



BRIEFS

Author holds Skype calls with English seminar

Staff Reports

On October 5 the Voyages of Discovery Lecture Series will welcome Sir Salman Rushdie to campus to speak at Wright Auditorium.

Recently Rushdie participated in a Skype video-call to a university English literature seminar that has been studying his writings.

Rushdie will make more Skype calls in November as part of his "mini-residency" at the university in which he helps teach a class devoted to his works.

Former governor backs move to the Big East

Staff Reports

Former governor Jim Hunt paid an unannounced visit to the university today to talk about teaming up with the university's athletics program.

Hunt, former state governor of 16 years from Wilson County, is expected to join a team working to get the university into the Big East conference said university officials.

"We don't know yet what we can do to help, but we want to help you," Hunt said at today's Board of Trustees meeting. "One of the things we have learned is that nobody knows exactly where things stand at the current time and what exactly is going on."

On Wednesday, Chancellor Steve Ballard and Athletics Director Terry Holland confirmed that the university has officially sought membership in the Big East conference. The decision came after the Big East announced it would be actively seeking replacements for Pittsburgh and Syracuse who left to join the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Joining the conference would give the university Bowl Championship Series affiliation something the current C-USA membership does not.

Hunt said this project is very close to his heart as he lives in eastern N.C.

"I live in eastern North Carolina. I get up every morning in eastern North Carolina," he said. "The Pirate mascot lives across the road."

Hunt stated that the university's academic and athletic achievements are a driving force behind the eastern part of the state.

"Your graduates are all over everywhere — which is one of the reasons why the Big East would be lucky to have East Carolina."

Summer freshmen read accompanied by events

Staff Reports

Several events related to "Picking Cotton: Our Memoir of Injustice and Redemption" the summer read are scheduled to take place within the coming weeks.

The executive director of the North Carolina Center on Actual Innocence, Christine Mumma and former Supreme Court Justice Beverly Lake Jr. will be on campus tonight.

The two will present "Working Towards Correcting and Preventing Wrongful Convictions" at 7 p.m. on Sept. 27 in room C307 of the Science and Technology Building.

On Oct. 4, the authors of the summer read will speak on campus in a question and answer session at 2:30 p.m. in room 244 of Mendenhall.

Mosquito population growth affects Pitt County

Staff Reports

The abundant amount of rain that Hurricane Irene brought to Pitt County has caused a massive growth in the mosquito population.

Many of the flooded areas around the county contain massive amounts of mosquito eggs.

"Some of these eggs could have been laid as many as five years ago and could not blossom until the recent large amount of rainfall reached them," said Pitt County Vector Control Manager Jim Gardner.

With these larvae now being able to develop, it has caused a new kind of species, the floodwater mosquito.

"There are roughly 50 to 60 different types of mosquitoes in N.C. The flood water mosquito is one of the larger ones," said Alice Anderson, a professor in environmental health sciences.

Areas near the Tar River and other flooded areas are experiencing more problems compared to those on high ground.

"Living in a neighborhood right next to the river, I can really tell the effects that Irene had on the mosquitoes," said junior Elementary Education major Chelsea Queen. "It is almost impossible to go out for five minutes without feeling them biting you."

The mosquito issue has become such a problem that Pitt County has set up a mosquito hotline. Residents are able to call and give the location of areas that are experiencing any issues, and if they receive enough complaints about a certain area, they will then send someone out to evaluate the situation. If the mosquito count is high enough, the county will

then have someone come and spray for the mosquitoes.

According to Anderson, if the mosquito population is not enough for the county to spray, "the best way to avoid being bit is to get rid of your shorts and T-shirts and put on long pants and long sleeves. Also, you should wear mosquito repellent."

Gardner adds that something as small as a bottle cap can support mosquitoes and that no one should allow anything to accumulate water. If water does build up, it must be disposed of before it becomes a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

"If you don't need something in your yard that can hold even a small amount of water you need to get rid of it," said Gardner.

A large part of the problem is that the state eliminated the five medical entomologists that monitored the mosquito population in North Carolina. After Hurricane Floyd, the state paid for many counties to spray their affected areas, however; the state is not offering to pay for any mosquito issues directly related to Irene. Many counties, such as

Pitt County, have set up a team of contractors to go out and spray, but this is a very costly operation that many counties cannot afford.

The mosquito hotline for Pitt County can be reached at (252) 902-3220.

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Lottery not funding education

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A recent report from the North Carolina Justice Center said that the state is spending less on education now compared to 2005 when the state's education lottery began.

The lottery was first introduced to the state in 2005, when both the North Carolina Lottery Act and 2005 Appropriations Act were signed into law.

According to the lottery's website, "100 percent of the net proceeds of the North Carolina Education Lottery will go to education expenses, including reduced class size in early grades, academic prekindergarten programs, school construction, and scholarships for needy college and university students."

However, the same report released by the Justice Center claims that a much smaller percent of the proceeds are actually making their way into the educational system.

The center reported that initially about 35 percent of the lottery's proceeds were being given to education, but as the economy has slowed, only about 29 percent is being given to schools and schoolchildren.

"If they could give us more information on where the rest of the money is going then people could form better opinions," said junior Benjamin Ellis. "If the purpose is for education and the schools are getting less than half of the money, then it has lost its purpose."

The N.C. Education Lottery's website states that 51.9 percent of proceeds are for teacher salaries in kindergarten through third grades, 14.8 percent for pre-kindergarten programs for at-risk four year olds, 23.5 percent for school construction projects, 7.2 percent for scholarships for needy students attending 2- and 4-year institutions and 2.5 percent

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Carolina Ale House donates money to ECU



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Seniors Brian Wall and Amanda Johnson and junior Mel Stambach (right) are served by waiter and graduate student John Jefferson at the Carolina Ale House before Monday night football began.

Jamie Harper
STAFF WRITER

The Carolina Ale House restaurant will be donating 10 percent of its proceeds earned during the opening week of business to the Department of Hospitality Management.

The Department of Hospitality Management, established in 1987, is currently the largest in North Carolina with about 450 students enrolled currently. The department has three concentrations, food and beverage management, lodging management and meeting and convention management.

The Carolina Ale House was established in Raleigh and now has more than 15 locations. The sports-themed restaurant, owned by LM Restaurants, opened in Greenville on Sept. 15. Located on Greenville Blvd. near Greenville Mall, this location is the ninth location to

open in N.C.

The opening week of business for the Carolina Ale House was Sept. 15-23. "We had been looking for a charity in the area and since they have a hospitality program, it fits well with what we do and with the university," said Joe LoGuidice, the general manager at the Carolina Ale House in Greenville.

Previously, a similar partnership had been set-up with the culinary school of a community college in Wilmington. Kathy Brown, a major gifts officer, explained donating to a charity or organization is a great way to generate business and connect with others in a new community.

The Carolina Ale House contacted the university about the partnering together and making the donation. Brown, who works with the Hospitality Management Department, said, "We are

delighted they picked us."

Brown said, "We think will be working together probably on internships for our students, and our students probably will be working there part time while they are also pursuing their hospitality management degree. They also needed some people going into management after they get out, so it seemed to be a good fit both ways."

"We already have about six or eight hospitality management majors working for the restaurant," said LoGuidice.

Bob O'Halloran, the Hospitality Management Department chair, said, "We hope to continue to work with them and build a relationship with the Carolina Ale House so that students will be able to do internships there or placed at their other

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Pirate Tutoring Center extends to College Hill

Persida Montanez
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The Pirate Tutoring Center will open a new site on College Hill next week where students can help each other in a variety of foundation courses.

The new site is in the Galley, where a room was built and furnished for students to study together. The program will officially begin the first Monday of October. The site will be open on Mondays and Tuesdays from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Last spring, Sean Brannan, a resident advisor in Aycock was concerned about the grades of the students in the dorm, which were the lowest on campus. Brannan began a study program for the residents to combat the problem. Brannan has been a chemistry tutor for PTC and the idea of a place for students to study on College Hill resonated with Elizabeth Coghill, the director of PTC. The PTC tested the waters late last spring during finals, when Todd Dinning Hall was opened to students late at night so that they could study. "With the time change coming up and it getting darker earlier, people don't want to go to Joyner," said Coghill. "This new program is a pipeline from the PTC." In the past, students on College Hill had to walk in order to get help. In an effort to reach out to College Hill students, a bus also takes students to Joyner from College Hill.

In addition, there is a lot of traffic on tutoring nights in Joyner.

Travis Thurman, a sophomore construction major said, "It's going to be real convenient to have a place to

get help on the Hill. I've been turned away because it was so full in Joyner. It opens up more spaces."

Last year, over 4,000 students were tutored and there were 11,416 individual tutoring visits.

The new site will fit 35 to 40 students. When students moved into their dorms, an information card was placed on their desks. The students turned in the card to their RA if they were interested in the new program and over 80 students responded. The program is on a first-come-first-serve basis. During the course of the week, the students that filled the information cards will be contacted and the study groups will be formed.

The PTC program on College Hill differs from the one in Joyner.

"There will be no lead tutors yet. For the moment, students who have the same professor and course will get together and help each other," said Coghill. There will be five students per group.

Senior Biology major and tutor Kimberly Wade said, "Student-led study groups will be a different dynamic than what happens in Joyner."

Unlike the program in Joyner, it is not intended for walk-ins. The time slot and day will be emailed to the student to meet with his or her group at the Galley. Brannan, now a senior and an intended nursing major, is working with Coghill on this project.

"In groups of five, it's less intimidating. There will be people from their same class and it will be like having a support network. In the following weeks, these groups can also go to Joyner to receive help catered to their group," said Coghill



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Graduate student Zack Matthews tutors sophomore rehabilitation studies major Emily Frazier in the Pirate Tutoring Center.

Coghill and Brannan will be looking out for the students within the group that display leadership skills. "We plan on pulling successful students from the first group and then training them to be group facilitators," said Coghill. In the future, Coghill also hopes to add lead tutors. "While we are limited by space, this is only the beginning. We hope to add more spots next semester so that even more students can come." Brannan

said, "This semester will be a test run. We hope that this opens another window for students to be successful."

The PTC is the only tutoring program in the state to offer walk-in tutoring and study programs across its university's campus. It also has had the most volunteers and students in attendance.

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for UNC need-based financial aid.

This means that the decrease in money given to education across the state is also affecting college students.

"You can go to universities and community colleges across the state and find students that have education lottery scholarships," said Van Denton, spokesperson for the state lottery, in an interview with WNCT.

Sophomore French and international studies double major Katie Monday said she received less money from the lottery this year.

"This year, I got half of what I got from the education lottery last year," said Monday.

Denton says that the lottery is offering bigger prizes in order to attract more players and the strategy is proving to add to education funds in the long run.

Last year, the lottery only made up for 4 percent of educational spending in the state and after prize and administrative costs were taken out, only 35 cents per dollar went to the focus areas of

the lottery, including college scholarships.

Monday said she feels it is a good idea to increase the amount of funds the lottery gives to colleges and universities.

"It's so hard to have a job now, especially without a college education," said Monday. "The lottery should increase what it gives to college students."

In the 2010 - 2011 school year, more than 31,000 college students received education lottery scholarships, which generally averaged \$1,200 per student.

Lottery officials are still backing the system and say that over the course of five years, more than \$2 billion has been given to education in the state.

The Justice Center did not confirm its findings with the lottery before it published the report. The lottery has no intentions of changing its policies in light of the report.

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lege, family income, the amount of income and the type of income."

"When I first started working, that was not called an E.F.C. It was called a Pell Grant Index and that's exactly what it is," said Poorman.

Currently, applying for and receiving the Pell Grant works the same way as applying for other financial aid.

"When you file the FAFSA, you are considered not just for the Pell Grant, which is the hardest form of financial aid to get because it really does go to families who are quite poor, it also gives you consideration for supplemental grants, the Perkins Loan, the Stafford Loan and work study," said Poorman. "Because FAFSA is so prevalent, almost every state in the union awards also aid state money based on the results of the FAFSA. We also all use the expected family contribution, formerly known as the Pell Grant Index, for awarding everything."

Grace Kookan, a senior graphic design major, said, "I don't think that would be smart to change and make harder to receive, since it's already hard for some people who want to go to college and can't."

Due to the proposed change in the eligibility formula, the Government of

Accounting Office Report estimated that within the next year, about 81,000 students nationwide could lose eligibility for consideration of a Pell Grant. An estimate by the GAO also reports that 35 percent of students currently receiving grants will have their eligibility reduced. About \$250 million in existing Pell Grant funds will be cut nationally due to the financial aid cuts by the federal government. This reduction will ultimately lead to a decreased contribution from the federal government.

Cassandra Lor, a freshman nutrition science major, said, "I don't think it would be fair. I already took out lots of loans that I have to pay back. This could mean I may not get any."

Governor Mike Easley set aside \$3.2 million in 2005 to cover the projected loss in federal aid before he left office.

"Our message to these students is simple: 'stay in school and study hard,'" Easley said according to The Daily Tar Heel. "Washington may leave you on the curb, but North Carolina will not. Our budget will fund what Washington shamefully cut."

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Inner Pirate Network website enters a new stage

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Inner Pirate Network, students' exclusive social network, hopes to attract more members this year and engage members with new features to its site.

The Division of Academic and Student Affairs launched the first version of the IPN last fall and invited student leaders and organizations to join and try the site out. The general student population was invited to join in the spring, at which time the IPN began as a real social network.

The network has many of the same features as Facebook, such as chat, blogs, groups and status updates; however, it is only for students enrolled at the university.

Kiersa Stricklen, the social media community manager, said, "IPN is made by Pirates for Pirates. Your family can't check what you are doing on this site."

Brandi Haskins, a freshman communication major,

had never heard of the site. "If there was a social network just for our university, I would like to join to know what is going on campus."

Even though IPN has only been available for a year, it has changed considerably since its onset.

"We recently added student forums, you can now update your Twitter status from our site, and Inner Pirate Network also has an events page that is updated daily for university events that are not usually found on the university website," said Stricklen. "Also, the administration just added a class and major classification on the user's profile, which helps students connect with other students in their class and major easier."

Heather Wilkinson, the director of broadcast and emerging media marketing and communications, said she wants the IPN to be more engaging and interactive for students.

"This summer, we had a section where Orientation

Assistants blogged about orientation and videos were added. We also had upperclassmen give advice to incoming freshmen, said Wilkinson. "Like Facebook, IPN has groups. There are currently 47 and (range) from the 'Class of 2015' group to a group for transfer students. Plus, any IPN member can start a group."

Donna Rea, a senior exercise physiology major, was asked to join IPN last fall at a student council meeting, when the site had just begun. Rea logs in about three times a week, more often than she did before.

"I like that it's just like Facebook for us students. What I enjoy the most is that I can see posts from Pirate Football or the Wellness Center, to name a few," said Rea. "With IPN, I can be more informed to what my favorite university groups are doing and planning. On the IPN calendar, I get updates to cool events. There were some t-shirt give-a-ways for members last year too." But

Rea added that IPN did not help her connect with other students she did not already know or help her make new friends.

To promote IPN, the administration walked around campus and gave out cards with their site on it, while the school's Purple Patrol also promoted the site. The administration also created an IPN Twitter page that now, according to Stricklen, has over 700 followers.

Wilkinson said that orientation is when they gain a lot of members. "We try to target freshman who want to be connected to other students and the university."

Last school year, the site had less than a thousand members. Now there are over 1,700. The administration's goal is to reach 2,000 members by the end of the semester.

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Clarification

Due to a reporter error, the September 22 edition of *The East Carolinian* published information about the September 14 Safety Forum that now stands corrected. The forum was sponsored as a Greenville City Council- District 3 Town Hall with Marion Blackburn and a discussion meeting of the Greenville Police Community Relations Committee, The ECU Dean of Students' Office and the ECU Student Government Association. Members of the East Carolina University Police Department were present at this year's forum as well as last year's as well. *The East Carolinian* regrets the error and is happy to set the record straight.

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restaurants around the state."

Students like Ashley Ivey have already visited the Carolina Ale House. Ivey, a freshman undeclared major, said, "I love it. They have a lot of business, so they should be able to donate a lot."

Although a final calculation has not been made, LoGuidice estimates that about \$14,000 will be given to the department.

Kelsey Bryan, a sophomore biology major, said, "It's good they are donating to something. Even a small amount can make a differ-

ence."

O'Halloran will determine what the money from the donation will be used for once a final calculation is made.

"Sometimes we use gifts to be able to support our students to be able to go to professional meetings, like the National Restaurant Association meeting or something like that. There are lots of needs though," said Brown.

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OCTOBER 1st UNC vs. ECU=BLACKOUT! Join the Facebook group: Pirate Nation Blackout!

TEC: If you post this rant I will go streaking on the next home football game!

Apparently, if a squirrel runs out in front of you then it is good luck.

What is up with people who move to Greenville for school but stay in their apartment with the same three friends they had in high school?

The best thing about college is I keep getting older but the freshmen stay the same age. Giggity.

Sometimes, I want to punch people in the face. But then I remember that I have tiny wrists.

To whoever is growing weed in the field on the Greenway: Five-0 found your plants and is probably gonna be waiting for you to come check on 'em. Might wanna lay low. (They looked good though!)

Freshmen: Your lanyards give you away!

Last year at ECU: No kids, no STDs, no DUIs. Now that's graduating Magna Cum Laude.

To the girl who stole my boyfriend from me: It must be horrible being so ugly. And to my ex who chased after her: It must be horrible to be so stupid.

Yeah, Hello Kitty book bag, I saw you trip up those stairs.

I respect that you are confident in your size, but not everyone wants to see that fat jiggle. WEAR BIGGER CLOTHES.

To the person who says there isn't anything positive to say about Greek Life: How many philanthropic events have you hosted and how much money have you raised for charity?

Sorority girls: When I am rushing and you are not interested in me in your sorority, DON'T BE NICE TO ME! I hated it when I got my hopes up just to get them torn down.

People should start appreciating the "Greek" life. It keeps all the people who are so lame that they have to buy their friends away from us normal people.

I wish we played N.C. State this year. But then again I don't want our Strength of Schedule to drop THAT much.

Every morning you say, "Okay students, please 'stow' your cell phones." Why can't you just say put them away? We're not on an airplane.

Why all the frozen yogurt places suddenly? I would much rather have the calories that come with good gelato than the icy texture of frozen yogurt, even if it is better for you.

Why the hell are you wearing sunglasses during class?

"Purple Haze" is a great song to play when you're smoking that purple stuff.

Hey, ECU: How 'bout spending some money on lighting so I can actually see people walking through campus at night?!

WEB POLL

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Denying more than extra credit



Sidney Davis
OPINION COLUMNIST

Sophomore English major

In a mandatory class, Health 1000 students will undoubtedly learn that giving blood will get them extra credit. However, gay students may be hearing a different message. "Extra credit; just, not for you."

The Blood Challenge begins this Thursday, Oct. 19. With roots in the Health and Exercise 1000 classes, this blood drive helps bring in hundreds of units of blood each semester by challenging students to donate their blood to the American Red Cross.

If you're like me and taking Health 1000, you were already given the information about donating blood for extra credit; but, what about homosexuals? "Men who have had sex with men," as defined by the Food and Drug Administration, are barred from giving blood if they have had sex with another man since 1977.

Gay men cannot donate blood in the United States, period. Nor organs, nor any form of bodily fluid. That means no sperm for the fertility clinic, no life-saving bone marrow for the cancer patients. Whether you are for this ban or against it is out of my scope, writing for students who, regardless, have probably either made up their minds about it one way or another. Or you are like many others and had absolutely no idea about the ban until just now. But now that you know, what about the "Blood Challenge?"

The idea of the Blood Challenge is excellent, and undoubtedly comes from that deepest warm and fuzzy spot of human existence that is the desire to help others. But along the way, we're excluding any and all (non-celibate) gay males at the university who don't want to lie about their identities, and that feeling isn't quite so warm or fuzzy. What are we telling them? "Save lives, be a hero! Gays need not apply."

No doubt this exclusion is equally well-intentioned, but what I see as an attempt to put a Band-Aid over the whole situation, the Blood Challenge also offers extra credit for someone who gets another student to volunteer in her or his stead, should they be ineligible.

That's nice, but the guy that just got a cold slap in the face from the FDA, who more or less tells him that his very blood is likely tainted by his sexual orientation (an outdated medical misnomer at best, at worst homophobic policy-making) should not be asked to participate any further in degrading his identity by quiet, second-class participation. As a matter of fact, he has every right to be absolutely outraged.

An eye-opening exercise might be to consider what might become of the situation were the shoe on the other foot. Surely if the idea applies that gay males are more likely to transmit HIV and AIDS, as the FDA's policy implies, this could be used for other demographics?

According to an HIV/AIDS charity group, Avert.org, "African Americans accounted for the largest proportion of people living with an AIDS diagnosis." And yet, if the FDA denied an African American student the right to donate blood, the appropriate response would be shock and outrage. Why? Because the statistically justified black-listing of an entire group of people isn't science, it's stereotyping, plain and simple, and it has no place on a university campus.

We can't play this game and it can't be a part of our university's requirements. It stands as a great big wad of spit in the face of every gay student that walks through the doors of Health or Exercise 1000, or to anyone who stands for LGBT rights, or human rights as a whole.

It's high time campus realizes the exclusion inherent to blood drives in this country and applied that realization to the school's policy regarding health classes. For those of us not excluded for any reason (and there are many other reasons for exclusion, some just as trivial), giving blood should not be about extra credit, and the insulting of students should not spread into the classroom.

It compromises our duty to both diversity and equality. It lowers our collective integrity, even if it is for all the right reasons. By all means, give blood. Just be conscious of the controversy and mindful that the university is home to people of all types, and all sexual orientations.

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Our View

Loyal and bold

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It's hard to not hear the rumors float around campus or to ignore the news: ECU has applied to change conferences. The nation (most specifically the East Coast) is turning its attention to Greenville. And what's not to like?

School spirit is rampant on campus. Walk around campus on any given day and you'll still be in a flood of purple (not an easy color to pull off). The Pirate Nation is a bond that stretched beyond the borders of our campus. Throw up a hook sign or shout out "Purple!" and it's hard not to catch a response.

This past weekend, parents flooded in for a good show. Not only was Dowdy sold out and rocking, it was an in-conference game. Anyone who has been to a few of these knows that games

don't draw a packed house unless it's an ACC rival the team plays against.

There's a shift in the tides and not only the Editorial Board has noticed. Gameday isn't just about football; it's about putting on a show. From the conversion of the entire town into a tailgate to the Purple Haze entrance, people are tuning in to our spectacle.

If our university is already bursting at the seams with spirit, imagine what the future holds if we have decent rivals and more TV airtime. Not only will local schools be jealous of our long-standing traditions, but national schools will notice us as well.

Compared to our neighbors at UNC, Duke and N.C. State, we have a lot more to showcase than them. They may have a deep-

seeded hatred for one another, but we're moving up in the ranks.

People are taking our university more seriously. With an increase in standards, our party school reputation is slipping into the background. That's not to say that people didn't see parents having a great time at the bars this weekend. ECU is turning into the mullet of N.C.: business in the front, party in the back. And for once, a mullet comparison might not be awful.

This is an interesting time to be a Pirate. The excitement is brewing for not only a change in competition, but for a change in spirit. If this is how we are now, future Pirates will be in for the times of their lives.

POLL RESULTS

Should the Pirates change conferences?

Yes 88%
No 12%

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ALBUM REVIEWS

Stephen tests timely tracks



Stephen Mason
COLUMNIST

CDs and, definitely, the Internet allow artists to have wildly long running lengths; when vinyl was the only game in town, albums ran at a consistent thirty to forty-five minutes with only double-LPs at the difference. The modern CD allows for eighty uninterrupted minutes; the Internet offers unlimited space for mixtapes, bootlegs and rarities. And while "Layla" and all its various incarnations may rank among my personal favorites (the original runs to about seventy-seven), this much is still true: I'm wary of long albums. Too often an album that clocks in over forty-five minutes seriously tests my patience, so it's a bit of a surprise that four of the six albums reviewed here do just that, with predictably varied results.

A quick rundown of the system: All **A** grade albums are required listening. A **B+** is a solid effort, more enjoyable to those tuned to its aesthetic frequency than the average music-goer. Anything below those grades ranges from the simply bland to the overtly terrible. Check back next month for Wilco, Feist and more...

RY COODER – "Pull Up Some Dust and Sit Down": This is supposedly a sharply political album, though it's about as politically bold as Green Day's "21st Century Breakdown," which means it isn't that bold at all. Telling a president no longer in office to "take this war and shove it up your Crawford, Texas ass" isn't exactly brave (though it is funny). Cooder gets it right finding common ground like on the slow blues of "John Lee Hooker for President" and ironic "Lord Tell Me Why" and the penultimate "If There's a God" stumbles only with the mention of the "Republiklan" — it's saved when he sings the chorus in a growling roar that vents the frustration of both sides of the political (and religious) spectrum. Not bold, but enjoyable.

LIL WAYNE – "Tha Carter IV": The cover art depicts a child decked out in graduation robes, an implication of maturity or at least attainment. But Wayne's lyrics haven't gotten any smarter — rarely is he ever funnier or cleverer than "Real G's move in silence like lasagna," and most of the album treads water in the same slow, monotonous beats accompanied by lyrics still focused on not giving a damn. And it's fine if he doesn't, but Real G's still care whether their product is tight, and besides the single everyone knows ("6 Foot 7 Foot"), the momentarily surprising "John" and "Megaman" and the Tech N9ne-dominated "Interlude," the fourth installment of his flagship series barely stays afloat. Considering the quality of his last few releases, it makes you wonder if Wayne really is just a kid playing dress-up.

STEPHEN MALKMUS & THE JICKS – "Mirror Traffic": With Beck at the producer's helm, Malkmus and his band sound incredibly focused. Whereas the superb "Real Emotional Trash" meandered with not-too-loose jams, only three of fifteen tracks on "Mirror Traffic" come in over five minutes: "Brain Gallop" crescendos from a lazy start-and-stop lick and explodes both sonically and lyrically; "Share the Red" slowly burns with easy, intricate, stuttering guitar work and pleading vocals. Even slightly shorter

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The man behind the grocery cart

A reporter investigates the Food Lion mystery man

Bill Schmidt
STAFF WRITER

Pushing grocery carts around all day might not be everyone's idea of an exciting job, but one man at the Food Lion on East 10th Street gladly takes this task on each day. His name is Larry, no one is quite sure of his last name, and he faithfully goes to the store every morning to collect the roaming carts and scattered baskets around the grocery store. He leaves no shopping carts unattended and has become a staple at the location, which is in close proximity to several student apartment complexes.

His presence at the store has become an accepted fact, although he remains a mystery to most customers. "I see him here every time I go grocery shopping but I have no idea who he is," said Lindsey Ziegler, a junior nursing major. "I've come to pretty much expect him to take my cart away when I'm done and I don't even know if he works here." Even though Larry does not speak much, he

is always ready to corral up abandoned grocery carts and bring them to their proper place.

Dressed in a tan baseball cap, blue jacket, faded jeans and tennis shoes, he can be seen making his rounds throughout the parking lot and grocery store on almost any given day. What makes his dedication to gathering up carts even more impressive is that he does this chore voluntarily.

Larry is not an official employee of the store, yet he still chooses to spend his time making it a more orderly place. "Sometimes people will give him food or a little money, but he doesn't actually work here," said Kisha Stanback, an office assistant at Food Lion. "I'm not sure where he's from, but he's always asking for a ride home."

It is unknown where Larry goes when he is not at Food Lion and he declined to answer any questions about himself. However, Food Lion employees say Larry and his wife used to come to the store all the

time. When his wife passed away, Larry continued to visit the store and helped to collect the carts. Further reasoning for undertaking this work remains unknown to anyone but Larry himself.

"He's been coming here for about four or five years. Every morning, he comes into work around nine and stays until about nine at night," said Gary Wood, a manager at Food Lion. "I asked him, 'Why do you do it?' He said, 'It's just something to do. I think he does it for the human interaction.'"

Although Larry doesn't speak to most strangers, he does occasionally open up to the Food Lion employees. "He's super nice, it just takes a while," said Stanback. "I've been working here three years and he rarely talks to me. Larry's tight with the baggers though, and he's really a sweetie."

Due to the regularity with which Larry appears at Food Lion, shoppers have become

accustomed to his insistence on gathering carts. "Sometimes, he's a little eager to take my basket away when I'm using the self-checkout stations, but I know he means well so it doesn't really bother me," said Lucas Wall, a regular customer at the Food Lion. "It actually saves me from having to take my cart or basket back, so I'm grateful to him for that."

Larry remains a mystery to most, as he refused to make any comments when asked about his life. Despite his reserved nature, he is continually available to relieve customers of their empty carts whether they know who he is or not.

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Larry is a mystery to most East 10th Street Food Lion shoppers, however his face is familiar. He voluntarily collects grocery carts and shopping baskets.

Twark publishes humor book

Jill Twark is not afraid to poke fun at Germany's serious past

Sara Davis
STAFF WRITER

Germany's serious history is well known around the world. Something that most people do not know is that Germany and its inhabitants have become more humorous over time. They even make fun of their serious past!

Jill Twark, an associate professor of German, has published two books on this very topic. In 2007, her first book, "Humor, Satire, and Identity: Eastern German Literature in the 1990s," was published by Walter de Gruyter in Berlin, Germany. Most recently, Cambridge Scholars Publishing in England published her second book "Strategies of Humor in Post-Unification German Literature, Film, and Other Media" in June.

David Smith, associate professor of German and program coordinator of ECU German, said that Twark "was well-published and extremely energetic and committed to her studies in humor and the studies of students in the German program."

"I chose the topic because I find it to be interesting and relevant. Humor has become an important part of German culture today," Twark stated. She explained that before the Berlin Wall came down in 1989, East Germany and West Germany were vastly different places. She said, "The East Germans lived in a rigid society. There were fewer choices to be made in consumer goods and things like healthcare or choosing to attend a university." So, when the wall came down

and two completely different societies had to intermingle, it led to some conflicts and rivalries. Humor became a way to address this very new situation.

One of the first instances to address the cultural differences with humor was the creation of the character Gaby, a typical East German. She was featured on the cover of a German magazine called "The Titanic" in November 1989. Twark explained that Gaby was "a young woman with an unfashionable, short, curly haircut, wearing a jean jacket (for these reasons alone easily identifiable to all Germans as an East German.)" When asked what an American equivalent to Gaby would be, Twark answered, "Wayne from 'Wayne's World': bad hair, bad clothes, awkward and a very '80s pop-culture look."

According to Twark, Germans were beginning to take life less seriously and people could relax more after reunification. She explained, "There was the 2nd World War and the Holocaust which were followed by the Cold War. During the Cold War, there was tension because of the living threat of Nuclear War." She also said that by the late 20th and the 21st century there was less guilt about the crimes of the past by the new generations of Germans.

It is important to note that German humor is different from American humor. Twark said, "German humor is more intellectual and possesses greater depth than U.S.



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Professor Jill Twark's most recent book on German humor was published earlier this year.

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PIRATE EATS

Carolina Ale House

scores big on game day



RYAN HARPER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Carolina Ale House opened its Greenville location on Sept. 17.



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EDITOR

Grade: B

With a hungry stomach, an open mind and some company, I went to see what the famous Carolina Ale House was all about, as it recently opened in Greenville this month.

The restaurant's high-energy, high-volume atmosphere brings a dining experience closer to a football game than an eight course, suit and tie ordeal. With LG plasma televisions separated only by feet surrounding every nook and cranny of the restaurant, a play is never missed as the stations differ from TV to TV.

Maybe it was because of the Sunday football fever, but the wait for two was over an hour, which was expected as the parking lot surrounding the restaurant was completely filled and the outside seating deck on the second floor was overflowing. As I walked into the restaurant, our university's memorabilia hung

across the walls; photos of the women's volleyball team, the men's basketball team and football jerseys such as the one of the beloved Dwayne Harris.

Next to our table were two billiard tables and four arcade machines. The tables themselves were high off the ground, which meant sitting on stools that eventually caused some back pain. It would have been nice to sit at one of the few booths scattered around our section, but it was easy to take my mind off it as feverish football fanatics swarmed us.

Before weathering the wait and ordering our appetizer and meal, it was hard to overlook the 72 beers the Ale House had, carrying a variety of local brews to go along with commercial favorites. To go along with my order, I got a local ale called the Carolina Blonde, a satisfying refreshment that accompanied the atmosphere.

Like most sports restaurants, the menu consisted of the usual appetizer suspects: cheese fries, loaded nachos, three kinds of wings, mozzarella sticks and fried pickles.

The cheese fries that I ordered were extremely filling and were completely devoured within minutes. The fries themselves were perfectly cooked, as they were long, semi-thick, crispy on the outside, yet still moist. But despite the addictively delicious French fries, its supporting cast fell well short. What little cheese that was spread over the top was burnt, and the fifty-cent extra bacon was practically nonexistent.

As the wait for our lunch continued, the sounds of the Carolina Panthers broadcast echoed off every wall, glass, waitress and baby, making it tough to have a conversation with my girlfriend sitting across from me.

If I didn't know any better, the Panthers could have been in the Super Bowl, as every play was groaned, screamed or cried over by the Steve Smith fan club, evident by the tens of 89 jerseys enjoying their afternoon. Though the appetizer was filling, I was ready for some real food to enter my stomach.

In my 21 years of devouring food, I haven't acquired a culinary taste that

registers all the spices in a meal, but I have eaten enough burgers to know what constitutes a dynamite burger bite.

Though the menu consisted of over 11 types of burgers, 14 sandwiches and wraps, 11 soups and salads, steaks, seafood and ribs, I went with my gut and ordered the "Carolina Ale House Pub Burger." The burger had bacon, cheese, onion strings and "Papa Lou's secret sauce," accompanied by an inhuman helping of French fries.

The burger was stacked high with no shortage of onion strings or other accessories. The bacon was sizzling, adding the perfect crunch alongside the firm lettuce leaf. The thin onion strings added a salty sensation that balanced out "Papa Lou's" tangy sauce. The patty itself was overcooked, leaving the burger a little less juicy as if it had come out the medium I had asked for.

My girlfriend ordered the "Greek Pizza" off of the "Flatbread Pizzas" section of their menu. The pizza consisted of homemade pesto, Alfredo sauce, feta cheese, sliced tomatoes, olives, spinach and grilled chicken, which was evenly spread throughout.

The oversized pizza was topped with fresh, flavorful ingredients that brought an interesting spin to the normal pizza. The giant tomato slices and spinach made the pizza colorful and vibrant, not only filling our stomachs, but our eyes as well. With pesto sauce rather than a tomato base, the Mediterranean-esque pizza brought high praise from my girlfriend and myself, worthy of a take-home box.

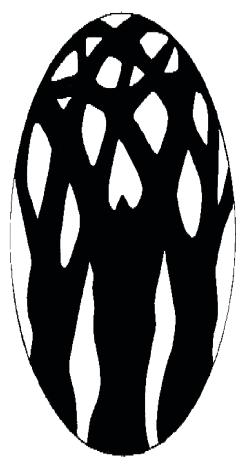
The restaurant's atmosphere made for an eventful experience, something unmatched by any other Greenville restaurant I've eaten at. Even though the place was packed like sardines, the service speed could be improved upon. Though our waitress was nice and often checked on us, it was evident that the place wasn't ready for this many hungry people.

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The restaurant gives off a fun vibe with its sports bar atmosphere and many arcade games and billiards.



From Survivor to Thriver

Participate in a research project evaluating an online program designed to help women who have experienced unwanted sex. The program is open to ECU women, 18 years old or older, who are distressed by an unwanted sexual experience. Participants will be compensated for the time they take to complete study measures.

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songs like "Senator" are deceptive — Malkmus and the Jicks weave in and out of multiple rhythms in four and a half minutes while boldly announcing what we want: "What everyone wants is a blowjob." I can't say they're wrong. A near-perfect effort.

RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS – "I'm With You": Replacing Fruscante with Klinghoffer looks good on paper (check out "A Sphere in the Heart of Silence" and their Ataxia records) and sounds curious on speakers. The new guitarist adjusts to RHCP's sound, not vice versa — which is good, because if "I'm With You" does anything, it attests that the band has a personality outside of an axman. With Klinghoffer securing the background, Flea can let his climbing, sporadic bass take the lead on "Factory of Faith," and Smith joins the ruckus for a rhythm section freak-out on "Ethiopia." But the real gem here is "Police Station," the only cut

featuring Kiedis glimpsing the edges of enlightenment lyrically and an understated but emotional guitar solo, signifying why Josh replaced John after all.

SBTRKT – "SBTRKT": The enigmatic London-based DJ's debut brings a brand of dubstep whose beats and bass pulse rather than blast, making this more suitable for a post-club cup of coffee than a hot session on the dance floor. Choosing Sampha as premiere vocalist brings an airy flavor of R&B to the skittering, tumbling rhythms of tracks like "Trials of the Past" and "Hold On," while the Royksoppesque "Pharaohs" echoes in and out alongside Roses Gabor's discreet performance. The showstopper, though, is "Wildfire," whose primal sirens and throbbing, synth-heavy groove features Little Dragon's Yukimi Nagano in a virtual vocal striptease. Which means

you might hear it at the club, though not the one you'd expect.

WILD FLAG – "Wild Flag": Maybe because too many punk and blues bands of the 21st century have been too "minimalist" or its Lou Reed/Iggy Pop imitators too "lo-fi" that they don't really "rock." This all-female quartet is better suited for the job than most of their male counterparts; sick guitar lines laid like thick slabs of butter on a crunchy rhythm section and topped off by Carrie Brownstein's verbal dipping, amounting to more than a slight Sleater-Kinney reunion and instead sounding like a re-defining of what rock should be — messy, raw, fun and loud. Don't bother mentioning Heart; these chicks dig the likes of Television more than Zeppelin and are probably better for it. Nevermind the gender, here's rocking out with your tits out.

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humor. There is an educational component to comedic films and books." Satire is the humor mode of choice for the Germans, according to Twark, since it "combines social criticism with humor." There are two articles featured in the book that involve "Hitler Humor," which is relatively recent. This humor is featured in the 2007 film "Mein Führer: The Truly Truest Truth about Adolf Hitler" by Dany Levi, and the 1968 play "Springtime for Hitler" by U.S. producer Mel Brooks. "Springtime for Hitler" was run in the U.S. in 1968, but it wasn't shown in Germany

until 2009," said Twark. There are commonly political cartoons in newspapers and late night comedy shows, like the Harold Schmidt Show and the Stefan Raab Show, which are popular in Germany. These late night comedy shows attempt to mirror the shows of David Letterman and Jay Leno here in the U.S.

Twark is hoping to have more lectures about German humor, like the one she recently held on campus, around town in the near future.

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Bullock earns C-USA weekly honors

Staff Reports

After helping the Pirates to its first victory of the season with a 28-23 triumph over UAB Saturday, junior running back Reggie Bullock was named the Conference USA Offensive Player-of-the-Week according to an announcement Monday by league officials. It is the initial league award of Bullock's career as he became the first Pirate running back to win the weekly honor since current Tennessee Titans star Chris Johnson was selected Nov. 5, 2007.

Against the Blazers, Bullock rushed for a personal-best 169 yards and first career touchdown on 24 carries. The junior college transfer from Arizona Western averaged 7.0 yards per attempt and posted the second-highest single-game yardage total by a C-USA running back this season.

The performance marked the most yards by an individual in the Ruffin McNeill era and the most by an ECU player since Dominique Lindsay tallied 172 against Tulsa on Nov. 15, 2009. Bullock's total was also the sixth highest among all running backs at the FBS level during week four action.

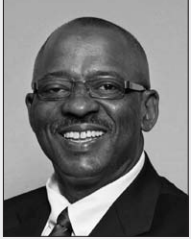
The Las Vegas, Nev., native currently ranks second in C-USA in rushing yards per game (82.0) and eighth in all-purpose yards per contest (118.0). He owns 15 of the Pirates' 20 rushing first downs and is averaging 6.3 yards on first-down carries.

In addition to the league honor, Bullock was selected as a Week Four College Football Performance Awards Honorable Mention running back.

Around C-USA Week 4

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Coach speak



"Coach Holland, Nick Floyd, Lee Workman and I have all talked about our fan support. We had 50,000-plus fans on a dreary day. Our fans willed us to win the football game. There's no doubt. I know there were some grumblings earlier, but that's due to the passion for our team and East Carolina University.

"In the end, the energy and enthusiasm were there. If you're not on the field, it can be hard to feel them willing us to win. But they did.

"We'll keep this on display upstairs, but this is the game ball from Saturday presented to our fans. It says, 'To the 50,000-plus Pirate Nation fans who willed us to victory on 9/24/11, we were and are second to none. ECU 28, UAB 23. Thank you and go Pirates, Ruffin McNeill and staff.'" -Ruffin McNeill, head football coach

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FINALLY

Pirates survive Blazers for first win

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After suffering heart break in the first two games of the season, the Pirates were finally able to pick up win number one of the 2011 season, defeating UAB 28-23 on Saturday.

The Pirates overcame seven turnovers and suspect defensive play to avoid dropping to 0-3 on the season and 0-1 in conference play.

Lance Lewis caught a 7-yard touchdown pass from Dominique Davis late in the third quarter that would prove to be the difference in this Conference USA showdown.

With 24 points scored between the two teams heading into the half, both teams came out with something to prove early in the second stanza. The Blazers struck first as Davis floated a screen pass too high for intended target Michael Bowman. UAB corner back Jamie Bender snagged the ball out of the air racing 35 yards down the sideline for the score. The pick-six gave UAB their first lead of the season.

Not to be outdone by the Blazers' early second half strike, the Pirates marched right down the field before junior college transfer Reggie Bullock scored from 3 yards out, giving the Pirates a lead they would never give back. The score was Bullock's first touchdown since joining the team.

With the Pirates holding a 28-17 advantage heading into the fourth quarter, it seemed like the game was all but wrapped up. UAB had a different idea. The Blazers would cut into the lead early in the fourth after a Pat Shed 7-yard touchdown run. UAB's two-point conversion attempt failed.

Despite the Blazers' touchdown, all ECU had to do was melt the clock away. The turnover bug victimized Davis for the third time of the day when he was intercepted inside the red-zone.

UAB would drive the ball inside the red-zone before Jonathan Perry's fourth and 8 fade to Shed fell incomplete, sealing the Pirates' win.

"I told them last week, just win," Head Coach Ruffin McNeill said following the game. "If it was pretty, fine. But, I'll take an ugly win just as quick as the next person."

Davis, on the day, was more efficient than in the previous two out-



BLYTE LINK | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Linebacker Daniel Drake (59) forces an incomplete end zone pass intended for Blazer running back Pat Shed (26).

ings completing 35-of-42 passes for 361 yards with three touchdowns, but he also had three interceptions.

On the ground, Bullock carried 24 times for 168 yards and a score, becoming the first Pirate to rush for over 100 yards in the McNeill era.

Joining Davis in committing turnovers were Michael Bowman, Joe Womack, Danny Webster and Michael Dobson, who all fumbled one time. The seven turnovers set a school record for turnovers in a game, breaking the record of six set back in 1992.

The Pirates' first half was characterized by mistakes, as costly pen-

alties and turnovers in key moments kept ECU from seizing more than a 14-10 lead going into the half.

The Pirates fumbled three times and threw one interception in the opening 20 minutes of play, allowing the Blazers to halt several promising drives.

With turnovers killing drives, the Pirates were only able to mount two scoring drives in the first half.

Starting the drive on their own 6 yard line, ECU used a mixture of swing passes and delayed hand-offs to work their way to the UAB 35 yard line. After Bullock rushed around the left side for 14 yards to

the 21, Davis found freshman Justin Hardy down the right sideline for the 21-yard touchdown.

The Davis to Hardy touchdown connection was Davis's first touchdown pass since the fourth quarter against South Carolina on Sept. 3.

Davis recorded his second touchdown pass of the game midway through the second quarter when he found Lewis on a fade from one yard out in the back corner of the end zone, giving the Pirates the lead for the second time.

UAB wasn't able to avoid the

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Conference wrap up

OPINION



Stephen McNulty
STAFF WRITER

Amidst the conference re-alignment talk and Pirate fans dreaming of the Big East, the 2011 season has been full of excitement for the Conference USA.

One of the most high-powered conferences in the nation, C-USA has been busy playing nationally ranked opponents and continuing to make statements against BCS schools. Unfortunately though, the bottom of the barrel teams in the conference are pretty bad.

The Memphis Tigers (1-3, 0-1 C-USA) are not known for their football team, and it doesn't look like they will be anytime soon. The Tigers went 1-11 in 2010 and failed to win a conference match-up. In 2011, they have been blown out 148-17 in their three losses and grabbed possibly their only win of the season against Austin Peay.

UTEP (2-2, 0-1 C-USA) opened the 2011 campaign by narrowly escaping Big South opponent Stony Brook in overtime before losing to Southern Methodist. ECU (1-2, 1-0 C-USA) has already seen UAB (0-3, 0-2 C-USA), and quite honestly made them look better than many had expected from the Blazers. UAB stumbled out of the gates, getting blown out in consecutive losses before its trip to Greenville.

Also among those who are not expected to put up much of a fight for the C-USA crown are Marshall (1-3, 1-0 C-USA) and Rice (1-2, 0-0 C-USA). W.Va. handled Marshall in their season opener, but in week two the Thundering



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Receiver Lance Lewis snags the game-winning touchdown pass from Dominique Davis in the fourth quarter of Saturday's game against the Blazers.

Herd stunned Southern Miss. The Golden Eagles turned the ball over six times, including Austin Davis's third interception with a minute left in the game to seal the 26-20 upset for Marshall.

Rice got in on the dramatics when Justin Allen blocked a 31-yard field goal as time expired to beat Big Ten opponent Purdue 24-22. Like ECU, the Owls have been of victim of a tough non-conference schedule that includes losses at both Texas and Baylor.

Tulane (2-2, 1-1) started off conference play by being dismantled by Tulsa (1-3, 1-0 C-USA) 31-3 before taking their anger out on UAB 49-10 a week later. However, the Green Wave failed to maintain momentum, losing to Duke 48-27 on Saturday.

Tulsa's domination of Tulane is the only bright spot on their extremely difficult start to the season. The Golden Hurricane opened up the season at the pre-

season No. 1 Oklahoma Sooners. Things didn't get any easier after they beat Tulane either. Tulsa hosted No. 8 Oklahoma State and then traveled to the Smurf turf to take on fourth-ranked Boise State. However, keep in mind that Tulsa finished 2010 by winning seven straight, and after they host the Mean Green of North Texas; Tulsa plays seven straight C-USA games to finish this season.

Still sitting just ahead of Tulsa in the C-USA West are Houston (4-0, 0-0 C-USA) and Southern Methodist (3-0, 2-0 C-USA). Houston presents the conference's preseason Offensive Player of the Year with Case Keenum. Keenum was granted a sixth year of eligibility after tearing his ACL in the third game of the season in 2010.

The Cougars have continued to

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Road trip ends in defeat

Chase Kroll
STAFF WRITER

The volleyball team finished up an 11-game road stretch with two straight conference losses, falling to both Memphis and UAB in three straight sets. The Pirates drop to 0-3 in Conference USA action, compiling an overall record of 2-10.

The UAB Blazers played host to the Pirates in a matchup of teams going in opposite directions. While the Pirates have posted just two wins, the Blazers moved to 13-2, after their win over the Pirates. UAB has not yet lost in conference, having dominated the Pirates to keep that streak alive.

With the Blazers up two sets to none, the third set started with a 5-5 tie. The set reached a tie on five separate occasions, but the Pirates just didn't have the firepower to keep up with UAB. Of the set's final 28 points, the Blazers managed to score 20 of them, winning the set 25-13.

A 7-6 Pirate lead to start the second set quickly evaporated due to a 3-0 run by UAB, forcing the Pirates to call a timeout. The Blazers would come out of the break to score 11 of the set's next 16 points, which created a lead too big for the Pirates to overcome.

In the match's first set, the Pirates scored just one of the set's first eight points. The Pirates would only come to within four, as the Blazers won the first set without the lead ever changing hands.

UAB held the upper hand in kills (44-21), assists (37-20), digs (54-45) and blocks (11.0-5.0). Jackie Varnum, who had five kills, led the Pirates on offense, while Shelby Beasley recorded 17 digs to lead the defense.

The first matchup of the week-

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Soccer struggles in conference play



Forward Amanda Malkiewicz (8) plays the ball around William & Mary defender Tara Connors (2).

Alex Serkes
STAFF WRITER

The Pirates' soccer team began their Conference USA schedule last week, though they did not get off to the quality start they had projected, falling to both UTEP and Colorado College.

Having to travel on the road certainly did not help towards the Pirates' hopes of achieving victory over the weekend, with the team traveling 643 miles from Colorado Springs, Co. to El Paso, Texas, in a span of two days. The road woes seemed to affect the Pirates, as they were unable to overcome late in their games.

Sunday's match against UTEP was locked at two goals a piece halfway through the second half of the game, until the Miner's Katie Dorman laid a strike into the back of the net in the 65th minute of regulation. Dorman's third goal of the season turned out to be the game-winning goal and sealed the Pirates' fate Sunday afternoon. After fall-

ing behind early, the Pirates were able to knot the game at one early in the second half on Katy Butler's goal in the 51st minute. Butler, who leads the Pirates with 14 points for the season, made a beautiful header through the pipes off a deflected ball by UTEP's goalie.

The Miners would quickly fire back, scoring two goals in the 63th and 65th minute, raising UTEP's lead to 3-1. Amanda Malkiewicz tried to push the comeback with a score in the 80th minute, but it seemed as if the Pirates were out of gas towards the end, as the Miners held on and won 3-2.

On paper, it seemed as if ECU had dominated the match with a 13-7 advantage in shots, including 11 in the second half, while also winning the corner kick battle 5-2. Ultimately, it was not enough.

On Friday night, under the lights in Colorado, the Pirates were completely shut down and shut out, as the

Tigers held them scoreless. Colorado College got off to a fast start, scoring the game's only two goals in the first 30 minutes of regulation.

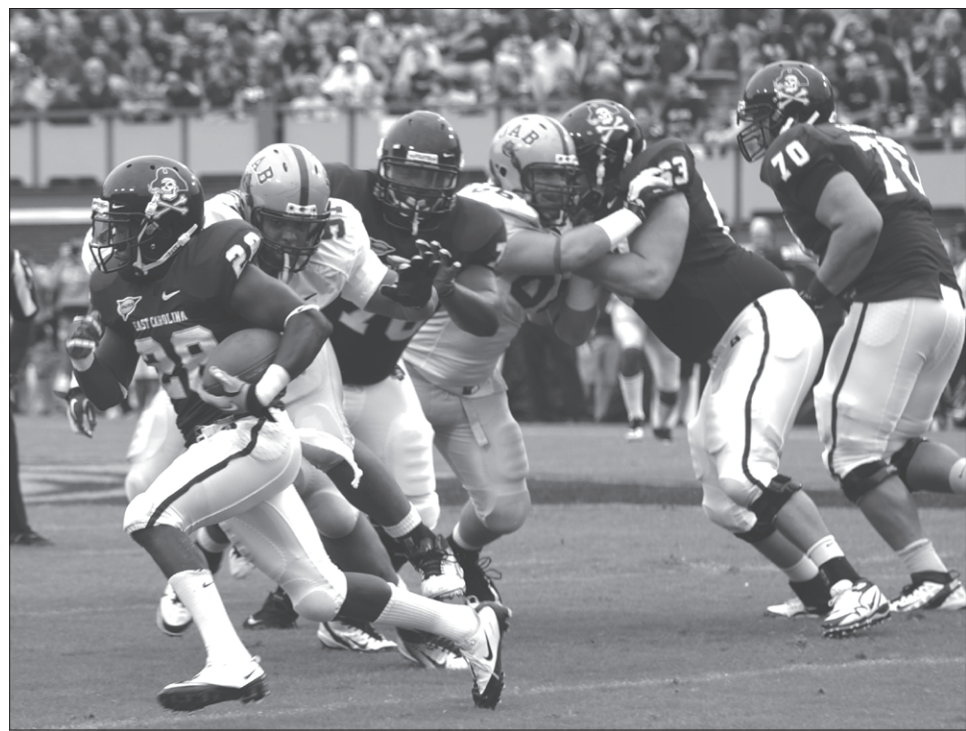
"Colorado College is a tough team," said Pirate Head Coach Rob Donnenwirth. "We were a step behind them, we were not aggressive getting forward and just not good in the first half. In the second half, we played better, but you can't play half a game and expect to win."

Once again, the Pirates held the advantage on shots, 13-12, but were only able to land five on goal. Amanda Malkiewicz led the Pirates with three shots on goal.

With the wins, Colorado College and UTEP are both 2-0 in C-USA play, and tied for first, while ECU falls to 0-2, along with Marshall and UAB. ECU will host UAB under the lights this Friday at 7 p.m. inside the ECU soccer stadium.

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Running back Reggie Bullock (28) sweeps to the left against the Blazers on Saturday. Bullock earned Conference USA weekly honors for his 169-yard rushing performance against UAB.

turnover bug in the first half either, as the Blazers gave the ball up twice in ECU territory. The turnovers included a fumble and a Damon Magazu interception in the end zone.

Like the Pirates, UAB was only able to put together one touchdown drive that was capped when wide out Jackie

Williams took the hand off from quarterback Bryan Ellis, breaking one tackle before speeding his way into the end zone from 15 yards out. The score marked the Blazers' first offensive touchdown of the season.

The Blazers added a 29-yard field goal by Ty Long

with 34 seconds left in the first to cut the lead to four heading into the break.

The Pirates will now get ready to face in-state rival UNC next Saturday in Greenville.

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Football by the numbers

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	UAB	ECU
Points	23	28
First Downs	24	31
Total Net Yards	400	546
Rush Yards	117	181
Pass Yards	283	361
Fumbles- Lost	3-2	4-4
Penalties- Yards	0-0	4-60
Time of Possession	32:16	27:44

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light up the scoreboard, as they will host the Pirates in two short weeks. The last time the Cougars faced ECU, Van Eskridge intercepted Keenum in the back of the end zone to clinch the 2010 C-USA championship. And once again, the pass defense must come up big if the Pirates hope to come out on top.

Many people expect SMU to top Houston and come out of the West. Junior running back Zach Line has memories of the Pony Express running through Mustang fans' heads as he is off to a fast start in 2011. In just four games, he has 463 yards and 11 touchdowns.

Ahead of ECU in the East are Central Florida (2-2, 0-0 C-USA) and Southern Miss (3-1, 0-1 C-USA). USM suffered a tough loss at the hands of Marshall, but has bounced back with a good win over Virginia. The Pirates host USM in one of their most pivotal games of the season on Nov. 5.

Arguably, the most important game for the Pirates will come against rival UCF. Central Florida won the Conference USA in 2010 and beat Georgia in the Autozone Liberty Bowl to finish the season ranked 21st in the AP Poll. C-USA Freshman of the Year in 2010, Jeff Godfrey,

returns under center for the Knights. Despite not having thrown a touchdown yet in 2011, the Miami, Fla. native has scored eight times on the ground in just four games. The East Division is likely to be decided after UCF travels to USM on Nov. 12, and then stay on the road against ECU on Nov. 19.

Although it is most important what the Pirates do for themselves, it is important to stay tuned to where the rest of the conference stands as the Pirates' attempt to return to the top of C-USA.

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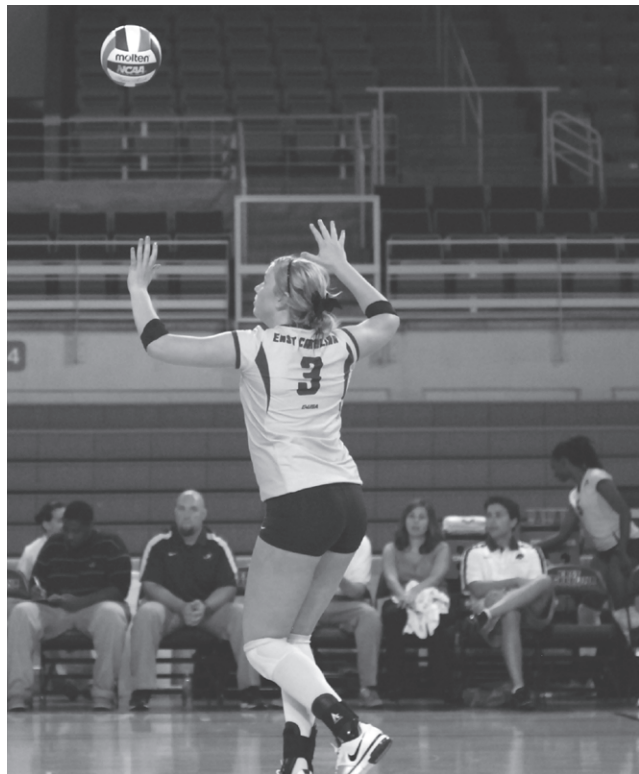
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end set the Pirates up against the Memphis Tigers. Memphis put on a strong showing against the Pirates, winning the first three sets by scores of 25-27, 19-25 and 18-25.

The third set opened quite well for the Pirates, who slowly built a 14-9 lead, due to three straight kills from Kelly Derby. The Tigers responded by reeling off five straight points, all by Vesna Jelic, to tie the game at 14. From that point on, the Pirates scored just four more times, as Memphis ran away with the win. Derby finished the match with eight kills, followed by Britney Roper, who had seven.

Memphis performed best in the second set, where it built a comfortable 14-6 lead from the start. The Pirates would pull to within four, but could not come any closer than that. The Tigers won their second set by scoring five of the set's final eight points.

The Pirates showed fight in the match's opening set. Forced to call a timeout with the score 15-8, the Pirates closed the game in impressive fashion. With Memphis just one point away from victory, the Pirates went on a 5-0 run



Kasey Kavanaugh gets ready to serve against Gardner-Webb.

to push the game into extra points. The Tigers, however, quickly regained composure and scored the set's final three points to go up one set to nothing.

ECU returns home to host UCF on Friday, Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. in Minges Coliseum.

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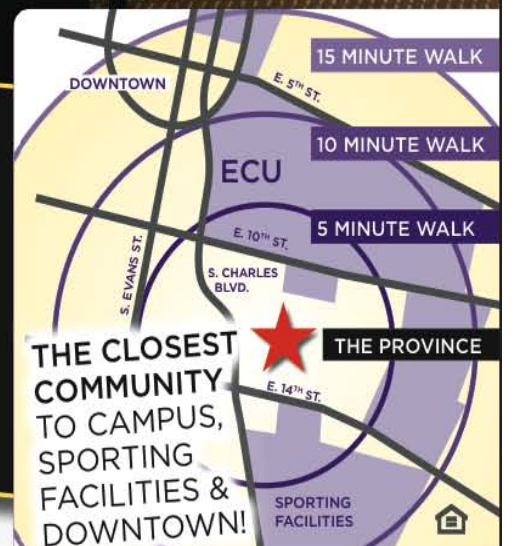
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