it was flooded," said Smith. "She was upset that it was my first year in college and she was unable to help," said Smith.

Although Irene's aftermath has been frustrating, Smith is relieved that it wasn't

as bad as her previous hurricane devastation. "In 1999, my house in Ayden completed flooded. (Irene) could have been a lot worse."

Smith and Johnson believe their RA was helpful but resources were limited. "I thought that our building would be a little more prepared (structurally), since the university is near the coast," said Johnson. "My living space was violated by the storm."

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## Hokies *steal* home opener

### Around the conference: Week 2

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### Strandberg sets the pace for women's golf

#### Staff Reports

ECU was far from an underdog on the women's side of the Golfweek Program Challenge. The Pirates, who finished last season No. 50 in the Golfweek/Sagarin College Rankings, were five-under in their last eight holes, shot one-under 283 and took an eight-stroke lead over James Madison and Texas State after the first round at Caledonia Golf and Fish Club.

Leader Julia Strandberg mixed six birdies with three bogeys, playing the last seven holes in five-under, to pace East Carolina with a three-under 68. For Strandberg, it was her career-low round, topping her 73 in the first round of the 2010 Windy City Challenge.

Teammates Katie Kirk (freshman) and Fanny Wotle (sophomore) posted even rounds of 71, while senior Amy Otteson fired a two-over par 73. Rounding out the Pirate's squad was sophomore Faith Hardison, who finished 12-over.

Part of the allure of the Golfweek Program Challenge is that it identifies not only the men's and women's team champion but also the program winner. The program winner is the school with the lowest cumulative score.

### Men's golf moves to fourth place

#### Staff Reports

The men's golf team carded an eight-under 280 on Monday to move to 15-under and into fourth place following the second round of play the Golfweek Program Challenge. The Pirates trail co-leaders Campbell and Jacksonville State, which are 21-under each, by six strokes heading into the final round Tuesday at the True Blue Golf Resort.

Senior David Watkins parred 13 holes and birdied five others to card a second round five-under 67 and moving into third place at nine-under, two shots behind individual leader Andrew Gai of Campbell. Jacksonville State's Tomaz Anderson finished the day in second place, one shot behind Anderson.

Watkins' fellow senior teammate Adam Stephenson fired a four-under 68 to move up 19 spots into a tie for seventh at four-under through 36 holes. Stephenson birdied four of the last nine holes after shooting even par on the front nine.

Senior Harold Varner carded a par 72 during Monday's second round to remain at two-under for the tournament.

ECU will begin third round play today at 8:30 a.m., paired with Central Arkansas and Northern Iowa.



Hokie running back David Wilson breaks through the Pirate defensive line during the first half of Saturday's game at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

**Adam Bunn**  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

For the second straight week, the Pirates led a top-15 team at halftime. And for the second straight week, the Pirates were unable to hold on, falling to Virginia Tech 17-10 in what will go down as the worst offensive performance in the short Ruffin McNeill era.

Hokie running back Josh Oglesby scored from 10 yards out with 7:30 left in the fourth quarter, providing Virginia Tech with the game-winning score.

The Pirates offense, which has been known to score points in bunches, was humiliated by the famed Bud Foster defense, totaling only 112 yards of total offense, including negative 15 yards rushing on 16 carries.

Despite the anemic offensive numbers, the execution of the new 3-4 defensive scheme gave the Pirates a chance to win the ball game until a Oglesby score.

"In the last two weeks, we've faced not just two good football teams but two great football teams," said McNeill, during his post-game press conference. "We faced two teams that will win their divisions, have a chance to win their conference and then have a chance to go to the national championship game. And I feel like we should really have

won both football games."

Trailing 7-3 at the start of the second half, the Hokies wasted little time taking their first drive of the half straight down the field. A 39-yard run by David Wilson put the Hokies into ECU territory.

Following a third-and-12 conversion to Jarrett Boykin, Oglesby, a North Carolina native, rushed around the right side for the score, giving the Hokies their first lead of the game.

After the teams exchanged turnovers, the Pirates were able to knot the score at 10-10, on a Michael Barbour 48-yard field goal.

With the defense forcing the Hokies into numerous three-and-out situations, the Pirates' offense was given several chances to seize control of the ballgame.

However, quarterback Dominique Davis and company were unable to move the ball going out on downs with two minutes left in the game. The failure to convert allowed the Hokies to run the clock out and claim victory.

"It was just a bad day on my part as a leader," said Davis, who completed 20 of 38 passes for 127 yards. "I did a terrible job today of trying to lead the team to a victory, or even to a drive here and there."

The Virginia Tech offense didn't fare much better than the Pirates. Starting quarterback Logan Thomas completed only 8-of-20 passes for 91 yards. But the one thing the Hokie offense was able to do was run the football. Thomas, Oglesby and David Wilson all averaged over 4 yards a carry. Virginia Tech

rushed 50 times for 241 yards as a team, with Wilson accounting for 144 of those yards.

The Pirates got the scoring started on their second drive of the ball game. After a blown Virginia Tech punt, the Pirates started its drive at the VT 38-yard line. In just five plays, the Pirates moved the ball to the Hokies 3-yard line where Michael Dobson took it in for the first touchdown of his college career.

For the Hokies, in the first half the story was a tale of missed opportunities.

Twice, the Hokies had the ball inside the Pirates 10-yard line. Both times, they were unable to come up with points on a missed 30-yard field goal and a dazzling interception by Damon Magazu, as he was falling out of the end zone.

While the Pirates offense struggled early, so did the Hokies' defense. Virginia Tech, not typically known for committing penalties, had two takeaways overturned due to penalties and committed 12 total in the game.

The Hokies finally got on the board late in the second quarter after a 13-play drive that consisted of 12 runs and only one pass. Kicker Cody Journell nailed a 39-yard attempt to draw the Hokies closer,

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|                    | VT    | ECU   |
|--------------------|-------|-------|
| Points             | 17    | 10    |
| First Downs        | 20    | 11    |
| Total Net Yards    | 332   | 112   |
| Rush Yards         | 241   | -15   |
| Pass Yards         | 91    | 127   |
| Fumbles- Lost      | 2-1   | 1-0   |
| Penalties- Yards   | 12-92 | 0-0   |
| Time of Possession | 37:22 | 22:38 |

## Pirates force draw against No. 21 William and Mary

**Daniel Brockman**  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The Pirates continued their high level of play Sunday afternoon when they reached a 2-2 draw against No. 21 William & Mary.

ECU head coach Rob Donnenwirth praised his bench for responding when called to perform.

"Without that, we wouldn't have gotten the win today," he said. "The biggest positive I got out of today was we had some players come off our bench and make a huge impact. Kelley Johnson scores a goal, Lexi Miller scores a goal, Brett does a great job beating defenders and getting the cross to Lexi."

Sophomore Christiane Cordero tallied a season-high nine saves in goal for the Pirates, while senior Kimmy Cummings recorded her second assist of the season and team-leading 12th point.

The Pirates wasted little time trying to get on the board with Cummings's early shot in the third minute of play. However, it was the Tribe of William & Mary that drew the first goal of the contest just minutes later.

"They're a good team, and I thought their possession game was great," Donnenwirth said.

Momentum shifted back to the Pirates when true freshman Kelley Johnson netted her first career goal in the 42nd minute of the first half. The goal developed when freshman Lexi Miller slid a ball through to Cummings who delivered the assist to a waiting Johnson.

"It definitely brought up our

energy and made us ready to go in the second half to even play harder," Mackenzie Semerad said of the equalizing goal.

The Tribe took the lead once again, this time with a goal just five minutes into the second half. The Pirates did not crack under pressure and tied the game at two-apiece with a header that Miller was able to sneak past the William & Mary keeper. Semerad passed a ball through to Virginia native Brett Thomas who lifted a crossed ball for the final assist to Miller.

Miller's goal was the first of her career, and Thomas's assist was her first career assist.

Cordero withstood a late barrage of shots from William & Mary to send the contest into overtime. During the first overtime period, neither goalie had to register a save while both teams struggled to put together solid runs. The second overtime period proved to be more exciting with both teams vying for the win. On multiple occasions Cordero ended up on the pitch while fighting to keep the Pirates hopes for a win alive.

"When she was called upon, she made some great saves," said Donnenwirth.

Playing from behind all day was certainly not ECU's game plan, but overcoming multiple deficits may have given the Pirates confidence moving forward in the season.

The Pirates return to action on Sunday when they play at Francis Marion.

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Freshman Lexi Miller (22) bumps a header past Tribe defender Ali Heck (4) during the second half of Sunday's home game against William & Mary.

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heading into the half.

Leading the way for the Pirates on the ground was running back Michael Dobson who carried four times for 11 yards, while Michael Bowman was the leading receiver, catching three passes for 34 yards in his first game back from his one game suspension.

The Pirates will have two weeks to get their offense repaired as they enter their bye week. "I don't want off weeks this early in the season," McNeill said. "I don't have control of that part, but I wish we had a game quicker than we do. I'd like to get back on the field and have another opponent to play."

The Pirates will have to wait until Sept. 24 for that game, when they welcome UAB into Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

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# Volleyball goes 1-2 at UNCW

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An exciting weekend of action for the Women's Volleyball team drew to a close in Wilmington, as the Pirates completed participation in three games of the Hilton Garden Inn Mayfaire Tournament.

The Pirates opened tournament play against host UNC Wilmington, picking up a convincing victory before falling to N.C. State and Charleston Southern respectively the next day. The victory and two ensuing defeats pushed the Pirates to a record of 2-5.

Southern and the home squad put on a show for the audience in a five set thriller that ended with a disheartening loss for ECU.

The Pirates put forth a well-rounded statistical display throughout a game headlined by sophomore Shelby Beasley's school-record of 32 digs in this match alone. Kasey Kavanaugh also established the team's first double-double of the season, with 35 assists and 10 digs. Not to be outdone, Britney Roper posted an impressive 16 kills against the Buccaneers and the team as a whole recorded 13 blocks.

After the first four sets ended in a 2-2 draw, the Pirates entered the crucial fifth set and found themselves down early. A kill from CSU's Amy Nokes made the score 8-4, but ECU was able to go on a 7-2 run to take the lead by one (11-10). With the game seemingly in the Pirates' hands, the Buccaneers staged a game-changing 5-1 run in the match's final six points to seal the win. The victory marked the first of the year for the Buccaneers (1-9).

Earlier in the day, ECU faced rival N.C. State, losing 3-0 by scores of 7-25, 25-27,

20-25. The Pirates were at the disadvantage in kills (46-19), digs (38-27) and assists (44-18) in the losing effort.

After a disappointing first set, the Pirates responded well, scoring five of the sets first six points. N.C. State was able to tie the game at nine, and slowly built a lead as the game progressed. Nearing the end of the set, ECU went on an 8-2 run to take the lead at 24-23, needing just one point to win. Two quick scores by the Wolfpack and a Roper kill knotted the game at 25, but a final kill by Nicole Glass and Margaret Salata each sealed the entertaining set in the Wolfpack's favor.

Leading 19-18 in the third set, the Pirates looked poised to stage a comeback, but a 7-1 run by the Wolfpack allowed N.C. State to finish the match in three sets.

In beating UNC Wilmington to open the tournament, the Pirates have now claimed 15 straight wins over UNCW.

Wilmington raced out to a 20-9 lead in the first set, proving to be a formidable opponent by taking the set 25-13.

The Pirates regrouped in the second set, as an Amanda Lutzow score put the Pirates ahead 9-5. As the set went on, there was nothing UNCW could do to take the lead from the Pirates, as the 9-5 lead grew to a decisive 25-14 set victory.

Riding off of the victory in the second set, ECU recorded 22 of its 34 kills in the third and fourth sets, securing victory over Wilmington in the process. Players Kelly Derby and Jackie Varnum represented the Pirates on the All-Tournament team.

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Junior Caty Butler (2) plays the ball through midfield against William & Mary on Sunday.

## Off-season work pays off

Stephen McNulty  
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The Pirates are led by a group of senior players who have logged tons of experience for the university, but upstart junior Caty Butler is playing great and is a big part of the Pirates 4-1-1 start.

As a sophomore in 2010, Butler finished tied for second on the team with four goals. Through six matches in 2011 she has already matched that. The junior scored her first goal of the season against Old Dominion, then scored the only two goals of the match against UNC Wilmington, before adding her fourth goal at Charlotte.

Coach Rob Donnenth believes that Butler's improved fitness is a large part of her success.

"(Butler) has always been someone that is a good player," Donnenth said. "How long she could stay in the game was always the question. Especially when we have a game on Friday then again on Sunday and the fitness really kicks in."

Butler has started four of the six games, and has played in all six. She failed to break 65 minutes in a game in 2010. However, she racked up 67 minutes in her two-goal outing against UNCW. She was also on the pitch for 92 minutes in the double-over-time draw against William

& Mary.

The Texas native couldn't agree more with the coach. "It's my fitness and the amount of time getting to play," Butler said. "But it's also the team. When everyone is on, it's easy to be good and it's easy to score."

Over the summer, Butler decided against going home to instead stay in Greenville and train over the offseason with some of her teammates.

"At home, it is just me and you really can't push yourself as hard as you need to. But being with my teammates and actually doing the fitness packet made a difference," Butler said.

Donnenth agreed with his standout junior.

"For some people, it may be playing more games," he added. "For Caty (Butler), it was doing more work in the weight room and running and all those things that made the biggest impact."

Whatever the cause may be, the improvement is obvious. Butler has already surpassed her point total from last year with nine points, trailing only Kimmy Cummings (12) for the team lead. She also has improved her accuracy greatly, putting six of her seven shots on the season on goal.

"Her finishing has improved a lot. Her left foot is a lot better and she is not just shooting it. Sometimes

she uses power. Sometimes she bends the ball," Donnenth said. "Against Charlotte, she had a long range ball from 35 yards and against [UNC] Wilmington. She dribbled the keeper on a break away, where maybe her freshman or sophomore year she panics and blasts the ball."

At 5-foot-5-inches tall, Butler hardly looks like a physical threat on the field. That is until the scrappy midfielder goes to work.

"I think people underestimate me because I'm short and I think I just do the little things. The other team might think the ball is going to go out but I get to it and be one step ahead. I run everything down," Butler said.

Donnenth sees Butler's height as a bit of a factor too, except in a slightly different way.

"She is really good at getting lost and being sneaky as far as attacking and finding seams," he added. "But (Butler) is also one of our best headers. She's very fast and quick ... and my nickname for her is jack rabbit because that's what she is like on the field."

If Butler can continue her hot streak into conference play, the Pirates could find themselves on the winning side.

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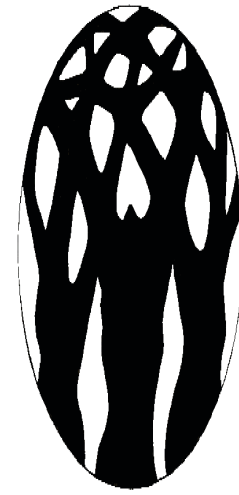
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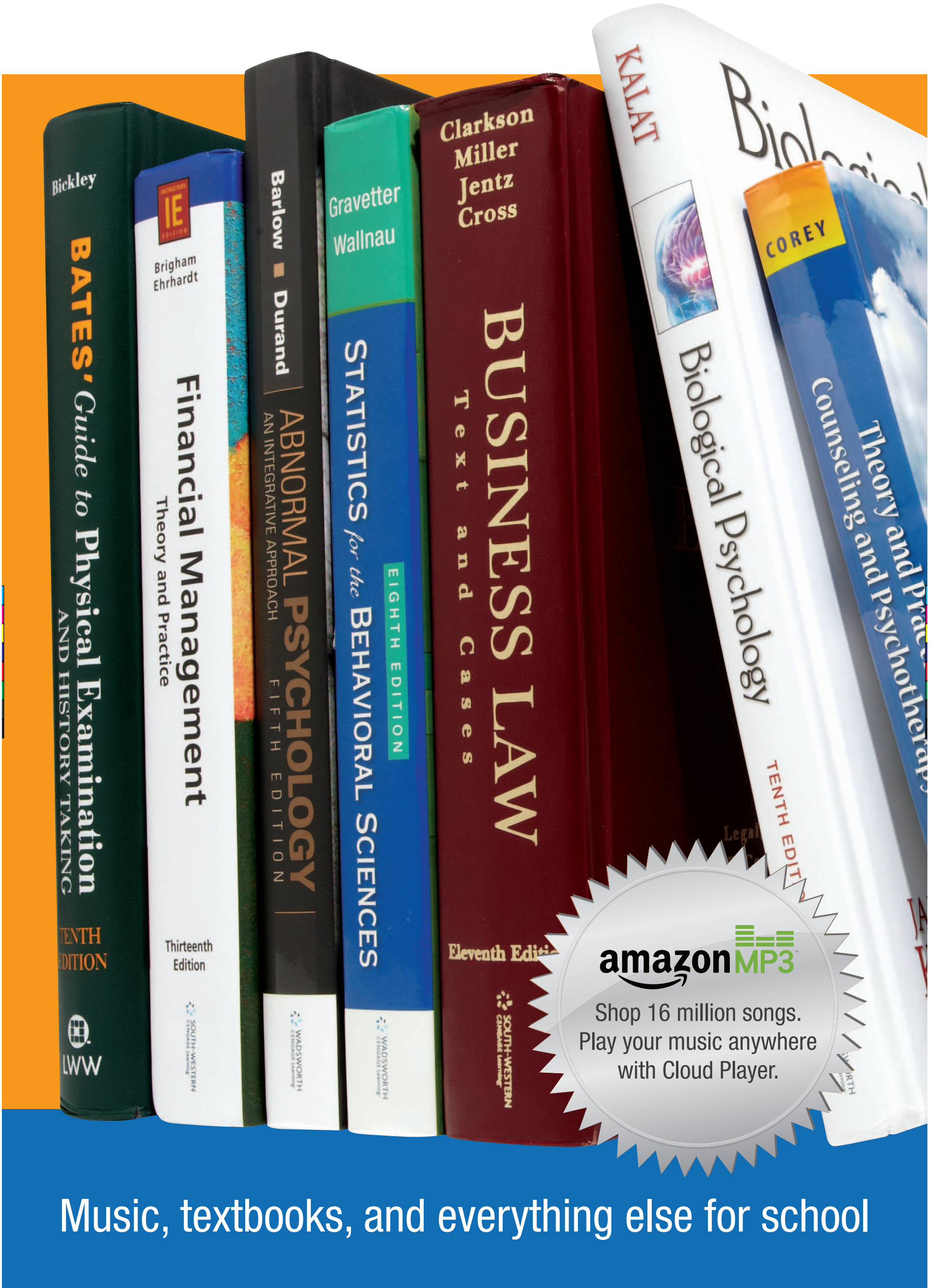
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