



BRIEFS

School of Communication to present Kreps lecture

Staff Reports

Gary Kreps, an innovator in health communication, will speak on the importance of scholarship in communication for the School of Communication.

"Communication and the Continuum of Care: A Mandate for Health Communication Scholarship" will be presented at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 26 at the East Carolina Heart Institute.

His lecture is in conjunction with the Brody School of Medicine's Department of Public Health Grand Rounds.

Kreps has been working in health communication since the 1970s and has earned more than \$31 million in grant awards.

Kreps will also meet with several communication, health education and promotion classes over the course of his three-day visit.

Decomposing bodies found in county home

Staff Reports

The Pitt County Sheriff's Office is continuing to investigate what is being considered a double homicide.

According to WITN, the bodies of a man and a woman with multiple gunshot wounds to the head were found in a mobile home off Roberts Dr.

One victim has been identified as Samuel Bradley, while the other's identity remains unknown.

Sheriff Neal Elks said it seems that the bodies were in the mobile home for at least three days.

Elks said there was a shooting at the residence in August. Crimestoppers is offering an award of up to \$5,000 for information.

New expedition planned for Blackbeard's ship

Staff Reports

A new expedition to Queen Anne's Revenge, a pirate ship that was sunk off the coast of N.C. hundreds of years ago, is under way.

The expedition found that the site was protected by a sand berm during Hurricane Irene and remained mostly unharmed, reports WNCT.

The expedition will last four weeks and aims to recover one of the ship's largest cannons, along with other artifacts.

The wreck was originally discovered in 1996.

Family members say Oliverio died saving dogs

Staff Reports

Family members of Derek Oliverio have stated that Oliverio died attempting to rescue his dogs from his burning home.

Oliverio died as a result of a house fire that occurred last week at Wyndam Circle.

On Friday, officials reported that Oliverio likely entered the home while the fire was burning in the kitchen.

Family member Bret Oliverio sent an email Sunday that said Derek was trying to rescue his dogs from a back bedroom after he was unable to put out the fire, reports The Daily Reflector.

The email also stated that Oliverio tried to put out the fire with a fire extinguisher before rescuing his dogs.

A local memorial service will be held at 4:30 p.m. today at Wilkerson Funeral Home, while his funeral was held Tuesday in Virginia.



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Senior nursing major Cassie Threlkeld gets a flu shot at the Rite Aid on Charles Blvd. Nursing students are required to receive a flu shot or are required to wear masks during work if they are sick.

Students urged to get seasonal flu shot

Cameron Gupton
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Flu season is here again and health professionals are urging everyone six months and older to get a yearly flu vaccine.

Flu season in the U.S. begins in October and typically lasts until May. On average, about 5 to 20 percent of the population is infected yearly.

According to the Center for Disease Control's website, the flu is caused by the influenza virus that infects the nose, throat and lungs. The virus's symptoms can range from mild to life threatening and include fever, cough, sore throat, muscles or body aches and fatigue.

It is believed by most experts that the virus is spread through droplets that are produced when infected people cough, sneeze or talk. These droplets can sometimes be ingested by others or can be picked up from surfaces an infected person has touched.

Katie Braun, a nursing major and residence advisor, said that she always urges people to get the shot. "A lot of my residents have already gotten theirs," said Braun. "I always tell others to get theirs."

Braun said last year her roommate had to miss almost four days of classes after contracting the virus.

Though vaccine effectiveness varies from year to year and among different age groups, the vaccine is the highest protection offered against the virus.

There are three types of flu vaccines that are offered: intramuscular injection, hi-dose and intradermal.

Intramuscular vaccines are injected in the upper arm and have been used for decades. Hi-dose vaccines are also intramuscular and were first made available last year. The intradermal vaccine will be made available this year and is injected into the skin.

In addition to injections, a nasal spray is offered that is made from a weakened form of influenza that will not develop into the flu.

The university's Student Health Center is currently offering flu vaccines to students only by appointment and campus clinics.

Vaccines were offered on Sept. 27 and 28 at Wright Plaza on Oct. 4 at Todd Dining Hall but can still be given by appointments at Student Health.

A vaccine costs \$10 for students but may be free of charge for those who have university health insurance.

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Retention rates lower across U.S.

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America has fallen behind its competitors and now ranks 16th place in the nation of young adults, aged 25 to 34, who have received a certificate degree or higher, according to a report released by the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development.

According to the OECD report, Korea is leading the world with young adults who have received a certificate degree or higher at more than 60 percent. Canada and Japan are placed around 55 percent. America, which was once first in the world, is falling behind at about 40 percent attainment rate.

Also according to the report, 28 percent of first-year students enrolled in a four-year college or university do not return after their freshmen year. Additionally, 44 percent of students enrolled in a two-year college do not return after their freshmen year.

Jayne Geissler, executive director of retention programs and undergraduate studies, said, "Retention is defined as how many 'first-time full-time freshmen' come back to ECU their second year. If they come back after that first year, they are more likely to graduate ... our biggest fallout is between the first- and second-year students are in school. That first year is the most important."

Jenna Lazio, a senior management information systems major, said, "I know people who dropped

out after freshmen year. They usually didn't go to class or study when they were in the dorms."

In N.C., the amount of young adults between the ages of 25 and 34 with a college degree or higher is 36 percent. Also, 42.9 percent of full-time students attempting a one-year certificate graduate in 1.5 years. 13.9 percent of full-time students attempting to earn a two-year associate degree graduate in three years. 63.5 percent of full-time students attempting to earn a bachelor's degree graduate within six years.

"The best thing to say about retention is that it is very complex," said Geissler.

The Complete College America, a nonprofit group founded two years ago examined why graduation rates are decreasing. The organization hopes to encourage states to improve graduation rates by keeping students enrolled once they begin their college careers. More than 70 percent of high school graduates begin some sort of higher education program within the first two years after graduation from high school. Less than three out of every 10 students who enroll at a community college full-time graduate within three years. About half of students who start a four-year degree finish within six years, according to Complete College America.

"The No. 1 and No. 2 reasons

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Stratford Arms apartments were bought by ECU and will be demolished in 2012 as part of a new expansion project that the school is working on.

Stratford Arms to be demolished

Jamitress Bowden
STAFF WRITER

After demolition in early 2012, the structure now known as Stratford Arms will be a memory, and the property will be used in further university expansion.

Since last December, East Carolina University Foundation, Inc. has had ownership the Stratford Arms property. ECU Foundation, Inc. purchased the 10.5 acres for \$3.125 million. Once the property went on the market October 2010, according to Scott Buck the Board of Trustees felt that this was an

opportunity that could not be surpassed.

"It was a very strategic opportunity," said Scott Buck, associate vice chancellor of administration and finance. The university was not looking for more land to purchase. However when it was placed on the market, we knew that the opportunity to buy that amount of land bordering property already owned by the university would not be around for decades, continued Buck.

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are personal issues. They are sick or went home to take care of a mom or dad or there's something personal happening with them ... also, more and more it's becoming an economic issue. College is more expensive. Not just college is more expensive but all the things that go along with being in college, like living expenses or the things we feel we have to have. And for many students, the commit-

ment to be in school is not," said Geissler.

The research conducted by Complete College America states that the traditional American ideal of college, going full-time and living on campus with financial assistance from parents, represents only a quarter of today's students enrolled.

"Students are incurring a lot of debt from school or credit debt, parents are losing

jobs, so a very complex economic situation is occurring. How expensive it is to be a student has an influence on people," said Geissler.

For the first time in America's history, the current generation of college-age Americans will be less educated than their parents' generation, according to Complete College America.

Lazio said, "Some students just didn't have the

drive. When you are a freshman, the school helps you and explains the consequences. Especially if you're on campus, you have what you need to get help."

The university's retention rates are continuing to increase. There are programs developed and efforts across campus to encourage and help students, according to Geissler.

Bella Biondi, a sopho-

more logistics major, said there is help available to students. "There are definitely programs available. I know people who go to the tutoring center for help," said Biondi.

"I would like to emphasize, that I think ECU, more than any other university that I have worked with, is very committed to providing support to students. I have really

been impressed with how the chancellor and provost have thrown their concern around about how important this retention issue is. When a student needs help, we have all the support systems. They just need to say 'I need help,'" said Geissler.

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Because the university is a state-owned situation, there are proper precautions that have to be followed. In cases as sensitive as Stratford Arms, when the seller wants to move quickly, the university looks upon the ECU Foundation, Inc. to purchase until the university itself can purchase after it has been approved by the state.

ECU Foundation, Inc. is not a part of the institution. The sole purpose of the foundation is to raise funds for the university. There is a subdivision of the foundation that solely manages real estate donated to the university and purchases real estate for the university so that the university can buy it later. ECU Foundation, Inc. also collects money for scholarships and

professorships.

ECU Foundations and the university will go to closing in mid-October to complete the Stratford Arms purchase. The university has immediate plans to demolish the standing structure by January, while still maintaining the existing agriculture. The bid to continue with further plans has yet to be approved. According to Bill Clark, president and CEO of ECU Foundation, Inc., the university does not currently have the funds to build something on the property immediately after demolition.

"I'm glad that we have \$3 million for more land that we will need more money to develop. Too bad what we really need and

cannot afford to lose are more professors and saving humanities programs - such as languages and the arts. I'd like to see more diversity in degrees offered rather than land expansion," said Lauren Helms, a junior art history major. "We need to offer more academically if we are going to 'expand the university,'" continued Helms.

As soon as the foundation purchased the land, they informed all tenants that the university would be taking over the property. All tenants vacated the premises before Sept. 1, 2010. All the windows are boarded and the parking lot of Stratford Arms is being used for extra tailgating space. After the demolition, there will be a bid to take the space and turn it into a gravel

lot, similar to the ones found behind Belk Residence Hall off of 14th St.

"I think that if the university tears down the apartment complex, that they should build a parking garage with emergency blue lights. We are going to need more parking now that all freshmen are going to be required to live on campus," said Trey Motley, a junior hospitality major.

The master plan for the university included purchasing more property in the future. Looking for more property that is adjacent to the already owned university property was also included.

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is averaged at \$21,000 and includes tuition, but not fees.

Gemperline explained that many other graduate programs throughout the nation are facing the same problem. "Nationally, there has been a decline in graduate enrollment due to the current economic conditions," Gemperline stated.

The rest of the schools within the UNC system are no exception. Many of them, such as N.C. State and UNC, are handling the situation in a similar manner.

"We did not eliminate a single teaching assistantship this year," Jeffery Braden, dean of N.C. State University's

College of Humanities and Social Sciences, said in an interview with The Daily Tar Heel. "I made it a priority; it was a very difficult priority."

Gemperline says that while he is concerned about this issue, the university is doing what it can to provide to its students.

"I am very concerned about the debt our graduate students are accumulating," Gemperline stated. "I think that our graduate students work hard and we are working hard to provide competitive packages for the teaching assistantship program."

Several of the graduate students within the teaching

assistantship program noted that they were happy with the program. In addition, many undergraduates said they plan on attending graduate school upon completion of their undergraduate studies.

"A lot of occupations now require a master's or a doctorate," said Cam Crowder, a

junior elementary education major. "I plan on getting my master's and the (teaching assistantship) program is something I think I would look into when considering a graduate school."

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A valid OneCard along with either cash or a check is all that is needed to receive a vaccine. Students may also charge the vaccine to their student account.

"I'm not going to get the flu shot," said Katie Mullins, a sophomore communication major. "I've never gotten the flu shot."

Mullins said she has never had the flu and doesn't think that a shot is necessary.

"I'm not terribly worried," said Mullins.

Between March and May of last year, N.C. reported seven months of sporadic flu activity, two months of regional outbreaks and three months with no activity.

College students should not feel exempt from getting the flu shot, said one report published by the Archives of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine.

Students who received the vaccine were 47 percent less likely to visit the doctor, 32 percent less likely to miss class and 47 percent less likely to do badly on a test.

Those who got the vaccine also helped prevent the

spread of the flu across college and other university campuses.

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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.

I think we hit the cap on Rants about fat, Greek and skinny people. But how about the conference Panther game this weekend?

Pirate Rants were our Twitter before Twitter.

I'd be lying if I said I didn't pick up 10 papers just because my Pirate Rant made the paper.

Who thinks Ruffin should parachute into Dowdy-Ficklen with the game ball at the Military Appreciation game?

No, there should not need to be three emails about behavior, but from what I saw at the UNC tailgate, there should have been three emails about being nice to our own fans.

Last year, Ludacris for Homecoming. This year, I have to go to another school for an amazing time. Great job, ECU.

True fans stay 'til the end!

Why do we need a GPS system that costs students \$500k? I can tell you when the bus will be here. Every 10 minutes, just like it always is.

Whoever supports Obama obviously has their eyes closed!

I graduated! Why can't I get a job?

I needed a break from home football games; I don't think my liver could take it anymore.

To the girl whose boyfriend I'm screwing: I can not wait until you leave next year so I can stop seeing your face all over our paper!

For those in my class: Can we all just arrange a day to not show up?

For the love of God, oil the chairs in SciTech!

Why do they sell beer in six-packs? That's just enough to piss me off.

I wish we could get into the Big East so people wouldn't think our programs are a joke!

Chill out ECU, Brother Ross will be back. No need to videotape every word he says.

I guess I was too naive to think that the man that was playing the water glasses would be replacing Brother Ross this year...

Some people call Christmas season the best time of the year. Personally, I'm partial to yoga pants season.

Why take attendance? We are paying your salary!

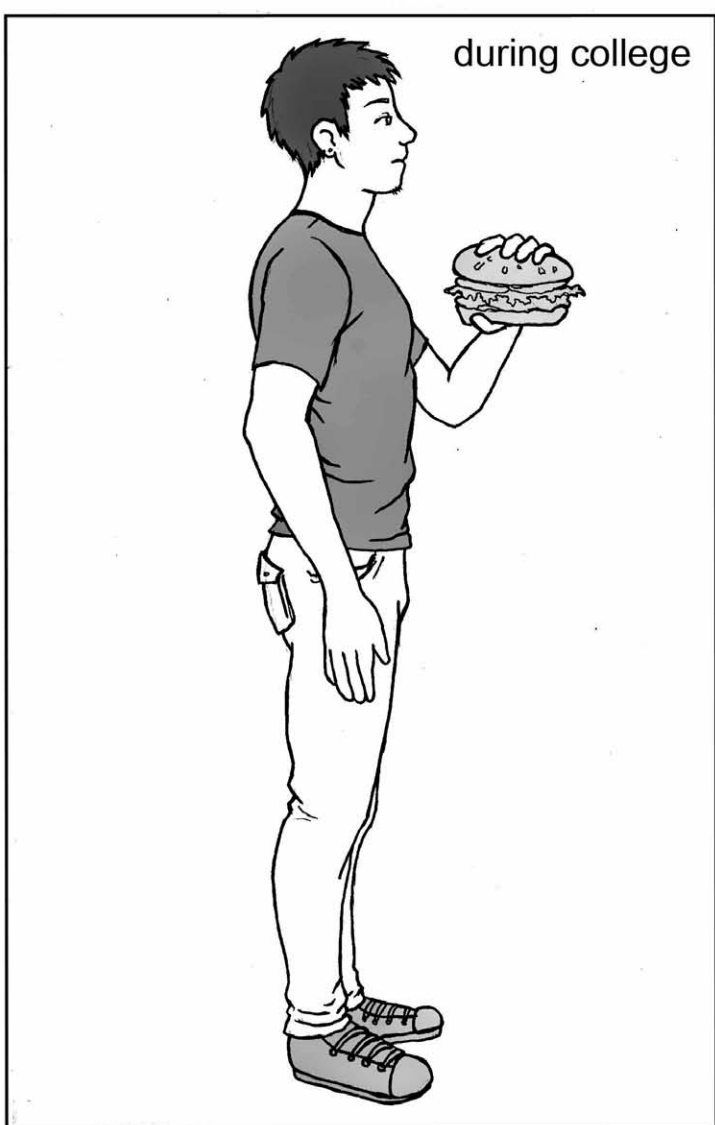
If you expect my vote for Homecoming King/Queen, why don't you make it a priority to actually talk to people besides the ones in your sorority and fraternity?

We are in college. Who gives a flying crap about Homecoming King and Queen?

To the girl in my nutrition class that edits pictures of her boyfriend every class: You have no life.

How to be green on campus: Print six slides to a page and double-sided.

Change your life



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Morgan Logan
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Senior public health major

I cannot study. Studying brings me nothing more than hours of distractions and abnormal food consumption. When I finally convinced myself that I needed to go over exam material for my health course, I had that sensation that I knew everything. As I sat there with online lectures on repeat, it was to my amazement that I was actually learning something. That's not to say I don't learn in class, but I suppose the reiteration of the knowledge actually hit home with me.

One of the units we had to go over was "neoplastic disease," which is commonly known to many of you as cancer. I am in the belief that the cause of cancer is "everything" and that's pretty much the truth. In class, we learned that a majority of

chronic diseases are influenced by lifestyle decisions. That's good to know for a multiple-choice answer, but it's also beneficial to know for personal reasons. When reading about cancers, many of us just read information, but how many of us consider that it could actually affect us?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more people die from lung cancer than any other type of cancer. In 2007, 203,536 people were diagnosed and 158,683 died. In a study conducted by ABC News, one-third of college students use tobacco products including cigars, chewing tobacco and, of course, cigarettes. Once lung cancer has developed, it's hard to diagnose it early enough to receive treatment, yet, we've known since our D.A.R.E. courses in elementary school not to smoke.

While about one out of 1,000 women will actually get cervical cancer, one in four will contract the STI known as "human papillomavirus." Despite these statistics, most women prefer

taking birth control pills over using condoms, the most effective barrier in preventing transmission of infections. Other factors of cervical cancer include one's diet, smoking and increased sex partners. How many females know that they should get a pap smear after they turn 21 in order to be screened?

Cancer.org reports that 70,230 new melanomas will be diagnosed this year, and, of that, 8,790 are expected to be fatal. These numbers have been on the rise for the past 30 years. The No. 1 risk factor for skin cancer? Ultraviolet light exposure. The Skin Cancer Foundation stated that 30 million Americans tan, with 2.3 million of them being in our age group.

I'm not here to lecture you or show off the data I've obtained in my class. I simply want you to think about your lifestyle choices, as I did mine. We hear about cancers and how it has affected friends and family members, but when do we think about our life choices and how they will hinder us further down

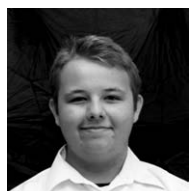
the road? These factors had me re-evaluate my life.

Regardless of how fun it is to go downtown and throw back shots until it tastes like water, mechanically light up a Marlboro every 30 minutes, spend 20 minutes in a tanning booth daily, have unprotected sex with x-amount of people and eat whatever you want, it'll catch up to you.

Of course our parents, society and maybe even religion, frown upon these activities, but we don't adhere to these warnings for the sake of hardheadedness. My reasoning for my former behavior is that this is college. This is the last stop before we enter the real world and its best to make mistakes now rather than later. After my exam, my logic changed. We can't do x-y-and-z to our bodies and still expect it to remain in good health years from now. It's time for reevaluation.

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Gambling for the children



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Through many years of flowing in and out of different classrooms and learning a plethora of different skills, I have come to realize that education is one of the single most important aspects of a society. Education is, put simply, the basis for everything progressive in life. With these ideals in mind, one would assume that N.C. would consider education to be a high priority.

While the state may be doing this in some aspects, in others, N.C. seems to be falling short of the mark. The North Carolina Lottery was introduced to the state in 2005. At that time, it was intended to help fund the school systems of the state.

According to the North Carolina 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.

This statement, however positive and stimulating it may be for the education systems, seems to be too much of a promise

for the state. As the years have passed, the amount of money given to educational establishments has slowly dwindled.

The fact of the matter is that the education system in our country is slowly evaporating into thin air. Piece by piece, the individualism that our country was founded on is being ripped from the grips of aspiring students.

In the years that we attend school, we experience a liberal and eclectic course load. We are required to take some form of art and music alongside our general education courses. These are the times when the foundations of dreams are formed. These are the times when children become inspired to be influential in their studies. These are the times when, through the education of certain subjects, great leaders are created.

Education, because of the great men and women who realized the importance that it holds, is now offered to every citizen of the U.S.A. without charge. But soon, this great accomplishment will be buried in the history books if someone of influence does not take notice to what is being done to this generation.

The state needs to come in and trim away at the political shrubbery that has wildly grown around the issue and shape it to be the greatness that it was originally intended to be. The North Carolina Lottery,

according to its own website, is obligated to give all of the proceeds to the educational system in this great state. But, in their own words, they have failed to do this leading up to this point. Therefore, it is time for a reform.

Just as a tax collector would demand his or her money, so should we. America is founded on the principal of standing up for injustice and taking what is truly owed to her. The government seems to take plenty of our hard-earned dollars in taxes; the least they can do is use to the money we are giving them for the correct purposes.

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Creative Costumes hiding in closets



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Trick-or-Treating, pumpkin carving, chomping on sweet sugar filled treats, walking along jack-o'-lantern filled streets with your hand holding that of your parents, sorting out the loot that you picked up with the ring of each house's doorbell. These are the childhood memories that float around in our head when we think about the upcoming holiday: Halloween.

Anybody who has been in Greenville, or even heard about our university for that matter, knows that we take Halloween here very seriously. It may not be similar to the candy-coated memories of your childhood, but looking back on the excitement you partake in during college on October 31st will one day rival that of any other day here at college.

One thing that I have yet to mention that probably plays the largest role on Halloween is costumes. Costume preparation here can start weeks, if not months, before the day actually rolls around. Plans are made, friends are called and the groundwork for the most epic costume you have ever worn is set in stone. From Sesame Street characters to sexy nurses and all the way to Family Guy characters, students have thought of pretty much everything. Some people may not admit it, but our university tends to have a Halloween costume "stereotype" that, while appearing trivial to some students, seems to make its way back around every year.

The idea that women have to "bare it all" to look their best isn't always true. And the illusion that men think a mask paired with everyday clothes constitutes a costume? C'mon, lets see a little more effort! So this Halloween, I challenge you to branch out from the norm and try to come up with the most creative costume you can conjure up in that smart little brain of yours. Here are some fun and imaginative ideas that will be sure to impress your fellow costume-clad Pirates this year.

For women, the idea of looking hot by having a good costume is more prominent than ever. Halloween doesn't have to be about looking risqué, and coming up with a creative costume can also help you save a lot of money! Rummage through that packed closet of yours and try and come up with a unique costume using the resources that you already own. With the trend of 70s clothing being huge this year, try and conjure the perfect Hippie costume. This idea may seem overdone, but if you combine funky eye makeup, loads of fringe and long straight locks you will be looking hotter than ever.

Have three friends who want to go out as a group? Well don't forget about one of the hottest remake TV shows this year. Pull out those little black dresses that hang in your closet and some killer black pumps and be Charlie's Angels. Wash in some temporary red hair-dye for the redhead, swipe on wingtip eyeliner for the ethnic angle, pair it with red lipstick and smoky eyes and you and your friends will be ready to strut down the streets on Halloween. Another fun idea for a female trio is the Three Blind Mice. Throw on your favorite pair of Ray-Ban shades, wear some mock mouse ears, draw on some eyeliner whiskers and you and your friends have just become the cutest trio at the party.

Don't fret fellas! Female costumes aren't the only ones that can be fun and innovative.

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Remembering Derek

Mike Davis
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From afar, Derek Oliverio might have seemed like a guitarist from a grunge rock band. He wore earrings ranging from up and down his ears to on his nipples, a Sup Dogs fitted hat always on backwards, cargo shorts and black skateboard shoes. But anyone who had talked to him, or had even been in the same room as him, knows him as someone much more than just a '90s grunge band guitarist.

"He was a magnetic personality. He had friends from all walks of life, wherever he went," said Gabe Oliverio, one of Derek's older brothers. After hearing about a Sup Dogs' customer not having transportation to work, Oliverio "bought him a nice bicycle so that he could make it to work every day," said Gabe, as he explained how his younger brother's giant heart cared for anyone and everyone that he met.

The idea of Sup Dogs came about as one of Oliverio's business projects while he was at James Madison University. After graduating in 2007, Oliverio took his dream to Pirate Nation as he embarked on engraving his name in not only ECU but the Greenville community as well, which he did successfully.

"Only Derek could move to a random city, start a business in his early 20s, make it unbelievably successful and take over the town where everyone loves him," said Bret Oliverio, another one of Derek's older brothers. "Who else could do that?"

For those that question what the future of Sup Dogs is going to be like, have no fear. "Sup Dogs was Derek's dream, his passion and it's our family's mission to make Sup Dogs more successful than ever," said Bret. "I think that he would take comfort in knowing that business will only get better from here on out. It is not going anywhere."

Even though almost all of Oliverio's blood, sweat and tears had gone into making Sup Dogs what it is today, and though working 16-hour days wasn't unusual, he still found time to enjoy some of the finer things in life.

Whatever time and energy Oliverio had left outside of work he spent skydiving, skateboarding through the streets of Greenville and playing paintball.

On the occasional vacation Oliverio had, he



Derek Oliverio (above: far left, middle: second from the left, below: far right) with his friends and family.

was known to travel the U.S. to see his favorite band, 311, in concert. He saw them play in Las Vegas and on a 311-sponsored Caribbean cruise. With inspirations from his favorite bands, Oliverio "picked up the guitar over the last year and was getting good," said Gabe, as he marveled over his brother's determination, even if it was just to learn the guitar or see his favorite band play multiple times.

In his younger years, Oliverio was extremely adventurous and imaginative, as Gabe vividly remembers his brother saying "he could make

himself fly in every dream he'd have, simply by shuffling his feet," or the fact that when his parents hired a Santa impersonator to visit the house for his younger sister, "it only reinforced Derek's belief in St. Nick that much more."

As an avid sports fanatic, Oliverio cheered for his hometown favorites — Washington Redskins, Wizards and Capitals. Oliverio wasn't just a sports fan, but a fierce competitor and athlete as well. In high school, he was the starting point guard on the Lake Braddock High School basketball team. As point guard, he led his team to a district championship and was named on the Patriot District All-Tournament team.

Though he had many hobbies, friends and a wildly popular restaurant, the real rocks in his life were his two dogs, Teg and Kali. His two best friends would without a doubt wait at the door every day to greet Oliverio when he came home and they always could turn a frown into a smile.

Based on an account given by Oliverio's family, he stopped by his own house late after work on Sept. 29 to check on his dogs before dropping off two friends that had been drinking. Upon entering his house, he realized that there was a fire. He then attempted to put the fire out before going to his room to try and save his two dogs that usually slept under his bed, according to Derek's friend who was waiting in the car and eventually called 911.

"If somehow we were able to bring Derek back and be like, 'Derek, you died going into that fire trying to put it out and save your dogs,'" said Bret. "He would do it again."

Even though a member of the university and Greenville family is no longer with us, the memory of a man who was passionate, kind, imaginative and most of all loving, will forever be remembered. As long as Sup Dogs is open and serving, the legacy Derek left will live on forever.

A memorial service will be held today at 4:30 p.m. at S.G. Wilkerson and Sons Funeral Home.

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Swish performs hilarious skits

TJ Weaver
STAFF WRITER

There's something fresh, exciting and absolutely hilarious happening on our campus. It's not SNL and it's not Mad TV, instead it's a group of 14 students who call themselves the Swish Improv Troupe. Their mission: to keep people entertained through a variety of comedic skits and games.

Every Monday through Thursday at 5:00 p.m., Swish rehearses for an hour in a small classroom in Messick 218. For just one hour, the classroom turns into a crazy house filled with bizarre circumstances and unique characters.

The president of Swish, Brett Nicol, a fourth-year member, leads rehearsals. Dressed in gym sweats and a light track jacket, he begins with a couple of warm up games. The members of Swish gather in the front of the room and the laughter begins.

According to Nicol, Swish started off as the little brother troupe to the larger and more experienced troupe, Swash. However, as the members of Swash graduated and newer members joined in, Swish became the leading troupe.

"I became captain of Swish my sophomore year," said Nicol. "We had a lot of talent that I wanted to showcase so we started doing shows by ourselves and we became a totally separate group."

The troupe starts rehearsals with a warm-up game called "Thumper." The members gather in a tight circle. The entire group mimics both the vocal pattern and physical characterization of the person before. As they get into the game, the floor shakes and rumbles, vibrating violently like an earthquake.

Emily Weber, a third-year member, explained that the purpose of these exercises is to get everyone out of their heads before they start the real fun.

"We have two types of warm-



Cody Schauble (left) and Elissa Bober (right) act out skits at Swish Improv Troupe's rehearsal on Tuesday night.

up games. Physical games, such as "Thumper," get our bodies warm," said Weber. "We also have games that get us thinking. It's important in improv to make connections with pop culture and references."

Swish has 40 games they can play at any given moment. Over the years, they've been busy building up their skills, characters and moments by attending workshops and festivals such as the North Carolina Comedy Arts Festival (NCCAF).

"NCCAF is the biggest comedy arts festival on the east coast," said Nicol. "There are comedic troupes from everywhere ... New York, Boston, Chicago and Atlanta. We did workshops with professionals who really helped make our scenes a reality."

Swish starts their first game of rehearsal called "Montage." Nicol

yells out, "Glazed doughnut!" for the first circumstance. A couple members laugh and give each other confused looks. Each person quickly creates a character in their heads and two members start a scene about a glazed doughnut. The scene about the doughnut quickly transitions to a girl bobbing for a dead rat.

"When I first started Swish, I was always anxious. I thought I wouldn't be funny or I'd mess up," explained Weber. "But I've learned that you can't really think about it. Because if you think about it, then you're going to be in your head."

Although Swish sounds like an on-campus SNL or Mad TV group, their delivery is far different from that of the popular television shows.

"Mad TV and SNL are a lot of sketch comedy, it's stuff that's written and it's stuff that's rehearsed.

We don't have any scripts at all; everything that we do is made up on the spot," said Nicol.

For the 14 members, Swish is a time when they can let everything go without people judging them. In a way, it also serves as a stress reliever. When 5 p.m. hits and it's time to rehearse, they know they are among friends.

"It's really fantastic because our group is totally a family," said Nicol. "We've really just become this group of crazy ridiculous college students who support each other no matter what."

For more information, auditions and future performances, visit Swish's Facebook Page: The Swish Improv.

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Students dependent on tanning

Elizabeth Lynch
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Believe it or not, some people are actually addicted to tanning. Tanorexia has recently been compared to alcohol and drug addictions. Tanorexics (those who are addicted to tanning) experience some kind of high from the UV rays at the tanning bed. Dr. Daniel Friedmann, third year dermatology resident at the Brody School of Medicine, said that people who have a dependency on tanning could actually have withdrawals.

"Tanning has been an addiction

for decades now," said Friedmann. The epidemic isn't new, but recent studies have refocused attention on the condition. A 2006 Wake Forest University study found that the UV rays from the tanning bed affect the chemical process of endorphins released to the brain.

According to an ABC News story, researchers found that when the UV light hit the tanner's body, the part of their brain related to reward and addiction lit up, which indicated increased blood flow. When the UV lights were blocked that part of the brain dimmed becoming less active.

Dr. Bryon Adinoff, an addiction expert at the UT Southwestern Medical Center was quoted in the ABC story saying, "These are the kinds of things we see in people with other kinds of addictions."

Researchers also said that tanorexia doesn't just affect indoor tanners; it also affects outdoor sunbathers. They believe that the addiction explains why people continue to do extreme tanning despite the warnings that it can lead to serious health problems.

Other than being addictive, tanning has other health risks and can be very harmful to your body.

These risks include early aging and different kinds of cancer. The most common and dangerous type of cancer associated with tanning is melanoma. According to the Skin Cancer Foundation, indoor tanning increases the risk of getting melanoma by 74 percent.

In the Wake Forest University study, researchers found that even though tanorexics know the health risks of tanning, they still continue to do so to satisfy their need for the endorphin high.

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Men can also come up with amusing costume ideas that are cheap and easy. Everybody who knows anything about comedy movies remembers the hilarious film "Anchorman." Grab a couple of your male friends, slip into some cheap retro suits from Goodwill, slick your hair back or don an afro, add a mustache and you just created an affordable costume idea, San Francisco!

Another fun idea for a man who is brave enough to go out solo is dressing up as "The Most Interesting Man in the World." Pull on a navy blue blazer with a button down shirt, spray on some gray hair spray-paint and carry around a pipe and you'll just look this dapper commercial superstar.

All of these costume ideas are simple, original and definitely ideal for a Halloween spent at ECU. Just remember that dressing up on Halloween gives you the opportunity to become someone who you usually wouldn't impersonate. Have you ever wanted to embrace your inner rock star? Go for it. What about dressing up as your favorite movie character? Why not! This holiday grants you the chance to be creative, inventive and to have the time of your life. And don't forget, if you have more than one idea that you are torn between, there is always Halloween 2012...

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Look for Lindy's next column in November!



These cute costumes are sure to make any woman look festive and fashionable on Halloween. MORGAN HOPEY | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

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When asked about his opinion on tanorexia, Beauchant stated, "Tanning is very relaxing and I feel like that can be the addicting part for some."

In a study of indoor tanning addictions that appeared in the Archives of Dermatology, scientists studied the tanning habits of undergraduate students. More than half of the students surveyed admitted to using tanning beds and of those

scientists determined that about 35 percent fit the tanning addiction profile. The students who fit the addiction profile were also more likely to report that they had severe anxiety and depression symptoms than those who were not addicted to tanning or didn't tan at all.

Tanning addictions are becoming more common. There are counselors and support groups out in the community to help former

tanorexics. A great resource for students is the Counseling Center Services located on the first floor of Umstead Residence Hall. Information can also be found online to help one stop tanning. Friedmann suggests that those addicted to tanning try to cut back slowly on the amount of time they spend at a tanning salon.

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A student tans at a local tanning bed salon. Studies show that tanning can actually be addictive. CONTRIBUTED BY MEGHAN COLLINS

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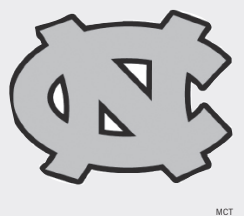
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Next: Houston

Women's hoops begins preseason work

Staff Reports

The ECU women's basketball team officially took the floor for the beginning of preseason practice this week under the direction of second-year Head Coach Heather Macy.

For the second-straight season, the team will take advantage of NCAA bylaw 17.3.2.2, which states that a women's basketball program may begin practice on the date that is 40 days prior to the date of the institution's first regular-season contest. During that span, the university cannot engage in more than 30 days of countable athletically related activities prior to its first regular-season contest.

A total of eight newcomers have joined the program for the upcoming campaign, including transfers from Atlantic Coast Conference members. Three of those players — Britny Edwards (Virginia), Whitney Edwards (Virginia) and Bryelle Smith (Clemson) are eligible to play immediately as graduate students — while Kyani White (Virginia Tech) will sit out the season and join the squad next year as a redshirt sophomore.

Online exclusive:

TEC staff writer Justin Ackley recaps Week 4 of the NFL and how former Pirates performed in the league.

Visit theeastcarolinian.com for the full story.

Texas-sized win needed against Houston



Receiver Justin Hardy (2) dives across the goal line for a touchdown in the first half against the Blazers as Joe Womack (82) and UAB defender Jamie Bender (5) look on. The Pirates will need to secure the football and find the end zone often to beat a high powered Houston offense on Saturday on the road.

Adam Bunn
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

ECU looks to rebound after a deflating loss to North Carolina, hitting the road for the first time this season against Conference USA foe Houston.

Last Time Out:

ECU was unable to overcome a 28-3 halftime deficit against UNC last Saturday, falling to the Tar Heel's 35-20 in front of a record crowd in Dowdy-Ficklen stadium.

The Pirates turned the ball over four times in the first half, including two turnovers inside the UNC 25-yard line. ECU was unable to overcome those turnovers, unlike two weeks ago when they were able to come out with a win over UAB, despite committing a school-record seven turnovers.

Houston is coming off an explosive ball game with UTEP in which 91 total points were scored. Led by the arm of quarterback Case Keenum, the Cougars won 49-42.

Houston got a gift in playing the Miners on a Thursday night, giving them over a week to prepare for the Pirates aerial assault offense.

Series History:

ECU leads the all-time series 6-4 as the Pirates have won two out of the last three meetings between the teams. This will be the first time the two teams have played each other since the epic Conference USA title game on Dec. 5, 2009, that saw Keenum throw an interception in the end zone sealing ECU's 38-32 win and conference title.

ECU Offense:

The Pirates offense returned to form this past weekend against the Tar Heels. ECU put up 490 yards of total offense, with quarterback Dominique Davis completing 41 of 58 passes for 417 yards with not only two touchdowns, but also two interceptions. On the season, Davis is right on par with his 2010 season numbers, having completed 133 of 194 passes for 1,165 yards with nine touchdowns and seven interceptions.

While the Pirates offense continues to put up yards, the area ECU is most lacking in is in the points department. After averaging 37 points a game last year, the Pirates, through four games, are only putting up an average of 23 points, good for 92nd nationally.

The ECU rushing attack has also been weak, as leading rusher Reggie Bullock has had fumble problems on his way to 318 yards on 63 carries, with just one score. The Pirates rank 114th in the nation in rushing offense, averaging just 81 yards a game on the ground.

ECU Defense:

After weeks of improved play by the Pirates' defensive unit, the ECU defense returned to old form on Saturday, allowing UNC's offense to rack up over 400 yards of total offense in just over 60 total plays.

ECU ranks 71st in total defense, giving up 384 yards a game. The Pirates, however, do rank in the top 25 nationally in passing defense, giving up only 183 yards a game

through the air. The ECU secondary will be heavily tested on Saturday as they go up against one of the best passing offenses in the entire nation.

The real weak point of the Pirates' 3-4 defense has been the rushing defense. ECU ranks near the bottom of Division I, giving up 201 yards a game on the ground. The defense has allowed two of the four teams they have faced to rush for over 200 yards. The rushing defense won't get a break against Houston as the Cougars boast a successful triple punch at the running back position.

Houston Offense:

When talking about the Cougars' offense, one begins and ends with starting quarterback Case Keenum. Keenum, like former ECU quarterback Patrick Pinkney, was granted a sixth year of eligibility and hasn't missed a step, completing 140 of 201 passes for 2,005 yards with 14 touchdowns and only two interceptions.

"Keenum is one of the marquee guys, not just in this league, but in the country," Head Coach Ruffin McNeill said during his weekly press conference. "He has continued to do well after getting the sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA."

Keenum doesn't do it all alone as he has a duo of wide outs who make things quite easy for the sixth-year quarterback.

"The receivers have great speed and athleticism," McNeill said. "They are led by Patrick Edwards and Isaiah Sweeny. Patrick is one

of the preseason first team all-conference guys."

Patrick, the Cougars' leading receiver, has caught 25 passes for 509 yards with three touchdowns. Houston's second leading wideout is Tyron Carrier, who has grabbed 32 balls for 403 yards and one score.

In the national ranks, the Cougars rank first in passing yards a game, 52nd in rushing yards a game and eighth in points scored per game.

Houston Defense:

The Houston defense has been far less impressive than their offensive counterpart. The Cougars rank in the bottom half of Division I in two of the three main defensive categories. Houston ranks 93rd in total defense allowing 413 yards a game, 98th in rushing defense allowing 192 yards a game and 62nd in passing defense allowing 221 yards a game through the air.

"They're not giving up many passing yards," McNeill said of the Houston defense. "Brian Stewart, their defensive coordinator, I've known almost all his life. He runs a 3-4 defense."

With the two defenses, these teams will be throwing out on Saturday, the points should be high in this second conference match-up for both teams.

The Pirates and the Cougars will face off from Houston, Texas Saturday at 7 p.m.

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Running the distance

Jordan Anders
STAFF WRITER

Just outside of Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium sits Scales Field House. Tucked away inside Scales sits the office of Dan Lee, the university's men and women cross country coach.

Inside Lee's office, hanging just below his framed diploma from N.C. State on the wall next to his desk, is a piece of paper with a single quote scribbled on it.

"Fatigue makes cowards out of everyone."

That quote, paraphrased from a similar famous quote by Vince Lombardi, is the message that the sixth-year coach has tried to instill in his athletes.

"When you're tired, it's easy to be a coward or come up with an excuse for why you can't do something," Lee said. "The thing about our sport is that this is never an option. Fatigue doesn't make cowards out of us: fatigue is what we do."

"We're endurance athletes. Our sport is the ability to endure. People who do well in any track event are the ones who endure the suffering, endure the pain, endure the fatigue and endure the training better than others."

If this is the case, then Lee's women's cross country team is enduring pretty well right about now. The Lady Pirates' cross country team, which finished sixth in last year's Conference USA standings, is

currently ranked ninth in the Southeast Region, a record-high ranking for the program.

For Lee, the improvement shows that his women are buying into his philosophy: that hard work is paramount in the cross country domain.

"The athletes that are on this team ... They have put in a ton of work," he said. "Some of them didn't even know if they were Division I material. But they worked their butts off over and over, day in and day out. They've put in the work, and you can't fake the work that it takes to become an excellent runner."

Perhaps no runner on this team has lived up to those words quite like Brittany Copeland. One of three senior leaders on this year's squad, Copeland is a two-time second-team All C-USA runner and a three-time individual champion of the ECU Pirate Invitational.

Accolades aside, Lee said that Copeland acts as the emotional anchor for his team, helping to keep the other runners motivated and striving to become the best athletes they can.

"I don't know if she's the hardest worker we've ever had, but if she's not, she's one of the few that is up there at the top," Lee said of the senior. "She commands respect from every man and woman on the team. There's no question that everyone respects her work-ethic and the way she attacks practice and the way she attacks a race."

But cross country, while individualized, is a team sport nonetheless. For now, Lee continues to preach the quote on his wall: "Fatigue makes cowards out of everyone." But he insisted that while he uses that quote with his team, he is not a fan of all sports quotes.

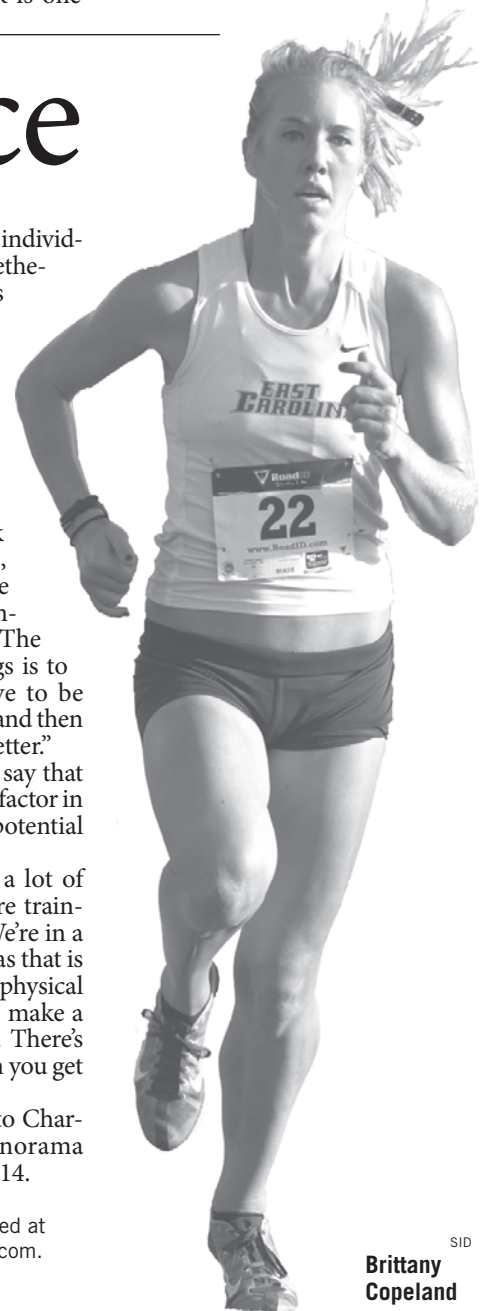
"People say sports are 90 percent mental. I think that's completely wrong, especially in our sport," he said. "No one can fake running a four-minute mile. The only way to do these things is to put the work in. You have to be physically talented enough and then work hard enough to get better."

However, that is not to say that mental strength is not a key factor in the Lady Pirates' road to a potential C-USA championship.

"Right now, we've got a lot of really good runners that are training very hard," Lee said. "We're in a pretty good position as far as that is concerned. They've made a physical leap, and now they have to make a mental leap to match that. There's definitely a difference when you get into actual competition."

The Pirates will travel to Charlottesville, Va. for the Panorama Farms Invitational on Oct. 14.

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Brittany Copeland

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



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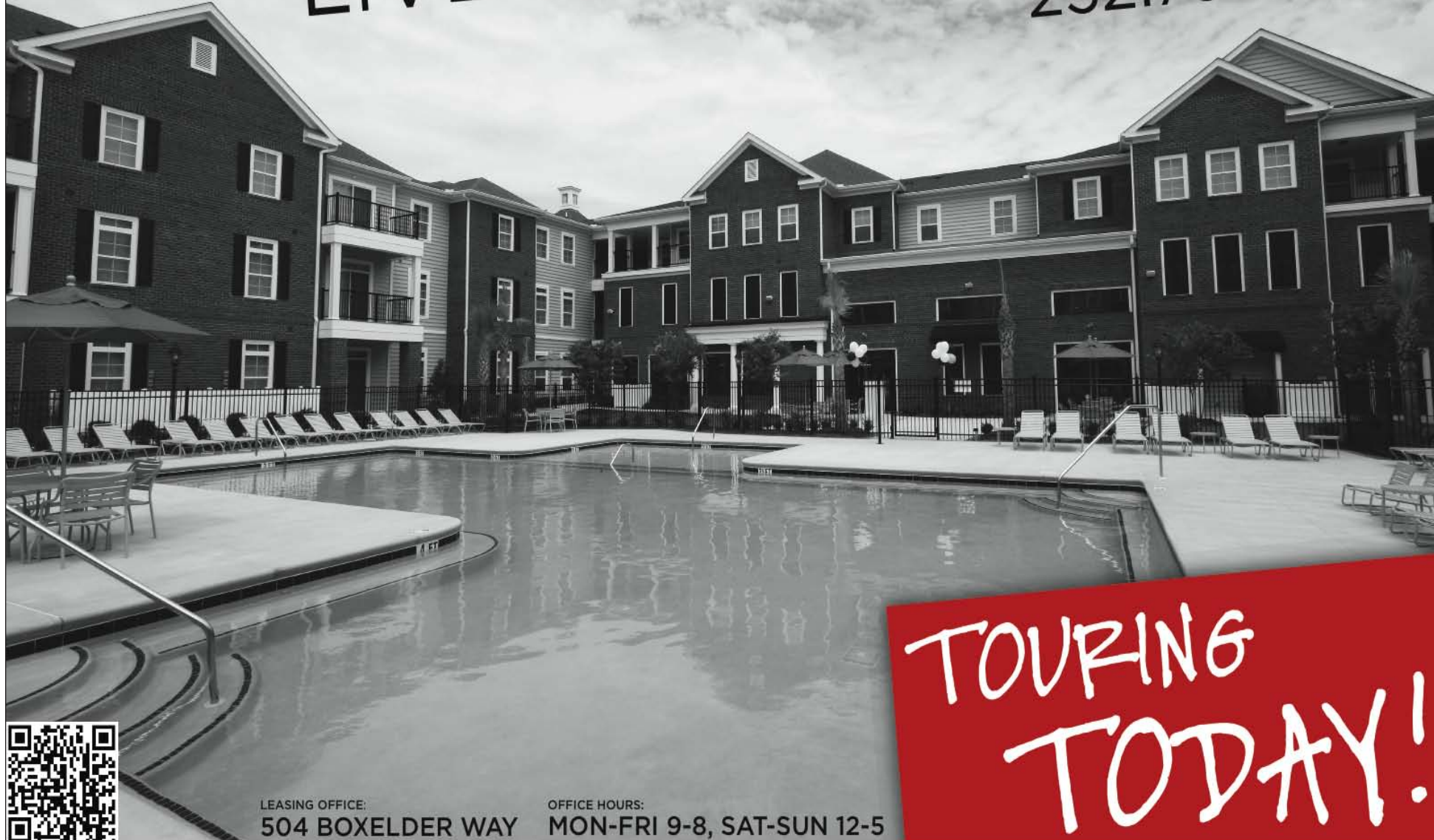
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