

BRIEFS

**Recommended make-up days recently announced**

*Staff Reports*

The University Calendar Committee has voted on make-up days for the closure of the university during Hurricane Irene.

It is suggested that the missed day of August 29th be made up December 7th, which is a semester reading day.

In addition, the last day of fall break, October 11th, has been suggested as the make up date for August 30th.

Faculty members have been advised not to give tests on these days, but have been asked to hold class or some relevant activity.

**Candlelight vigil held**

*Staff Reports*

Last night, the Office of Victim Services held its annual Take Back the Night March and Walk A Mile in Her Shoes event.

The event was to promote awareness and help eliminate violence within the community.

It began at the top of College Hill at 6:30 p.m. and included a mile-long walk and a candlelight vigil.

The university's chief of police Scott Shelton walked a mile in high heels to show his and the police department's support.

**Art studio opens Thursday**

*Staff Reports*

On Thursday, a new art studio called Painting Purple and Other Colors will open on East 10th St.

The artist's working studio and gallery was formed through the collaborative work of John and Dodi Groesser, Lou Everett and Pete Hickey.

The purpose of the studio is to "challenge and develop painting skills, engaging the community in art awareness and education, providing great art at affordable prices and 'giving back' to local worthy causes, according to an event notice.

The grand-opening reception is now open to the public. Ten percent of all sales go to the Pitt County Schools Visual Arts Program, the Children's Hospital and the Pirate Club.

**Brrrrberry hosts fundraiser**

*Staff Reports*

The Brrrrberry frozen yogurt shop in the University Commons shopping center will hold a grand opening and fundraiser for Riley's Army this Sunday.

There will be a T-shirt giveaway and children's activities all day, as well as ECU gameday specials and other promotions. From 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., free frozen yogurt will be given away, and from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., 50 percent of all profits made will be given to Riley's Army.

Riley's Army was started in April 2008 in honor of volunteers who came together to support Winterville resident Riley Philpot and her family during Riley's four-year battle with pediatric cancer. The foundation provides support for children with cancer and their families.

**Clarification**

Due to an editing error, two stories in the Sept. 15 edition of The East Carolinian misspelled the names of Assistant Athletic Director Jeff Connors and SL Counselor Bob Morphet. The East Carolinian regrets the error and is happy to set the record straight.



Teaching Fellow students enjoy a recent trip to New York to experience diversity around the city. The program will be completely cut from ECU by 2015.

Teaching Fellows gets the boot

**Melanie Jock**  
STAFF WRITER

The recent gap in state budget has forced the termination of Teaching Fellows, a program that teachers have cherished for the past twenty-five years.

Throughout this time, the Teaching Fellows Program has provided future teachers with not only the funds to help pay for schooling but also information and experience to better prepare the teacher for the classroom.

One such asset to the program these students will miss out on is the exposure they receive, which goes beyond what can be gained in a three credit hour classroom. "It's given me experiences that I wouldn't have gotten just going to school," said Chris Larsen, a senior math education major and Teaching Fellow.

Larsen cherishes the various seminars and summer enrichment programs he has attended over the years, all of which come with being a Fellow. "It's not about the money, it's more about the opportunity," said Larsen, referring to the experience has gained over the funding he has received. "I'm sad they did it. Five hundred people get it a year, so to go from five hundred to nothing

is kind of a drastic move."

The university currently has 189 students in the program, so the cut hits close to home.

The program spans across 17 campuses and selects 500 well-qualified students to participate and award scholarships to. They total up to \$26,000 individually, which helps the recipient to pay tuition. The scholarship recipient pays back his or her scholarship by dedicating a year of teaching service in the state for each year the award was given.

"I'm very disappointed with the decision," said Dionna Manning, director of Teaching Fellows on campus. "It provides students with opportunities, it is prestigious, and provides money for college." Without this money, some of the students may not be able to attend college.

Due to the fact that the state fell \$2.5 billion short of usual budget, cuts were required. In turn, education took a hard hit. Since Teaching Fellows is state funded, it was put on the chopping block. Cutting this program saves the state \$13.5 million dollars annually, which helps to attempt to fix the ensuing debt that has accumulated the past fiscal year. The decision was made this past summer to phase out the program by reducing the funds. Students currently in the program will be able to

continue with their scholarship until graduation, but no new applications are being accepted.

The program, established to recruit top high school graduates into the teaching profession, helps students to develop leadership qualities and to see beyond the classroom, making connections with education and the quality of life within our state, which is stated on the Teaching Fellows website.

Along with attending seminars to better prepare for the teaching profession and strengthen leadership skills, the Fellows put in a tremendous amount of service. "The community suffers because these students put in 2200-2500 hours of community service," said Manning.

The disappointment that results in learning about the demise of this program is not just campus-wide, but spans across the entire state. Restoring this vital program is a common goal of students, teachers and parents alike.

"These freshmen are already showing their leadership skills," said Manning. From traveling to Raleigh to ask for the reinstatement personally

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President Josh Martinkovic spoke at the State of the Student Government address held on Monday night, and the executive cabinet was also present.

Interest in SGA rises on campus

**Persida Montanez**  
STAFF WRITER

The amount of students that have applied for Student Government Association positions has increased from last year. According to A.J. Malicdem, the chief of staff for student government, 47 students applied for senate positions this year, as opposed to around 20 last fall. Fillings for cabinet positions have also increased.

The cut-off date to turn in applications was last week. Senate positions depend on student votes. To obtain a cabinet position, candidates are interviewed and chosen by the executive board, which includes the student government president.

"The turnout rate has increased," said SGA secretary Chelsea Roach. "SGA has become more visible. Social media is such an important tool. We take full advantage of Twitter and Facebook, and post our events and what is going on more regularly." The SGA Facebook page currently has 187 likes. The SGA Twitter page has 587 followers.

Louis J. Cameron III, a junior philosophy major who is an under-

graduate senator for the College of Arts and Sciences said, "I believe SGA has increased its visibility due to social media, as well as through word of mouth. Four former officers were orientation assistants this summer and we made sure to tell the freshman about what we do and encouraged them to become a part."

Senior Matt Paske, a nursing and psychology double major, has represented the general college and the School of Nursing.

"I've noticed lately that people involved in SGA are more enthusiastic when it comes to telling others about student government than in previous years," said Paske.

Malicdem believes that students in SGA act with professionalism and give the organization a positive image. "Recently we have decided to go overboard. We promote SGA constantly, especially through word of mouth. It's better to be known than not to be known."

Shipmates, an SGA introductory program for freshman and first-year students, also contributed to

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Students discuss crime and safety

**Jamitress Bowden**  
STAFF WRITER

Education and feedback about noise levels, crime on and off campus, crime in the downtown area and general safety are the goals of the local police departments this school year.

On Sept. 14, 2011 at 7 p.m., the Crime and Safety Forum was held in Mendenhall to give education about general crime and safety, on and off campus. The forum was intended to provide an environment for students to give feedback to the officials that were present.

The Student Government Association sponsored the forum. Director of Community and Safety Affairs Matt Paske stated that his goal for the forum was to follow up from the forum held last semester to get a general feedback of progress from both entities. Student Body President Joshua Martinkovic mentioned that there would be future opportunities, via other mediums, throughout the school year for students to voice their opinions.

Representatives from Greenville Police Department, ECU Police Department, the City Council and university officials were present at the forum. The forum was different from the one held last semester. The last forum was organized so that there were no representatives from GPD or ECUPD in attendance. The authorities wanted to provide the students with an opportunity to voice their opinion openly without any comments from the local authorities.

Nolan Jones, sophomore criminal justice major, said, "I don't always feel safe because the campus is so open and I don't think there are enough emergency lights around campus." Jones continued, "When I call SafeRide, they tell me that a bus will be there but something could happen from the time that I call

and 30 minutes later when the bus actually arrives."

ECUPD has a goal to build more student awareness and to evaluate ways to improve. This year they will be offering the Rape Aggression Defense, or RAD, program for females at off campus residences. In the past, when they tried to provide a RAD program for males, there was no interest. However, they are going to try one more time this year.

ECUPD plans to fully inform all students of crimes that take place in their jurisdiction and if the crime involved a student. Their jurisdiction includes "all properties owned, leased and controlled by ECU as well as all adjacent streets," said Police Lt. Amy Davis.

On the weekend which consists of Thursday through Saturday evenings, four ECUPD officers and eight GPD officers work together in the Downtown area, according to the Mutual Aid Agreement. The agreement states that the university can have jurisdiction over certain sections of Greenville, in addition to GPD also patrolling the same area. In order to further benefit the students' safety, both departments are briefed together that night when they meet at 11 p.m.

The agreement also complies with the TRUNA area of Greenville. TRUNA, Tar River University Neighborhood Association, includes all student-living housing between 5th Street and 1st Street.

Police Sgt. Tara Stanton spoke at the forum about the Increased Mobilization of Police and Communities Together, or IMPACT. IMPACT is the official way that GPD refers to the officers that are present in downtown Greenville and west Greenville, all areas west of 5th Street, on Friday through Sunday

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# Hispanic enrollment on the rise

**Jamitress Bowden**  
STAFF WRITER

The numbers are in, and across the state of North Carolina, Hispanics are the fastest growing race.

The increase across the state directly affects the increased enrollment of Hispanics on campus. This fall, the entering freshman class is comprised of 4.5 percent students who are identified as Hispanic or Latino. This is compared to the 3 percent of Hispanic or Latino freshmen that entered last year. For the 2009-2010 academic year, the total Hispanic student population was 564. There has been a 35 percent increase to bring the total amount for this year to an estimated 762 students.

Kendra Alston, a sophomore major in social work, said, "I think that diversity on campus is very profound ... You see activities on campus every day that deals with all different ethnic groups."

ECU is consistently the most diverse campus in the UNC-System, according to Anthony Britt, director of admissions. Britt also stated that there was an overall 2.5 percent increase of students applying for admission as a freshman. Of that total application pool, 20 percent were classified as a race other than Caucasian.

"I see diversity as races, interest and personalities; and everyone gets along well here," said Ryan Parker, an undecided freshman.

The admissions department travels to high schools during the academic year to talk to students about possibly attending campus. As

the faculty members interact with the high school students, they have noticed a pattern in certain counties. In counties like Chatham County, where the Hispanic population is high, it is common to see an adequate student never start his or her college careers.

Many high school administrators are eager to send their successful minority students to institutions for higher learning. The positive aspect is that more and more students want to go. However, the dilemma for most students, no matter the race, is cost of attendance. There is an additional hurdle for the students who have parents that are not citizens or properly documented.

Due to the rules according to the FAFSA, their financial aid package is dependant based on the income and classification of one's parents. If the parents are not citizens they are subjected to the same price as the out-of-state students. The alternative to the situations would be to claim independency status, which further complicates the process.

For the students that are fortunate enough to attend a university, minority population or not, there are organizations and programs that specifically celebrate all aspects of diversity. The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center, LWCC, sponsors multiple events, programs and organizations for all students throughout the academic year.

"If I looked for it [diversity], it probably does exist on campus, but I don't notice it right off the bat," said Jack Petzold, freshman political

science major.

During the application process, representatives from the Special Population Outreach, SPO, a section within the Department of Admissions, works with the faculty from LWCC and visits the children at high schools. Sometimes a PTA member or a guidance counselor has requested the visit with SPO. The visit could be solely to increase morale of the minority students. SPO also partners with the Honors College and College of Education to approach specific populations.

Virginia Hardy, Vice Provost of Student Affairs, stated that LWCC's purpose on campus is to serve the entire population and the center its self will continue to expand as they continue to encourage "cultural competence." She also stated that since she has started working at the university, that she has seen huge progress and that more people are aware of diversity and do not shy away from conversations about diversity. "As a university we are making great strides," continued Dr. Hardy.

Among using SPO, which occasionally partners with LWCC, the admissions department strives to be more diverse is by printing brochures in English and Spanish. Campus representatives also participate in the North Carolina Society of Hispanic Profession, which is an organization that sponsors a college fair each year just for Hispanic communities.

Campus representatives also started approaching younger students. They visit middle and elementary

schools and arrange for the students to visit campus and walk around on tours. The purpose of this type of exposure for the grade-school children is specifically so that students know what is reachable in their futures, especially if their family does not.

In some areas of the state where the Hispanic population is higher, the recent high-school graduates are not able to attend college. In some rare occasions, the reason for not attending is because their parents are either not comfortable sending them away to school or because they are dependant upon the additional income that they do or could provide to the family.

"When the Hispanic students have parents that are reluctant to send them away because of the fear of a college environment that they have not experienced first-hand, we found that early exposure, starting in elementary or middle school, to the students in those cases ease the parents into the idea instead of abruptly during high school," said Anthony Britt, Director of Admissions.

Community college is the alternative for the students that are not able to venture off to school immediately. Because of the "transfer friendly school" that we are, those students can give their parents time to adjust to the idea of going to an institution of higher learning to better themselves and their families.

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or writing letters, Manning is able to see the character of these students, even from the youngest freshmen group. Even though current Fellows are still getting the experience and funding promised, some are advocating reinstating the program so that future students can share the same experience.

According to Manning, there is talk of possibly rein-

stating the program, which leaves future applications hopeful. In the meantime, the university is thinking of alternate ways to provide students with a program that models Teaching Fellows by asking private donors to contribute to scholarships.

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the increase in students who want to become dedicated to student government. The program itself also saw a spike in applicants, with over 40 students now enrolled in the program. The Shipmates program introduces freshman and first year students to the three branches of student government and their subsequent positions.

The students in Shipmates get exclusive tours around campus, including the Chancellor's residence. In addition, the students get to network with important campus officials, plan some SGA events and attend workshops to become better leaders.

"I joined the Shipmates program when I was a freshman and it's a great program because after that you can decide whether or not you want to be involved in SGA or what branch you want to serve under," said Cameron.

However, it is possible for a first-year student or freshman to obtain a leadership role in SGA. There is currently a freshman in a cabinet

position.

Those involved in student government find it highly gratifying and often serve SGA during their remaining years at the university. Paske said, "It's an honor to be involved and serve. We are student's voice to the university administration." Cameron added, "Being in SGA is a great way to network with university officials and make professional connections."

Malicdem said that apathy in university affairs is decreasing. "SGA is not a group of rich, smart kids. We are a diverse group of students that want to implement positive change and people are becoming more aware of it."

"Before I joined SGA, I didn't realize how much they did. It's not like student government in most high schools. It's a big deal to be chosen to responsibly represent other students," said Roach.

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Sunday evenings. She explained that there are eight to twelve officers on deployment as a routine; the number is altered based on the amount needed for a particular night.

Officer Lee Jackson and Sgt. Williams work together with the Safety Community department within GPD. They spoke briefly

about the Community Watch program that is implemented around Greenville, with the off-campus students in mind, too. Officer Jackson said that the community watch has an open meeting two to three times each week.

"I feel safe during the day, but this summer my boyfriend was attacked at night," said Kaitlyn

Noffsinger, an undeclared junior. "I don't think there are enough Greenville police officers in the dark and sketchy areas; it is definitely an issue that we might lose students over."

Police Sgt. Derri Stormer has been assigned by ECUPD officials as the off-campus liason. As the liason between campus and the students who live in alternative housing, she

makes sure that off-campus students know the same information as those who choose to live on campus; for example, the Student Code of Conduct. Her responsibilities also include informing the housing complex managers and the owners of houses that are rented to students of the rules established now by the university.

Both police departments want to make sure that all students know simple precautions to prevent theft, now and in the future.

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The Opinion Section should always come out in a separate page. It makes reading rants way easier while I poop.

I wonder if the sports staff of TEC goes to ECU or ACC schools. Call it good journalism if you want but I know envy when I see it.

Damn, TEC! Lay off the Greeks. What did they ever do to you?

I am so glad someone pointed out the plates in the dining hall. ECU cares more about saving money on their water bill than they do saving the environment.

What happened to true opinion? I want opinion columns based on conviction, not regurgitated facts.

To the guy that wrote the Pirate Rant about calculating the average of the girls he slept with in his stats class: It's impossible to divide by zero, bro.

To the guy wearing the pink cowboy hat: I respect you for that.

If I want to tan, I will. If I want to go Greek, I will. Who are you to judge?

There is so much good in the worst of us and so much bad in the best of us that it behooves all of us not to talk about any of us.

They cut Teaching Fellows but save A.L.E.? Looks like we are trading literacy for a few drinking tickets on Friday nights.

Why do you keep taking the light bulbs out of the 3rd floor study rooms? Who wants to study in the dark?

If people from The Province don't learn how to cross 10th St., they are going to get hit by a car. It probably won't be an accident.

Parking at Joyner Library is the most cutthroat game there is.

A single "Pirate Buck" should be worth at least \$2.50 to account for the ridiculous inflation rate on campus.

To the person who said, "No cowboy boots and sundresses": This may not be the SEC but it sure looks ten times better than your grungy cut up t-shirt.

Did you not learn to walk to the right in KINDERGARTEN? Seriously, stop being lazy and pull the door open in front of your face, instead of cramming through the door everyone is coming out of.

Dear freshmen: Make your bucket list now, because before you know it you'll be crossing things off it and it's not even written. Sincerely, a crazy junior

I hate that, as a senior, my homework only takes me so long because I have to spend half of my time looking up the definitions of words before I can even start the assignment. Damn theory classes!

How come the Brown route has to share its afternoon bus service with Sunchase but Sunchase won't share their drunk bus service with the Brown route?

WEB POLL

Should we be required to make up the days lost by Hurricane Irene?

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Coming to the ballots in May 2012, N.C. voters will get to decide on a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage in our state. N.C. is the only state in the Southeast that does not have this prohibition, according to the Daily Reflector.

The source reports that opponents believe that the ban will hurt state business as it creates the perception that gays and lesbians are not welcome. They compared it to provisions that banned interracial marriage and the desegregation of public schools.

It's unfair to compare same-sex marriage to interracial marriage. N.C. defines marriage as a union between a man and a woman, and unless the couple was homosexual, an interracial union abides by this clause. The ban would not insinuate that homosexuals are not welcome for business, as there should be a divide in your professional and personal life.

Whereas I am not exclusively against gay marriage, I cannot say that I am for it. Obviously, for religious reasons, this union is a sin. In Leviticus 18: 22-23, the Bible reads, "You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; it is an abomination." For all the smartasses who think it depends on one's interpretation, it clearly says "as one lies with a female." This does not entail two bros chilling on a bed.

God spoke in the beginning to Adam to "be fruitful and multiply." Same-sex marriages cannot fulfill this duty. In vitro fertilization is not natural and if couples do chose to reproduce, they have to find a donor of the opposite sex. You can't have homosexual eggs that fertilize eggs; it does not work like that.

Historically, yes, there have been homosexuals in existence. The first documented homosexual couple was Egyptian manicurists Niankhknum and Khnumhotep in 2400 BCE. Some suggest the two, who were both married to females, were lovers, though some evidence indicates they were brothers.

Regardless of the era, these people kept their homosexual activities "in the closet" Why? Perhaps they knew that their actions would not be accepted by society; that it is, in a sense, "wrong."

I am a believer in equal rights for all people, and yes, love is a very strong emotion that we all yearn for. If one so happens to find love in the same sex, that's fine. While you love this person, you cannot fulfill duties, such as reproduction, as heterosexual couples can.

While it sucks they cannot be legally married, homosexuals should receive full benefits, such as insurance, via civil unions. As far as the ballot goes, N.C. is in the Bible belt: gay marriage does not stand a chance.

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I am proud to say that I am a Christian, but due to the ignorance of those who claim to follow the same belief system as me, that title has a negative connotation attached to it. The latest rant that pseudo-Christians, religious nuts and the typical Republican hypocrites are engaged in is the issue of same-sex marriage.

This triple-threat of ignorance has banded together to create yet another attempt to ban same-sex marriage. Senate Bill 514 has proposed to not only ban same-sex marriage, but also to ban all civil unions not categorized under the word "marriage."

The amazing country we now live in was founded on the principals of Christianity, yet a separation of church and state was set in place to regulate any decisions defined by a religious belief.

If this is the standard set by our forefathers, then should we not abide by such laws? The government claims to follow such guidelines and yet this bill has no political basis to its creation.

Like a swift kick into the family jewels of baby cupid, the bill is short and sweet. It simply states that the only civil union recognized in the state will be marriage between one man and one woman.

If this law is passed, then our current government has put into effect a bill based purely on religious beliefs, while such individuals claim to believe and abide by our country's laws.

This therefore makes these men and women hypocrites, and while homosexuality is clearly defined in the Bible for readers, so is hypocrisy. Matthew 23: 27-28 clearly defines a hypocrite as repulsive, whereas acts of hypocrisy are equally disdainful.

The question to ask at this point is, "Why now?" Why is it that during a time when our country is enduring a never-ending war, an extreme financial deficit and a 9.5 percent unemployment rate, our government is wrapped in the "travesty" that is same-sex marriage? What political purpose could be served by prohibiting two individuals in love, regardless of gender, from becoming emotionally, financially and legally responsible for one another?

The right to marry whomever a human being desires should be inalienable. Regardless of the belief system of the rest of the world, an individual should have the right to fall in love and embrace that love in whatever fashion he or she chooses.

This basic human right should not be prohibited on the basis of religion, gender, race or appearance. To incorporate such qualifications in a decision would be as ignorant and discriminatory as Senate Bill 514.

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Our View

Last Thursday, campus officials announced that in order to make up for lost time, students would have one less day of fall break and no "Reading Day" before examinations. After the announcement, students were in an uproar.

Who can blame them? Two vital days in the fall semester have been taken away. It's already nearing toward fall break, and those going home have already made plans and some have even bought plane tickets. Not only students utilize fall break; faculty and staff have likely made plans as well. Now, these plans must either be canceled or rearranged. No student will pay hundreds of

Cancellation frustration

dollars to change a flight plan to come home a day early for one day of classes.

And despite our "party reputation," many of us are actually studious and need the day before exams to study. Who has time to go to their final day of lectures and study for potentially multiple exams in the same day? This is irresponsible on behalf of our studies.

Also, most professors have already revised their syllabi to accommodate the changes. Almost everyone had to deal with hurricane backlash, so the teachers have been understanding of issues and have changed to go with the flow. Cutting one day of lessons

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or speeding through a class to cover material is not the end of the world. As students, we can adapt to the slightly faster pace.

Campus officials have previously given us snow days when it had no time to have an additional class. In 2008, we were given two snow days for an inch of snow that was melted by the next morning. We didn't have to make up a day when campus was easily accessible.

The administration has made a terrible move. It is one that will not only be an aggravation to an already sore issue, but one that will actually hinder us from succeeding academically. If we aren't given a proper rest, time to do work

or study, we won't do as well in school. Plus, we all need a vacation every now and then, right?

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Yes 39%

No 61%

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# Momentous Mondays



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“Meatless Monday” is challenging and informing students on the personal and environmental gains that can be accomplished by going meatless on Mondays. This program launched its kickoff this semester by having a no-meat dinner on Monday, Sept. 12.

For some students, this meatless dinner brought with it a want for nothing but meat, causing a long and impatient wait in the Subway line. But before you and your friends protest by going out to eat every Monday night, I advise you to find out more about the program and what it stands for.

Though the dining hall will not be completely meatless on Mondays, there will be an information table set up there to educate and persuade students to become healthier and more environmentally conscious.

Meatless Monday brings up an issue that many of us do not have to face: being a vegetarian on a college campus, where the search for variety can be difficult.

“We currently have many vegetarian options available and we are always working to improve our menu,” said Nutrition Director Janie Owens.

Owens also said that in an effort to increase the amount of healthy or vegetarian foods consumed, they mix this food in with that of other food stations.

The idea of having the healthy food mixed in to the other stations is a great one. I also think that having one centralized station with vegetarian options would

be a great way to further the healthy eating movement that Meatless Mondays has started. The addition of this station would also eliminate the search for healthy options that vegetarians have to endure.

In addition to helping vegetarians, this would also help others by clearly identifying healthy choices. By having more options available to the students and a defined station for this food, we would be able to reduce meat consumption throughout the whole week, not only on Mondays.

Why reduce meat consumption? Well, according to Meatless Monday’s website, eating less meat limits cancer risk, reduces heart disease and reduces overall carbon footprint. The health and environmental pluses of adding a defined vegetarian food station are obviously some of the next steps that should be taken to improve campus dining.

This is not to say that campus doesn’t have options available for vegetarians, including the salad bar and meatless pastas. But the whole idea of a Meatless Monday is to continually challenge students to make better food choices for their personal as well as environmental wellbeing.

While I know this initiative may take a bit more money and effort, the benefits are clearly defined by the Meatless Monday activists.

So to all of you unwilling to give up your meat, you can wipe the sweat off your brow; your favorite foods are still available in the dining hall. And to all you students looking to become lean and mean, you need to start participating in the Meatless Monday movement. If you are on the fence, look no farther than into the eyes of the cows that you would be eating and you just might have a change of heart.

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### Don't skimp on zzz's for A's



**Sindhu Chandramouleeswaran**  
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A general trend among students, career-minded professionals and, well, human beings in general, is that there aren't enough hours in the day to get enough sleep while also accomplishing the goals they have set for that day. If only we were giraffes or horses instead, whose sleep and rejuvenation period is a meager three hours per day. The brown bat would be a poor choice, unless one can set aside nearly 20 hours for sleeping! Luckily, human beings only require a mid-range amount of sleep in the mammalian spectrum, with 7-8 hours of optimal sleep per 24-hour period. Whether we manage to meet this "target" is an entirely different story.

The concept of sleep is simple. Set aside 7-8 hours per day and rest your mind and body, as they cycle through various sleep stages and dream of dreams, which you may or may not remember. Easy, right? But ask someone who is sleep-deprived about their poor sleep hygiene and you will be offered an elaborate and intricate explanation of why, when and how this person's academic life, social activities, family obligations, extracurriculars or any combination thereof, make it absolutely impossible to get enough sleep. Sometimes, lack of sleep can even be worn as a badge of honor – an emblem of one's hard work and dedication to multitasking, juggling and crossing off countless tasks on an impressive and intimidating to-do list. But here's a question – is it worth it?

According to physicians in the Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine at Brody School of Medicine, skimping on sleep for a night may considerably dent your schoolwork, cognitive abilities and general sleep hygiene.

"One problem college students have is going to bed at 2 a.m. one day and the next day at 10 p.m.," said Dr. Robert Shaw, associate professor at Brody School of Medicine. "This really interferes with productive schoolwork and makes it difficult to sleep properly if they are doing things differently every night."

"The sleep that we think is most restorative is slow-wave sleep, which is part of non-REM sleep," said Dr. Shaw. "That's when the brain repairs itself and reinforces learning that was done the previous day. When people don't sleep enough, their cognitive abilities are impaired."

So, it appears that maintaining regular and adequate sleeping habits is one major way to enhance learning and cognitive abilities the next day.

"Proper sleep hygiene, like any form of hygiene, keeps that organ in shape. It is important to create an environment conducive to sleep, without a lot of light or noise," said Dr. Zia Rehman, assistant clinical professor at Brody School of Medicine.

For those having trouble sleeping, Dr. Rehman has the following words of advice. "Don't lie in bed if unable to sleep. This may lead to anxiety over having trouble sleeping. Instead, get up and sit in a chair to read something not very interesting and go to sleep when drowsy," Dr. Rehman also recommended restricting caffeine, alcohol and chocolate intake a few hours prior to bedtime.

To many, the 24 hours in a day may not seem vast enough to meet various deadlines, complete projects, successfully take exams, maintain a satisfactory social life, and finally, achieve the sense of balance that we all seem to be striving for. Sometimes, it's easy to view the hours in a day as "the hours that are left" rather than "the hours which you have." The former may elicit a notion of lack, whereas the latter expresses

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# A couple lives on regardless of Amendment 1



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Luke Oglesby (left) and Chris Womack (right) spend time together by the fountain on campus. They have been dating for the past nine months.

### Leila Falls

STAFF WRITER

"Confused," "Going to hell" and "a sin" are all reoccurring opinions involving North Carolina's cardinal decision to try joining the rest of the southeastern states in official same-sex marriage discrimination.

On Sept. 12, the House of Representatives voted for a constitutional amendment against same-sex marriage to appear on the 2012 ballot. The bill passed after 76 of the 120 members favored it, according to an article on CNN.

If the Senate and then voters in the primary, coming up in May,

favor the bill, N.C. officially discriminates.

"It validates discrimination ... most people with that view see themselves as right and [this bill] justifies what they believe," said Chris Womack, sophomore political science major.

Womack and his boyfriend of nine months, Luke Oglesby, are not surprised by the constitution's tweaking by their home state. "It is still a slap in the face," said Oglesby, a senior majoring in elementary education.

As Womack described the first time that he and Oglesby met, a scene similar to a Hollywood movie,

the smiles were contagious. "The only guy colorguard, I had to meet him," grinned Womack, a member of the drumline.

Womack made the first move by inviting Oglesby to a drumline party. "I was scared because he was older and really attractive," said Womack. Even though Oglesby was nervous from past bad relationships, he made it official after four months of them talking.

The couple's relationship is just like any other: inside jokes, Glee's "Songbird" somehow became their song, and compromise. "I love watching horror movies. We've made a deal to watch one scary

movie a month," said Womack.

The recent flick they watched was "The Haunting of Molly Hartley," which Oglesby endured. In return, Womack gives the Disney channel a chance. "I kind of deal with it ... I don't hate it," laughed Womack.

Womack and Oglesby agree that they hardly ever experience discrimination on campus, but have experienced instances of discrimination around Greenville. "We do get stared at when we hold hands," said Womack. "Stared at like we're

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# 'Drive' revs up audiences



### Grade: A

**Hunter Ingram**  
STAFF WRITER

The phrase "less is more" couldn't explain many things better than it does the new film "Drive." Very few other phrases could fully capture this fantastic film's unique approach to putting a little life back into the increasingly stale action genre.

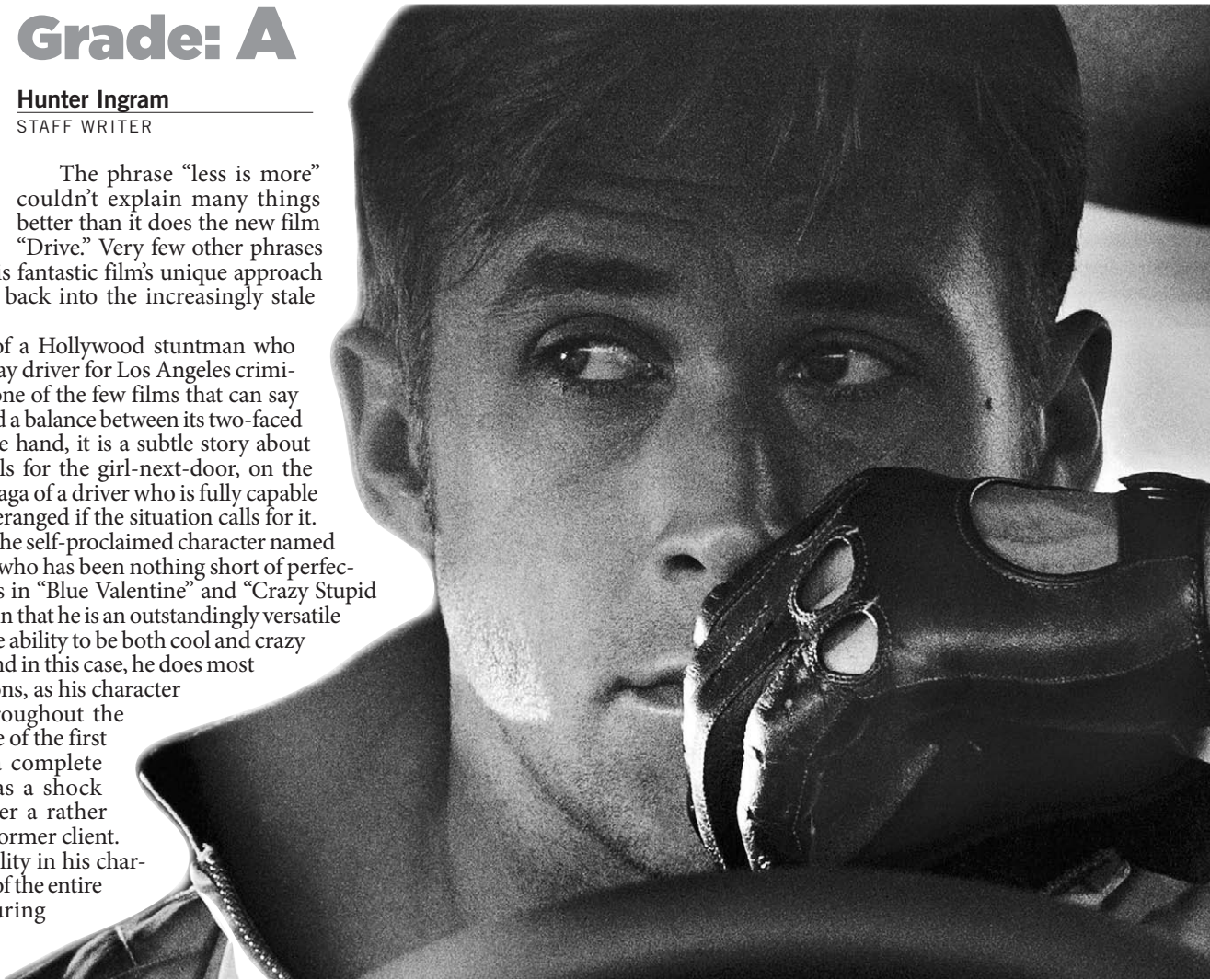
Telling the story of a Hollywood stuntman who moonlights as a getaway driver for Los Angeles criminals, "Drive" may be one of the few films that can say it successfully mastered a balance between its two-faced plot. While on the one hand, it is a subtle story about a lonely man who falls for the girl-next-door, on the other, it is the violent saga of a driver who is fully capable of being sadistically deranged if the situation calls for it.

Taking the lead as the self-proclaimed character named Driver, Ryan Gosling, who has been nothing short of perfection in his recent roles in "Blue Valentine" and "Crazy Stupid Love," proves once again that he is an outstandingly versatile actor that possesses the ability to be both cool and crazy all at the same time. And in this case, he does most of it with his expressions, as his character doesn't say much throughout the entire film. In fact, one of the first times he composes a complete sentence comes off as a shock because it is to deliver a rather gruesome threat to a former client.

That subtle versatility in his character is also indicative of the entire movie as well. Capturing Los Angeles like no film has before, this visually stunning film almost seems slow in pace, but really is just out of character for an action movie. Never buying into the clichés and film conventions that Hollywood has produced over the last decade or so, "Drive" achieves a sense of realism that many films would kill for.

By not blaring unnecessary hip-hop or rock tunes during what few car chase scenes there are, the audience is given only the purr of the car engines to score the scene. By not filling every second with overly dramatic fight scenes, the graphic nature of the few killing scenes is made more effective. Hence the "less is more" allusion, because, for "Drive," it's what makes the film incredible. By having this film be quiet in some scenes and "edge-of-your-seat intense" in others, the mold of the expected is broken and the true emotion and heart of this story and the characters is shown.

And while Gosling may be one of the most talented actors working in Hollywood today, he doesn't carry this movie solely on his shoulders. "Breaking Bad's" Bryan Cranston plays Driver's closest ally and employer Shannon, who, while likeable, is very greedy in his



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The new action thriller "Drive," starring Ryan Gosling, opened at number three at the box office with \$11 million this past weekend.

attempts to make a buck. In what could possibly be a role brought up come Oscar season, Albert Brooks, known to most as the voice of Nemo's dad in "Finding Nemo," plays Bernie Rose, a gangster that goes into business with Shannon. Brooks is known for his comedy but sets the bar very high as the progressively violent villain of the story. His ability to deliver dialogue with a signature stone-solid expression is brilliant.

In the role of Irene, the girl-next-door love interest of Driver, Carey Mulligan brings a naïve presence to this world of crime, even though her husband is in prison at the beginning of the film. Her cute, innocent smiles are what warm the heart of the perpetual loner to send him on this path to protect her, along with her son, from the evils of the world. "Sons of Anarchy's" Ron Perlman and "Mad Men's" Christina Hendricks also have parts that cross paths with Driver.

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a sense of gratitude for the hours ahead.

While many commitments are inflexible and cannot be dragged around on a calendar like the cursor on a computer screen, a change in perspective costs very little time and very little energy. You may get ahead on three items on your to-do list or find yourself scoring a few extra points on your next exam, but what about the things that aren't so quantifiable, like clarity, peace of mind and being and feeling grounded in the present moment?

While skimming on sleep may maximize the quantity of what you accomplish today, what is to be said about the quality of tomorrow? There certainly lies a choice to be made. And regardless of how you choose, the important thing is to be happy with the decision. Sweet dreams and good morning.

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column in our  
Oct. 18 issue!

Pirates planning the future

Mike Davis  
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Last year, Pirate Planners, a fairly new and unknown student organization, turned the heads of many as it walked away with the Service Learning Award, being chosen over ten other organizations.

Pirate Planners is a hospitality management-based organization, whose goal, through community outreach, is to help plan and put on events for local foundations and organizations.

Through their hard work and dedication to their field, the group was recognized by the university for their community involvement by winning the Service Learning Award.

Though many of the students in Pirate Planners are hospitality management majors, particularly in the concentration of event and meeting planning, the organization hopes to incorporate students from all colleges, since creating a well-balanced and successful event takes people from all concentrations.

"Planning an event is similar to writing a screenplay," said George Fenich, faculty advisor and professor in the Department of Hospitality Management. "Someone has to write not only what the concept is, what the theme is and what the play is about, but then has to figure out who are the characters and what do they look like and wear."

The main event that Pirate Planners helps sponsor and plan is the annual local walk for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, which, this school year, will be held on March 17 at the Greenville Convention Center.

To organize an event such as that, Pirate Planners breaks into scheduled committee meetings, which are held almost every other week. Public relations groups, marketing groups and calling companies for sponsorship opportunities all take place during the Pirate Planner meetings.

According to Fenich, even though Pirate Planners spends a lot of time putting the pieces of the JDRF walk together, the group plans to have guest speakers come and talk to students either on campus or virtually about future venues and endeavors. These lectures are not limited to Pirate Planners members either.

Another goal of the current executive board for Pirate Planners is to "eventually advertise ourselves as a student event planning company," said Michelle Kibby, president of Pirate Planners.

"We could go to the different colleges on campus, say if they are having a dinner and need a reception," said Kibby. "All the different planning that would go along with that, we would be there to plan each step. We have those skills we are learning in class and we can put them to use."

Last week, Pirate Planners had an interest meeting where 70 people showed up, eager to help take the organization to the next level. As of last year, the group had around 40 members.

"With those people," said Kibby, "we can do a lot of things for ECU, and we have a lot of plans."

As the organization looks to grow, the values and principles of the group stay the same. They believe that through their studies, no matter what the field is, they can continue to help the school and the community achieve goals never reached before.

"It's one thing to be a part of an organization to have it as a resume builder, but these individuals in Pirate Planners are really active," said David Rivera, assistant professor in the Department of Hospitality Management. "It goes beyond just being a resume builder. It is something that really separates them from the rest of the pack, not just here on campus, but against students nationally and globally."

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animals," added Oglesby, who isn't a big fan of PDA to begin with.

Womack enjoys getting involved in awareness events. He is an Equality North Carolina student ambassador and organized the Amendment One vigil on the courthouse steps last Monday. "UNC campuses are liberal, so usually open minded," said Womack.

As common knowledge indicates, many people are closed-minded in the acceptance of gay rights. "Before we started dating, I was in this mindset of never getting married ... [Even though] I've always wanted a family," said Oglesby. "Because it had to be secretive."

Although their chemistry is charming, their aspirations for the future will be difficult. "Discrimination puts a barrier on our rights and privileges," said Oglesby.

Regardless of people's beliefs, amendment tweaking has additional costs than just people's rights. "It's unnecessary, it costs like \$150,000 to do this ... the vigil and rally were to change votes ... but now it's time to raise awareness in the community," said Womack.

Oglesby has been inspired by Womack's involvement. "I'm trying to get more involved, become more open to help out," said Oglesby.

The twenty-seventh annual Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Festival in Durham on Sept. 24 will be

a milestone for the couple. "I've been before, but this is his first time ... we're excited to go together," said Womack.

Both Oglesby and Womack took that uneasy step and were open with their families during each of their sophomore years in high school.

At first, Oglesby's family was afraid and in disbelief. "Every year they become more accepting ... they want me to be happy," said Oglesby.

Oglesby smiled as he said, "They like him," in regards to his family's opinion of Womack.

Womack's complimentary smile and open demeanor faded as he said, "They still see it as wrong ... we just don't talk about it," in regards to his own family.

America has been called a melting pot of diversity, but many people want to drain that unique mixture. "It's because of how they were raised ... their environment," said Oglesby. "[And] this going to hell conservative rhetoric," added Womack.

Oglesby believes that many students are unaware of the entire issue.

Ideally, acceptance is desirable but awareness is a start. "Top ECU officials saying we do not support this or an event to tell students what the amendment is and why it is unnecessary," said Womack, "would be great."

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Walking out of the theater, I found myself reflecting back on what had just happened and realized that "Drive" is truly unlike anything I have ever seen. Action films tend to paint a picture of a glamorized life of fights and chases that would never occur in real life without the help of movie magic. But "Drive's" subdued approach to the struggle of surviving one's situation creates such a realistic spectacle.

And while it may go against the very foundation of sound film, I was amazed at how fluent the film felt even though it was light on dialogue. Only truly great actors and directors can say nothing, while saying so much at the

same time.

Even in the year of the final "Harry Potter" film and others excellent films like "The Help" and "Bridesmaids," "Drive" achieves an aura of something new and something fresh. It harkens back to older movies and shows that some directors do have an uncanny ability to make film feel new again. And as a result, I dare say that "Drive" is, so far, the best film of 2011.

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## Men's tennis wins big in ECU Invitational

Staff reports

The men's tennis team had three individuals and a pair of doubles teams win their respective flights at the three-day ECU Fall Shootout on Sunday at the River Birch Tennis Center.

Sophomore Joran Vliegen and freshman Nicolas Soriano teamed to win Flight A in doubles, while each won his respective singles flight, as did senior David Masciorini.

Vliegen captured the Flight A title without losing a set, posting wins a 6-1, while also posting a 6-1 victory over Richmond's Ethan Dunbar and a 7-5, 6-2 triumph against Mark Trintignac of College of Charleston. Soriano also swept his matches to win Flight B.

After beating Richmond's Dylan Schrode in straight sets, Masciorini was forced into a third set by Charleston's Chris Toussaint. Masciorini won the first set 6-1 and then rallied to win the tiebreaker, 1-0 (9), after losing the second set, 3-6.

Vliegen and Soriano defeated James Madison's tandem of Bertrand Moulin and Florant Sentenac, 8-3, then disposed of Richmond's Ethan Dunbar and Paul Nahon, 8-4.

ECU sophomore Mario Martinez and junior John Schmitt won doubles Flight C with an 8-6 win over Ryan Pool and Bastien Russo of James Madison.

The Pirates will continue their fall season at the Elon Invitational beginning Oct. 7.

## They said it...



"Winning is important, period. When talking about winning a conference championship as a goal, we have a team that's hungry for a victory. Both ECU and UAB are starving for a win. It's very important to make sure we play well and come out with a victory. I don't care if it's pretty or ugly and I've informed the team of that. All we have to do is win by one." — Head Coach Ruffin McNeill

## Club baseball wins series against JMU

Staff Reports

The club baseball team began its fall schedule with a three game series at James Madison on Saturday.

The Pirates sealed the series winning 4-3 in the third game of the weekend on Sunday. ECU dropped its first contest 2-1 to the Dukes, but the Pirates bounced back in the second game of the series grabbing a 5-1 victory.

On the mound, Nash Blackley notched the second-game win and former Division II hurler R.C. Hubbard picked up the win in the third and final contest.

The Pirates used the series with the Dukes to test several newcomers to the program, platooning the outfield throughout the weekend.

ECU pitched by committee, allowing almost every pitcher on staff to get some work.

At the plate, Stihl Sowers led the Pirates, while several players used the weekend to adjust to the timing of newly-required BBCOR bats.

ECU will continue its fall schedule with a doubleheader at Louisburg College tonight.

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# Run stopping still a challenge



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Jeremy Grove (53), Daniel Drake (59) and Bradley Jacobs (3) wrestle running back David Wilson (4) to the ground during Pirates' game against Virginia Tech.

## OPINION



Stephen McNulty  
STAFF WRITER

"Defense wins championships" is one of the oldest and most popular sports clichés out there. But it is truly hard to argue. In fact in 2009, a season in which the Pirates won their second consecutive Conference USA Championship, ECU

allowed just over 21 points per game.

After a dismal 2010 season by a Pirate defense that finished dead last in total defense, and second to last in scoring defense, ECU made a well documented switch to the 3-4 defense. And so far the change has seemed to be a good move.

Despite giving up 56 points in the season opening loss to South Carolina, the defense impressed overall. The Pirate pass rush made an impact on the Gamecocks and was a large part of Connor Shaw's early struggles. In reality, USC finished 10-25 for just 131 yards passing on the game.

Then, Stephen Garcia took over

at quarterback for the Gamecocks and ran for two scores. And pre-season Heisman candidate Marcus Lattimore gashed the defense for 112 yards and three touchdowns on the ground. The floodgates were open.

For the record though, it should be noted that the Pirate offense did turn the ball over five times in the opening game, all resulting in eventual touchdowns for South Carolina. That is something extremely difficult for any team to overcome.

The Pirate defense also did a very good job against Virginia Tech's passing attack, but failed to corral the run. Although ECU held the Hokies to just 17 points, the Pirates

did allow Virginia Tech to rush for 241 yards. As a matter of fact, the Hokies ran the ball 11 times out of 13 plays on their game winning touchdown drive.

If the Pirates hope to contend for another C-USA crown, they must find a way to at least slow down the run, and the answer may have to come from the defensive line.

ECU lost junior college transfer John Lattimore, who was expected to make an early impact, to an unfortunate injury. But as the season goes on an inexperienced defensive line can only improve. Right? The leading tackler on the line

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# Soccer shuts out Francis Marion



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Goalkeeper Christiane Cordero kicks the ball out of the penalty box.

Daniel Brockman  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

ECU soccer extended their overall record to 5-1-1 Sunday, while also keeping their streak of undefeated road games alive (4-0) with a 2-0 shutout at Francis Marion.

Senior Leah Bagonis put the Pirates on the board quickly, scoring in the seventh minute of play. The goal was set up by a corner kick from senior Kimmy Cummings. Cummings lifted the kick into junior Caty Butler, connecting on a header that rebounded off the cross bar to a waiting Bagonis, who calmly cleaned up the five-yard goal for the Pirates. Bagonis would also go on to record her team-leading fifth assist of the season.

The Texas-native Butler gave ECU some breathing room in the 83rd minute scoring the second goal for the Pirates of the afternoon. It was her fifth goal of the year and tied her for the second most goals in Conference USA.

FMU did not make ECU goalkeeper Christiane Cordero work much at all, only registering two shots the entire game with neither shot on frame.

The shutout was Cordero's fourth of her career and second of the season. The two shutout mark matches her last season total of two shutouts with 95 saves.

Cummings is now tied with Butler for the team lead in goals (5) and points (12), after Butler's assist and goal against Francis Marion.

Against the Patriots of Francis Marion, junior Rachel Wechsler gave her first assist of the 2011 season.

Since losing to South Carolina on Aug. 19 by four goals, ECU has outscored all other opponents 15-5. They certainly hope to continue their winning ways when they open up conference play Friday against Colorado College.

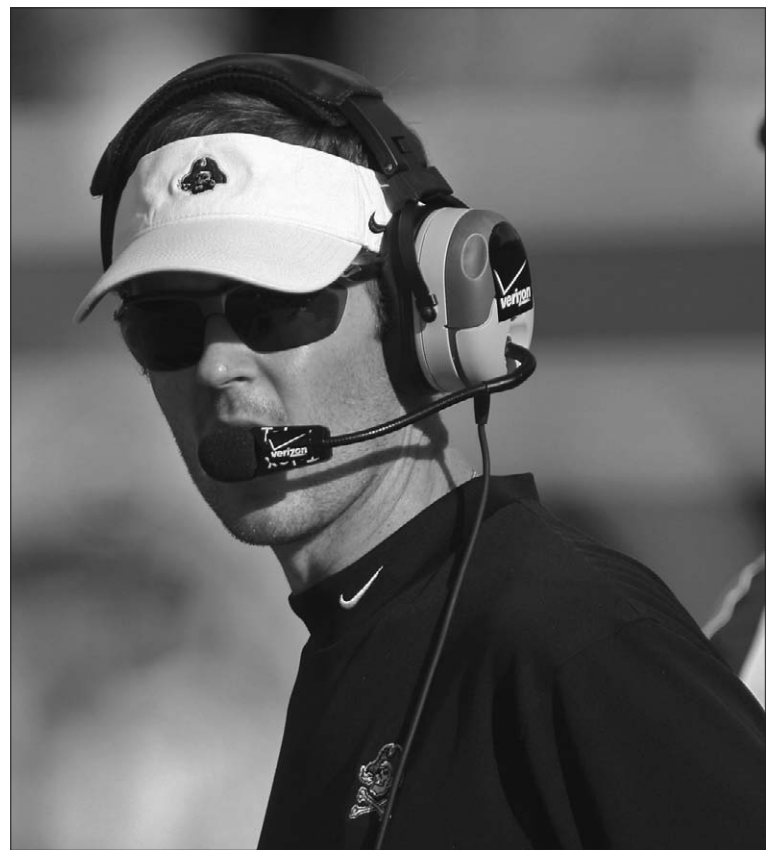
The Pirates out shot the Patriots 16-2.

ECU opens up the C-USA schedule against the Tigers, who are currently sitting at 2-4-2, ranking them second to last in the conference. The Pirates are now at the 5-1-1 mark, second in the standings behind Memphis, who finished its non-conference schedule 8-0-0.

The road trip will continue after facing off with Colorado College, with ECU then heading to UTEP on Sept. 25.

The Pirates will finally return home for a fourgame homestand starting Sept. 30 against UAB. They will also host Memphis, Southern Miss and UCF during the opening weeks of October.

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SID

Offensive coordinator Lincoln Riley calls a play from the side line.

# Riley brings wisdom beyond his years

Adam Bunn  
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Over a year ago, the Pirates lost their entire coaching staff that brought with it back-to-back Conference-USA titles. It also brought in a first-time head coach and a little known rookie offensive coordinator.

That offensive coordinator is Lincoln Riley.

While most football coaches spend years fine-tuning their coaching style, Riley had a different route to get to where he sits today.

Coming out of high school Riley had several division 1-AA offers. Instead of accepting full athletic scholarships to one of those schools, he decided to walk on at Texas Tech.

Arriving at Tech Riley found that he would not get much playing time. Playing behind third year starter Kliff Kingsberry and back-up B.J. Symons, Riley found himself as the third string quarterback in his freshman season.

Heading into his sophomore campaign, Riley's starting ambitions took an even bigger hit when he

learned that he would once again be competing for the third string quarterback job. Then came a meeting that would change Riley's life forever.

Having only been in the program for a little over a year and some change, Riley had never had much of a chance to talk with head coach Mike Leech, that would change during the summer of 2003.

"Coach Leech came to me during the summer," Riley said of the meeting. "He told me that with his time being the head coach and the quarterback's coach, he didn't have time to help the younger guys. He asked me if I was interested in helping out."

After mulling over his options, Riley decided to take Leech up on his offer, turning in his helmet for a whistle and becoming a student coach/offensive assistant to Leech. While he was allowed in the coach's meetings, Riley found himself as nothing more than an errand boy who fetched coffee and lunch for the

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# Volleyball drops two in Thunder Invitational

**Alex Serkes**  
STAFF WRITER

Over the weekend, Patti Rolf and the women's volleyball team ventured into West Virginia for the Division I Thunder Invitational, which was hosted at Marshall University in Huntington, WV.

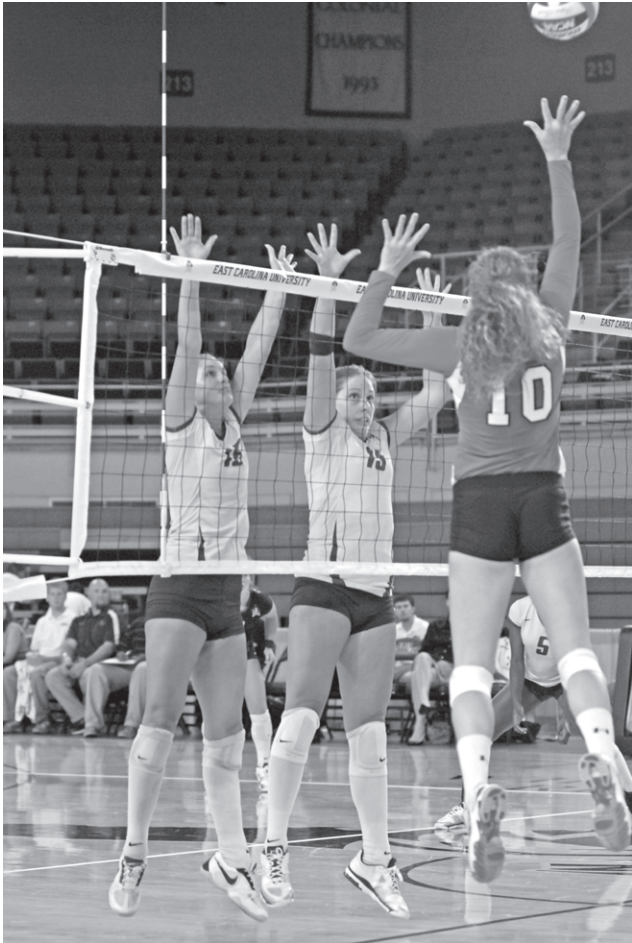
Right from the get-go, the Pirates experienced major problems and unfortunate miscommunication, which ultimately led to their early Saturday exit from the tournament. ECU fell to Central Michigan (22-25, 12-25, 26-24, 16-25) and George Mason (21-25, 21-25, 13-25) Saturday, to end their hopes at achieving glory in Henderson Center on that following Sunday.

ECU seemed to be dominated from the moment they stepped onto the court in both games this weekend. During the Central Michigan match, the Chippewas were able to hit .240, compared to .065 for ECU. Central Michigan also captured advantages in kills (57-28) and digs (57-34).

In the first and third frames of the match, ECU had jumped out of the gate to solid leads, only to lose them down the stretch. The second and fourth frames were completely dominated by Central Michigan, who led 9-0 in the second frame and scored seven consecutive points in the fourth.

The ensuing match against George Mason did not prove to be any better for the Pirates, as they were handled mightily in three straight sets. The Patriots outthit ECU and also out-blocked ECU, 10-4. This was the first time all season that ECU was out-blocked.

The Pirates struggled to get off to strong starts, once again in the first and third frames. Falling behind early



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**Amanda Lutzow (18) and Jackie Varnum (15) jump up to make a block against a Gardner-Webb hitter inside Minges Coliseum.**

and unable to overcome, the Pirates were just unable to find success Saturday. The second frame did look promising however, as the Pirates got out to an early 6-1 lead, only to lose 21-25 after an amazing comeback by the Patriots, in which they made a 10-3 stretch to close out the set.

The Pirates big three in Britney Roper, Kelly Derby and Jackie Varnum did seem quite sharp over the weekend, as they posted tremendous statistics from the tournament. Varnum accounted for the most points in tour-

nament play, scoring 22 of the 76 points scored in the two games. Against George Mason, Shelby Beasley recorded 10 digs and notched 13 against Central Michigan.

Both losses over the weekend drop the Pirates to 2-8 overall on the season.

ECU closes its 11-match road trip next weekend, traveling first to Memphis and then to UAB for a pair of C-USA matchups.

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coaching staff during meetings and practices.

For three years Riley would stay in that position until in 2006 he graduated from Texas Tech. He was promoted to a graduate assistant position where he helped in the development of receivers like Michael Crabtree and in the emergence of quarterback Graham Harrell.

Up to this point in his coaching career, he had taken the normal route. He had started at the very bottom of the pecking order and worked all the way up to a member of the coaching staff.

Then in the middle of the 2010 season, controversy erupted on the Red Raiders' campus as Leech was accused of locking a player in a closet as punishment. Having their hands forced by the local media and ESPN, the Texas Tech administration decided to let Leech go. This is a move that put Riley in as the interim offensive coordinator

in the bowl game the following week.

Riley and the Red Raiders surprised the college football world by winning that game a victory that inside the program was not a surprise.

"It was just such a tense and emotional situation that it was a little tough to predict what was going to happen," Riley said of the weeks leading up to the bowl game. "There were just so many emotions flying around from so many different angles. We knew football wise that we could coach."

Many thought that, with the bowl game win, Ruffin McNeill and Riley would be retained instead they were fired along with the rest of the coaching staff. Down and without a job, Riley got a call from McNeill who told him he was headed to Greenville and needed an offensive coordinator.

Riley accepted McNeill's offer, and in the year he has

under his belt, has become one of the most successful offensive minds in college football, leading an offense that averaged 37 points a game last season.

"I don't know that we are there yet," Riley said. "But I'm just happy to have had the opportunity to keep doing something that I love at a place that loves what we are doing."

As the 2011 season enters its fourth week Riley enters only his 17th game as an offensive coordinator. At only 28 years old, he has a long career ahead of him. Whether Riley can continue climbing the ladder is a decision that he will make in the future. But for right now, he is one of the most talented minds in the college football world. As long as he calls Greenville home, the Pirates will be dynamic on offense.

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through two games, Michael Brooks, missed the second half of the 2010 season with a knee injury, fellow defensive tackle Lee Pegues played in just five games last year and Terry Williams redshirted during the 2010 campaign. Perhaps the most experience on the defensive line comes from senior Antonio Allison who played in 12 games last season and sophomores Matt Milner and Derrell Johnson who each started 11 games in 2010.

If the Pirates are going to improve on the line, they better do it soon. A rematch against one of the most prolific rushing teams in the nation, Navy, is slated for late October. In 2010, the Midshipmen famously walloped the Pirates for 521 yards on the ground in the 76-35 embarrassment.

On a more positive note though, ECU has received very good play against the pass. Despite being without standout defensive back Emanuel Davis against South Carolina, the Pirates kept All-American Alshon Jeffrey out of the end zone. Against Virginia Tech the Pirate defense rendered the Hokie's nearly one-dimensional, holding Logan Thomas under 100 yards through the air.

Daniel Drake leads all Pirates with 27 tackles and fellow linebacker Jeremy Grove is next with 24. Also standing out among ECU's linebacker corps is junior college transfer Chris Baker, who has already recovered two fumbles for the Pirates. Justin Dixon and Marke Powell have also played well for the Pirates, especially in pass coverage.

But the bulk of the excellent plays on defense have come from the secondary. Senior's Derek Blacknall and Emanuel Davis anchor the Pirate secondary that has given up just one passing touchdown in the first two games. Damon Magazu, who grabbed an interception against Virginia Tech, has also been a standout for ECU.

No matter how well the Pirates play against the pass, or how many points the offense can put up on the board, the defense must get better against the run. The defensive line will get bigger with time, but the Pirates have to work with what they have now or teams will continue to willfully pound the ball against them.

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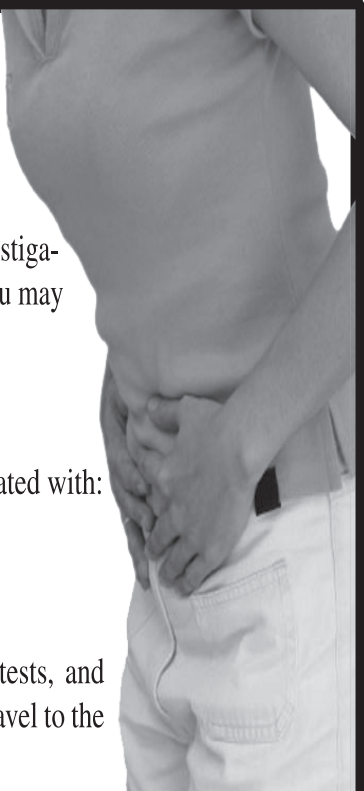
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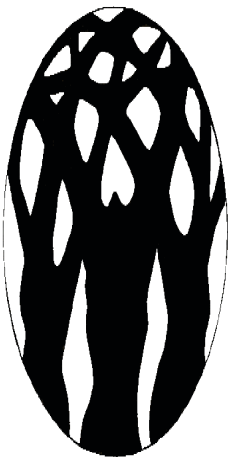


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