



## BRIEFS

### Checks to be presented to Riley's Army Sunday

#### Staff Reports

Two checks will be presented from BrrBerrys and Texas Roadhouse to Riley's Army this Sunday.

On Oct. 9 at Elmhurst Elementary School, Riley's Army will be hosting a Jersey Auction and the checks will be presented.

BrrBerry Frozen Yogurt will present a check totaling \$1,399 from their grand opening and fundraising day. Texas Roadhouse will be presenting a donation of \$472 from their fundraising day back in July.

Riley's Army will have a Riley's Army Day at the ECU Women's Soccer game at 2 p.m. on Oct. 9.

Riley's Army was founded in 2008 to raise awareness for pediatric cancer patients and to recruit and train volunteers to sit with these patients and their families.

Tickets to the Women's Soccer game are \$5 for adults and free for kids under 17. For more information or tickets, contact Kimber Stone at [kastone@yahoo.com](mailto:kastone@yahoo.com) or (252) 412-8191.

### Fall graduation Expo to be held this week

#### Staff Reports

The university will hold its annual Fall Graduation Expo this week on Oct. 4 and 5.

The expo will be held in Dowdy Student Store and will be open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

December graduates can pick up their cap and gown for no charge. Master's and Doctoral candidates will be charged for the hood; honors cords are available for an extra fee.

The expo will include various graduation packages, custom printed announcements, thank you notes, class rings and diploma frames.

If students are unable to attend the expo, they can pick up their caps and gowns during regular store hours after the event.

Distance education students can have their cap and gown mailed to them for a small shipping fee.

For more information, visit [www.ecu.edu/csadmin/student-stores/Graduation/index.cfm](http://www.ecu.edu/csadmin/student-stores/Graduation/index.cfm).

### Pitt County fair now open

#### Staff Reports

The 92nd annual Pitt County American Legion Agriculture Fair will be held from now until Saturday.

The fair opened yesterday on U.S. 264. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students up to grade 12 and free for children under four.

Each day, specials will be held for reduced admission. For more information visit [www.pittfair.org](http://www.pittfair.org).

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Caitlin Hunnicutt  
STAFF WRITER

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ECU will be one of the stops that MTV and popular sex columnist Dan Savage make throughout the United States to film their new show.

The show follows Savage as he tours different universities, asking students to share their sex questions, tips, personal stories and college experiences. The producers and Savage want to showcase what makes ECU stand out from other universities in the country.

"The response from students has been overwhelmingly positive. A lot of Dan's readers and listeners are college age, so they're already fans," said an MTV spokesperson. "The students have been thrilled to host Dan and have him kick-start open, honest and frank discussions about sex, pleasure and responsibility. And, we're all very excited about this stop at ECU."

Savage's Facebook states, "No subject or event is too taboo, too kinky or too conservative. All views and opinions are welcome."

"We're looking for smart, honest discussions about sex and relationships, from students of all backgrounds and beliefs," said an MTV spokesperson. "There's no judgment; it's all about exploring different choices, opinions and responsibilities."

The process of filming on the university's campus began in June 2011. Producers of MTV are presently casting ECU students that are over the age of 18 and are willing to talk about their experiences. Filming on campus will be Oct. 18-21.

"[Students should expect] an open environment, where Dan fosters honest discussions with students about relationships. The focus will really be on students and their experiences at ECU," said an MTV spokesperson.

## coming to campus

MTV spokespeople are urging students to get their free tickets to the filming of a Q&A session that will take place on campus in Hendrix Theatre on Oct. 19th from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. The free tickets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis, and can be obtained by emailing [savageticket.eastcarolina@gmail.com](mailto:savageticket.eastcarolina@gmail.com). The email should include the student's name and return email.

"We will also be shooting at off-campus hot spots, but wherever we shoot, the focus will be on the student experience," said an MTV spokesperson.

MTV producers are also encouraging students who want to share, on camera, any questions, problems or stories they have about sex, dating and relationships to email Savage directly at [savageshow.ecu@gmail.com](mailto:savageshow.ecu@gmail.com). There are an undetermined number of students who will be filmed.

The students should include their name, year in college, questions for Savage, a contact number and a recent photo of themselves. Students who are selected will be filmed as a participant of the Q&A session.

Students are already going through the process of being cast by MTV producers. Junior and intended recreational therapy major Brittany Libert has begun the process of being cast for the Q&A session.

Some of the things that producers will be asking students that apply is: "Describe yourself, interesting facts about yourself, thrilling moments in your life and what's special about your relationships and sex life," according to Libert.

"I can understand why there's negative feedback about this, because they're saying 'theres nothing too taboo,'" said Libert. "To a lot of students, talking about things like hooking up is taboo, but I think it will shed positive light on the subject. I'm really excited about it."

With MTV's topic of discussion being more edgy than most and putting the university under a national spotlight, it is expected to have mixed reviews among students. MTV producers, however, feel that they are creating a professional environment where adult students can talk about their sex lives.

"I think it's a good thing that they're coming because even students that aren't sexually active like myself can learn information that they'll need at some point in life," said junior nursing major, Lauren Wiggins. "Waiting until marriage is important to me, but I think that even people who are waiting to have sex can still learn from this opportunity with MTV."

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LACEY SCHWAB | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Flowers and candles were left in front of Derek Oliverio's house after a fire.

## Sup Dogs owner dies in house fire

Cameron Gupton  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

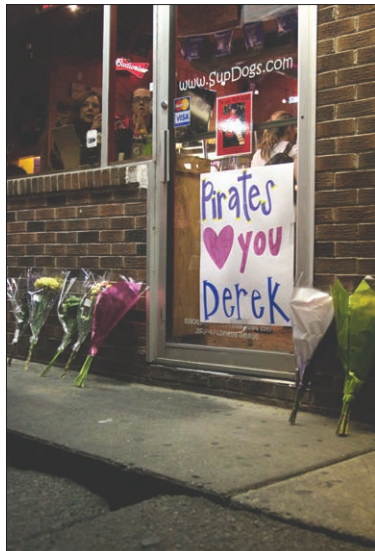
Early Thursday morning, firefighters were called to Wyndham Circle after a caller reported seeing smoke coming from a duplex in the neighborhood.

Twenty-seven-year-old Derek Oliverio, who lived in the duplex, died as a result of fire. According to Greenville Police Department's Lt. Kenneth Laws, no one else was inside of the house at the time of the fire.

Oliverio was the owner of the Fifth Street restaurant Sup Dogs, which is popular among students.

At 3:20 a.m., firefighters arrived to the scene and found Oliverio unresponsive. Oliverio's two dogs also perished in the flames.

Oliverio was pronounced dead after he was taken to Pitt County



DAN WILLET | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Students leave flowers and signs for the owner of Sup Dogs, Derek Oliverio.

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## Pirate Fit offers prizes to students

Abbey Way  
STAFF WRITER

Campus Recreation and Wellness launched Pirate Fit last week, an incentive program for students and SRC members. Those who join earn points toward free prizes every time they use a CRW program.

"It is designed to motivate people to come in and be physically active even on days that may be more attractive to do something else," said Sam Combs, assistant director of fitness programs at the CRW.

To register for Pirate Fit, students can click on the online registration link on the CRW website and then answer a few quick questions. After registration, students can immediately begin tracking their workouts by following the "Track my workout" link found underneath the registration link. To earn points, it is required that students track their work outs each day, and it must be tracked the day of participation because you can only track one workout per day.

"We just want to get people in here, even if it's just to buy a smoothie. Anything counts," Combs said.

Students can earn points by tracking any workout or activity that is sponsored by the CRW. Exercising at other locations like the North Recreational Complex and intramural fields also count toward earning points. Participation in exercise classes for credit, group fitness classes, personal training, adventure trips, swimming, club sports, weight lifting, CRW education programs, cardio workouts, wall climbing, intramurals and health speakers all count.

Kelci Walters, a senior biology major, said, "I would do it for the

T-shirt. It sounds like a really good way to get people motivated."

Registered Pirate Fit users reach levels toward prizes, depending on how many logged workouts they have. To reach the first level, all that is required is to sign up. After five registered Pirate Fit workouts, users become a level two and get to choose from a variety of free rewards, including a personal sized hand sanitizer, a dumbbell stress ball and a CRW lanyard. Level three requires 12 workouts and users earn a free Pirate Fit T-shirt, while supplies last. After 15 workouts are achieved, level four is reached and users are automatically entered into a drawing for a free iPad. Other prizes at level four include water bottles, Pirate Fit draw string bags and resistance tubing for at-home workouts.

"It helps students work towards something and creates a sense of community through competition to get the most workouts," said Rebecca Allen Davis, a kinesiology instructor.

Walters said she plans on signing up because the program will help motivate her to be active. "If there is a day I don't feel like going but I think I only have two more times to go to get a prize, it will make me more likely to go," Walters said.

Henry Johnson, a sophomore business major, said that Pirate Fit is a good idea to get students more active. "I would do it to get free stuff and it would be a good incentive for me to get up and be more active," Johnson said.

So far, about 250 students have signed up this fall. This is the third time that the CRW held the program. Last fall, 275 members

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## ONLINE



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# Teaching Fellows may be safe

Melanie Jock  
STAFF WRITER

State legislature is considering the possibility of reinstating Teaching Fellows, reversing their previous decision to phase it out.

When state legislature met last June, they made the controversial decision to cut the state's Teaching Fellow's program due to a budget shortfall of nearly \$2.5 billion.

According to reports by the News and Observer, House speaker Thom Tillis said that lawmakers are rethinking their decision to phase out the prestigious program. "I have heard from enough teachers and enough superintendents and enough advocates that I am convinced that we have got to find a way to bridge it back," said Tillis. "I am convinced it's a good program."

Realizing their decision had an impact on not just students but families and the community at large allowed for lawmakers to rethink the decision. Tillis has been the one to step up to the plate so far to save the program, although it is not for certain whether it will definitely be reinstated.

Dionna Manning, director of Teaching Fellows on campus, believes awareness about the program and educating lawmakers about its benefits were major factors in the overturn.

She thinks the decision was an unwise one, based more on finances

rather than how valuable the program is to students and their families.

A sigh of relief is felt not only among faculty, but with current Teaching Fellows as well.

"I was really pleased to hear there was a second thought," said Chris Larsen, math education major and a current Teaching Fellow. "They realized they were getting a rid of a good program." After the flip-flop decision to phase it out and then deciding to possibly reinstate it.

This leaves the question of whether the program on campus would be able to recover. Manning believes campus would be able to pick up and move on easily and transition right into the new class of upcoming freshmen.

If the decision goes through, high school seniors would still be able to apply for the program. Manning said that Teaching Fellows' directors met during the summer to discuss plans of what to do if the program is reinstated.

Since the decision process takes several months to complete, directors have designed a way to cut the time so that the recipients would be able to come to school in Fall 2012 with the scholarship. That is, if the decision is overturned in time to reinstate the program.

Even after the decision to phase it out, the Department of Education still tried to find the most qualified teaching students to come to the university. "We still recruited for strong students

and still looked for the best of the best," said Manning.

Although the negatives of the decision are obvious to those affected, cutting the program allowed students the opportunity to educate legislatures about how valuable the program is to students and families. The community also feels the blow, which suffers the loss of the nearly 2,300 hours of community service that the Teaching Fellows put in.

Manning believes that students at the university had an impact on possibly turning over the first cut because of the support and advocating the students have done to get the program back. She believed the combination of letters, face-to-face meeting, and phone calls from students, families and former teachers all working towards keeping the program had an impact on lawmakers.

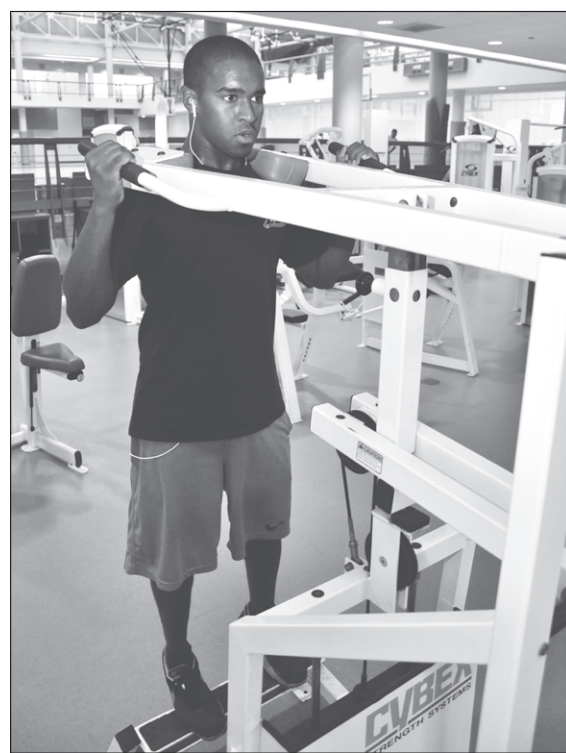
"I know a lot of people who helped the effort. Everyone wrote letters," said Larsen, who also believes the Teaching Fellows on campus contributed to legislature taking a second look at their original decision.

Although the Teaching Fellow's website indicates that the program is still cut, discussion about reinstating gives students hope.

"The more letters we write, the better," said Larsen. "If we pester them enough, they will want to care."

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Cameron McAilley works out and listens to his iPod in the Student Recreational Center on a Monday afternoon.

joined and 598 joined in the spring. "We saw a big increase from fall to spring last year, because a lot of people heard about it and got others excited about it," Combs said.

Another reason for the increase is because of the increase of enrollment in the popular fitness classes offered by the CRW. Last year, 12,298 students participated

in fitness classes in the fall and 16,993 in the spring.

"Our goal is to keep it as easy as possible, accessible as possible and also free," Combs said.

Pirate Fit lasts until Nov. 11; CRW members can join the program at any time.

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Memorial Hospital. The Pitt County Medical Examiner's office said he died as a result of smoke inhalation.

The autopsy ruled that his death was accidental, but lists acute alcohol intoxication as a contributing factor.

Despite the storms that rolled through the area Thursday night, it was not initially thought that lightning started the fire. Officials have traced the fire to a bad electrical outlet in the microwave oven in the kitchen.

"The damage was internal and pretty much contained to

that one unit," said Capt. Ted Sauls of the Greenville Police Department in an interview with the Daily Reflector.

The other half of the duplex Oliverio lived in remained unharmed by the fire and the woman who lives there was not hurt.

"There are no obvious signs of foul play," said Sauls. "The investigation from our end is continuing as a death investigation resulting from a structure fire."

Sauls said more information would be released after Greenville Fire-Rescue fin-

ishes its investigation.

Since a death resulted from the fire, Sauls said police would be looking at the case with a "fine-tooth comb."

Lauren Shultz, a secondary math education major, lives in the Wyndham Circle complex about four duplexes down from Oliverio's.

"I didn't know him personally, but when I'd get off the bus, I would talk to him," said Shultz. "He was one of the only people in the complex I talked to and his dogs would always follow me home."

Shultz said she did not see the fire, nor did she hear the fire trucks, but she knows he will be missed.

"Sup Dogs always had a fun atmosphere and it's sad he died at such a young age," said Shultz.

Oliverio renovated Sup Dogs extensively and often held fundraisers and events for the community. It originally opened in 2008, with Oliverio adding the deck that faces Reade Street.

The restaurant closed after the announcement of Oliverio's death and employ-

ees gathered to remember him.

Flowers were placed outside of his home and Sup Dogs, in memory of Oliverio. Sup Dog's Facebook page is full of comments from those who knew Oliverio and those who wanted to pay their respects.

Junior Ivona Spady, a communication and Hispanic studies double major, said she was shocked by the news of Oliverio's death.

"I don't know what is going to happen. Sup Dogs is a huge part of downtown

Greenville and pretty much everyone knew who he was," said Spady. "He was really energetic and friendly."

According to a recent report on the United States Fire Administration's website, "91 percent of all civilian fatalities in residential building fires involve thermal burns and smoke inhalation."

The website also states that 51 percent of civilian fatalities in residences occurred between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

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# MARKET DAYS

A Monthly Vendor Fair at ECU

::: Mendenhall Student Center Brickyard :::  
Thursday, October 6, 2011 11am-2pm

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# GRADUATION EXPO

## for all December 2011 Graduates

### Starts TODAY!

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October 4 & 5  
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Order your class ring, diploma frame  
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# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



## EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY®

Student Government Association Updates: Bringing Unity to the ECU Community

### Executive Branch:

Congratulations to the newly appointed 2011-2012 Executive Cabinet Members:

Dir. Of Student Affairs: Antonial Marshall

Dir. Of Academic Affairs: Michaela Steward

Dir. Of Athletics Affairs: Taccara Williams

Dir. Of Community & Safety Affairs: Matthew Paske

Dir. Of Financial Affairs: Dillon Godley

Dir. Of Marketing Affairs: Alexandra Krukowski

Dir. Of Special Projects: Micah Lockhart

### Legislative Branch:

\*September 26, 2011 Senate held their first meeting as they reviewed the Parliamentary Procedures, met with their respective committees,.This past week we had Scott Poag a representative from Uptown Greenville Revitalization committee come speak to the senate about possibly putting meters in taxi cabs and seeing if we would possibly write a resolution supporting the issue.

#### Leadership of Senate

Louis Cameron : Appropriations Chair, Casey Anthony :Public Relations Chair, Kelly Waston :Student Health and Welfare Chair.

Deputy Clark: Katlen Johnson, Parliamentarian :Eric Green, Pro Temp: Joe Bode, Sergeant at Arms :Alex Brenermen, Chief Clerk :Chelsea Roach, Speaker of Senate: Daniel Thornton

### Judicial Branch:

\*Shipmates first year program meets every Tuesday at 5 pm. Bate 3008

Questions: Contact Andrew Ross, Student Body Chief Justice @ [sgachiefjustice@ecu.edu](mailto:sgachiefjustice@ecu.edu)

### Other SGA Updates:

\*If you haven't already check out the new Athletic link [www.ecu.edu/undaunted](http://www.ecu.edu/undaunted)

\* National Student's Day is October 6th, this Thursday! Come out in front of Wright Plaza to get free prizes, free food, and Support the Troops!

\* Next Student Advisory Council Meeting October 25, 2011 at 4:00 pm SAO/Conference Room

## PIRATE RANTS

The East Carolinian does not endorse statements made in Pirate Rants. Questions regarding Rants can be directed to Kelly Nurge at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com. Log onto theeastcarolinian.com to submit a Rant of your own.

A new decree handed down from the Captain: Anyone caught wearing baby blue shall be keelhaunched in the Tar River.

To the person that said they were streaking if their rant got posted: Way to hold up your end of the bargain.

Is it really necessary to receive 3 emails about how we should be nice fans for the Carolina game?

Dear UNC: We don't go to football games and tailgate all day just to see a win; we go because we have PRIDE in our SCHOOL.

You know you're a Pirate when you put on a pair of pants and there is already a beer koozie in your back pocket.

Bragging about getting f'ed up isn't cool anymore. We are in college. You give ECU a bad name.

I rant and rant and rant and my rants are never published!

Disclaimer: Conservatives who read TEC may have a seizure. Liberals may have a parade.

We are primarily a liberal college. Get over it or stop reading the paper.

TEC doesn't care about straight people.

Please pass this on to whoever makes the sandwiches at Bate: Your chicken salad sandwiches are delicious, however, they could be better with just a tad bit less celery. It's a little overpowering.

Come on, ECU. The only person I know in any of my classes is my boyfriend's ex. Could this get any more awkward?

The second time we "chilled," you asked for a QUICKIE. Are you serious?! On to the next one.

I can't believe how many white people were painted in blackface on Saturday. Don't you realize that is EXTREMELY racist?!

To the so-called "horribly gross fat girl in the English 1100 class": You are beautiful regardless of what size you are. Don't ever forget that.

I thought making fun of people and being cruel because of their size, which is not impacting you at all, ended in elementary school. Get a grip!

Instead of whining about fat girls wearing tight clothes or skinny girls wearing tight clothes, why don't people just wear clothes that actually fit?

The only people that are offended by the girl posting the "whale blubber" rant are the ones that have the blubber.

I know I'm skinny but my butt is nice.

Fact: College students are amateur pharmacists.

Slow clap for the stupid person saying the bus was at fault on Wednesday. You should have got the facts straight first. The other car ran a red light and hit the bus. You should shut your mouth until you know what you're talking about.

# Dear readers at ECU and abroad,

I would first like to thank you for the responses to our Sound Off in last Thursday's issue. Regardless of your feelings on the piece, the columnist, The East Carolinian or the university as a whole, we appreciate any and all feedback. While that may sound like an automated line, the editors are genuinely grateful for all responses.

So why did we publish it? Firstly, we would never publish a controversial piece without a rebuttal. On the same page, we featured a contrasting opinion by Abby Brockmeyer. We felt that presenting both sides to the issue was important. We also are interested in opening a campus-wide discussion of an issue, and to our surprise, opened up an international dialogue as well.

Whether or not you agree with every word we put in print is not the point of the Opinion section. If you agree with every column in every issue, you wouldn't pick up the paper. As stated before, we still stand behind our decision to print Cochran's piece. We have dedicated today's Opinion page to the issue and are still welcoming responses from all readers.

Thank you,

Kelly Nurge  
Opinion Editor

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If you were among the many who were offended by my column last week, then let me take this opportunity to offer you a heartfelt apology. I am well aware that my stance was not a popular one. As an Opinion columnist, my primary goal is to generate informed discussion. To that end, I intentionally try to be provocative. As such, sometimes my columns offend people. Please understand that my intent was not to cause people to become enraged. I simply hoped they would disagree with the expressed opinion and state reasons for that disagreement. I wanted to see a lively debate, and hopefully, learn something in the process. The position I argued for is a valid opinion by virtue of the fact that it is an opinion. Unfortunately, my word choice was not the best. I cannot believe I said "conscientious" when I really meant "conscious," among other things. From now on, I will take greater care to exercise better judgment. As always, your responses are welcomed and encouraged.

Sincerely,

Ben Cochran  
Opinion Columnist

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The recent opinion column, "Should birth control be offered on campus?" by Ben Cochran has caused quite a stir around campus. Though TEC staff members realized there potentially could be consequences of publishing the article, they did not expect that the article would gain both national and international coverage as well. To understand how the article's integrity became compromised, it is important for one to acknowledge the publication procedure.

The editing process is an in-depth one. Once an article is written and submitted, the section editor edits it and determines if it is worthy for publication. The article or column sometimes goes through several rounds of editing, guaranteeing that it meets the standard of the section of which it will be published. Throughout the entire process, the only people allowed to see the unpublished version of the column are the section editor, writer and cartoonist/photographer, when necessary.

It is forbidden in The East Carolinian's policy to allow anyone to see an unpublished composition — period. In this particular situation, the article, unpublished, was sent to an employee. The crack in the foundation of protocol was obvious, as the raw article was wrongfully submitted to the virtual world. This breach in TEC's protocol spread like Internet wildfire and was redistributed by websites such as Jezebel and College Confidential. There has been a significant response to both the published and unpublished versions of the column. Jezebel, for example, shares both versions of the article along with commentary, "Second, I'd like to thank him, for introducing me to a form of misogyny I never even knew existed. I did not know that guys were mad at chicks for clogging up doctor's offices with their slutty ladyparts, but now I do, and my faith in the human race has decreased proportionally."

Multiple responses to the article can also be found in countless blogs across the web, not to mention over 500 comments on the column on TEC's website.

In today's edition of The East Carolinian, there is space for people's reactions to the Opinion column that has gotten such an impetuous amount of attention. If you have any additional feedback, feel free to continue to leave comments on TEC's website or submit letters to the editor. We will continue to welcome any responses readers may have.

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## Scribbles to the Captain

The East Carolinian welcomes letters from readers. Letters must include the writer's name, address and daytime phone number and must be signed (except those sent by email). Letters selected for publication may be edited and may be republished in any format. All letters submitted become the property of The East Carolinian. Questions? Please call 252-737-2999 or email opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

Dear Editor,

Ben Cochran obviously knows very little about the female reproductive system as well as the general knowledge about birth control. This is quite devastating in any young adult's case that is in a university setting and especially for Ben, because he is a nursing major. Sadly to say, the comments and remarks that were made on his part were, at the least, insulting and portrayed him as a sexist human being. I understand that in America we have freedom of the press; however, we (as students of ECU) are supposed to be preparing ourselves to be fully emerged into the working world and are supposed to be on the track to becoming responsible and productive adults. This column shows that Ben lacks maturity and most importantly does not respect his fellow female classmates. As we discussed this column in my class, both the female and male students found this column very offensive and we agree that this type of expression towards females is not acceptable and we do not want our university to be known for such comments. We all hope that this column was mistakenly put on the newspaper and hope that this university does not hold the same ideas and beliefs as Ben does. If there is a problem you want addressed at the university or anywhere else, it is important to face it as an adult and work together to fix the problem. Health Services provides female students with the option to be seen, evaluated and given birth control. As this is an option the university offers, we as young adult women have the full right to take advantage of this great opportunity and protect ourselves. With this said, I suggest you educate yourself before you speak negatively about a particular group of people. I hope you take all this into consideration. Students of ECU deserve an apology from The East Carolinian. I say students because this offends females directly and also males who might be consequently viewed as another Ben Cochran.

Carolina Fonseca

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you in response to Ben Cochran's opinion article about birth control on campus. I felt that he tried to be too "cutesy" and funny with his response, but instead his arguments were immature and ignorant. He mentioned how inconvenienced he was by waiting "in misery" to be seen by the doctor at Student Health while half a dozen girls "carried what seemed like a solid 36-month's worth of birth control."

First of all, if you had done some research on the subject, you would know that in order to be seen by the doctor for a pap smear at Student Health, you must make an appointment ahead of time. So those girls were already scheduled to be there, while you probably walked in and scheduled an appointment to be seen that morning. All students pay a Student Health fee and have the right to see the doctors there for any medical reason.

The many reasons for ECU women to use Student Health to obtain birth control is none of your business. Since you are a nursing major, I would have expected a little more understanding (and maturity) from you on this particular subject. If you were so sick that day, why didn't you see a primary physician in the area? Greenville has many other offices where you can be seen. Go to any Rite Aid in town and purchase a box of Mucinex, no need to clog up the Student Health Center for a snotty nose.

Christine Barker

Dear Editor,

Until you have stepped into the shoes of a college financed young female's shoes, (because, yes, prescriptions at Student Health are more affordable) do not attempt to understand the plight of the modern girl and her birth control. So in case you have been ill-informed, you are only allowed to retrieve one month of birth control at a time, and there are those girls that actually need birth control for things other than avoiding the growth of another human being inside of them. I have

been going to Student Health for the near four years that I have attended ECU, and never once have I seen a girl sitting in the waiting room and actually knew they were there to pick up birth control or be examined so that their prescription could be renewed. You are the first in my five years of actually being prescribed birth control to even hint at the idea that women use it because they are having large amounts of sex. If anyone has a lady problem and needs to go see a specialist, it sounds like you do. Sorry you had to wait for a while to get examined, but do you really think that females

alone are responsible? You think that we are exempt from the wait? Even still, girls go for their pap smears once a year, and maybe you should get on the birth control wagon and get your medicine prescribed months in advance and call ahead to have it filled and ready when you got there. Perhaps if you convinced all men, and yourself, to always wear protection, then maybe you could cut down the wait for your Mucinex.

Ashley Williams

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## Continuation of Scribbles to the Captain

Ben, your poorly worded argument reeks of ignorance and cisgender male privilege. You make many negligent assumptions and your argument – that it's inconvenient to you, in some way – is laughable at best, and painfully misogynistic at worst.

Your "cute joke" about women getting a silly "Pabst beer or a pap smear, or something like that," indicates your ignorance on the point of the exam. I'll give you a hint: it's not just a check point that women have to go through to get on the infamous anti-baby medicine. It's a medical exam that is an integral part of women's healthcare used to detect abnormalities, early signs of cancer, etc. Trivializing such an important aspect of women's health is really a reflection of the society in which we live – a society that does not value the importance of women's health.

Furthermore, your separation between pap smears/birth control and your own health concerns (in this case, a cold) shows me that you value women's health as being lower than your own. That somehow, it's more important that you aren't kept waiting at Student Health, while you suffer through the sniffles, than women having access to pelvic exams and birth control.

You also trivialize the point of birth control itself – as if regulating your period or trying to

avoid pregnancy is somehow not important. I am not going to take pains to attempt to educate you in this respect. I have my doubts that you will understand.

Also, let me just take the time here to tell you that there is no way that you were kept waiting because of that gaggle of girls, as you so eloquently put it. In fact, you said yourself why you were really kept waiting. The waiting room was full of sneezing, coughing, pathogen-y people. Everyone has a cold right now, thus the doctors able to treat those people were busy. The fact that you felt inconvenienced by these women, who were in no way connected to your own wait, is puzzling to me.

Your constant leaps over logic are absolutely astounding. Further, your argument reeks of privilege. You blindly assume that everyone has the privilege of a working vehicle that they can use to drive out to these (vastly more expensive) OB/GYN clinics. You assume that they have independent healthcare (the campus's healthcare is much cheaper at the Student Health Center and the cost goes up dramatically when you visit an outside hospital or specialist) that can absorb the extra cost. You also assume that we have the time to spare between class and work to go (sometimes across town) to these outside facilities. As students, it can be much more convenient to go to

the Student Health Center and it's something that we can easily fit into our schedule.

Why should we be treated as second-class citizens and told to seek medical care somewhere else? Basically, we are entitled to the same health services as the other students on campus. There is absolutely no cause to alienate people (not all people who use birth control fit into a gender binary, by the way) who need to use birth control.

And the funniest part is that you don't even touch on condoms — birth control that men use, if you're unaware — because it would be ridiculous not to sell them on campus, right? But when it comes to birth control for women, it's somehow an inconvenience? The fact that you think that women's (cis and trans\*) health is somehow not important enough to be included is enormously insulting.

Lastly, it appears that you're a nursing major. If that is indeed true and you do plan on being a nurse, I fear for any of your patients that are not cisgender men, as it is obvious that you don't understand the needs of patients outside of that group. Please educate yourself and check your privilege.

Ashley Oles

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To the Editor:

I recently read Ben Cochran's viewpoint in the most recent Sound Off. Reading such a vague and poorly articulated argument is common, but finding one that insults basic standards of taste so well is truly rare. Where do we start?

First of all, there is no central point to that opinion piece. If forced, I would say that his argument is that women should not seek treatment in the same place as him. Or that they should be relegated to just their own practices and cut-rate pharmacies. He's not real clear on that. What he is unmistakably clear about is his utter aggravation that women should dare to seek common medical services from the same places where men do. It's not like three in five students are female, after all.

Secondly, the piece destroys itself with its total

lack of logic. I can accept the fact that the author takes a controversial position. However, the whole piece is written as though its logical consistency or quality was never examined. For example, he complains that these insufferable women take up so much time in the Student Health Services, yet he also says that he knows of no women who use it to get birth control. Is he really complaining to the whole readership about these six girls in particular?

And then he says that going off campus is more efficient, yet he also says that six women were seen in 30 minutes. That's five minutes a patient! What sort of rate does he want to see? He notices that women are stigmatized about receiving legitimate healthcare at the center, but that comes after he carefully stigmatizes women who use the health center. He writes, "As a male, I have never really been aware of this

predicament until recently." I guess that is a hard thing to notice when you're the one actively creating such a negative environment. On he writes, disproving every claim he makes with each unnecessary word.

Third, while we're on the subject, who taught this guy how to write? Stephenie Meyer? He writes, "Half an hour later, I finally see some movement stirring from across the waiting room." By which he means he saw the door open. That sentence exemplifies the novice writing rife throughout the piece.

In all, I am astounded by such an opinion that is simultaneously earnest and exceptionally ignorant. Boldly waving aside all conventions of rhetoric, logic and writing is one thing, but getting it past the editor is a feat all its own. Bravo!

Sincerely,  
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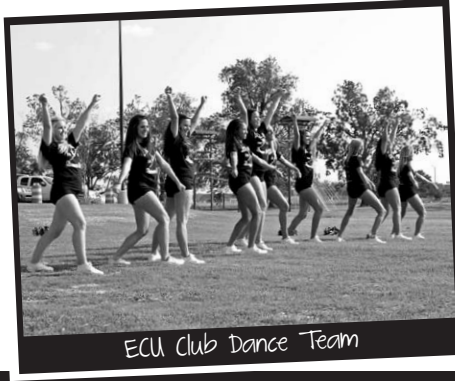
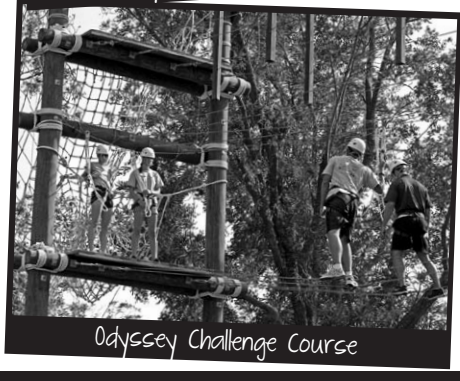
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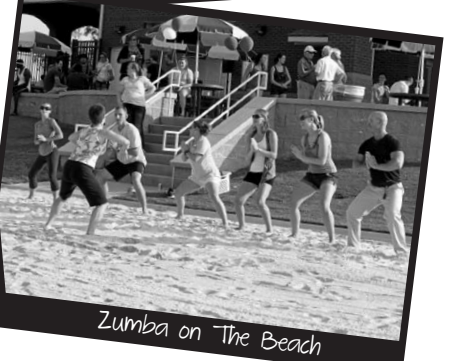
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Slow down and take today one step at a time. Things are looking good for you in many ways, but if you try to rush through your activities, things are likely to get pretty weird pretty fast!



### Taurus (April 20 -May 20)

You run into someone who's quite enthusiastic — maybe even manic — about a topic or person of some importance, and you may get caught up in their energy. It's great to have a focus for that!



### Gemini (May 21 -June 20)

Life is confusing on a day like today, and you might find that your energy is better spent on artistic and creative pursuits than on trying to get anything done. If you can just chill, so much the better!



### Cancer (June 21 -July 22)

Your words are too easy to misinterpret today, so try to make sure that you're keeping them simple. It's a good time for you to speak plainly and speak to everyone as if they were the most important person in the world.



### Leo (July 23 -August 22)

Someone needs you, though the odds are good that they can't come out and say it. Turn on your intuition and see if you can get them to deal with whatever it is that's keeping them from asking.



### Virgo (Aug 23 -Sept 22)

Your desires are out in the open right now, and that is how it should be. Others respect your show of ambition, and may help you by showing how to get where you need to be going.



### Libra (Sept 23 -Oct 22)

You're nostalgic, but it's not the best place for you to be right now. See if you can get your energy to snap back to the present so you can find a new way to enjoy life in the moment.



### Scorpio (Oct 23 -Nov 21)

Now is a great time for you to start a new arrangement with someone — a lease, a new job, even a marriage. Whatever you sign today carries extra weight and should work to your benefit.



### Sagittarius (Nov 22 -Dec 21)

Things are pretty weird right now — but that doesn't mean that you need to freak out! Try to make sure that you're dealing with everything as it arises, though anything you can put off for later should be delayed.



### Capricorn (Dec 22 -Jan 19)

You rack up an impressive achievement today — one that makes the competition (and your boss) sit up and take notice! If you're off the clock, it might be a high score or a personal best of some kind.



### Aquarius (Jan 20 -Feb 18)

Resistance just tires you out today, and you may find that your energy is better spent on something more constructive. People do what they want to do, and you can help them clean up their messes later.



### Pisces (Feb 19 -March 20)

You might not see yourself as a leader, but today brings out the best in you. See if you can find a good way to gently guide those around you to do what's right — it's not so hard!



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# Rushdie visits campus and Skypes with students



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From left to right: Professor Seodial Deena (closest to the projector), Professor Maramé Gueye, Professor Angie Mellor, Ruth Anne Johnson, Christa Cairnes and Jewel Williams Skype chat with novelist Salman Rushdie. Rushdie will be speaking on campus tomorrow night at 8 p.m. in Wright Auditorium.

## Students form bond with award-winning author

Mike Davis

ASSISTANT LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Students have received an amazing opportunity this semester: to talk and bond with award-winning novelist Sir Salman Rushdie. Seodial Deena, professor of Multicultural and Postcolonial/Transnational Literature and Criticism, has allowed one of his classes to communicate with Rushdie through his mini-residency and Voyages of Discovery lecture series.

The multicultural and transnational literature seminar graduate course, which focuses specifically on the works of Rushdie, has already had one eye-opening experience this year and is scheduled to have two more, one of which is tomorrow.

The first chance that Deena's class (made up of around seven students) had to talk with Rushdie was during a Skype chat last week, which was part of a mini-residence he is doing on campus. During this time the students and faculty got to ask Rushdie questions for around an hour. Along with last week's chat, the class will also have the chance to speak with him in another Skype chat in November.

"We were so surprised how down to earth he was, because he says some pretty wild stuff," said Katie Sinor, a graduate student who attended the first Skype chat. "Just knowing how famous he is and all he has gone through, it is a really

cool treat."

Since the course was specifically created this semester because of the lectures and residency, the students have had the ability to form a lifelong bond with the author of "Midnight's Children" and "The Satanic Verses," to name a few.

"He spent a lot of time answering the questions and taking them into the global world of culture, of literature, of politics and of the media," said Deena. "It was lively, it was humorous, it was engaging, it was very global, yet very rich."

But Deena's students are not the only ones who are able to receive this literary opportunity of a lifetime. Anyone is welcome to hear Rushdie's lecture tomorrow at 7 p.m. entitled "Public Events, Private Lives: Literature and Politics in the Modern World." For any student, faculty or staff member, the first admission ticket is free, and any ticket after that is \$10.

"We are really happy with this because it is a way of making the lecture series a more full part of the educational life on campus," said John Tucker, director of the Voyages of Discovery Lecture Series and Professor of History. "It enables our speakers to do more than just give a lecture and leave the next day. You create a sense of continuity and ongoing relationships."

The Voyages of Discovery lecture series was created five years ago by the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences in hopes of inspiring and

informing students about national and worldly topics through literature. This year's series also includes lectures from Henry Louis Gates Jr., Bland Simpson and J. Kameron Carter.

"Our speakers, we try to select people who reflect this voyage of discovery or this contribution of new ways of seeing, new ways of understanding," said Tucker. "Putting together all these lectures and all these speakers, it presents a very powerful image of not just the college, but the university."

Rushdie's lecture, which will be held in Wright Auditorium, is expected to bring more than 1,200 viewers. Five hundred tickets were sold by the middle of last week and more are expected to be sold at the door.

"It isn't like he is just an American writer or a southern writer, and I don't mean to belittle any of that," said Tucker, "but there is an international, global kind of significance to his writing and I would encourage anyone who can make it to try and do so."

From his fictitious writings that at one time put a death warrant on his hands to his countless award-winning books, Rushdie is a truly talented author. The university is honored to have him enlighten students with his wisdom and knowledge.

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## Greenville local shines on big stage

Mike Davis

ASSISTANT LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Greenville native Christie Dashiell has just taken a giant leap forward in the direction of achieving her life goal of singing for a living. She and her musical group were recently selected to sing on the third season of NBC's "The Sing Off," which airs Monday nights at 8 p.m.

The show, which is taped over a two-month span, is a competition where 16 acappella groups from across the nation compete to be crowned winner of "The Sing Off." But for Dashiell, it didn't matter if she was performing in front of millions or just a few. The simple enjoyment she gets from singing is what drives her every day to work and improve her craft. She explained that her goal to perform was more important to her than getting a record label.

"I want to go into performing on a larger scale," said Dashiell.

Growing up surrounded by a talented family of musicians, Dashiell drew inspiration from the music her parents listened to, which included jazz, funk and soul, to name a few. With her father being a jazz bass player, her mother a singer and her two older and one younger sibling all involved in music of some sort, finding support for her dreams of performing was never an issue.

Singing throughout elementary, middle and high school, along with her churches choir, Dashiell eventually left Greenville after graduation for the music program at Howard University in D.C.

Through her jazz studies, Dashiell performed in ensembles such

as SAASY, an all female group, and Afro-Blue, the highest-level ensemble group at Howard.

"Christie is amazingly talented and an excellent student," said Jessica Boykin-Settles, a jazz voice professor at Howard University. "She is always prepared for class and is very humble in spite of being so gifted."

Her ensemble group, Afro-Blue, was selected to be a contestant on "The Sing Off" after they recorded three audition tapes to send in. A few of the songs they sent in were "Fireflies" by Owl City and a "Sometimes I'm Happy" rendition by Carmen McRae and Betty Carter.

After finding out they had been selected, Afro-Blue flew out to Los Angeles to start recording the show. It wasn't all sunshine and butterflies while they were out there though, as their daily schedules were packed from the get-go.

"The schedule we had out there was very intense," said Dashiell. "We practiced basically from sun up to sun down, whether it be practicing as a group or individually or with all the ensembles. We practiced singing all day."

Since the show was prerecorded, Dashiell got to see herself perform in part one of the pre-

mier episode, where she sung front and center with her group. Dashiell and her group members sang Corinne Bailey Rae's, "Put Your Records On," receiving high praise from judges Ben Folds, Shawn Stockman and Sara Bareilles.

"When we were out in California filming and everything, it just kind of seemed unreal that we were going to be on TV," said Dashiell. "Coming home and then seeing the actual premier on TV, I screamed like 10 times."

Not only was Dashiell excited to see herself singing in front of millions of viewers, but so were her professors, friends and most of all her family.

"Everyone is super excited. My parents and my siblings have all been telling everyone to watch," said Dashiell. "I know my family is kind of used to people doing a lot in music, but I don't think they were used to something on this scale."

As Dashiell acquaints herself with a new city and school, overwhelmed by many emotions the past few months, her goals remain the same.

"Everyone is just very proud of them and Christie," said Boykin-Settles. "She is on her way."

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Christie Dashiell (center) and her ensemble group Afro-Blue are contestants on "The Sing Off."



## Women's cross country moves up to No. 9

### Staff Reports

After breaking into the regional rankings for the first time in program history last week, the ECU women's cross country team turned in another solid performance Saturday to move up one place and into the No. 9 spot of the Southeast Region, according to this week's release by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

The women placed ninth of 30 programs at Saturday's Greater Louisville Classic, trailing eight other squads that were also regionally ranked, including the University of Michigan, which held the No. 13 national ranking. This season, the Pirates moved up three places from their standing at the 2010 event.

As they have all year, the senior trio of Tara Wilson, Amanda Lapp and Brittany Copeland led ECU at the meet, finishing in 23rd, 24th and 25th place, respectively. Wilson completed the 5K in 17:37.49, only four seconds shy of her personal-best time. The mark was also the sixth fastest in Pirate history.

Finishing just behind was Lapp, who established a career low for the third-straight week with a 17:37.56 performance, the seventh fastest in the ECU record book. Copeland, last week's Conference USA Female Athlete-of-the-Week, wrapped up the top group, running the 5K in 17:39.57. Her time was also good for a place on the Pirates' top-10 list, tying for eighth.

ECU has just one meet remaining, the Panorama Farms Invitational in Charlottesville, Va., on Friday, Oct. 14, before heading to the C-USA Championship in Houston on Oct. 31.

### Coach Speak



"We made mistakes during the game. I know everybody has mentioned the turnovers that put us in a hole. We'll continue to emphasize and work on it. We have and will continue to do so. It'll get fixed by working on it."—Ruffin McNeill, head football coach

### Pair of players recognized by Top Drawer Soccer

### Staff Reports

Junior Katy Butler and senior Kimmy Cummings have been recognized as two of the top players in Conference USA, according to TopDrawerSoccer.com's annual release.

The upperclassmen duo has helped ECU to a 5-3-1 overall record through its first nine games, which included a six-game span without where they posted a 5-0-1 ledger. Butler, who is ranked sixth on the list, leads the team and C-USA in both points (16) and goals (7) — both career-highs. The Boerne, Texas native earned C-USA Offensive Player-of-the-Week honors on Aug. 29 after scoring a pair of goals against in-state rival UNC Wilmington in a 2-0 shutout, the first of two multi-goal contests this season.

Cummings, who is No. 16 on the list, has set career-highs in goals (5) and points (12) and ranks fourth and sixth respectively in league action. The Mechanicsville, Va. native recorded her first career hat trick against Old Dominion on Aug. 21, becoming the first player since Meghan McCallion (2004 vs. DePaul) to net three goals in a match.

### Have questions about the Sports section?

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# Pirates left feeling blue



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Tar Heel defenders Tre Boston (10) and Gene Robinson (1) force freshman Pirate receiver Danny Webster (33) to fumble in the first quarter of Saturday's game against UNC at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. ECU wideout Lance Lewis attempts to prevent Boston from recovering the ball but is unsuccessful.

### Adam Bunn STAFF WRITER

ECU was unable to overcome turnover issues for the second straight week as the Pirates fell to the North Carolina Tar Heels 35-20 in front of an all-time record crowd in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

The Pirates turned the ball over four times, including three on ECU's first three drives that led to 14 Tar Heel points.

Last week against the Blazers of UAB, the Pirates were able to overcome seven turnovers to win 28-23. But against one of the better teams in the Atlantic Coast Conference, ECU was unable to survive the constant miscues and mistakes that have become a trademark of the 2011 season.

"It hurt a lot," ECU receiver Lance Lewis said following the game. "Without the four turnovers we had, we could have done something. And we came up short in the

red zone a couple of times, kicking field goals when we needed touchdowns."

After going into the half trailing 28-3, ECU came out firing in the second half, cutting the UNC lead to 15 midway through the third quarter.

The Pirates were able to stop the Tar Heels on the opening drive of the second half and proceeded to take the ball right down the field on the UNC defense. ECU would drive 74 yards on 11 plays to the UNC 23 yard line when quarterback Dominique Davis found Lance Lewis wide open across the middle for the score.

On the ensuing Tar Hell drive, the Pirates defense recorded their first three and out of the ball game, forcing UNC to punt after gaining just eight yards. ECU would take advantage of the defensive stop as Michael Barbour put through a 25-yard field goal.

Despite the momentum the Pirates gained in the third, the Tar

Heels put the game away with a spirit killing 14 play 69-yard drive that took over eight minutes off the clock before UNC receiver Dwight Jones made a leaping one-handed touchdown grab.

Davis found Danny Webster late in the fourth for his second passing touchdown of the game, drawing the Pirates within 15 to end the ball game.

"They're a powerful team," Head Coach Ruffin McNeill said. "Their offensive and defensive lines are as powerful as South Carolina and Virginia Tech, which means they'll have a chance to contend for an ACC championship."

In the end, the Pirates were unable to overcome the hole they dug for themselves in the first half. However, the ECU coaching staff found some solace in the heart showed by this Pirate group in the second half.

"The first half we got in a hole, but the second half I was very proud

of our kids for battling," McNeill said. "It's always frustrating because our kids work hard in practice. No one out-works us. I'm more frustrated for our kids because they put in the time. But we'll keep working."

That hole was a 28-3 halftime UNC lead that saw only one Tar Heel scoring drive needing more than three plays.

After the Tar Heels were unable to cash in on ECU's first miscue, they got another chance when Davis' crossing pass intended for Joe Womack was batted into the air and intercepted by UNC freshman cornerback Tim Scott.

UNC would take advantage of the field position just two plays later when North Carolina quarterback Byrn Renner found wide receiver Jheraine Boyd in the back corner of the end zone for the first score of the contest.

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## Conference Soccer falls to No. 6 Tigers

### Ronnie Moore STAFF WRITER

Sunday afternoon showed promise as the Lady Pirates competed against the top ten ranked Tigers. Memphis showed its dominance on the offensive side of the ball, winning 2-0. The Tigers forced the Pirates to play defense for almost the entire 90-minute match.

Trailing by one goal at the start of the second half, the Pirates seemed ready to tie the game and challenge Memphis. They showed the same effort and determination, but the midfielders and defenders for Memphis were defensively sound. It appeared nothing was going to bust through their defense to give the Pirates an opportunity to score.

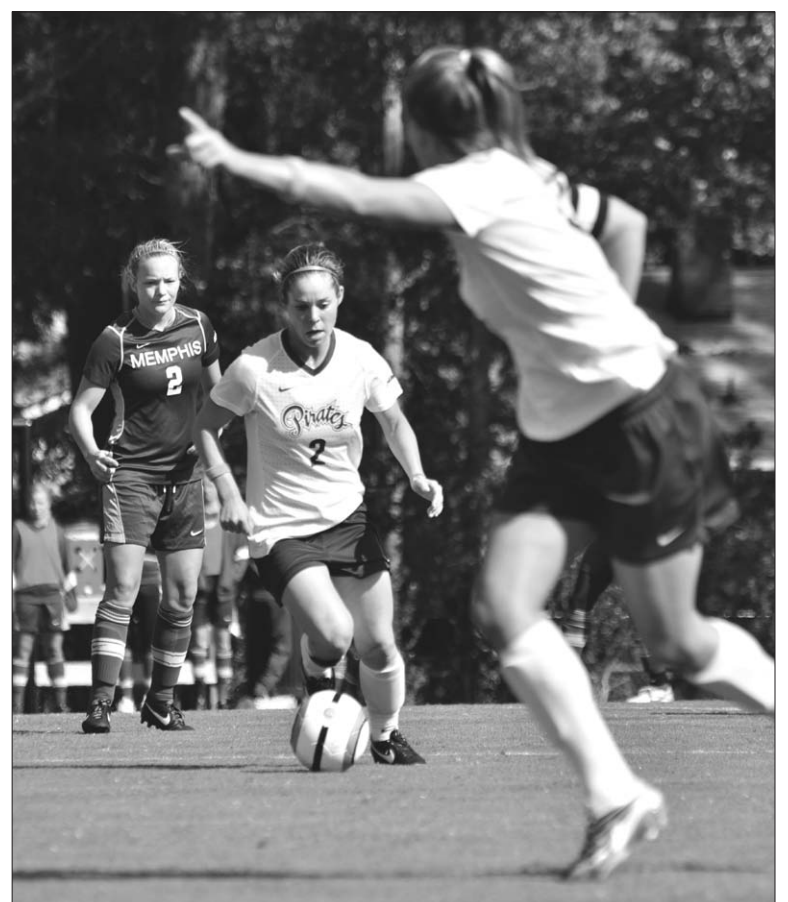
As Memphis stalled ECU's attack, they used that to fuel its own offense. The pressure applied by the Tigers led to a cross into the box, resulting in Rasheeda Ansari kicking it into the back of the net in the 63rd minute of competition.

With a two-goal deficit, the Pirates' second half surge crumbled. Following the Ansari goal, ECU was only able to muster one shot on the goal for the remainder of the contest. This bolstered Memphis to 12-0 and it was their eighth shutout of the season. With the loss, the Pirates dropped to 5-4-1 for the season and 0-3 in conference play.

Throughout the first half, it was a "neck-and-neck" game as both teams fought for possession. The defensive effort was equally superb. ECU defender Kendall Booth accidentally headed the ball into the back of her own net on an attempted clear in the 26th minute. The misguided ball angled off of Booth and consequently went into her own goal.

Nearly halfway through the first half, ECU found itself in a 1-0 deficit to an undefeated Tiger soccer team.

Coach Rob Donnenwirth spoke after the game and he seemed happy with his team's hard work and "never



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Katy Butler (2) runs from a Memphis defender as Amanda Malkiewicz (8) calls for the ball during Sunday's game at the ECU Soccer Stadium.

give up" attitude.

"I believe the effort was there; we played a really good team." Donnenwirth said. "[Memphis] made us work really hard defensively."

The only complaint Donnenwirth had was with the early accidental own goal.

"The most disappointing thing to me was the first goal we gave up," he said. "To work that hard and to give up a silly goal like that; we obviously gifted them a goal."

Kimmy Cummings registered the Pirates' only shot on goal late in the tilt, but to no avail. The two squads were nearly even on corner

kicks with a slight favor of 6-5 going the Tigers' way.

ECU was in action Friday night as well. The game between ECU and UAB was tied up at 1-1 when a torrential downpour of rain and wind came down on the soccer stadium. The game eventually was cancelled and could be possibly made up on the last Sunday of the soccer season.

The Pirates will return to their home pitch on Friday night against Southern Miss at 7 p.m.

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**Tar Heel tailback Giovani Bernard (26) breaks a tackle during his 116-yard rushing performance against the Pirates.**

The turnover bug would bite again on the Pirates ensuring drive as Reggie Bullock fumbled at the UNC 21-yard line with the Tar Heels' Kevin Reddick recovering. Once again UNC would cash right in with Renner bombing a 75-yard touchdown pass to Erik Highsmith, putting UNC up two scores midway through the first.

It wasn't just turnovers that plagued the Pirates in the first half, as the ECU defense was unable to stop the rushing tandem of Giovani Bernard and Ryan Houston. Bernard carried the ball 13 times for 116 yards, with a touchdown in the first half.

Bernard's score came on a 10-yard carry through the middle in the second quarter.

The Tar Heels would add a 47-yard Renner-to-Jones touchdown pass after the Pirates finally got on the board with a 35-yard Barbour field goal, wrapping up the first half scoring.

Davis had 41 completions on 58 pass attempts for 417 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions. Meanwhile, the Tar Heels Renner completed 13 of 20 passes for 230 yards with four touchdown passes.

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ten unanswered points in the second half.

One of the favorites to win the East division, Southern Miss, beat up on Rice 48-24. The Owls (1-3, 0-1) actually led 24-20 in the second half before the Golden Eagles scored four consecutive touchdowns. Kendrick Hardy racked up 172 yards and a touchdown on the ground. Also, Austin Davis added 284 yards and three scores through the air as USM tallied 654 yards of total offense. In true C-USA East fashion, the Golden Eagles turned the ball over four times.

With the loss, Rice stays in the C-USA West basement along with Tulane (2-3, 1-1 C-USA) and UTEP (2-3, 0-2 C-USA). Tulane scored just 66 seconds into their game against Army, but that would be all as they would go on to lose 45-6. Army ran 62 times for 353 yards. Tulane finished with just 199 yards of total offense and four turnovers.

In the only other conference match-up, UTEP lost to Houston (5-0, 1-0 C-USA) in a 49-42 shootout. Case Keenum continued to rack up yards, completing 30 of 46 passes for 471 yards and two scores. The bigger story for the Cougars, though, may have been both Charles Sims and Michael Hayes breaking the century mark on the ground.

Despite having possession for less than 20 minutes in the game, Tulsa (2-3, 1-0 C-USA) handled North Texas 41-24. Tulsa led 41-3 going into the fourth quarter before the Mean Green scored three touchdowns.

Likely the biggest win for the conference came from Southern Methodist University (4-1, 2-0 C-USA). Since the infamous death penalty in the 1980s, the Mustangs have been struggling to gain power in the state of Texas. They swung a little momentum their way on Saturday, though. SMU snapped TCU's 22-game home winning streak in a 40-33 overtime victory. The Horned Frogs were ranked 20th overall by the AP at the time of the game, giving SMU just their second win over a ranked opponent since the

days of the Pony Express.

Next week Memphis takes on Rice, Marshall plays UCF and Houston hosts ECU. Things are going to get interesting as soon as the heart of conference play begins.

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# Losing streak continues

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The ECU volleyball team lost both of its Conference USA matchups this past weekend, falling to both UCF and UTEP, respectively. The Pirates overall record fell to 2-12, 0-5 on the year.

To close play for the weekend, the Pirates fell to the UTEP Miners 3-0 (23-25, 23-25, 14-25). Hannah Allgood and Whitney Campbell led ECU in kills with nine, while Zara Cecich added 23 assists and Shelby Beasley led the defense with 19 digs.

The Pirates entered the third set already trailing two sets to none, and the Miners took advantage by mounting an early lead. A block by UTEP's Marie-Therese Joyce to set the game at 6-9, but ECU's Kelly Derby responded with a block of her own a few points later, one of five she had in the match, to make the score 9-13.

That would be the closest the Pirates would come to mounting a comeback as UTEP scored 11 of the sets next 14 points to come within match point. An Allgood kill and Britney Roper block would pull the set to within ten points before the Miners' last point sealed the match.

In the second set, another Derby block would tie the set at 4-4 before UTEP carried out a four-point run to go up 8-4. ECU was able to take a one-point lead 10-9 forcing a Miners' timeout. After the break, the two teams played to ties of 11,12,14,15,16 and 18 in an all-out battle before kills by Campbell and Allgood respectively made the set 20-18 in favor of the Pirates. The Miners were able to regain a 20-22 lead before Campbell put down two more kills to tie the game at 22. ECU scored the ensuing point but couldn't capitalize, as UTEP scored three straight

to win the set 23-25.

The first set opened with a 4-0 Miner run before a service error by UTEP's Stephanie Figueroa gave the Pirates their first point. The Miners would continue to lead for most of the match, but ECU was able to pull within two (13-15) on a bizarre play by Amanda Lutzow, who's dig bounced awkwardly off of her arm high into the air, where it would land in the back right corner of UTEP's court.

The Miners responded with an exciting point of their own as both teams eyed an ECU timeout and played an incredibly long volley, with the point finally being awarded to UTEP as the Pirates were unable to return the ball. ECU took its first lead of the day 22-21, but would score just once more as the Miners scored four of the games final five points to take the set.

The Pirates were outdone

in kills (30-41), assists (26-38), digs (47-53) and blocks (10.5-12.0).

In the weekend's earlier matchup, UCF downed ECU in three sets (22-25,16-25,11-25).

The third and second sets of the match were dominated by UCF, who outscored the Pirates by a combined score of 27-50.

A main component to ECU's struggles has been its injury problems. Key contributors have missed time dealing with injuries including Jackie Varnum (foot), Roper (Meniscus tear), Lutzow (concussion) and Kasey Kavanaugh (foot).

"Versatility is really important right now because everyone's playing in different positions than what they are used to," Allgood said. "We are just doing the best we can with what we've got."

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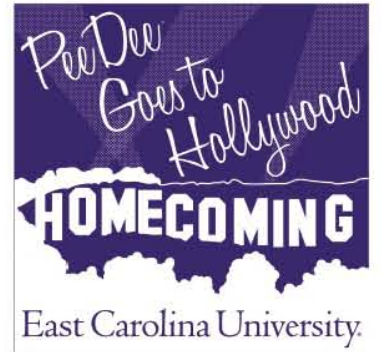
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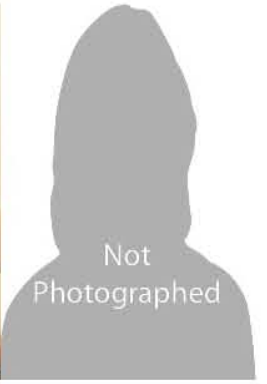
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