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## BRIEFS

### Stop Human Trafficking walk this Saturday

*Staff Reports*

On Saturday, Oct. 22 the third annual walk to Stop Human Trafficking Now will be held.

The walk willtkae place at Greenville Town Common located at 100 E. First St. and will begin at 10 a.m.

The walk is sponsored by Eastern North Carolina Stop Human Trafficking Now which is a group that educates about human trafficking, reducing the demand for slave labor and sexual servitude, prosecute perpetrators and protect victims or potential victims.

The Fair Trade Market will be open from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. It is a non-profit organization that enables customers to make a difference by making purchases. Sales support human trafficking survivors, those vulnerable to being trafficked and local Human Trafficking education efforts.

Only cash and checks will be accepted at the market.

Anyone interested can register online at www.encstophumantrafficking.org. The cost is $15 for adults and $10 for anyone under the age of 16.

### WZMB seeks independent artists for showcase

*Staff Reports*

WZMB 91.3 FM is looking for independent and alternative artists to perform in its first ever "Live Z Showcase."

Winners of the showcase will perform a live show in studio and be broadcasted on the air, WZMB prize packs and more to be announced in the coming weeks.

Entrants must not be currently signed to a recording label. Only video submissions will be accepted. Videos must be between three to five minutes without edits, graphics or effects. The video must also include all current band members who will perform during the showcase and an artist/band profile should be included.

All entries must be submitted by Oct. 31 at 11 p.m.

Send submissions to wzmb913@gmail.com by the deadline.

### 'Silent Witness' vigil held

*Staff Reports*

Last night a vigil was held on campus to raise domestic violence awareness.

The event was entitled "Silent Witness" and started at 6 p.m. at the Cupola, reported WNCT.

Graduate Allen Thomas, a youth counselor for the state Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention program, was the guest speaker.

Thomas grew up in an abusive household where his father took his mother's life. Thomas spoke about how to break the chain of violence.

### Blackbeard's cannon to be recovered from QAR wreck

*Staff Reports*

Next Wednesday, researchers plan to recover an eight-foot cannon from the wreck of Blackbeard's flagship Queen Anne's Revenge.

According to WNCT, N.C. Maritime Museum in Beaufort will hold a meeting at 12:30 p.m. the same afternoon.

Archaeologists will discuss other items they have found over the course of their expedition.

# MTV, Savage answer student sex questions

**Caitlin Hunnicutt**
STAFF WRITER

MTV and Dan Savage hosted a Q&A event for the 2012 programtentatively titled "Savage U" last night at Hendrix Theatre from 7-10 p.m.

Students lined up for the event as early as 5:30 p.m. to guarantee a seat on the first-come, first-served seating. The Students Activities Board took each student's ticket to the event, TV release, OneCard and license before he or she was admitted into Hendrix at 7 p.m.

"We got here early, around 5:30. We're not interested in being on MTV; we just thought that this would be interesting and are looking forward to getting relationship advice," said sophomore education major Emma Hil.

Before the event, students were put into a standby line, unless they had VIP status and could bypass the line altogether. Students could receive the VIP status by answering questions from MTV personnel prior to the filming.

"I had VIP seating because I submitted a question to MTV earlier along with a picture of myself. I just wanted a chance to be on MTV, honestly," said sophomore communication major Rashaad Toney.

Before entering Hendrix Theater, students had to write down a question for Savage. The question could either remain anonymous or they could provide their name. Five students whose names were provided on their questions had the opportunity to ask their question on camera.

A producer from MTV spoke to the crowd before Savage came on stage.

"Please don't edit yourselves. This is a safe place to talk and anything you want to say goes," said one MTV producer.

Savage was accompanied by Lauren Hutcherson, who fact-checked any questions that required statistical information.

Savage addressed the audience about his sexuality and the concerns that often arise with him visiting college campuses.

"Conservative groups usually protest me when I come to campuses because they think I'm going to shove my gay ways down your throats," said Savage. "But really, I'm here on your agenda, to answer the questions you come up with."

Savage also included statistical information, stating about one out of every two people have had an STI by the age of 25.

MTV will continue filming on campus until Friday, but as of now the network's itinerary is unknown.

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**Dan Savage spoke to students about any sexual question they might have.**

# Pros and cons of new grade scale

**Cameron Gupton**
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Many colleges around the state and country have opted for a change in grading systems.

Some universities utilize the plus/minus system while other schools have yet to adopt the structure.

Our university is one that does not have a plus/minus system in place. Rather, the university gives only full letter grades.

"I think that a full letter grade can be better for many students and I like the fact that we don't use the alternate system," said sophomore elementary education major Amber Shivers. "Getting full letter grades can be better for a lot of students."

"A," "B," "C," "D" and "F" are the grades currently given at the university. According to the undergraduate catalog webpage, "A" stands for excellent, "B" for good, "C" for average, "D" for barely passed and "F" for failed.

Grade points are calculated by multiplying the number of semester-hour credits by four courses if an "A" is earned, by three if a "B" is earned, by two if a "C" is earned and by one for a "D." No credit is given for any course in which an "F" is earned.

The final grade point average is obtained by dividing all of the added points from the first calculation by the total number of semester hours attempted by a student.

Other symbols may be used to describe student performance in place of a letter grade. These symbols include: "I" which stands for incomplete, "N" for audited, "NG" for no grade, "NR" for not recorded and "W" for withdrawn.

Som schools in the state do not follow the same system, they have chosen to promote the plus/minus program in their grading system.

At N.C. State University, the plus/minus system has been in effect for some time. Class grades at the university range from "A+" to "D-." An "F" is still assigned to any class a student fails.

At NCSU, an "A+" will result in a 4.33 grade point average and every plus, minus or half letter grade below that is lowered by .33 points.

UNC-Chapel Hill also uses the plus/minus system but it slightly differs from that of NCSU. At the university, quality points are calculated by multiplying grade points by semester hours.

An "A" at UNC would be equivalent to a 4.0, an "A-" would be a 3.7, a "B+" a 3.3 and so on.

Both of the schools also use incompletes and other symbols that also carry the same force as an "F" but can be temporary.

Allison Powell, a sophomore in pre-health professions, said she hopes the university doesn't change systems.

"I would definitely fall into the A-," said Powell. "I honestly don't like it at all and other students should probably feel the same way."

If implemented at ECU, the new system would allow for a closer look

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# University image changes

**Jamie Harper**
STAFF WRITER

A 2011 survey commissioned by the Brand Enhancement Taskforce found the image of the university has changed since a previous survey was conducted in 2002.

The 2002 survey found that the university lacked an identity, which resulted in a "party school" image. The image of a "party school" has become the "top-of-mind reference" for the public. The audiences surveyed were prospective undergraduate students, parents of prospective undergraduate students, businesses and employers, current undergraduate students and alumni.

"Of course there is a downtown area, that's a part of college life. That is at every university. (But) I think ECU just gets more focus because of the location of the downtown area to the university," said Joshua Martinkovic, the president of the Student Government Association.

The recent survey, which was conducted by the same firm as the original survey, involved more target audiences, but was conducted in the same manner as the original. This time, the audiences included prospective undergraduate and graduate students, current undergraduate and graduate students, parents of prospective students, businesses and employers, guidance counselors and alumni. The prospective students differed in 2011 because all general population prospective students were surveyed, rather than only active prospective students already in contact with the university.

The current research survey is

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# Teachers still needed despite education layoffs

**Persida Montanez**
STAFF WRITER

Layoffs and increasing class sizes in North Carolina public schools are short-term solutions to budget cuts, but the demand for teachers continues to increase.

North Carolina budget-writer, Senator Jerry Tillman, spoke last week, before the Education Oversight Committee met, and told the press that less public school teachers will be laid off this fall than the 1,800 number previously estimated. Many teachers' organizations, such as the North Carolina Association of Educators, said that Tillman has said the same before, even though cuts to public education continued, leading to more layoffs.

Tillman said that the employment figures for September, which will be released sometime in October, will prove his assertions. The Department of Public Instruction reports that 2,421 educators lost their jobs this fall, despite Tillman's predictions. Overall, North Carolina's 115 school districts laid off 6,383 jobs this fiscal year, although most of them had already been vacant. Tillman did not reply to a request for comment.

The problem ensues, from budget cuts to public education funding, like the half-billion dollars that were cut this year. Brian Lewis, a lobbyist for the North Carolina Association of Educators, said, "If funding public education was our state's priority when writing their budget and our legislature wouldn't do things backward, like giving money away, this would not happen."

Junior education major and Teaching Fellow, Carolyn Gannon, said, "I think it's ridiculous that our legislature is cutting the funding for education. Education is the most important thing for the future."

Along with budget cuts, there is an influx of families with children coming in from other states, increasing enrollment. In order to cope with less funding and more students,

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intended to serve as a benchmark for future and routine research.

"We want to do these more consistently. We need to look at how people perceive you as a university, especially employers. When you hear where a student is from, employers have a stigma associated with the students because of where they are from," said Martinkovic.

The surveyed audiences ranked 30 attributes and the results were averaged for the final results. The research concluded that there has been a positive realignment related to the university's identity.

In 2002, the campus having a "party" atmosphere was ranked at the top of the common attributes, but has now moved to the bottom of the list of common attributes in 2011.

"This is the first time the survey was done in nine years and we were astounded by the dramatic improvements that have occurred," said Martinkovic.

Although this attribute no longer dominates the image of the university, some groups still ranked the university higher than average compared to other universities. The audience that ranked the party atmosphere attribute the highest was current undergraduates.

Kiesten Basciano, a freshman biology major, disagrees. "I don't think this is a party school. This change could be good, but I'm sure some people will still want to come because they think it's a party school," said Basciano.

Prospective parents and businesses felt the party atmosphere no longer dominated the image of the university and ranked it the lowest.

"I think there's a lot of different things to do besides just party," said Tia Taylor, a freshman business finances major.

The university, especially the Student Government Association, is trying to communicate to students about activities on campus.

Other attributes, like the friendliness of the campus atmosphere, was ranked third in 2002, but moved to first in 2011. The audiences surveyed also feel admission to the university has become more difficult and competitive. The attribute of how easy admission to the university has moved from 17 in 2002 to 22 in 2011.

"I think this change is happening gradually," said Martinkovic. "For instance, over the past years, we have raised the admissions standard, which changes who we are bringing into the university and how selective we are in that process."

Additionally, the survey showed graduates' success moved from 16 in 2002 to 7 in 2011. "One of the reasons we are trying to get the survey out there is to show all the changes that are going on with the community and ECU over the past years," said Martinkovic.

The research stated there was room for growth and continued improvement in many areas. Recommended attributes to continue working on included: keeping up-to-date technology in facilities, the reputation for providing quality education in science and technology, graduates of the university being successful, and the university's reputation for quality instruction and teaching.

"These surveys are the best way to see how people view the community. We want to better communicate these things to keep people more informed, so there is more than just the subjective opinion you hear around campus," said Martinkovic. "We want to give them the power to make their own decisions. We want students to have that discussion and really tell people what ECU is all about."

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# Officials evacuate Leo Jenkins Fine Arts Center

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**Witnesses report that on Monday at approximately 12:30 p.m. students and faculty were evacuated from the Leo Jenkins Fine Arts Center due to a possible fire on the third floor. Those evacuated waited in the parking lot for about 30 minutes while the Greenville Fire Department inspected the building. After clearing the building, students and faculty were allowed to return, however the third floor remained temporarily off limits due to safety hazards.**

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schools lay off educators, office workers and janitorial staff. With the laying off of educators, class sizes increase and the quality of education is affected by reducing one-on-one time between teachers and students.

Teachers are also taking a longer time to retire, due to the economy. It was once common for teachers to retire at age 60, but now, teachers are waiting longer to retire, thus retaining teaching jobs longer. Studies done by the UNC system expect a large amount of educators to retire within the next four to five years.

In spite of budget cuts, teachers are still needed in North Carolina. Linda Patriarca, the dean for the College of Education, said, "The University of North Carolina system has data foreseeing that teachers will be wanted in large numbers in the near future. It has predicted that 13,000 to 15,000 teachers will be needed in North Carolina around the year 2014."

North Carolina produces around 5,000 teachers a year, which according to Patrairca, will not be enough for the projected need.

"North Carolina imports teachers from other states and countries. There is a need for teachers," Patriarca said. "North Carolina is in need of math, science and special education teachers because not enough are being produced. The question is how do we plan for three to five years down the road and produce more teachers."

Patriarca adds that the Teaching Fellows program, now defunct, did keep teachers in North Carolina schools. Marie L'Esperance, a junior elementary education major and a Teaching Fellow said, "The state government is cutting a lot of great teaching programs that draw prospective teachers and it's just sad."

"The state has to fund public education. We are losing our competitive edge. When a state puts public education first, companies will come and invest in our state," said Lewis. "In the meantime, our best and brightest teachers will go to other school systems that pay them better, respect them and fund public education, like it deserves."

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at exactly how well students are doing and would raise the grades of many.

However, the system may not be beneficial for others as their grades could drop by a half letter grade or more.

Other questions might arise if the system was to be considered: such as, will a C- be counted as a passing grade in major classes, will the plus or minus be included on a transcript and what will happen to grades obtained before the switch occurred?

It has not been said for certain whether or not the university will be adopting the plus/minus system and there is still much speculation surrounding it.

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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.

The MTV cameras are outside and now everyone is pretending that they spend all their time outside when we all know that they are shut-ins.

Pirate Rants: Sparking intense discussions in my classes since 2008.

Can we all agree on what days we're celebrating Halloween this year?

Seeing a hot guy with obnoxious facial hair is like seeing a Ferrari covered in bird crap. Please shave!

I need a weekend to recover from my weekends.

To whomever dissed O.A.R.: Stay home, roll your joint and wear your "Free Wiz" shirt while the rest of us enjoy some real music.

Note to self: You can't play "punch-buggy" with strangers on the bus.

Don't get cocky; the sex wasn't that great.

I hate you. You ruined my life. Please never speak to me again … unless it involves us making out.

Dear misinformed: Do not come to my apartment and brag about being "Jedi" Darth Vader for Halloween. He is not a Jedi. He is a Sith. Get it right.

Why is the Java City in Joyner always out of EVERYTHING? I need my midnight fix!

Whoever wrote the burn book probably thought no one would read it?

Boys: If you're still wearing American Eagle attire, please do us all a favor and swallow a razor.

I am going to donkey-punch the next girl I see wearing a dress can cowboy boots.

My vagina is like the Sword of Gryffindor. It only takes in that which makes it stronger.

Drunk guys in one sentence: If they aren't talking about "vag," they are calling each other one.

Waiting for Friday to get here like a Teen Mom waiting for that child support check.

To the guy who is looking for a woman who likes dark beer: It's your lucky day because I love dark beer!

Joyner: I understand you want to cut back on electricity costs but motion sensor lights in the new study rooms? I'm studying! I don't want to have to jump out of my chair every five minutes to turn the lights back on.

Southerners need to quit hating on Northerners. It's not our fault that we're smarter than you.

Tobacco use costs N.C. taxpayers $2.46 billion. And you wonder why people need financial aid.

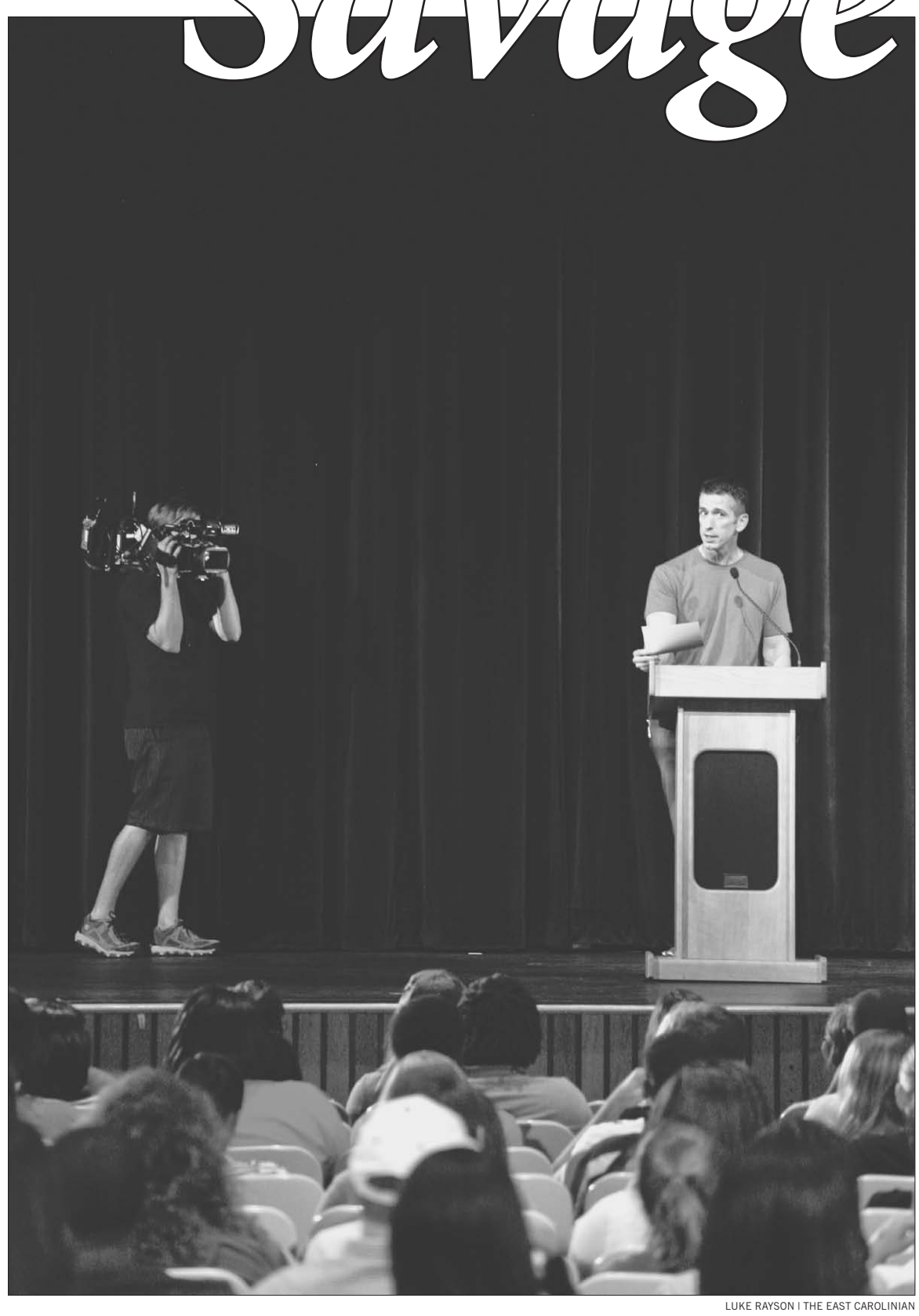
Question: How come Brewster has no hot water?

Nothing lulls me to sleep quite like the sound of your cough that rivals a person's suffering from COPD.

# Sex is so *Savage*

**Morgan Logan**
OPINION COLUMNIST

*Senior public health major*



LUKE RAYSON | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Sex has to be the most taboo topic in our society; that is, unless you're Dan Savage. Wednesday night's program surfaced many secret questions students at ECU had about their sex, dating and relationships. Savage was very explicit, yet honest in his answers and nonetheless an enjoyable host.

Many students have wondered why ECU was selected as one of the schools MTV chose to be represented in their series called "Savage U." Of course, the school's 2010 Playboy magazine selection as the fifth top party school comes to mind. Since then, the school has been trying to obtain a more positive reputation, but how are questioning students on their sex lives going to promote this idea? Will our university be positively represented despite revealing such an uncomfortable truth? In the words of President Obama, "Yes we can."

Sex is a natural reaction and sooner or later, we all are going to experience this. It's ignorant to try and shield sex from adolescents, and most importantly, people our age. Savage summed it up best: "They lied when they told you you're going to have sex. No, sex is going to have you. Sex is older than everyone here," indicating that we will eventually have to encounter our sexual selves.

Though the program faced difficulty filling Hendrix Auditorium, I had the pleasure of being in attendance. I was surprised at the lack of students who showed up, I mean, this is MTV we're talking about. But again, some may have realized that they were uneasy talking about sex. Mind you, this is no Health 1000 sex talk. No, the Q&A was synonymous with talking with your friends behind closed doors. The censorship when it airs is going to be ridiculous.

We were all asked to write a question prior to admission and Savage read and answered them all. Savage was very humorous and relatable in his response, yet they were completely educated answers. One question asked, "Is oral sex really sex, and if so, why do white girls think its not?"

Savage responded, "Sex is oral sex's last name. That's like saying Michelle Obama is not an Obama. No, she is not the one you initially think about, but she's still an Obama. And girls, not just white girls, believe that if they can eliminate an entire category of sex they can take off some numbers."

No question was off limits and no question was left unanswered, and it was extremely informative. How many of us knew that the clitoris had nerve endings that could cause pleasure by partaking in anal intercourse?

The questions were edgy in nature, such as the one about "analingus," but I do not think that these reflect behaviors at our university. Rather, these reflect behaviors and attitudes of a good majority of all college students that no one has provided an answer for.

Although some may cringe at the thought of bisexual intercourse, the issue of "spitting or swallowing," or even just having a "friend with benefits," these complications exist and must be addressed accordingly. Sexual health is just as important to a person as their physical, mental, emotional and social health. Like the other health matters, we should not be afraid to ask questions pertaining to this topic.

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# Free parking is a myth

**Ben Cochran**
OPINION COLUMNIST

*Senior nursing student*

We all know that parking on campus is a major issue. After having dealt with that hassle for over three years, I've wised up enough to not even attempt to drive to campus. So, I leave my car at my house and I walk to class. This practice has served me well until recently.

As if it weren't enough for Greenville to constantly litter my car with parking tickets when on campus or downtown, it now sees fit to issue citations when I'm parked on my own (rented) property!

It's true; last Friday as I was pouring my first cup of all-important coffee, I look out my window to see some ass-clown taking pictures of my car. I mean, I know I have an awesome ride and everything, but this seemed a little queer. So I boldly walked out to confront this trespasser, only to find out he was with the city police and he was issuing me a parking ticket.

Enraged, I started spouting off all the ways in which he was violating my rights as a God-fearing American and how he had better swiftly return from whence he came before I contacted a lawyer — to which he nonchalantly snapped another picture and handed me a ticket. In hindsight, I can't really blame him; threats from a bleary-eyed, coffee-sipping, boxer-wearing student at 7 a.m. must seem underwhelming at best.

Outraged, I appealed the ticket. In response, I was given more information about how my car, proven with digitally taken photographs, was parked in such a way as to violate Section 9-4-248 of the Greenville city code.

Because I live in a very small rental house with a very limited driveway, I have taken to parking beside the driveway in the grass to give my roommate unimpeded access to park his truck. Therein lies the rub; Section 9-4-248 states that you cannot park your car on an unimproved surface, and that "grass and bare earth areas shall not be acceptable."

While intended to keep the city looking dignified, the law unfairly targets students and other people living in cheap rental houses in the area. Most of the streets in the surrounding neighborhoods require permits and other parking passes in order to occupy parking spaces on the streets.

Many of the driveways, or "improved surfaces," are only large enough to accommodate a single car. But, most of these houses are occupied by more than one person with a vehicle. So, oftentimes the only alternative is to park is in the yard of whatever cheap rental house you happen to have leased.

Even if you tried to abide by the rules and "improve" the surface by putting down gravel, you might still be found wanting as the code goes on to say that any improved surface "shall not cover more than 30 percent of any front yard area."

So I can't park on campus for lack of availability and I can't park at my house for lack of legality. This is yet another example of how the city of Greenville values its transient residents. After I graduate and the ECU Alumni Association starts contacting me for donations, I'm simply going to shrug as I pull out my empty pockets and accusatorily point in the direction of the city clerk's office.

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## POLL RESULTS

**Do you consider ECU to be a party school?**

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| Yes | 56% |
| No | 44% |

## WEB POLL

**Do you think there should be an Occupy Greenville rally?**

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## HOROSCOPES

**Aries** (March 21 -April 19) Make sure you're moving as much as you can today — things are developing, and you need to be in the thick of it all. Your great energy helps you to make the most of every opportunity.

**Taurus** (April 20 -May 20) You've got to let people be people today — no matter how ridiculous they get. Your tolerance should pay off as at least one of them busts out with a new idea that really saves the day.

**Gemini** (May 21 -June 20) You are feeling light and breezy and carefree — but you may be the only one! If you need to go off by yourself and just let others stew, so be it; you don't have to come down to their level.

**Cancer** (June 21 -July 22) Get big and crazy today — the more outrageous, the better! Sometimes you need to really let go before you can feel right about yourself and your people, so blow off that steam today.

**Leo** (July 23 -August 22) You need to revel in whatever good stuff comes your way today — though a little sharing might be in order! Your amazing, positive energy helps you to coast through events like a bobsled.

**Virgo** (August 23 -Sept 22) You're not nearly as organized as you wish you were — but that can change! You just need to take a moment to refocus your energy and you should then find at least one new way to take care of business.

**Libra** (Sept 23 -Oct 22) You're not nearly as organized as you wish you were — but that can change! You just need to take a moment to refocus your energy and you should then find at least one new way to take care of business.

**Scorpio** (Oct 23 -Nov21) Your working life is going through changes today — and you need to make sure that you're paying attention! It may be a good idea for you to think about making a move, but you need to bide your time.

**Sagittarius** (Nov 22 -Dec 21) Take a little risk — if you can afford it! Your energy is great, and while there are never any guarantees in life, you can feel confident that things are likelier to go your way today.

**Capricorn** (Dec 22 -Jan 19) You have to make an important decision — one that is sure to displease a friend or colleague. They may feel more deserving of your time, but you have to do what you have to do.

**Aquarius** (Jan 20 -Feb 18) Your creative powers are well-known, but today brings a new kind of playfulness — and also seriousness— to your work. It's a good time to fight for your creative vision.

**Pisces** (Feb 19 -March 20) You're a bit overwhelmed by all the business that's coming in today, which is both good and bad. You may have to defer some of your favorite people until you have some room to breathe.

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# A night on the Pirate Express

## Riding with a sober perspective

**Sara Davis**
STAFF WRITER

Friday night the Pirate Express buses drove around Greenville, picking up students who were ready to head downtown and dropping off students who were ready to head home. Some of these students just needed a way to get from downtown to a party at one of the many locations the bus services. Daniel Howell, a bus driver, was working from 10:30 p.m. to 3:30 a.m. He said he stays awake with "5 Hour Energy, coffee and a Snickers Marathon bar." The Pirate Express, which the students affectionately call "The Drunk Bus," runs from 11 p.m. to around 2:30 a.m.

The bus driver pulled up to the Copper Beech bus stop where a guy was dressed in a chicken costume. The 11 p.m. bus was relatively empty. No one was headed home this early in the night and people were eager to hop aboard when it arrived at each of the three bus stops. This was where the fun began. The once quiet bus boomed with voices. There was yelling, laughing and cursing happening all around. People lounged on the seats like they were couches.

The atmosphere was entirely different from the daytime bus, where students are generally quiet, keep to themselves and sit in only one seat. One guy kept moving around while the bus was in motion to talk to different sets of people. The sound of beer cans opening was heard nearby. There were two people chugging beers right on the bus. Then a girl yelled, "Where are we going?" several times and received no answer. One guy got up to get the trash can and returned to his seat where he pretended to vomit into it. This got many chuckles from his entourage. Someone was repeatedly making sexual gestures with their cup straw.

As the bus was by campus, the bell chimed: A stop had been requested at Wendy's. The bus driver, as he should have according to bus rules, ignored the request and continued downtown. This set of people departed for their evening leaving only one spilled can of beer.

The next bus ride was like a blast from the past. Some of the passengers were dressed in what appeared to be neon, '80s attire. This ride to The Bellamy consisted of a seated dance party and everyone appeared very happy. One guy on the bus said, "This bus is a great resource. I usually have a designated driver, but not tonight." The new passengers were friendly, just as everyone else had been. They rapped along with the Notorious B.I.G. song playing on the bus. Some guys pretended to smoke cigarettes.

Back downtown, a few people boarded the bus to go home. Again, the question, "Where are we going?" was asked by a guy. This time it was more emphatic and there was a f-word included. He figured out where the bus ended up and exited, so it must have been an acceptable destination.

The new set of riders were just as friendly as the last. There was a guy who joked about his desire to moon the bus. As he stood up and turned his clothed derriere towards the rest of the bus, he said, "I have decided against it." He also had the following to say and specified which punctuation to use. He said, "Pirate Nation! Go to class; Get drunk; Take the drunk bus; Get drunk; Take the drunk bus; Go to class!" This bus had more leftovers than the Copper Beech bus. There was one travel umbrella, a cigarette that had not been smoked (from the students who were pretending to smoke earlier) and some leftover food from Sup Dogs.

The bus to North Campus Crossing went through a license check on Fifth Street. Through the windows, everyone could see three cars getting pulled into a parking lot. There were, no doubt, more before and after that. Many of the bus riders could sense that they made the right decision in not driving that evening. Continuing onto 10th Street, there were two more people pulled over. Only a handful of people got on the bus at NCC.

Back downtown, the sidewalk was pretty empty at the bus stop. People were still enjoying their evening. When Howell was asked about his job, he said, "I love it!" One guy waiting for his bus tried to scare

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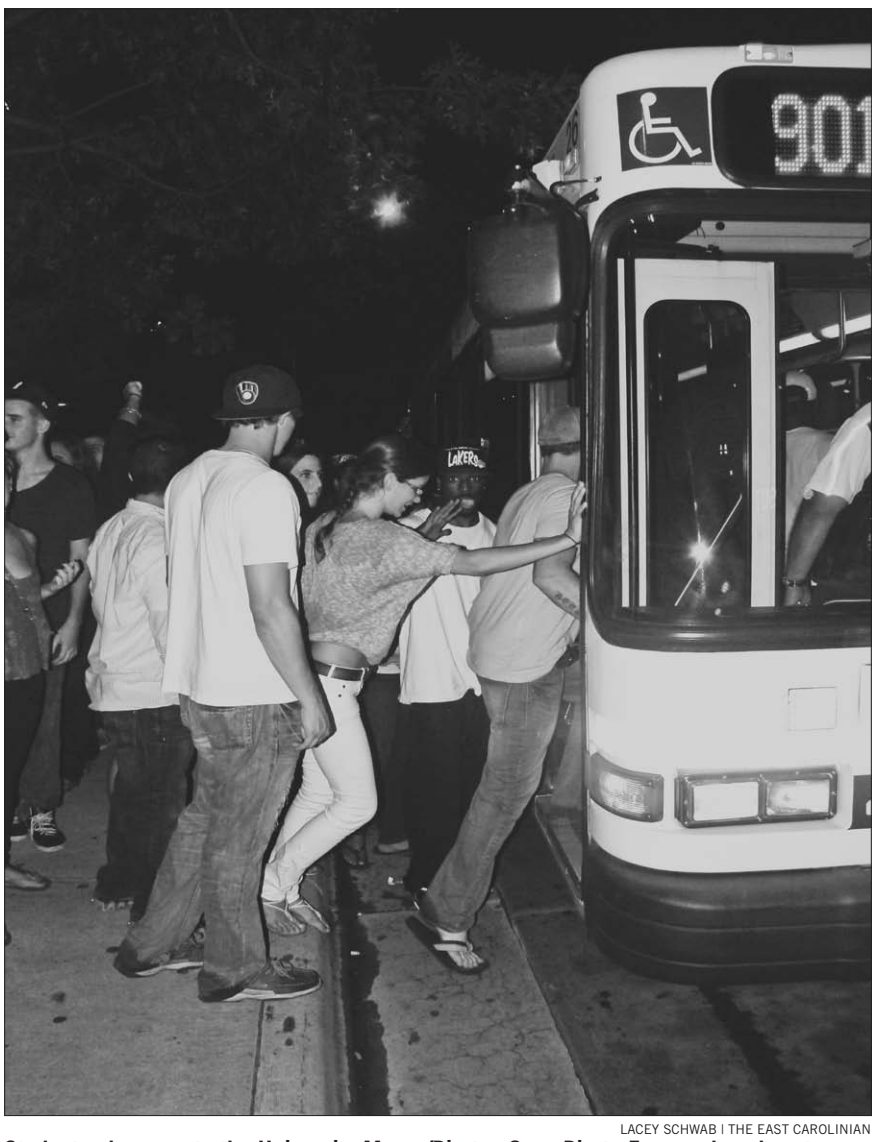

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**Students charge onto the University Manor/Pirates Cove Pirate Express bus downtown.**

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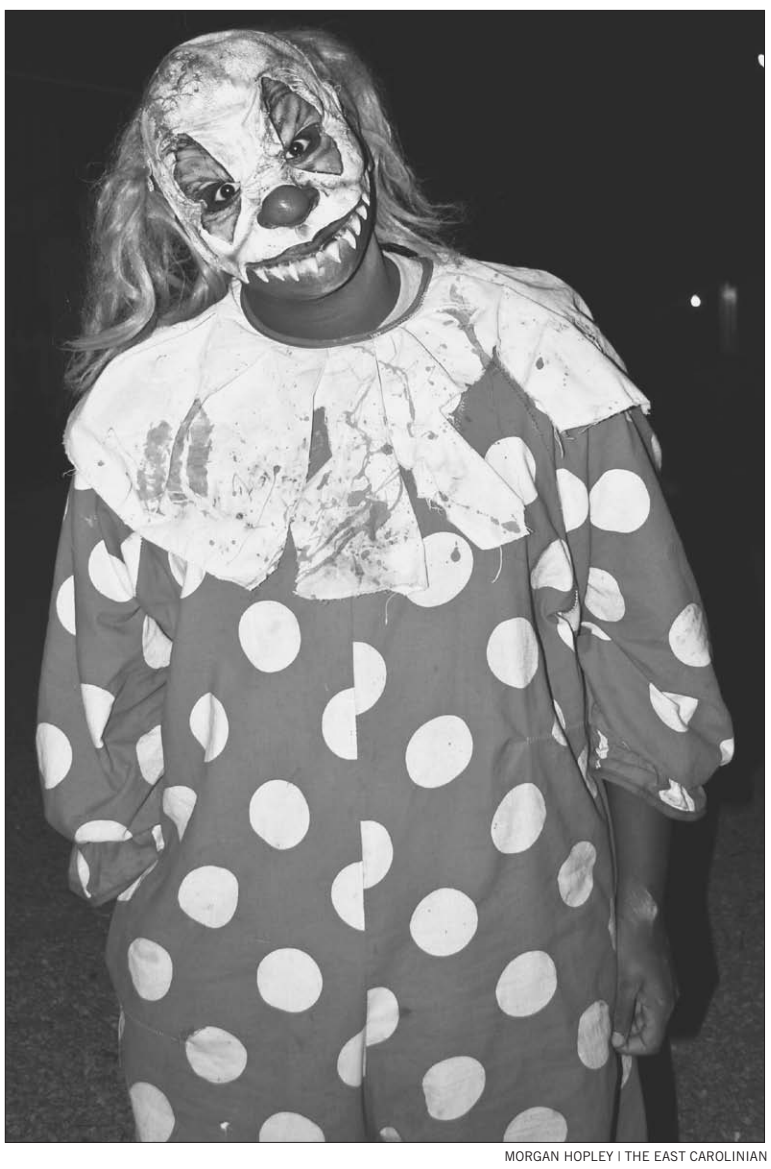
**Two students help their unsteady friend stand up at the bus stop downtown Friday night.**

# Local haunts *unmask* fears



MORGAN HOPLEY | THE EAST CAROLINIAN
**A creepy clown at Clayton Fear Farm scares visitors of the haunted attraction.**

**Ashley Evans**
COLUMNIST

It's that time of year again, when students start planning Halloween costumes and watching scary movies. But local haunted houses are also a favorite of students looking to get in the mood for ECU's most popular holiday. There are three local haunted attractions that aren't too far from Greenville and that are sure to scare students into the Halloween mood.

Located at 1620 Loop Rd. in Clayton, Clayton Fear Farm has seven haunted attractions, including "Fear Farm Academy," "The Black Hole," "Fear Forest: A Haunted Hayride," "The Slaughterhouse," "The Farm House, and the "Wake Med Corn Maze." With so many different haunted attractions in one place, some scared-y cats might wonder how they will make it out alive.

After deciding on the "Fear Forest Hayride", I got my tickets and tried to prepare myself for what was to come. My heart was already thumping in my chest and my palms were pouring sweat. I sat as far away from the edge as possible and prepared for the screaming to begin.

Suddenly, a zombie with a bloody mouth jumped from behind the trees and reached for me. I almost ended up in my neighbor's lap. The rest of the ride was a blur of screaming, squeezing my eyes shut and huddling up against my neighbor. Finally, I was able to get off the ride after being chased by a man with a chainsaw.

Clayton Fear Farm is definitely one of the biggest and best places to be scared. In fact, according to Anna Boyette, the marketing manager for the family-owned business, their farm has received national attention. "We actually appeared in The Wall Street Journal, and have been on WRAL as well," she said.

The next night, I visited another attraction, "The Fear Factory" in Havelock. The Fear Factory has five spooky attractions, including a Haunted Factory tour, 3D Fun House, a Mausoleum and even a spooky Psych Ward. Somehow, I was persuaded to try the Psych Ward.

Stepping into the hallway, I felt like I was in a horror flick. I could see patients in their rooms, some of them screaming and reaching out for me. Others were lying still until I walked by and then jumped out when I least expected it. It was completely insane, no pun intended. Not only were the patients scary, but the doctors and nurses were as well. I won't be going for any shots anytime soon. I made it out alive, but I had no voice for days.

I enjoyed the Fear Factory as much as one can enjoy such a place. It was smaller than the Clayton Fear Farms, but just as scary. Both places had awesome special effects and costumes. I was completely terrified and my friends enjoyed the attractions almost as much as they enjoyed my reactions.

However, those who are looking for a smaller production, that is still equal in the scares department, should go to the Hookerton Volunteer Fire Department's Haunted

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people passing the covered bus stop by jumping out and yelling. Jeff Turner, a student and user of the Pirate Express, said, "It is great to have the Drunk Bus because people will get drunk anyway and then they will drive."

Another scene displayed a true set of friends. One guy drank a little too much for his body to handle and he was swaying back and forth. His two friends held him up on either side and made sure he did not fall over.

When walking toward downtown, it was obvious that the night was coming to a close. Many people were walking towards the buses and the parking lots. In the midst of this, a guy ran through the middle of the street, looking back with a huge grin on his face. All of a sudden, a police officer yelled, "Stop right there!" Tons of officers swarmed down the street and the perpetrator lost his shoes right in front of a cop car. This did not affect his running. He was only stopped when a quick moving officer tackled him into the asphalt.

When students have too much alcohol downtown, the Pirate Express is there to help.

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**A skeleton arm hangs out of a vintage hearse at Clayton Fear Farm that promises a "last ride".**

House. This is the sixth year the department has held the haunted house as a fundraiser.

"Every year, we use the story of Mr. Tremble, who was the former owner of the house. He occupied a coffin in the front lobby of the house," said Paul Miller, who is one of the house ghouls. According to their story, Tremble hated Halloween and used to run off trick-or-treaters. This year his body is missing and it's up to the guests to find him.

Unfortunately, or perhaps luckily for me, their haunted house has not opened yet, but Miller did let me in on a few secrets. It will have many of the traditional haunted house sights like zombies, monsters and maybe even a few scary clowns. But this year, Miller said there will be a few more surprises. And after the first two attractions, I think I'll be ready for this one … maybe.

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## Softball releases 2011 schedule

**Staff Reports**

With back-to-back Conference USA Tournament championships and NCAA Tournament regional final appearances in hand, the ECU softball team has put together perhaps the most challenging schedule in program history for the 2012 season.

Twenty-four home games inside the ECU Softball Stadium, contests against 14 programs that made last season's NCAA Tournament and a trip west to California and Arizona highlight the slate, announced Tuesday by Head Coach Tracey Kee.

In all, the Pirates face seven teams that won their conference regular season or tournament titles, eight squads that ended 2011 ranked or receiving votes in the USA Today/National Fastpitch Coaches Association and ESPN.com/USA Softball final polls, as well as four that finished in the top 10. Two additional programs on the slate, California and Stanford, participated in last spring's NCAA Tournament Super Regional round.

## Ranking the Carolinas

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**5)** N.C State (3-3)
Next: Virginia

# Lining up for battle

## Midshipmen host Pirates for first time since 2006

**Adam Bunn**
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

ECU continues its three game mid-season road stretch as they head to Annapolis, Md. to face off against the Navy Midshipmen.

Sitting at 2-1 in conference play, the Pirates are going into a game that doesn't have an effect on the outcome of the season, but it's a game that can give ECU momentum for heading into the second half of the season.

**Series history:**

These two teams have only met twice before, with both games coming in the last eight years. Navy won both games in 2006 and 2011.

The last time these ball clubs met was Nov. 6, 2010, when the Midshipmen racked up 521 yards rushing and eight touchdowns on the ground in route to a 76-35 win in Greenville.

**Last time out:**

For ECU, they got back into the winning column last week by defeating the Memphis Tigers 35-17 in Memphis on Saturday.

Dominique Davis returned to the Dominique Davis of old, completing 28-of-37 passes for 307 yards with three touchdowns and the all important no interceptions.

Navy has had a struggle so far this season, posting a 2-4 record. Those struggles continued on Saturday as the Midshipmen fell to Rutgers 21-20. The Scarlet Knights held Navy to only 162 yards rushing on 46 carries and blocked a 34-yard field goal attempt late that would have given Navy the lead.

**ECU offense:**

The Pirates' offensive unit has not been the same all year long. ECU has struggled from the start of the season and while they have had flashes of last year's numbers, they have not been very good.

The numbers are down across the board, including in the passing game where Davis is on track to fall well below his total numbers from last season. On the year, Davis has completed 174-of-254 passes for 1,641 yards with 12 touchdowns and 10 interceptions.

With Davis' production down, Offensive Coordinator Lincoln Riley has had to change focus somewhat by allowing the running game to try and open up the passing game. Running back Reggie Bullock was doing a fantastic job of carrying that load. But with his injury against Houston, Torrance Hunt had to step in against the Tigers. He did a fairly good job of drawing the defense in so Davis could pick apart the defensive secondary.

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**Lance Lewis (1) lines up against UAB with tackles Jordan Davis (78), Grant Harner (67) and Hugh Parker (62).**

On the season, the Pirates rank 73rd in total offense, averaging just 382 yards a game. Those numbers break down to an average of 83 yards rushing a game, good for 115th nationally and 299 yards passing a game, which ranks 18th in the country.

**ECU defense:**

After showing a good amount of promise in the first few games of the season, the ECU defense has fallen back to earth in the last three games.

Against North Carolina and Houston, the Pirates were the defense of old allowing both quarterbacks free range of the field, picking up huge chunks of yardage through the air, while every running back ECU has faced so far has made it look easy.

Cornerback Emanuel Davis is the anchor of the ECU defense. After sitting out against South Carolina at the start of the season, he has played well in his five games back. Against Memphis Davis picked off a Tigers' pass on the first drive of the second half and returned it to the Memphis one yard line, setting up what turned into the winning touchdown by Hunt.

Also leading the way for the Pirates' defense has been linebacker Jeremy Grove. Grove has been everywhere it seems as he leads Conference-USA in tackles and tackles per game.

**Navy offense:**

One year ago, the Midshipmen came to North Carolina and destroyed the Pirates with their patented triple option rushing attack.

"It starts in this offense just like it does in ours, with the quarterback," Head Coach Ruffin McNeill said during his weekly press conference. "I like Kriss Proctor, he's a really good athlete who is fast, just like

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# Fresh faces brighten up men's hoops

**Jordan Anders**
STAFF WRITER

In October 2010, Jeff Lebo was learning.

He was learning the landscape of Greenville. Learning the nuances of ECU basketball. Learning his new players.

In October 2011, Lebo has learned the landscape and the nuances. His players? Well, that's a different story.

"We have a ton of new faces on this year's team," said Lebo, who is entering his second year as head coach of the Pirates. "You're not starting completely over, but you have a lot of things you have to begin again and teach again."

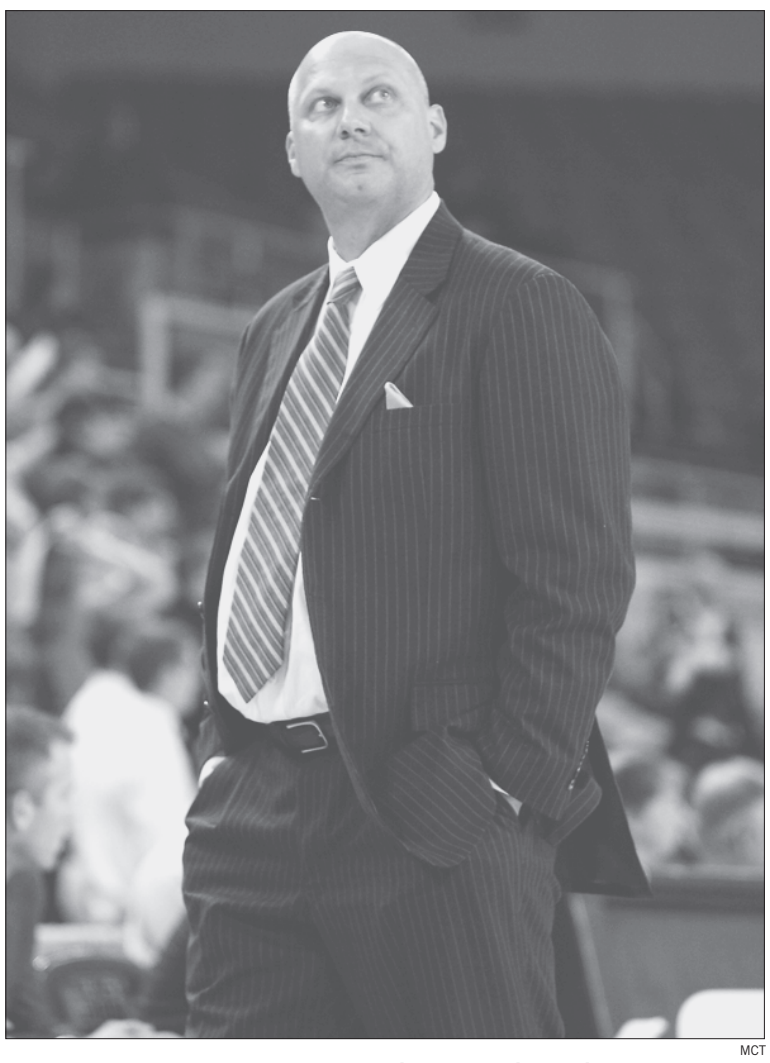
Lebo's first season on the bench for the Pirates resulted in an 18-16 record, ECU's first winning season in 14 years. But the offseason saw the graduation of three of the top four scorers from last year's team, and four players overall.

This year, the Pirates welcome seven newcomers to try to replace the production of Jontae Sherrod, Brock Young and Jamar Abrams.

"(Rebuilding) is just part of the process," Lebo said. "There's a cycle that you go through. Some years you have more losses than others. You'd like to have a little change each year, but sometimes it just doesn't work like that.

"We have a lot of holes to fill, but we're excited about our new faces."

Lebo said one of the things he felt best about was the fact that most of the new faces already have Division I experience. Guard Miguel Paul hits the court this season after sitting out last year following his transfer from Missouri, while guard Shamarr Bowden played previously at UNC-Charlotte. Forwards Austin Steed and Maurice Kemp played formerly for South Carolina and



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**Men's basketball Head Coach Jeff Lebo in game action during last season.**

Alabama A&M, respectively.

"Those guys have been through a few wars at this level and will be able to have a better feel of what it's going to be like right away," Lebo said. "I've been impressed with those guys."

While the new faces on the roster are abundant, one face that is not new is that of Darrius Morrow, from whom many are expecting a fantastic senior season.

After struggling with weight and endurance problems in the early part of last season, Morrow played sensational down the stretch, averaging 21.7 points and 13.3 rebounds in ECU's three Conference USA

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# Harris remains a staple on return team

**Justin Ackley**
OPINION COLUMNIST

Week 6 of the NFL season continued this year's run of dramatic endings, big plays and controversy. This week saw a handshake gone-bad that almost ignited a post-game brawl in Detroit. The trade deadline has also come and gone with several teams making key acquisitions, none being bigger than Oakland giving up two draft picks for Carson Palmer. ECU alumni got back on track this week with their teams posting a win/loss record of 3-2.

**C.J. Wilson,**
**Green Bay Packers.**

The Packers were able to roll past the St. Louis Rams 24-3. Wilson collected one tackle in the winning effort. The Green Bay defense was able to hold St. Louis to only three points, but looked a little less than impressive on the stats sheet. The Rams were able to rack up 424 yards of offense but could not push through to the end zone. Green Bay visits NFC North rival Minnesota this week and will witness the start of rookie quarterback Christian Ponder.

**Linval Joseph,**
**New York Giants.**

Joseph and the Giants held on to defeat Buffalo 27-24 throughout a back and forth contest. Joseph contributed three assisted tackles to a defense that also forced two Ryan Fitzpatrick interceptions. The

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the previous quarterback. What Ken has added to the wishbone/flex bone is throwing the football. Kriss is a lefty who is really mobile. He can drop straight back, roll out and, of course, run the option game. He's the leader."

Proctor is not only the leading passer on this team, having completed 36-of-69 passes for 547 yards with six touchdowns and five interceptions, but he is also the leading rusher, carrying the ball 124 times for 563 yards with eight rushing scores.

While Proctor may have the most yards on the team, the guy to be most concerned with is full back/H-back Alexander Teich. Teich destroyed the Pirates last year and he is off to another great season with 477 yards on just 97 carries, although with only one touchdown.

On the year, Navy ranks 32nd in total offense averaging 437 yards a game. That breaks down to 332 yards a game on the ground, good for 4th nationally and 105 yards through the air good for 118th.

**Navy Defense:**

It may be hard to believe but the Navy defense is worse than the ECU defense. Navy has been effective against the pass for the most part, but their rushing defense has been what has held them back.

Something that could aid the Pirates is that Navy runs the same 3-4 defensive alignment ECU runs. So instead of having the scout team play as Navy in practice, ECU's offense should be able to go up against the regulars and get a pretty good look at the 3-4.

"Navy uses a 3-4 defensive alignment like we do," McNeill said. "Buddy Green is a fine coordinator. They have three starters returning from last year's team. Up front, Jabaree Tuani is a returning starter and team captain. He's their leader in sacks and tackles for loss. Matt Warrick, an inside linebacker, is the leading tackler."

On the season, the Midshipmen rank 85th in total defense, giving up 408 yards a game. Navy allows 209 yards rushing a game good for 104th nationally, while giving up just 187 yards through the air, good for 19th.

ECU will try to avenge last year's shellacking against Navy this Saturday, with the kickoff set for 3:30 p.m.

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tournament games and being named to the all-tournament team.

Lebo said Pirate fans can expect more of the same from Morrow this season, and, this time, they won't have to wait half the year.

"We're not going to have to take two months of the season just to get his weight down where he could play well," he said. "We didn't see the true Darrius Morrow until the end of the season last year. He has to be good from the beginning and be consistent from beginning to end, and that's certainly a lot to ask of a young man, but I think that he's ready as a senior to shoulder some of that."

Joining Morrow as returning upperclassmen are junior backcourt-mates Erin Straughn and Corvonn Gaines, who are tasked with the unenviable job of replacing Sherrod and Young.

But Lebo said he has been impressed with the drive shown by his two experienced ball-handlers, and thinks they will fill the roles well.

"Those guys are solid. They've played valuable minutes and gotten better," he said. "It's nice to have them back there because they're not only some of my better players, they're some of my best workers."

While optimism is high within the program, ECU's chances of making noise in C-USA don't look too appealing to outside analysts. Lebo made mention at his media day press conference of many magazines that predicted the Pirates to finish anywhere from 10th to last in the 12-team league.

"I think our kids who read the magazines obviously feel we are better than that," he said.

But while Lebo admits to paying attention to the media's preseason perception of his team, he keeps the ultimate goal in perspective.

"We're excited about the season being here so we can prove everybody wrong. It doesn't really matter where you're picked to start the season; it matters what you do in the end."

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defense did have some trouble against the run, giving up 155 yards on 23 carries. New York hits their bye this week and will remain in first place for at least another week in the NFC East.

**Guy Whimper, Jacksonville Jaguars.**
Jacksonville lost a close game to Pittsburgh, 17-13. Whimper picked up another start at right offensive tackle for the Jaguars. He was able to help the offense rush for 133 yards but hit Pittsburgh's steel curtain in the passing game. Blain Gabbert threw for only 109 yards and was sacked five times. The offense also struggled on third downs, converting on just 26 percent of their attempts. The Jaguars will be featured on Monday Night Football this week against Baltimore.

**Dwayne Harris, Dallas Cowboys.**
Harris was once again featured solely on special teams in the Cowboys' loss to New England 20-16. The Cowboys seem content with Harris only returning kicks, as 10 other receivers caught passes on Sunday from Tony Romo. Harris recorded one kick return for 18 yards and two punt returns, averaging one yard per return. Dallas will try to bounce back this upcoming week against St. Louis.

**Vonta Leach, Baltimore Ravens.**
Leach helped pave the way for the Ravens once again as Baltimore defeated Houston by the score of 29-14. Leach was the lead blocker for an offense that ran for 113 yards and also carried the ball twice for five yards. The offense leaned on quarterback Joe Flacco, who threw for 305 yards but had trouble finding the end zone. Baltimore kicked five field goals in the win. Leach also returned a kickoff for 14 yards on Sunday. The Ravens will play Jacksonville on Monday night.

**Chris Johnson, Tennessee Titans.**
Johnson enjoyed a break this week from his impromptu regular season training camp with a bye. The previous struggles this year can be completely swept away if Johnson comes out and shows the speed and quickness that people have come to expect. The Titans' opponent out of the bye week gives Johnson a very good chance to not only break the century mark again but also impress with a few scores. Tennessee will host Houston in Week 7.

**Terrance Copper, Kansas City Chiefs.**
Kansas City had Week 6 off which gave them some extra time to prepare for a surprise Oakland team. Copper will look to get his season jump started at Oakland as the Chiefs could see the season debut of Carson Palmer, as Jason Campbell was injured this past week.

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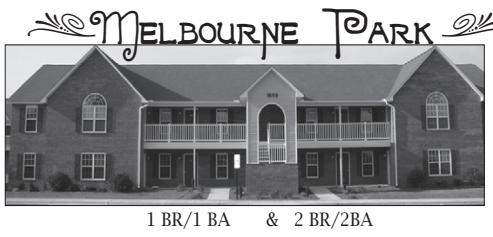
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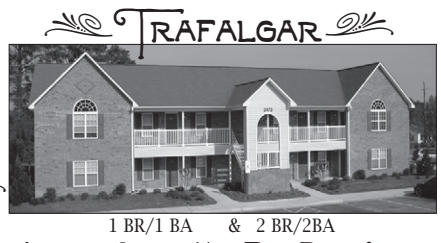
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Follow The Code, Or Walk The Plank!!! Come out to the Student Conduct Boards Annual Code of Conduct Week! Events will take place October 17-20 from 11am-1pm. We will have tables outside of Dowdy October 17-20, and West Dining Hall & Todd Dining Hall October 18 and 19!! Students will play games to win AWESOME PRIZES! Come learn about the Student Code of Conduct and your rights and responsibilities. See you there!

The 5th annual Minority Expo will be held on October 22nd from 11am to 4pm at the Boys and Girls Club on Fire Tower Road. The expo highlights the products and services of more than 50 small businesses and many corporate sponsors, and also features demonstrations, entertainment and seminars. Also, several agencies will offer free health screening and exams. For more information, visit www.theminorityexop.com

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