



BRIEFS

Painting stolen from Anthropology department

Staff Reports

On Tuesday, a painting was stolen from the anthropology department.

According to Holly Mathews, a professor in the department, the artwork was housed in the Flanagan building and was stolen between 5 p.m. and 8 a.m.

The painting is a Huichol yarn painting and is a large square about two and a half feet long on each side.

The painting was initially collected 40 years ago and is worth quite a bit of money as it has ethnographic value.

The department is asking for the painting to be returned, no questions asked. Anyone with information should contact Holly Mathews at (252) 328-9452 or at mathewsh@ecu.edu.

Obama speaks in Raleigh

Staff Reports

President Barack Obama made his second visit to the triangle since June.

Obama came to promote his \$450 billion jobs program that will put 19,000 construction workers in the state back to work, WTN reported.

This is the third event Obama has hosted recently to promote his jobs bill.

Two people charged in machete robberies

Staff Reports

Travis Deshawn Branch, 24 and Travis Lorenzo Moye, 22, were arrested after police found a car believed to be used in a robbery on Tuesday.

At around 1:15 a.m., the police stopped the burgundy Camry the men were driving and a machete was found inside.

According to The Daily Reflector, the weapon was supposedly used in a robbery Tuesday at a Kangaroo on Charles Blvd. and several other locations.

Bond was set at \$500,000 for Branch and bond is still pending for Moye.

Car wreck closes road

Staff Reports

A late night accident on Hooker Road backed up traffic and shut it down for several hours.

A car was going north between Greenville and Arlington boulevards when it swerved across the median and crossed two lanes of traffic, WNCT reported.

The car ended up hanging over the banks of a creek but no



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Downtown is full of students on the weekends, which keeps the A.L.E. busy patrolling clubs for underage drinkers and students using fictitious IDs.

A.L.E. safe from potential cuts

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Last March, there was concern that North Carolina's Alcohol Law Enforcement agency may be cut, however, it was kept despite the state budget shortfall.

The potential cut of the A.L.E. was just one of many cuts that would have lessened the funding given to the state's law enforcement. A.L.E. is a statewide agency that enforces the state's alcohol laws. It has 112 sworn officers and aims mostly at reducing underage drinking.

The agency began in 1977 after "the enforcement arm of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission was separated and placed under the North Carolina Department of Crime Control & Public Safety," states its website.

The agency is split into districts, with Pitt County included in District II, along with eight other counties, such as Wilson, Carteret and Lenoir.

According to News and Record, eliminating the agency would have saved an estimated \$9.5 million and would have helped bridge the \$2.4 billion budget gap for the fiscal year that began on July 1.

However, many lawmaker's had concerns about handing over

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Officer Mazingo (left) Cpl. Montayne and Sgt. Williams patrol outside of 5th Street Distillery; keeping downtown safe on Friday night.



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Sophomore nursing major Leann Burton plays volleyball at the new courts at the North Rec. Complex.

Beach open to public at NRC

DaJuan Lucas
STAFF WRITER

Today, Campus Recreation and Wellness will unveil the North Recreation Complex Phase II area. This area will display a beach, along with other dimensions to the venue. The beach will be released to the public during the Beach Festival that is scheduled to take place at the complex today.

Phase II of the North Recreation Complex is complete with a six-acre lake and eight green multi-purpose fields available for club and intramural sports, such as flag football, rugby and soccer, just to name a few.

The complex was constructed

by the university's efforts to enhance the physical activities that students generally partake on a normal basis on campus.

Interim Associate Vice Chancellor Nancy Mize said, "Promoting healthy and active lifestyles are our goals."

The beach and various elements that make up Phase II cost \$1.3 million dollars. The actual funding that assisted in the building of Phase II came from students, in the campus recreation and wellness portion of tuition that is taken from students' tuition fees.

There are two more phases left in the whole development. As of right now, the university does not have sufficient funds to begin the additional phases.

"From an economic standpoint, the complex has the potential to provide excellent economic gain for not only the campus but the city of Greenville as a whole," said Mize.

The university has plans to work alongside academics to start bringing some classes to the complex, such as kayaking and volleyball, as well as classes in the exercise sports science degree program. Most importantly, the beach will serve the campus for mainly recreational purposes.

In addition to the beach, there are other activities that students can engage themselves in while visiting the area. According to Mize, "the area provides a new element to students and to Greenville." A disc golf course, volleyball court, boat house and challenge courses are all a part of the North Recreational Complex Phase II area. "Phase II has a lot of potential to be a great addition to the university," according to Associate Director of Facilities Janis Steele.

"It provides another opportu-

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Rise in marijuana use present on campus

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STAFF WRITER

In just the first three weeks of the fall semester, there has been a 29 percent increase of drug related citations or arrests given by the university's police, raised from the 2010 year.

According to the university police's daily crime log, the first three weeks of the 2011 year have held three simple possession of marijuana citations. In addition, there were six citations or arrests for possession of marijuana, two of which with the intent to sell.

Since 2007, the national marijuana use has increased amongst young adults from the ages of 18 to 25, according to the National Survey of Drug Use and Health.

"I feel that the university is definitely reflective of the overall national trend," said Bob Prophet, associate director at the Center for Counseling and Student Development.

According to Prophet, young people don't see the use of marijuana as problematic and their perceived risk of marijuana use has gone down as the use of it has gone up.

"I know that students on campus are using drugs because a lot of people are very open about it," said sophomore communications major, Samantha Rice.

Possession of drugs or drug paraphernalia, fighting or physical assault, possession of weapons and larceny are the "big four" zero tolerance policies for the Campus Living contract at the university, according

to Bill McCartney, associate vice chancellor of Campus Living and Dining Services.

If a student violates one of the policies, Campus Living makes an initial recommendation whether a student should be removed from Campus Living. If the committee decides to remove the student, that student has the right to appeal the decision to a committee. If the committee decides not to overturn the decision, the student's last appeal is to McCartney.

Within the first three weeks of the 2011 academic year, McCartney has had six students appeal to him.

There has been an increase in appeals so far this year, due to a significant change on campus that is more consistent with other universities in the state. Students who are required to move out of Campus Living because of a violation lose 50 percent of the rest of their prorated rent to Campus Living, unlike previous years when the students would receive a full refund, according to McCartney.

"Students should be kicked out of the dorms on their first offense for drugs. It's something we've known not to do since we were kids," said Brittany Ratzlaff, a sophomore social work major.

Possession and the use of marijuana by a student is a direct violation of the university's Student Code of Conduct. Maggie Olszewski, the director of the Students Rights and Responsibilities, works with three

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ECU adds new bachelor's of science degree

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Last year, the department of geography introduced a new program to the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences. Students can now obtain a bachelor's degree in applied atmospheric science.

The applied atmospheric science degree follows a new model with a strong geotechnical component that is unique among the current traditional atmospheric science programs offered in N.C.

This new degree incorporates all the courses in the atmospheric science degree plus a strong concentration in geographic information science courses. The geographic information courses are now highly demanded by employers, making students with this degree more optimal candidates to hire. The geography job market has changed significantly in the 21st century and employees are now expected to know how to operate meteorological instrumentation technology.

"Adding these geospatial classes to the meteorology degree is making the program much more marketable," said geography professor Scott Curtis. In these geospatial classes students will learn about things such as GIS mapping technology, GPS for weather systems, different types of meteorological instruments and satellites.

Although there have been numerous degrees dropped from the school due to budget cuts, geography professor Rosana Nieto Ferreira seems to believe that the degree will last because it is the only one that exists in N.C. "There is a lot of weather going on where we are located. Eastern North Carolina is going to suffer a lot from global climate change. With this degree, we will be able to understand the climate change and the consequences," said Ferreira.

The area is so vulnerable to hurricanes, floods and droughts. The major focus of the

degree is studying these hazardous weather conditions allowing professors and students to help the area better prepare for these dangerous events. "This program will help us better predict storms which will allow us to help the economic prosperity of N.C.," said Curtis.

A few weeks ago during hurricane Irene, a group of students got to experience first hand how to take measurements during dangerous weather conditions. "We were driving around in hard wind and rain and got to learn how to take measurements in conditions such as these. Having this program is going to allow the school to have it's own people knowing what is going on and let students know exactly what to do," said junior applied atmospheric science major Noah Poe.

The program is already doing better than predicted. "There are 17 students declared in this major in the second year and we were only expecting around five," said Ferreira. With the program being very unique, it is expected to

attract many people from other areas to obtain this geotechnical-based degree.

The job market for this program covers a large range from working at the National Weather Service to working with NASA. Traditionally, jobs in the geography field have been government operated, but are now switching to the private sector field. The large amount of private companies such as environmental risk companies are developing, due to the progress in meteorological technology.

Many professors in the department do a large amount of fieldwork and allow students to participate. There are two state-of-the-art weather stations located near campus, run by geography professor Hong-Bing Su. These stations allow students to get first hand experience working with instruments, such as these, by taking actual measurements.

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the power of the agency to local law enforcement, even though it would help make up for some of the \$230 million in cuts that the justice and public safety programs needed to come up with.

But Diane Chapin, the special agent in charge of District II, said the agency did lose some of its \$14 million budget.

"Some of the way we operate has changed. We lost some of our vehicle allowance," said Chapin. "(But) we are still conducting enforcement as always."

Junior hospitality management major Deanna Fleming said she is glad the A.L.E. was not cut from the budget.

"I don't think it would have been good to have the burden placed on the local law enforcement," said Fleming. "It seems like they found another solution that made up for the \$9.5 million."

Initially, the plan was to move the role of A.L.E. to the State Bureau of Investigation.

In the end, the agency had to cut about 8 percent of its total budget. If the initial cut had actually happened, many officials say it would have created more work for the state and cost about 137 jobs.

Shortly after the possible elimination of A.L.E. was announced, Pitt County agents concluded a major operation that ended in the arrests of more than 200 people.

Most of the charges were for underage alcohol consumption and the illegal selling of alcohol at residences and businesses.

Operations like this one are why many lawmakers say it was vital to keep the A.L.E. agency.

"We certainly need the function. The state (liquor) system relies on enforcement of the rules," said Rep. John

Faircloth, who was on the justice budget writing committee, in a Daily Tarheel article.

Mariana Elia, a senior business management major, said she doesn't feel the A.L.E.'s presence really makes a difference when it comes to underage drinking.

"I think there are still going to be people using fake IDs," said Elia. "From my experiences going downtown with friends, knowing A.L.E. was there didn't stop them from using fakes."

According to Chapin, A.L.E. has been very successful so far this year. The agency has already made 135 arrests this month.

"Every kid we can keep from alcohol is a life saved," said Chapin.

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Connors meets athletic expectation

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Coaches and athletes are pleased with the new strength and conditioning program under the direction of Assistant Athletics Director for Strength and Conditioning Jeff Connors.

Connors began training the football team last year after being signed on to the Pirate staff in January. Even though all of the remaining teams did not begin the veteran coach's program until this fall, they are already seeing results.

"I have seen significant improvements in the football team, but my interest is way beyond just football. My interest is about every athletic program here and the university as a whole," said Connors. "I want all of the coaches to feel like we are making an impact."

According to Assistant Track and Field Coach Udon Cheek, the impact of Connors' direction will be huge by the time the track season begins.

"There is not a person that won't get a significant PR (personal record) on this team," Cheek said. "We've been waiting for a long time for something like this."

Assistant Women's Basketball Coach Fred Applin said he has already seen an increase in the strength of the players. "They are teaching them step by step so they are learning the correct way to lift, which allows them to lift more weight," Applin said.

It may be the emphasis on learning correct technique that plays a big part in Connors' philosophy for success, but it is not the only part.

"We are a meat and potatoes program. It is hard work, straining through heavy weight to get strong, having the knowledge to convert strength into power, a comprehensive approach, remembering that we are training athletes for each sport that has different needs and being able to equally motivate both males and females," Connors said about his philosophy.

Junior cheerleader Adelle Kirsch said, "They push us and they motivate us and they keep the energy in there pretty positive."

Connors also emphasizes that every Pirate is equally as important as the other. He even has his own definition of a pirate on the wall of the 22,000-square-foot strength and conditioning facility inside the Murphy

Center, which he helped design when he was the Director of Strength and Conditioning for the Pirates from 1990-2001.

A Pirate, according to Connors, is, "an athlete who demonstrates the utmost commitment to excellence through an unparalleled work ethic and contagious spirit."

"He's treating us like athletes," said sophomore Joran Vliegen, a sophomore on the tennis team. "He's taking the time and teaching us how to do it. It's tougher but I think it will help us in the future."

A senior on the baseball field, Kevin Brandt said, "We really just started up for the year about a month ago, but I like the guys in there this year. We are doing a lot of new lifts, a lot longer lifts."

As a result of the longer workouts designed to build strength and improve on sport-specific needs, Connors also hopes to see a significant decline in injuries.

"I had the benefit of working with Jeff for 10 years. His philosophy is 'the stronger you are, the more it keeps you from injury,'" said Head Athletic Trainer Mike Hanley. "I hope to see a reduction in injury because they will be stronger and in better condition to handle themselves."

Connors has 24 years of experience as a head strength and conditioning coach, having spent his last 10 seasons with the Tar Heels. During his previous 10 year stint with the Pirates, he earned a reputation for contributing to five bowl appearances, three post-season victories, 15 National Football League draft selections and representation in two final Top 25 polls (9th in 1991, 23rd in 1995).

Connors was also recently inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame and has been honored as a Master Strength & Conditioning Coach by the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association.

"I have a special interest and passion for the progression of this athletic program," said Connors. "I would love to see us get into a BCS conference. I think we have to make sure all of our teams are successful to achieve that."

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other people to handle all of the students conduct both on and off campus. If they feel that the student violated the code of conduct, they will apply the appropriate sanctions.

When a student is found to have even a small amount of marijuana for personal use and they have a clean record, they will still have serious

consequences. The student will have a year-long probation with the university, have to go to counseling, be subject to drug testing at any time there is a suspicion and if the student is under the age of 21, their parents will be notified, according to Olszewska.

"My kind of mission and my hope is that students will think about the possible

consequences of their decisions," said Olszewska. "It's my opinion that it is their personal choice if they smoke pot, drink or do cocaine, but I don't think that they realize the impact that it has on their life."

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nity for students to interact, socialize and have a good time."

During the Beach Festival, there will be various activities and sports available for students to participate in. From a challenge course to paintball, there will be much offered to students from a rec-

reational standpoint during festival. In addition to Beach Festival, another event taking place at the complex is Raffle at North Rec. Targeting the sophomore class, the Raffle at North Rec is hoping to provide them with as many activities as possible.

"Keep sophomores passionate about activities and recreation, along with promoting healthy habits and exercises. When they are freshmen, we provide them with plenty of activities, but

after their first year we neglect them a little. We are trying to avoid that and keep sophomores involved," according to Mize.

The festival will last from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the North Recreational Complex and transportation will be provided to students who would like to attend the grand opening of the beach.

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Is it "Hokies steal home opener" or should it be "ECU gives Hokies home opener?"

We are not in the SEC. Don't wear your sundress and cowboy boots to a football game!

Don't complain to the Athletic Department about you missing the opening kickoff. It's your fault for not arriving early and for being too drunk!

You know it's fall semester when everyone's Facebook status is how much they hate their classes and roommates.

None of my teachers know what time the classes they're teaching actually end.

Professors: If you can go an entire week without PowerPoint, then I'll go a week without texting in your class. We all have to make sacrifices.

You know you're bored in stats class when you're finding the mean median and mode of the ages of the girls you've slept with.

It is simply a disgrace that I spend more time in Joyner than I do at my apartment, especially this early in the semester. Where'd you go Freshman year?!

Dear uneducated rube: "U Jelly?" is an Internet meme. I believe that your friend likely used it properly considering how butthurt you are about it.

If you are sick of the rain already, then, honey, you should've gone somewhere other than Eastern North Carolina!

Freshmen: Showering is okay. Remember, you're not paying utilities.

I don't live there but it's called the Province, not the Providence. Way to go, dumb*ss.

I'm so sick of hearing about tennis! How about let's talk about a real sport, like women's soccer. Then I'll be interested.

You'll be 21 in three months. He'll be 21 in three years. Hello? Girl, bye.

Last weekend, I had sex with my first mom, my friends should now call me Finch. #26 on Bucket list marked off.

Walk around the campus, forget everybody. Students, professors, squirrels ... just everybody!

To all the girls who laugh at me as I walk by: Stop being so vain. Maybe I like my style. It's not my fault you dress like a slut.

Dear freshmen: Approaching the safe ride van like it's a hooker makes you look like an idiot. — Your safe ride driver

Question: Are there any girls that would exchange money for sex? Just curious.

8 a.m. class: Y U NO LET ME SLEEP?

Yes, ECU girls are for the most part really snobby. They'll make it out in the world by being your friend to your face and then talking to everyone else in the office about how much you annoy them. Beware.

ECU should build a water park out at North Rec!

It's not easy being green



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The Pirates have appeared to have been keeping up admirably with the UNC systems environmentally sound image in the last several years. Though the school introduced hybrid and electric vehicles into the transportation services and now has a program to cut down on waste in dining halls, the university is still far from being "green" in anything other than name.

Currently, the most blatant issue is the flawed recycling system for paper products. Outside of The Galley on College Hill, The Croatan or Destination 360 near Mendenhall, where paper Coca-Cola cups are sold to carry most fountain beverages, they almost universally find their way to the nearest trash can after use.

The same can be said of the pizza boxes and take-out bags there. Even the trendy paper coffee cups which have been so often touted as environmentally friendly by corporations like Starbucks get ignored. Between hungry and caffeine-addicted college students, faculty and visitors, this adds up. The results are visible in the garbage cans outside each of the most popular providers of campus foodstuffs.

Students can and should be recycling plastic bottles and metal cans, but the most common public recycling bins are delegated for these items alone. None of the paper containers of any kind are acceptable.

Inside individual department buildings like Bate, Brewster and

Austin, paper sheets and even this newspaper can be recycled. Have the coke cups and their ilk been abandoned by our green initiatives entirely?

Confronted with an issue like this, some might ask the obvious question: does the university care about being green, or just appearing so? After all, "green" has become the hot new trend from not-so-green corporations and organizations in today's increasingly Earth-conscious consumer marketplace.

I've already mentioned Starbucks' efforts to jump on this bandwagon, but they aren't alone. The term for promoting a shallow image of environmental sustainability is "greenwashing," and it aptly describes a multitude of attempts by various companies to clean up their public image.

Careful observers will note, for instance, that long before the Gulf Coast oil spill, BP had tried to harness the image of being green, and did much to show sunny landscapes and emphasize the literal greenness of their leafy logo. It doesn't make them particularly Green, but it does make them money.

At ECU or any other American university's case, the issue might not be quite so monetary. Environmental standards have been set forth by the UNC system, and the U.S. student population holds some of the most active voices in the environmental sustainability movement.

Most likely the universities are doing their best to keep these types, the "tree-huggers" and the vegan/vegetarian card-carrying members of the Sierra Club, happy and content with their campus environment.

But if any university thinks these types can be appeased, or their voices quieted with a news clipping about

shiny, new electric vehicles while perfectly recyclable trash piles up to their necks at every eatery on campus, they're mistaken.

Consider the paper Coca-Cola cup, because chances are you'll be holding one sometime today. Look it over closely. Do you see the universal "Recyclable" symbol on it anywhere? Moreover, do you see somewhere to put it when you're done with it? Somewhere that isn't a trashcan?

The only way to avoid filling up landfills with these items appears to be not to use them at all, and if the university wants us to stop using them, why are these ubiquitous Coca-Cola cups shipped in and regularly replaced in mountain-sized stacks every day? What our university is doing conflicts entirely with the image it wants to put forth to the world, the image of a "Green Campus."

It's great that our university has a few hybrid vehicles, and that fact shouldn't be minimized. It's also great that as a university, we've done away with the styrofoam trays that used to be our carry-out dishes from Todd and West End dining halls in favor of washable, permanent ones.

But if the "sustainability initiative," most pertinent to a student's day-to-day life, can't stand up to the most obvious of criticism, then it isn't a sustainability initiative, it's a joke.

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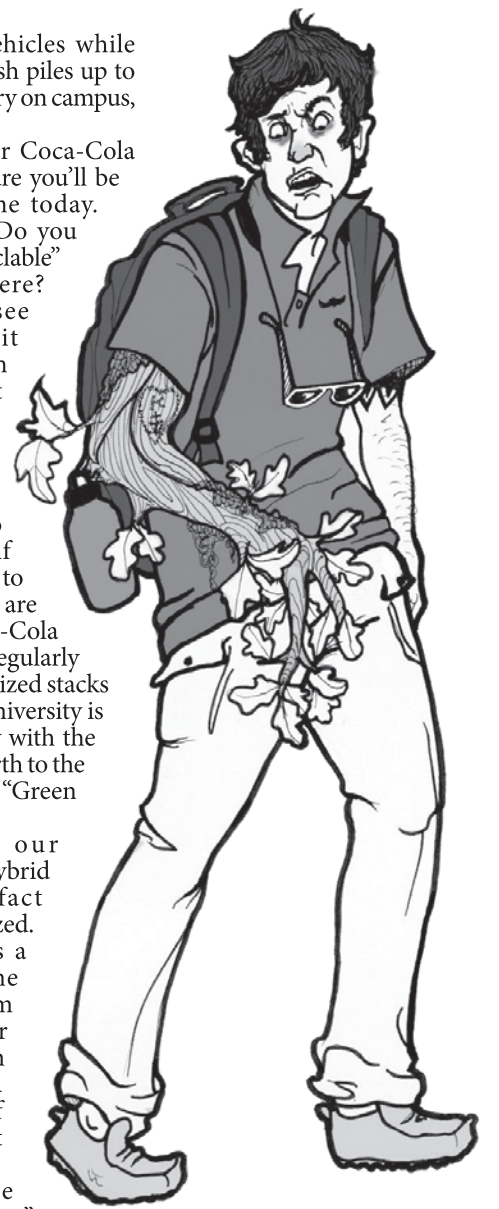


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Pirates learn the basics of finance



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You have just graduated college and are taking on the world by storm. You are feeling confident with your degree that you accomplished, have nailed a first job and are now settling down in a new city with a plethora of options ahead of you.

How are you going to start budgeting for things? Is investing an option? When are my taxes due? and how do I do them? Are my student loans going to be out of control and what the heck is a fixed interest rate?

If you have no idea what I am talking about and have never heard about the personal finance class, then I implore you to keep reading.

Some people have called it one of the most useful classes they have ever taken. Some people call it an

"easy A." It is also quite easy to attend without falling out of your seat in boredom.

Whatever the case is, I know where I stand. This class opened up my eyes to situations in life that I know I will face, and now am not petrified about dealing with.

Because of the knowledge I gained, I think every student should be required to take personal finance so they can be prepared for the real world.

The personal finance class, taught in one of the biggest lecture classrooms, is completely full, to the point of explosion, with students every semester.

The class has gone from 60 students to now two classes of 250 students each.

The reason of the influx is simple: we all have to face the facts. While college gets us ready in so many ways for our careers and makes us comfortable with living alone, it hardly makes us aware of the bills, the debt and future financial issues.

The word has caught on. Students want to be able to

understand documents that they are given. They want to be confident in their ability to live and spend on their own in real life, not the college setting.

Professors Len Rhodes, Mark Weitzel and Bill Pratt rework the class every semester and even published their own book so that every subject that they cover is what the students want to learn about.

Rhodes states, "We want every student that leaves this class to know enough so that they are not being taken advantage of, whether it is buying your first car or leasing your first apartment. We now include topics such as marriage and paying for college in our curriculum because that is what the students said they wanted to learn about."

My own experience with this class was a real eye-opener. I had always heard and small talked with my parents about grown-up things such as taxes, mortgages, consumer credit and insurance but, to be honest, most of those conversations went right over my

head.

When taking this class, I found that I was able to follow the lectures and understand what they were talking about very easily. With one topic covered at a time and visual aids that helped me see what they were talking about, I felt a heavy brick slowly rise off my shoulders.

Now, with my Personal Finance 1904 notes and book still safely in my possession, I know that I can start my career and my "big girl life" with relative ease.

Even if those words, like purchasing strategies and investment topics, still frighten me, if anything, personal finance gives you hints and advice to help you through things that you might not understand.

Still to this day, as a rising senior, I think personal finance was one of the most effective and useful classes I have ever taken.

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Scribbles to the Captain

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Dear Editor,

I normally enjoy reading the opinion articles in The East Carolinian. However, I found the article in the last edition about ECU's insurance policy to be a bit ignorant. I understand that the point of an opinion article is of course to voice opinions, but I think you should have your writers check facts a bit more. The writer, Chelsey, complained that ECU barely advertised the policy and the fee attached to their insurance coverage. I would like to point out that there are numerous posters in the dorm, including a large poster that hung outside the art building for a good portion of last semester. In addition, a reminder pops up almost every time you log into Onestop AND a letter was sent to my parents.

I'm not going to pretend ECU is perfect, but I did get a bit insulted at someone who is attacking our school for a flaw that doesn't exactly exist. I would suggest that next time she checks into her facts a little bit more thoroughly.

Sincerely,
Annie Snodgrass

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MOVIE COLUMN

Meet Rachel

Never Let Me Go



Rachel Kozy
COLUMNIST

"Like" doesn't quite describe my infatuation with movies; I love them, I am enamored with them. I watch everything I can get my hands on. I even love watching the ones that tank in the theaters just to figure out what went wrong (for those of you who willingly watched "Gigli," you know what I mean).

I am a nerd getting my PhD in Bioenergetics. I need to make it clear that this is not your typical movie column. The movies that make it to the theater are great, but you can read reviews about them anywhere. What I am in search of are the movies that should have gone to the theater, but never quite made it there (or only survived there for a very short period of time). I question why. Was it the casting, marketing, budget, acting or an awful script? Each month, I will pick a movie that sparked my interest and discuss whether it was a great film or if it deserved its fate to go straight to DVD.

I wanted to begin this column with a strong film produced by Fox Searchlight called "Never Let Me Go." To set the scene, there I was, all alone on a Wednesday night watching the trailers for 127 Hours (which I am sure you have all heard of). I saw a movie preview with two famous actresses. Carey Mulligan, who you probably know from "Wall Street" (but should know from watching "An Education"), and veteran actress Keira Knightley. I had never heard of this movie, but I know that both of these actresses do superb work. OK trailer, you tickled my fancy. Let's see what you got.

The movie opens with a fascinating premise; it is set in the past, but not the past that we remember. There has been a medical breakthrough in 1952 that permits the human lifespan to be extended beyond 100 years. The movie is narrated by Kathy, one of the main characters, reflecting on her own childhood and the next twenty-some years of her life. The first piece of the film depicts the young Kathy, along with her friends Tommy and Ruth, spending their childhood at Hailsham, a seemingly idyllic English boarding school. There the children are told they are "special" and must take excellent care of themselves.

You can pretty much guess what these children are there for, but nobody comes out and actually says it. Until ... well if you are interested I suggest watching the movie yourself. I promise it is good, slow at times, but definitely worth watching. So, now the tough part, "Why have I never heard of this movie before?"

"Never Let Me Go" was originally a science fiction novel that was released in 2005 by Japanese born British author Kazuo Ishiguro. The movie opened to four, yes four, movie screens. This movie stars two A-list Hollywood actresses and excellent acting by a lesser known gentleman named Andrew Garfield (watch out for this guy, he is going to be huge). Casting was stellar, acting was excellent, cinematography on par and the script couldn't have been better ... I am stumped.

One theory I have is that it was directed by a man named Mark Romanek. Remember him? Exactly, and that is why I think Fox Searchlight wasn't prepared to market a movie by a guy whose

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Kaitlyn Umphlet, sophomore construction management major, sneezes due to a cold.

The health horrors hiding in college dorms

Dorm room health hazards and how to avoid them

Madysen Tompkins
STAFF WRITER

Dorm life can often be a controversial subject for many people. Some love it, some hate it.

Although dorm life can offer a number of advantages for students (such as being close to classes and amenities), there are several adjustments students must make in order to live a healthy lifestyle in their new homes.

"Most everything you do affects your life in some way," said health instructor Karen Vail-Smith, who has been a faculty member for nearly 23 years. "Try to make good decisions about your health every-day."

Yahoo Health recently did a study and narrowed down seven main health hazards that affect college freshmen every year.

According to Yahoo's interview with nurse practitioner at the University of Arizona's Campus Health Services, Lisette LeCorgne, "Living in a dorm is like living in a petri dish," meaning that it is a feeding

ground for bacteria and illnesses.

Meningitis, the first dorm room scare on Yahoo's list, is also the most harmful. Meningitis is a potentially deadly bacterial infection that affects the brain and the spinal cord.

However, there are many ways to keep healthy. Vail-Smith explained that students can easily avoid Meningitis as well as Yahoo's #2 and #3 on the list, which are mono and the common cold and flu, by doing very simple things.

She advises that students take precautions including wearing shower shoes in the community bathrooms, wiping down surfaces, using disinfectants and taking advantage of all vaccinations. Also, washing hands frequently can prevent the spreading of dangerous germs.

"If there is a vaccination for it, get it. It's a simple pinch and can end up helping you out a lot," said Vail-Smith.

Yahoo Health also advises that students beware of mold, bed bugs, athlete's foot and sleep deprivation. All of these things can be easily

avoided by keeping belongings dry, regularly washing sheets, using shower shoes and maintaining a regular sleep schedule.

There are also many safety precautions that students should take when living in a dorm.

Although certain rules may seem silly and trivial, they could really make a huge difference in students' safety. These rules include locking door and not leaving it propped open. Also, students shouldn't be letting other students into dorm buildings that don't have their IDs.

Although it is easy to eat at the convenient Chic-fil-A and Sbarro's located around campus, Vail-Smith advises that eating at those places all of the time should not become a habit. Students should make wise decisions about what they are putting into their bodies including food, drinks and alcohol.

She said that it is also a good idea to take advantage of the many amenities located at on campus. If walking back and forth to classes isn't enough exercise, the Student

Recreational Center (as well as club and intramural sports) offers great options to stay in shape.

Dorm life comes with a lot of changes, but ultimately it is a worthwhile experience. Campus Living strives to maintain its mission of "providing quality housing services to students and support their quest for academic and personal success," according to its website.

Freshman communication major Lizzy Oles thinks that living in the dorms is going to bring her great things this year.

"I've already had so many opportunities to meet new people," said Oles. "Last night everyone was playing outside, listening to music and enjoying a game of volleyball." To her, the good definitely outweighs the bad. "I will have great legs walking up to the 4th floor of Belk every day."

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ECU: There's an app for that!

Students connect with the new mobile app



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Alix Style, a third year nursing student, takes advantage of the new ECU Mobile Application for her smartphone.

TJ Weaver
STAFF WRITER

For all students who have ever wondered what it would be like to have all of ECU in the palm of their hand, that day has come. Everything from upcoming sporting events to assignments on Blackboard to campus alerts can now all be accessed from one single app - the ECU Mobile Application.

The app, which first rolled out on June 23 in the iTunes App Store, gives Pirates the opportunity to check everything as if they were in front of a computer. Features include headlines from ECU News Center and The East Carolinian, athletics, campus events, directory, courses, Blackboard Learn, OneStop, library, maps, search ECU, InnerPirate, ECU Alert, YouTube and images.

The mobile app is compatible with iPhones, iPods, iPads, Android phones and devices and Galaxy Tablets. Currently, the Information Technology and Communication Services is busy making the app

available for BlackBerry devices and web OS. Anyone can download the app for free from iTunes and Google Market Place.

ITCS created the app when students expressed interest in having a way to connect to all of their campus needs from their phones.

Many students have found the mobile app convenient due to the many features that are readily available and can be updated at any given moment. The app also comes in handy when away from the computer or out with friends.

"I used the app when I bought my textbooks for Fall 2011," said Rhiannon Page, sophomore communication major. "It was nice having to look at my phone instead of carrying around a sheet of paper."

When the idea of the app came along, ITCS was already maintaining the mobile version of the university's website, powered by HTML technology. In the near future, ITCS plans to replace the mobile version with the ECU mobile app, which means everyone with Internet access

will have the ability to use the app.

As one can imagine, managing a mobile app is not an easy task, however, ITCS has proven that it have what it takes to keep app users happy.

Nick DeVito, a senior musical theater major, has been more than pleased with the mobile app.

"There's easy access to things that you can do on the Internet, but now you can do everything from your phone," said DeVito. "I also think the course catalogue is well done."

ITCS teamed up with Blackboard Inc., the company that provides colleges nationwide with a virtual learning environment. Through the partnership, ITCS manages the data and functionality of the app, while Blackboard manages the app's compatibility with the various mobile platforms.

Tony Miller, an ITCS technology consultant, is happy with the partnership.

"Blackboard's team has been great working with us," said Miller.

"They've been highly responsive during the entire development process."

Plus, ITCS is always busy thinking of ways to improve the app for its users. According to Jo Lynne Daughtry, Senior IT Specialist, ITCS is teaming up with campus dining, the Student Recreation Center and the bus system for meal, gym and bus schedules.

"The students love being able to see the football schedule, and they also love the fact that they can check their schedules," said Daughtry. "It's also great because students can look up courses for the next semester."

Across the board, ITCS has received great responses from students, alumni, parents and Pirate football fans, because as their slogan suggests, "It's ECU in the palm of your hand."

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Professors envision a simple Carolina coast

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With upscale condominiums, large businesses casting shadows over sand and carousels and eateries lining the coasts, some beaches, such as Myrtle Beach, have set up destructive tourist gimmicks to draw in its customers. Could North Carolina beaches be next?

Stanley Riggs, distinguished research professor in the Department of Geological Sciences, along with colleagues Dorothea Ames, Stephen Culver and David Mallinson, have recently published "The Battle for North Carolina's Coast: Evolutionary History, Present Crisis and Vision for the Future." The book not only describes a brief history of coastal North Carolina and its present state, but also discusses the authors' vision of what it could be — a billion dollar, environmentally sustainable and friendly tourism industry.

Ten years ago, the group received a large grant from the U.S. Geological Survey, which allowed them, as well as professors from other universities and graduate students, to gather research about coastal systems.

"The idea was to try and understand how the system has evolved through time in response to sea level change," said David Mallinson, associate professor in the Department of Geological Sciences, "and storm impacts and things like that so we

can better understand how it might respond in the future as sea level continues to rise."

The idea that there has to be shopping malls, beachfront hotels and putt-putt golf courses in order to create tourism, jobs and economic growth in the coastal region in order to compete with places like Myrtle Beach is not what Stanley Riggs has in mind for the state of North Carolina.

"North Carolina doesn't have a whole lot to build jobs and future economic growth around, except its natural resources," said Riggs. "And the natural resources include a whole coastal system, including estuaries.

There are absolutely incredible swamps, marshes, productivity for fisheries and wildlife. We have this preserved land, and those resources are unequalled anywhere in the world," said Riggs.

One of the visions that the book goes into detail about is the construction of a high-end fairy system in the Pamlico Sound region, rather than repairing highways, such as Highway 12, which gets destroyed year after year by hurricanes. Instead of North Carolinians' tax money going toward annual rebuilding, Riggs and his team have outlined a more sustainable, natural way to create tourism.

"You let the inlets open, the water flushes, the Pamlico Sound becomes cleaner. The fisheries come back because the nutrients now are an open system," said Riggs. "We can

put the fishers back to work [and] boat builders back to work. We can build around the culture and history of the area."

Riggs said that in the book, they reference some of the most important traits of hurricanes, such as storm direction, intensity and movement speed. However, he said it is important to know that many factors are equated in evaluating how strong a hurricane will end up.

In the case of Hurricane Irene, it was considered a rather weak storm by category, but large in a geometric sense. The hurricane weakened the coast, potentially setting the shores up for major destruction with future hurricanes approaching.

"A boxer gets one good punch and stuns the guy, and the second and third punch knock them out," said Riggs, explaining the effect of Hurricane Irene. "Irene was strong enough to take out most of the dune ridge from one end of the Outer Banks to the other."

With the help and support from the entire state of N.C., Riggs and his colleagues hope that the visions displayed in "The Battle for North Carolina's Coast: Evolutionary History, Present Crisis, and Vision for the Future" can become more than just words on a page.

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Professor Edgell has made a major contribution to sustainable tourism.

Edgell exposes his exciting life

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Professor David Edgell, founding director of the university's Tourism Institute and professor of tourism within the hospitality management program, arrived here in Pirate Nation almost eight years ago. His journey to this point has been nothing short of breath taking, as his work has taken him to all 50 states and over 40 different countries.

Edgell and his older brother grew up in a poor family in Leavenworth, Kan., known for its military base and prisons. Here he spent most of his childhood playing basketball, eventually winning the state championship in high school.

At the University of Kansas, Edgell played on not only the basketball team but also on the men's volleyball team, where he was a starter. He graduated from the university with a bachelor's degree in business.

After graduation, Edgell worked as an economist in Kansas, eventually moving to a position in Washington, D.C. Here he continued his studies and received a second bachelor's degree in economics, his master's in public administration and his Ph.D. in management.

"Neither of my parents had much of an education. They would say, 'if you wanted to do something in

the world, you had to get an education," said Edgell. "I guess we believed them."

Throughout his career, Edgell has worked to create the National Tourism Policy Act of 1981, the National Tourism Policy Council and the U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board. He has also written over ten books on the field of tourism, along with aiding in many local research projects concerning sustainable tourism in North Carolina.

He has held positions such as Under Secretary of Commerce and Tourism, Commissioner of Tourism for the U.S. Virgin Islands, Vice President for Strategic Marketing for a tourism firm in Kansas City and President of the Rural Tourism Foundation. He has also served the United States before the United Nations World Tourism Organization many times.

Edgell's office in the Rivers building is filled with pictures of him shaking hands with presidents from around the world, books and documents on sustainable tourism he has written, and awards and trophies, ranging from his first place tennis trophies to his gold medal for leadership, as he is the big reason for landing United States the World Cup in 1995.

Even though his wall is filled from corner to corner, Edgell said that teaching is extremely important to him, as he sees bright things for the

future of tourism.

"I love my students," said Edgell. "I say to them, 'One of you, I'm going to set you on fire, and you are going to have the most wonderful time of your life like I have had.'"

"One of my charges in class is not only to teach tourism, but hopefully to create some kind of passion," said Edgell. "Travelling around the world, how can you get better than that?"

Students are often at the edge of their seats during his classes, listening to his stories, wanting to emulate his success and absorbing his lifetime accumulation of knowledge.

"I love all the hospitality professors, but something about him sticks out," said junior hospitality management student Michelle Kibby. "I just want to almost model him when I'm older. He loves what he does and I just hope I can love my job just as much as he loves his."

Though David Edgell has been all around the world, has created policies to preserve historical sites and locations and has worked in practically every job in the tourism industry, his passion and love for tourism has never faded.

"When I talk about tourism, I get excited," said Edgell. "It's my thing. It's my world."

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Professor Mallison shows the book that he co-wrote on the destruction of the Outer Banks.

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resume includes music videos for The Red Hot Chili Peppers. However, he did a great job with this film and his casting was perfect. Carrey Mulligan is the Clair Danes of this generation. You immediately have to love her and she can realistically cry at the drop of a hat. And if you liked Keira Knightley

in movies like "Atonement and The Duchess," you will be happy to hear that she nailed it again in the role of best friend and foe. If you are looking for a movie that isn't too mushy, with a great plot that keeps you wondering "My god, is this a look into our actual future?," then this is the movie for you.

My opinion: Pick it up off the cutting room floor and watch it now!

Look for Rachel's next column in our Oct. 13 issue!

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Soccer ranked No. 10 in polls

Staff Reports

Following a 2-2 double-over-time tie against No. 21 William & Mary on Sunday, the soccer team is ranked No. 10 in the Central Region, according to a release late Monday by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. The Pirates are one of four teams from Conference USA to be ranked in the Central Region this week.

Men's golf finishes fifth at Golfweek

Staff Reports

The men's golf team carded a three-under 285 in the third and final round to finish fifth as a team at the Golfweek Program Challenge at the 6,640-yard, par 72 True Blue Golf Resort.

The Pirates finished the three-day event at 18-under 846, 13 strokes behind team champion Campbell, which fired an impressive 31-under 833. Jacksonville State and South Florida tied for second at 24-under 840, followed by UNC Wilmington in fourth at 21-under 843.

David Watkins was the top Pirate finisher in the event, concluding his efforts in third-place at 10-under 206. Watkins began the final round at nine-under and carded a one-under 71 to complete the tournament. It was the 11th top-10 finish of his career.

The Pirates had an additional pair of golfers finish in the top 17 individually, with Adam Stephenson recording the second-best finish of his career tied for 12th with a five-under 211. His only other top-20 finish came last season at the River Landing Intercollegiate where he placed seventh.

Harold Varner shot one-under 71 in the final round to finish at three-under 213, tying with six others for 17th. Varner fired an opening round 70 before carding a 72 in round two.

Ryan Eibner shot par 72 in the third round and finished tied for 30th at one-over 217. Jake Colley carded a five-over 221 to tie for 45th overall.

Jacksonville State's Tomasz Anderson claimed top honors individually with a three-round score of 15-under 201. Andrew Gai of Campbell finished as the runner-up with a 13-under 203.

ECU will next travel to Manakin-Sabot, Va., to compete in the VCU Shootout at the Hermitage Country Club on Monday, Sept. 26 and Tuesday, Sept. 27.

They said it...

"A big thank you to the members of the Pirate Nation who came to Dowdy-Ficklen early and made Saturday's game day atmosphere the best of all time! You earned the respect of everyone, including the Virginia Tech fans, the media and the recruits and parents who were in attendance as guests of all 19 sports teams. We were also on the receiving end of compliments from many wearing orange and maroon, who were impressed with the sportsmanship displayed and warm hospitality extended by all of you."

— Terry Holland, Athletic Director

Finding the right fit



Running back Reggie Bullock (28) breaks away from a South Carolina defender during the season opener in Charlotte.

Kristin Smith
STAFF WRITER

Reggie Bullock stepped onto the field at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium for his first home game appearance with the Pirates on Saturday, against the Virginia Tech Hokies. An Arizona Western Community College transfer from Las Vegas, Nev., Bullock has transitioned into the university with big shoes to fill.

With 49,404 fans in attendance at the Saturday's game, Bullock had pressure to perform at the same level as his predecessors.

Bullock traveled several hundreds of miles across the nation to land as a Pirate running back. Bullock took the plunge and transferred to ECU after meeting the Pirate coaches. He has adapted well to the environment that the players and coaches have put together.

He chose the university not only for the coaches but the tradition and spread offense as well.

"It's a great opportunity to be in the open field and with the one-on-one with the linebackers," Bullock said. Such teammates include

quarterback Dominique Davis, who commented about Bullock as a teammate.

"[He] is a hard worker with no complaints. He knows how to do his job, and do his job well," said Davis. He also went on to say that Bullock works well on and off the field with the rest of the team and has been an asset to the team after losing senior running back Jon Williams this past season.

"We hang out all the time," Davis said.

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New stadium breeds new success

Jordan Anders
STAFF WRITER

After a 4-0 loss to South Carolina that kicked off the 2011 campaign, the Pirates' soccer team looked like they might be destined to underachieve for the third consecutive year.

Yet, what a difference a month makes!

The Pirates have not lost in the five games since that defeat, and have run their record to 4-1-1, with just one non-conference game remaining before the Conference USA play begins.

The 2011 season is one of high expectations for Head Coach Rob Donnenwirth. His Pirates earned a share of the C-USA regular season championship in 2008 and made an appearance in the conference title game, but had failed to make the postseason in the two seasons since.

This left Donnenwirth and his girls hungry for victory coming into 2011.

"[Making the postseason] is just something we have to do," said Donnenwirth, who is in his 13th season as the soccer coach. "I told the team coming in that there is no excuse this year."



Kimmy Cummings (left) breaks free from Tribe back Diana Weigel (right).






After that season-opening loss, the Pirates won four straight before fighting to a tie with No. 21-ranked William & Mary this past Sunday. Over those five games, ECU

outscored its opponents 13-5.

The Pirates are already almost halfway to their 9-win total from a

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Ranking the Carolinas

Rank / Team	Report	Record	Next Game
 USC MEDIA RELATIONS	By far the best team in the Carolinas. The Gamecocks are led by Marcus Lattimore and quarterback Stephen Garcia. South Carolina managed to hold on to a win against SEC rival Georgia.	2-0	Navy
 MCT	North Carolina squeaked out a two-point victory over Rutgers on Saturday. Quarterback Bryn Renner completed 20-of-26 for 274 yards against the Scarlet Knights.	2-0	Virginia
 CLEMSON SID	The Clemson Tigers almost fell victim to an upset by Wofford. Quarterback Tajh Boyd completed 18-of-29 passes with no interception. Boyd threw three touchdown passes and ran one in himself.	2-0	Auburn
 WF SID	Wake Forest snapped its seven game conference losing streak by defeating N.C. State in Winston-Salem on Saturday. The Deamon Deacons were led by Michael Campanaro who threw and caught a touchdown pass in the first half.	2-0	Gardner-Webb
 MCT	After struggling against Liberty in the opening week of the season the Wolfpack fell to 0-1 in the ACC with a loss at Wake Forest. Mike Glennon continues to struggle as he attempts to replace Russell Wilson.	1-1	South Alabama

'Bye week' blessing

Football looks to regroup after two straight losses

OPINION



Adam Bunn
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A "bye week" is something that happens in both college and professional football. It's the week that typically comes in the middle of the year that allows teams to get healthy and fix any kinks in their unit.

For ECU, that bye occurs this week and it couldn't come at a better time. The Pirates are coming off two losses that have shaken the confidence of this unit.

While the South Carolina loss was attributed to mistakes and turnovers, last weekend's loss to Virginia Tech truly showed the issues plaguing both the offense and defense.

Against the Hokies, the Pirates were in simple terms and terrible on the offensive side of the ball. They couldn't run, couldn't pass and couldn't take advantage of the chances the defense gave them.

For the first time in his short career as a Pirate, starting quarterback Dominique Davis looked confused. He missed open receivers, panicked under pressure from the Hokies' front seven and didn't take time to go through all of his progressions.

After the game, Davis took full responsibility for the loss by saying that he let the team down and wasn't the kind of leader that they needed him to be. After a performance like he had last Saturday, it is understandable that Davis's confidence would be shaken and he would start to doubt himself. But, what can't happen is for Davis to not take this bye week as a blessing and get that confidence back.

Watching that game, you couldn't see anything wrong with his mechanics or with his footwork, which he spent all summer working to improve. Instead, what you saw was Davis forcing passes where he shouldn't and putting too much air on the ball. Both of those things can be fixed in the two weeks the Pirates have before their next game.

During the bye week, Davis needs to spend time both in the film room and on the practice field in live game situations to retrain his mind on playing the quarterback position the way we have all become accustomed to him playing.

The most alarming stat to come out of the Virginia Tech game was the rushing yards. The Pirates put up a pathetic negative 15 yards rushing. While that does include Davis's 39 yards lost due to sacks, it doesn't make up for the fact that the Pirates' running backs were an afterthought against the Hokies.

After having a somewhat successful first collegiate football game Pirate running back Reggie Bullock fell into obscurity against the Hokies carrying the ball just five times for 10 yards.

Now the running game isn't going to win the Pirates any football games this year. It will lose games. Without a viable running game, opponents will do exactly what the Hokies did on Saturday. Virginia Tech would rush four and drop seven into coverage, begging Davis to throw into coverage which he did on more than one occasion.

The running game in the spread offense is just as important as the pass. Having a running back or a combination of backs who can gain 3 or 4 yards a carry opens up the play action pass and forces the defense to play the run and not just the pass exclusively. During this bye week, the Pirates need to work on their blocking scheme to free up more holes for Bullock and Michael Dobson to run through.

While the offense should have a difficult week figuring out how to get back to last seasons production level, the defense has very few things to work on.

One major problem is the run

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Bullock is a communications major with a minor in criminal justice seeking professional football as his first choice of a career after college. If professional football falls through, he plans on being involved with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

His role models include football stars such as former Chicago Bears great Walter Payton and the current Miami Dolphin halfback Reggie Bush. Outside of football, one can catch Bullock fishing, playing video games, watching movies or hanging out with his friends.

Bullock was the leading rusher in the National Junior College Athletics Association before joining the Pirates. During his time in Yuma, Ariz., he amassed 1,830 yards rushing in 12 games.

The Pirates fell short of a win Saturday as the Hokies battled it out to win over the Pirates 17-10. Bullock gained 10 rushing yards and 10 yards receiving. In his Division I debut against South Carolina, he managed 153 all-purpose yards.

With the loss against the Hokies, the Pirates have lost all four of its last eight games against nationally ranked teams.

"The offense was playing against a great Virginia Tech defense," Head Coach Ruffin McNeill said. "I thought we held up very well today defensively. I thought our kids played well on special teams against a team that prides themselves on that. Frank Beamer is a great coach and that's a great program."

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season ago. Donnenwirth credits this fact, in large part, to the nucleus of seniors who anchor his squad.

"This is a special senior class for us," he said. "They were here as freshmen when we won the conference championship [in 2008]. I think the last two years we've been a bit younger, where this year the senior class is very strong. They're making sure that everyone is doing the right things during practice and off the field."

But despite the noticeable progress and strong leadership, Donnenwirth is not ready to pencil his team into the C-USA championship game just yet, cautioning that his team still has a long way to go and "is not the finished product yet."

Of course, the big story this season is the brand new 1,000-seat stadium that now houses the program. According to Donnenwirth, the new digs have taken a while to get used to.

"When we first came out for

practice," he said, "everyone was staring at the stadium. I had to sort of get them focused a little bit, but I think I had to sort of get myself focused as well. It's just a great environment to practice in and play in."

While the new stadium has provided a lift for his team and enhanced the game experience for Pirate soccer fans, Donnenwirth said that one place that it is also sure to help is recruiting. The Pirates' previous playing quarters were not very endearing to potential players, a fact that he thinks will change once recruits see what kind of facilities ECU soccer now has to offer.

"When (recruits) are here watching us practice and they're sitting in the stands, and they're coming to our games, they really start to be able to picture it and get a good feel for it," he said. "It's really making an impact for them."

The Pirates may be clamoring for that new home in a few days. Their next

three games are away from Greenville, as they wrap up non-conference play against Francis Marion. This happens before they head off to face their first two C-USA foes in Colorado College and UTEP.

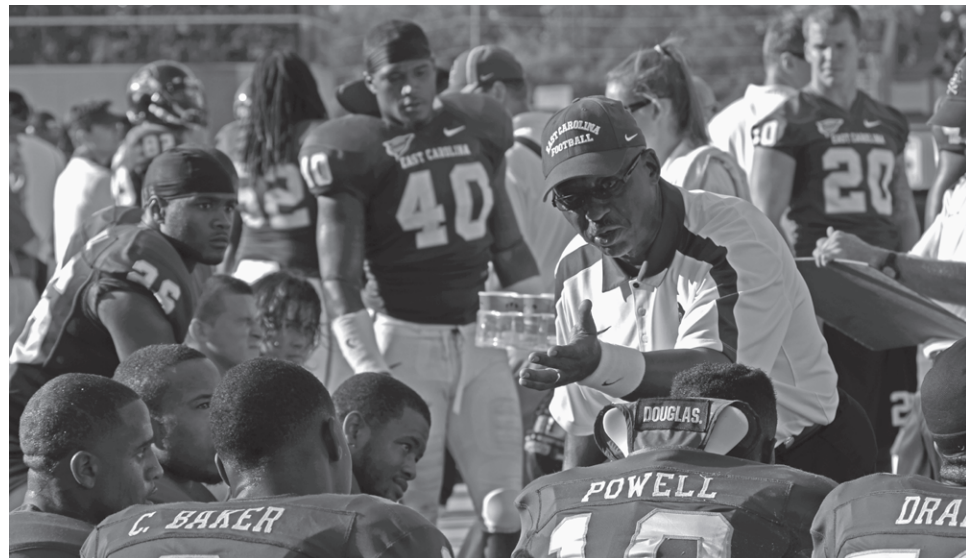
Donnenwirth said that this trip is going to be a good test of the mettle of his team. He lauded both teams' home records, while also noting the challenge of playing at the elevation levels in Colorado.

But he remained confident that his Pirates have what it takes to have a good season and get back into competing in the postseason.

"I like this team. I think they're going to have a really good attitude heading into conference play," he said. "I think if we can just stay healthy and stay focused, we'll be in good shape."

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Coach Ruffin McNeill speaks to the defense during a time out on Saturday against Virginia Tech.

defense. Virginia Tech was able to run the ball for 241 yards on 50 carries, which roughly translates to 4 yards a carry. If the Pirates continue to struggle against the run, then the progress they have made so far will fall away by the end of the season.

Another area they must improve in is taking advantage of opportunities presented by the opposing offense.

The Pirates' defenders had multiple chances to pick off Hokie passes, but were unable to secure the ball. In his post game press conference following the Virginia Tech game head coach Ruffin McNeill expressed his displeasure in having the bye week this early in the season. Having it happen later in the season may have been better. Yet, the Pirates need to take

advantage of the opportunity they have been given.

ECU has been given the chance to fix its issues two weeks into the season, instead of eight weeks into the season. That is a blessing that the Pirates cannot let pass by.

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Fans show up in large numbers



Student fans in the Boneyard cheer on the Pirates during Saturday's game against the Hokies.

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"Purple! Gold!" The constant cheer from the devoted Pirate fans started at player introductions and the chaos did not end until the final whistle. The crowd did not disappoint as they turned out in large numbers almost filling Dowdy-Ficklen stadium to full capacity.

The first home game of the year saw 49,404 fans pack Dowdy-Ficklen stadium to watch their beloved Pirates face the No. 11 Virginia Tech Hokies. The game attendance ranked sixth all time in the university's football attendance. It was only 1,006 fans short of the historic football game last year versus N.C. State, which the Pirates won 33-27 in overtime.

The Pirates could very well break that record as they take on rival UNC on Oct. 1. If not then, one of the heated conference rivalries may challenge Dowdy's capacity.

"It was the greatest feeling in the world and the high capacity crowd did their job as the twelfth man," freshman Patrick Whaley said. "The atmosphere was ridiculous and hyped the entire game."

The excited first year student also commented on his love for the pregame ceremonies.

"ECU's game intro is second to none and I couldn't help but to have chills run up and down my spine," said Whaley.

This year's home season opener treated the grandstands much nicer than last year's opening game versus Tulsa. After the last second win against Tulsa, the bleachers had a blowout resulting in only concrete seats being available for the rest of the year.

The campus staff has replaced the bleacher seats in the student section. They appear to be stronger than before. It is still suggested by the university that the fans do not stand on them. Those

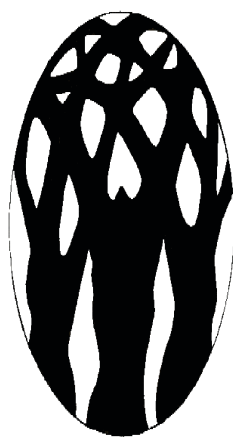
improvements have given students a nice and new addition to the "Boneyard."

The "Purple Out" in the Boneyard was successful by the students as there was a sea of purple that extended from sideline to sideline.

Students began piling into the stadium with their "Beat VT" shirts and buttons around two hours before the game. That's not to mention the multiple hours of tailgating before then. The Student Pirate Club, which has around 10,000 members, cheered and cheered hard, yet they still showed sportsmanship.

The entire town of Greenville most likely felt the rumble and could hear the echo of the Pirate Nation. In the end the schedule did not go as planned as the Pirates lost 17-10 to the Hokies. For the freshmen, this was definitely an experience they will not forget.

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