



## BRIEFS

### Bone marrow donor registration to be held

Staff Reports

Students have partnered with the Bone Marrow Donor Center to host a bone marrow donor registration drive.

The registration drive is Day of the Dead inspired and will held on Wednesday.

The drive will be from 4 to 8 p.m. at The Ledonia Culture Center.

Anyone wanting to register must be between 18 and 55 and in good general health.

When a donor registers with the Bone Marrow Donor Center he or she will be listed on the Be The Match Registry and can be found as a donor match for any patient in need of a bone marrow transplant.

### Rebel wins Pacemaker award in literary category

Staff Reports

Rebel magazine won a Pacemaker award in the literary four-year category.

The award was for "recognition of general excellence and outstanding achievement by a college magazine in a national competition."

The award was given by the Associated Collegiate Press at the National College Media Convention in Orlando, Fla., last Friday.

The award was given for last year's edition of the magazine "Rebel 53" under the direction of former editor Anna Vaughn Creech.

This is Rebel's thirteenth Pacemaker award.

Paul Isom, director of student media is very proud of the award.

"I didn't hear them say that anyone else had won that many," said Isom. "We felt really proud."

### Human traffickers arrested in Greenville

Staff Reports

The ringleader in a human trafficking organization has been arrested, according to the Pitt County Sheriff's Office.

Oscar Salina-Rodriguez, 37 was taken into custody at a brothel house last Thursday on Highway 264.

Kenia Susana Valdez-Gomez of Brooklyn, NY and Jose Machado Castro of Wilson were also arrested and charged with Solicit for Prostitution.

Valdez-Gomez and Castro were placed under \$5,000 secured bond.

Salinas-Rodriguez is under a \$100,000 secured bind and an immigration detainer, reported WNCT.

### Traffic advisory in effect for added sidewalks

Staff Report

Starting today the curb and curb lane along the south side of Arlington Blvd., just east of Evans St. is scheduled to be replaced.

Traffic in this area will initially be reduced to one lane in the eastbound direction but after that, two-way traffic will resume.

The construction zone will be "live" for 10 days.

In addition, on Monday, November 7, 12 intersections within the downtown area are scheduled to have traffic support poles painted.

Temporary lane closures and reductions may be necessary dependent on the location.

# Obama announces loan plans

Cameron Gupton  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Last Wednesday, President Obama announced a series of initiatives to reduce the burden of student loan debt at a speech in Denver, Colo.

The president's announcement came on the same day as a new report on tuition was released by College Board. The report found

that the average in-state tuition fees at four-year public colleges rose \$631 this fall. Average tuition fees rose by 8.3 percent, compared to last year's fees.

Nationally, the cost of a full credit load has passed an all-time high and has reached \$8,000.

Currently, graduates can utilize the Income Based Repayment (or IBR method) that was created in 2007 to allow borrowers to repay

their loans as a part of their salary.

"Student debt levels have skyrocketed. Hundreds of thousands of student loan borrowers wear a financial straightjacket once repayment begins. Tools exist to help borrowers," said Rich Williams, a higher education advocate for the U.S. Public Interest Research Group in a press release.

Williams was referring to such tools as the IBR, which has been in

place to decrease the burden students feel after graduation.

Borrowers who enter the IBR have a monthly cap of 15 percent of their discretionary income. After a 25-year period, any remaining debt is forgiven.

The IBR allows for any loans originating in or after 2014 to be

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## Schools ban boobie bracelets

Some universities are banning the popular breast cancer awareness merchandise

Jamie Harper  
STAFF WRITER

Various schools around the country have begun banning students from wearing the "I Love Boobies" campaign merchandise, claiming it is inappropriate and distracting.

"I Love Boobies" is a campaign created by the Keep a Breast Foundation, a non-profit organization with its main headquarters in the United States, and additional headquarter locations in Canada, Europe and Australia.

The mission statement for the Keep a Breast Foundation states, "Our mission is to help eradicate breast cancer by exposing young people to methods of prevention, early detection and support." Through efforts like art events, educational programs and fundraising efforts, the foundation attempts to increase breast cancer awareness among young people. To do this, the foundation focuses on education to help young people make choices and develop habits that will benefit their health long-term. The foundation has created a phone application, targeted toward young women, which teaches them how to perform self-examinations and sets reminders for examinations.

The goal of the "I Love Boobies" national campaign is to develop a new approach to breast cancer awareness. The foundation hopes that the merchandise will act as a tool to encourage young people to talk about the subject and promote awareness.

The foundation, which has partners including Quicksilver and Roxy, was founded in 2000. The "I Love Boobies" campaign has a variety of merchandise like t-shirts, water bottles, backpacks and bracelets.

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## Halloween brings masses downtown



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Students and alumni celebrated homecoming and Halloween this weekend from Thursday through Monday. On these nights, some students and their guests dressed up in costumes, while others chose to dress in regular clothes due to the cold weather.

Pictured above is someone dressed as a banana, to the left is someone with a mullet and another person with a Carolina jersey on and to the right, students stand around downtown in front of Michelangelo's Pizza and Subs on the corner of Fifth and Cotanche streets.

Students had the opportunity to utilize the bus service for extended hours Thursday through

Monday in order to accommodate increased ridership.

On Sunday night, the Student Activities Board put on the Rocky Horror Picture Show in Hendrix Theater. Some also enjoyed downtown festivities on Monday night during Halloween and even celebrated on campus in the Recreational Center. Mendenhall also offered candy and food to students from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Police barricaded the downtown area all weekend and patted down everyone and checked their bags as they walked through the boundaries.

-Staff Reports

# Former SGA President gives speech



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Former SGA president Tremayne Smith spoke about careers in politics.

Megan Stalls  
STAFF WRITER

Tremayne Smith returned to his alma mater last Friday to share his political experiences since his graduation and also to encourage students who are eyeing a career in politics.

The focus of Smith's speech was to emphasize how important networking and volunteering are to a person's career and to that person's life experiences.

His motto, "Lift as I climb," was a running theme throughout his address. After he would give a short example of how someone had helped him in his career, he would say something inspirational to the audience.

The former SGA president said he was ultimately able to have his job and find a house at a reasonable price, three blocks from Capitol Hill, because of contacts he had made and kept in contact with and his professional reputation.

"I was in marching band with Tremayne," said political science major Chris Womack. "I came out here to support him, obviously, but also to hear about what all he's done. I want to be a civil rights lawyer."

Smith said his mother was his role model, and her struggles as a single mother pushed him to always do his best.

"I told myself, 'I will not become a societal statistic,'" he

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# Carolina Ale House donates money

Jamie Harper  
STAFF WRITER

Carolina Ale House, which opened for business in Greenville on Sept. 16, donated \$8,000 to the Department of Hospitality Management last Thursday. The \$8,000 donation check presented to the department was fulfillment of the promise to donate 10 percent of food sales in the restaurant's first week of business.

The Department of Hospitality Management is currently the largest program of its kind in North Carolina with an estimated 450 students enrolled. Established in 1987, the department offers an undergraduate degree with three available concentrations. The distinct concentrations, food and beverage management, lodging management and meeting and convention management, provide students with a variety of options in the hospitality management program. There is also an MBA with a hospitality management option available.

The Carolina Ale House was established in Raleigh in 1999. Currently, the Carolina Ale House has 16 locations with current plans to expand in the future. The sports-themed restaurant is owned and managed by LM Restaurants. This location, located on Greenville Blvd. near Greenville Mall, is the ninth location in North Carolina.

Mindy Amerson, the public relations and corporate communications for LM Restaurants, said, "At Carolina Ale House, one of their priorities is to support education. So when we go into new markets, it's very important to us to reach out to any local colleges or schools that may be funding a hospitality program, because in reality, you guys are going to use us to help get experience and we would love to pull from you guys to help staff our restaurants. So it's just a natural fit for us to work together."

The Carolina Ale House currently has six locations in the Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill Triangle area.



Carolina Ale House donated \$8,000 to the Department of Hospitality Management on Thursday.

There are also locations in Wilmington and Fayetteville, three locations in South Carolina, one in Georgia and two in South Florida.

Joe LoGuidice, the general manager of the Carolina Ale House in Greenville, said, "We want students, especially from hospitality management. They have an opportunity to see how, not only in the big picture, but how a family-owned, local restaurant works and how we do it."

"Carolina Ale House is our growth brand. We are moving into markets like Jacksonville, N.C., and additional locations in South Carolina and Florida. Our goal is grow throughout the southeast, so the more students we can get in the door, they can grow with us," said Amerson.

Currently, the Carolina Ale House in Greenville has about six or eight hospitality management students employed.

The opening week of business for the Carolina Ale House in Greenville was Sept. 16-23. In that week, \$8,000

was accumulated, from the 10 percent of food sales, to donate to the department.

Morgan Page, a senior hospitality management major, said, "I would like to see more good professors hired."

Emily Barringer, also a senior hospitality management major, said, "I would like to see more classes offered during the semester, at different times. So, I guess more money in the budget."

The 25th anniversary of the Department of Hospitality Management is arising soon, according to Barringer. "We also have a 25th anniversary coming up, so to use some of the money to put towards that event would be helpful," said Barringer.

Barringer and Page also agreed that it would be great to see the money used to send students to more conferences.

Robert O'Halloran, professor and chair of the hospitality management department, explained how they plan to use the donation.

"Some of it will go to help support students to go to professional conventions.

We have three concentrations. So for lodging, they have their national meeting in November. The restaurant association has theirs in May. Then, there are a variety of meetings, conventions and events throughout the year. So, at least, a good portion of that will be used to help students go to those types of things because we don't have the discretionary monies to do that unless we get a donation like this," said O'Halloran.

O'Halloran explained there are currently no future plans made to work with the Carolina Ale House for fundraising activities, and that hopefully, this donation will serve as a model for other businesses and restaurants that open or are already existing in the area.

"If we got them to dedicate a certain time for the benefit of the school, whether it be for scholarship or support something like travel, that would be great," said O'Halloran.

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said.

He became a music education major and then was "heavily involved" with political science when he came to the university. But he said he made the involvement matter.

"Be involved with a purpose," Smith told the audience. "Make what you have on paper — your resume — translate to something meaningful, something tangible."

Smith also had advice specifically for future graduates in political science.

"What you do here will translate to what you will do," he said. "Explore an internship in your main interest, do that internship. Get involved with campaigning. Constantly market yourself."

"I was an ECU Senator under Tremayne last year," said Carrie Browder, a political science and philosophy double major. "I thought I'd come and see what he had to say about his experiences. I plan to go to law school next year."

He passed out two outlines to the audience, one detailing his daily personal routine and the other which detailed his work schedule and duties, to give audience members an example of what one busy day in Washington, D.C. can be like. He also explained that the government will pay for an employee to attend graduate school in order to increase that person's career value.

Smith said his skills as former student body president strengthened the organizational and leadership talents he now uses in his job in Senator Hagan's office, including coordinating interns, giving tours and

even producing graphs and charts that are sometimes seen in televised political addresses.

Even though he has acquired many responsibilities as staff assistant under Senator Hagan, Smith said he tries to network and be in advantageous places as much as possible, which has led to him meeting Harrison Ford, Senator Hillary Clinton and even President Obama.

"Take full advantage of every opportunity that comes your way," Smith told the audience. "I just happened to take advantage of some opportunities and meet some great people."

University alumnus Ron Clark brought a group of students from the Ron Clark Academy, and Smith spent several minutes after his presentation meeting with them and taking their questions.

"Prioritize, strategize, mobilize," were his words of advice to the Ron Clark Academy students. "And live up to your own expectations."

Smith also encouraged individuals in the audience to keep journals of their experiences and accomplishments. He said he has filled up five journals with information he has learned while working in Washington, D.C., and he said he looks forward to reading them many years from now.

"You've got a story," Smith told the audience. "And people will want to read it." Smith said he eventually plans to be president of the United States.

"But getting there," he said, "will be part of the fun."

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# UNC administrative team eliminates 11 positions

**Persida Montanez**  
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The UNC General Administration has removed 11 administrative positions in order to handle over \$400 million in budget cuts.

Tuition has increased for university students and many employees have been eliminated. Now, the UNC administrative team has had to cut their personnel as well.

Eliminating UNC administrative positions will mean that employees will have to pick up more responsibilities to make up for the losses in personnel. In some cases the work done by former employees will be discontinued.

UNC Vice President of Communications Joni Worthington said "We have had to absorb our share of budget cuts. When people are laid-off, the work spreads across to others. Things take longer to get done and there are some things we can no longer do."

The administration chose which positions to discontinue on the basis of what jobs were priorities to the UNC system's goals. Some of the positions eliminated had been paid by grants that are now expired or the funds to pay for some positions were redirected.

Freshman musical theatre major Amanda Higgins said, "I think that the administration should find other ways to save money. If the people handling the work are absent, we might be saving money, but we are ultimately reducing the quality work that can be produced. But as long as

we still have a high standard for our university system, I suppose it's okay."

This year alone, the UNC system cut over 3,000 university positions. A total of 488 full time positions, 1,487 vacant positions and 2,544 part-time workers were eliminated. Additionally, 508 state funded positions had to find other sources of funding, such as university receipts.

"Making these kind of decisions is never easy. The general administration is no different a situation than any campus when jobs are eliminated," said Vice President of Human Resources for the UNC Administration William Fleming.

Worthington said that some of the positions eliminated were: the administrative assistant to the chief of staff, the information and technology coordinator, the administrative of online learning, the information and communication specialist and the business technology applications specialist.

The UNC system website reads, "Administrative staff is responsible for executing the policies of the UNC Board of Governors and providing university-wide leadership in the areas of academic affairs, business and financial management, long-range planning, student affairs, research, legal affairs and government relations."

The current UNC administration not only eliminated positions but has also closed many vacant positions. One vacant position, the vice president for academic planning and university-school

programs, which is responsible for academic planning, enrollment planning, academic accountability and the development of special studies, among other duties, might also be eliminated.

The administration hopes to not lay off any other positions this fiscal year, but according to Fleming, it depends on the economy. The UNC administration has had no salary increases in 3 years. While salary reduction is common in the private sector, it is an unlikely option for government employees. If North Carolina General Assembly funding continues to be cut from the UNC system, more positions will be eliminated.

Payton Burnette, a freshman music theatre major said, "The economy is so bad that it's spread to universities as well, but what the UNC administration has done is better than raising tuition, because then people couldn't go to college. Instead of cutting leaders, I would prefer that they decrease funding to extracurricular activities like athletics. Our primary goal is to get an education."

In a Board of Governors meeting last month, Chairman Hannah D. Gage, said, "Despite the challenges and the deep budget cuts, the mission of the University remained unchanged and that we should all continue to think creatively and work together as one."

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capped at 10 percent and forgiveness after 20 years.

The changes to the program that Obama announced called for an acceleration of the 10 percent discretionary income cap and a change in the date it will go into effect. The 10 percent cap will begin in 2012 instead of 2014.

This change alone will affect about 1.6 million borrowers nationwide.

Both Shelby Johnson and Michelle Akins, freshmen pre-nursing majors, agree that the changes would benefit graduates.

"There wouldn't be as much stress to pay it back," said Johnson. "That means that you'd have to pay it back over a longer period of time though," she said about the 5 percent drop in income

repayment.

Obama also announced that he will allow borrowers from the Federal Family Education Loan Program and those with direct loans from the government to consolidate them into one.

Consolidated loans of this type would carry an interest rate of up to a half percentage point less than before. This change will affect 5.8 million borrowers.

Akins said she feels the changes will definitely help recent graduates who are unable to find jobs with larger salaries.

"It will help especially if you don't have a high paying job," said Akins.

During his announcement, Obama wanted students to know that they aren't

alone in this situation and that others have gone through the same ordeal.

"I've been in your shoes. We did not come from a wealthy family," he said to the crowd at the University of Colorado Denver.

Obama said that, combined, he and his wife Michelle had about \$120,000 in law school debt and were faced with the challenge of paying it off while saving for their children's college fund.

Obama said it took him and his wife nearly a decade to pay their loans off and sometimes it meant making multiple payments to multiple lenders.

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Schools that have banned the merchandise feel it is inappropriate to be worn on school property. In response, the foundation has posted a "sample letter" for students to use to assist them in explaining why they wear the merchandise, specifically the bracelets, and why they have the right to wear the bracelets in school.

"I think the overall message of the campaign isn't bad. But I can understand why some schools wouldn't like it because, especially younger minds, tend to construe a lot of things," said Almira Salic, a freshman psychology major.

As the sample letter explains, a Federal Court case previously ruled the "school-imposed bans of the Keep A Breast Foundation's 'I Love Boobies' bracelets are unconstitutional and violate students' First Amendment rights."

Jacob Baysden, a junior computer science major, said, "I guess it ties in with freedom of speech and your rights. I don't mind people wearing them and I wouldn't judge people who wear it. The campaign has an attractive appeal making it popular."

East Carolina University adheres to the UNC System Policy regarding freedom of speech and expression. The UNC Policy states, "The university embraces and strives to uphold the freedoms of expression and speech guaranteed by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and the North Carolina Constitution. The University

has the right, under appropriate circumstances, to regulate the time, place and manner of exercising these and other constitutionally-protected rights." The policy also explains students must conduct themselves in a manner that "enhances the environment of learning" and cannot express themselves in a way that may be offensive to others.

According to the foundation's website, Charaigh Sesock, a spokeswoman for The American Cancer Society, said, "The 'I Love Boobies' campaign is targeting teen years and college ages so that they can empower themselves to be advocates for their own bodies. If you can start raising awareness early on, it will only benefit them as they grow older."

The "I Love Boobies" campaign has been awarded multiple honors, such as the Yoplait Champion Award, the SIMA Humanitarian Fund, the MySpace Impact Award for Health and Safety, and the Quicksilver Foundation International Breast Cancer Initiative. All proceeds from the campaign merchandise go to early detection and prevention programs.

Salic said, "I notice breast cancer awareness stuff everywhere. Everything you watch on TV, especially football, encourages breast cancer awareness. When people get together to send a message, it's going to be effective."

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## PIRATE RANTS

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TEC should have an obituary section because this Halloweekend, we mourned the loss of both my dignity and pride.

Only in Greenville would the police have to direct traffic at Cookout. Go Pirates!

Magneto explained how magnetism works to me this weekend. I love Halloween.

This morning I woke up with a condom and a rosary in the same pocket. Oh Holy Mary, please pray for me.

What am I dressed up as? I'm an exhausted waitress who got off work late, couldn't find a parking spot, screamed at the girl who whipped it into the spot she was waiting for and came home to find a random "policeman" belligerently wandering around her apartment. Be afraid.

Good thing I applied for a new liver in preparation of this Halloween.

I was thinking of being a princess for Halloween, but I decided to dress up like something I'm not instead.

Wonder if sales in the "morning-after pill" recently increased?

TEC doesn't care about white people.

Thank you O.A.R. for catering to my needs as a white man for good music.

If ECU were to have a "White Student Union," we'd get sued.

"Critters Trick or Treat" event is to promote pet adoption. Giving away candy is not going to make me want to adopt a — Wait, you have M&M's? I'll take eight.

Dear Ambassadors: Congrats! You win again. Sorry we have better things to do than work on Homecoming for months in advance. Love, Greek Life.

If having big boobs, thick thighs and a round ass is wrong, I don't want to be right!

Really, Pirates? Calling me out on my scooter? I have three words for people like you: Haters. Gonna. Hate.

Ruffin, I ain't clapping for no field goal when we were 1st and goal. Get your crap together.

Why do the stairs in front of Todd always have to smell like the bathroom of a Chuck-E-Cheese before dinner time?

YOU SMELL LIKE A BABY PROSTITUTE!

I just figured out that I spend more money on Starbucks each semester than tuition. I think I have a problem.

To girl with the fake bake: Wonka called. You're wanted back at the factory in five minutes.

Since when was it against the law to be annoying?

an-noy-ing Adjective: Causing irritation or annoyance: "annoying habits." Synonyms: vexatious, bothersome, troublesome, tiresome, pesky, sorority girls.

Until next year, Rocky Horror. :)

Note to myself: Never take a sleeping aide and two laxatives on the same night! Bad results occurred.

## WEB POLL

**Do you think "I love boobies" bracelets should be banned?**

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# Our View

## Save the mammary glands

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With October coming to a close and November beginning, we are in a time of "awareness." October was painted pink in support of "Breast Cancer Awareness" and "No Shave November" begins the celebration of "Men's Health." With new health concerns arising every day, creating an informed society and bringing light to personal health is vital in modern times.

However, some public schools in at least five states are finding problems with some forms of awareness, namely by banning the pink bracelets stating, "I love boobies." Principals from the schools state that the bracelets are inappropriate and offensive.

Offensive? Showing support for those affected by cancer by wearing a bracelet is

inappropriate? It's estimated that in 2011, nearly 40,000 women and more than 400 men will die from breast cancer. That's offensive

In modern times, we should be promoting early screenings for cancer, developing more technology for mammograms and reaching out more toward men to get checked. Trying to stifle anyone, especially students, to not promote good health is ludicrous.

If people are offended by the term "boobies," they should probably move past the third grade. Regardless, slang terms for female anatomy should not cause such a stir, especially when the slang is used in humor and for a good cause.

Next thing you know, students will have to take off LiveStrong bracelets because it's promoting

the idea of a testicle. High schoolers everywhere will have to take off all ribbons that may relate to body parts. Anatomy classes everywhere will be stopped mid-class. Health classes will only focus on sex and drugs killing our youth (Oh, wait ...).

If this is a major issue to some public schools, we are obviously on a grave path in America. Bullying, both in and out of school, has become a rampant issue. Failures and dropout rates are not improving. Literacy is down the drain. Aside from these issues, physical and mental health in the youth of the United States continues to dwindle and little has been done about it. Getting offended over a bracelet is focusing on the wrong issue.

TEC loves a healthy set of

boobs and who doesn't? Getting regular check-ups, mammograms and knowing how to self-examine is the theme of breast cancer awareness. If someone wants to show support for the women who make the world go round and donate to a cause, who should stop them?

In the famous U.S. Supreme Court case of Tinker vs. Des Moines, students were banned from wearing black armbands that protested the Vietnam War. The Court ruled that First Amendment rights apply to public schools.

Students in private schools may have some difficulty, but those in public schools should stand up for their rights. Show your support for the body part that needs support: Proudly let them all know that you love boobies.

# Helping each other on Halloween



**Sidney Davis**  
OPINION COLUMNIST

*Sophomore English major*

The Pirates' Halloween scene is pushing us to a breaking point. With the increased presence of police and the prevalence of stupid behavior, the environment is already risky, and that's before the drugs and booze are factored in.

However this is not a condemnation of the drugs, the booze, skimpy costumes, outrageous behavior, sex or any of the things a lot of us probably wouldn't bother participating in without being inebriated. I'm no moral purist and I understand that most of these activities, while risky, are going to happen in a college environment, regardless of how authorities and the university feel about them. Which is why, year after year, rumors of tear gas, rubber bullets and ALE agents crawling out of the woodwork and swooping down from the rooftops cannot scare the party away, not even when some of them are true.

But there is something terribly wrong with Halloween in our area. It's the same thing that's terribly wrong with the rest of our party scene. I challenge anyone who's been out and about this time of year to tell me that when the liquor starts to flow, or when the drugs turn from harmless fun like marijuana (debate me all you want, you prudes!) to the ecstasy that's been popping up around Greenville or even the sex, itself, doesn't begin to push the limits of good fun and enters into carelessness (or, much

worse, enter into the gray area of consent). The entire downtown scene may take a turn from fun to terrifying in a matter of minutes.

I take exception to the idea that to have a good time, I have to continue pretending like nothing's wrong when multiple fights break out with drunken jackasses looking for an excuse to throw a punch, or when some pent-up lunatic starts engaging in behavior well past the line of self-destructive. Moreover, I'm horrified every time I see a girl being walked away from a party so drunk she can barely stand, holding on to substantially more sober male individuals. I have a problem every time some kid drinks enough to have to take a trip to the emergency room because he or she hasn't been informed that drinking Everclear like water is a bad, bad idea.

This weekend was full of similar nightmares, as it is every year. I'm terrified that we're entering into some kind of pact with the devil on this one. Do we have to condone this behavior if we're going to engage in late night, semi-illicit hard partying?

There is no black and white answer. For all their initiatives, the police department does little to aid in answering the pertinent questions. They're too busy keeping the downtown area from total anarchy once a year. While in a far less noble effort, the ALE has to justify its own existence by roping in underage drinkers and proclaiming victories over arrest and citation quotas. The answer these faces of authority offer is the age-old one, "Just say no." It's a useless one to those of us who, every now and then, say yes.

I feel that we, too, deserve a voice, and I refuse to let the lovable potheads and well-intentioned drunks of our fair university be clumped together, even for all their shenanigans and occasional misdeeds, with date-rapists and overall monstrous human beings. Maybe we ought to be taking the precautions we should have taken all along before Halloween night.

They might sound stupid, but along with all the crap advice that's put out about drugs, sex and alcohol, one tip is actually very valid and too often ignored. If you bring an impressionable youth with you downtown, watch them and make sure they don't do anything too incredibly stupid, especially if they're the sheltered kind. And, for the love of God, make sure they make it back from the party with you, too, and not with the nearest frat-boy. Half of the tragic incidents would be avoided if people actually looked out for one another this time of the year.

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\*City Council Elections November 8, 2011

\*SGA Advisory Council at 4:00 SAO conference room

\*Tuition Forum November 2, 2011 11-1 Green Room at the Croatan. ( Free food courtesy of Chili's and SGA)

\*Relay for Life Event At Pirate's Den November 4, 2011 from 8:00pm- 2:00 am

**Legislative Branch:**

Appropriations

Funding Updates for TEC – 10/25/11

¥ Student Organization Funding Budget:

¥ o \$100,000.00

¥ Amount Allocated to Student Organizations by the Appropriations Committee as of 10/25:

¥ o \$26,672.91

¥ Remaining Student Organization Funding Budget:

¥ o \$73,327.09

¥ Number of Student Organizations that have received financial assistance from SGA as of 10/25:

¥ o 30

¥ Membership of the Fall 2011 Appropriations Committee:

¥ o Justin Davis, Student Body Treasurer, Committee Co-Chair (Ex-Officio)

¥ o Louis Cameron, Committee Co-Chair

¥ o Jesse Breaux

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\*Cameron Beverly: Shipmates Marketing/ Special Events Chair

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### Aries (March 21 -April 19)

It's essential that you make big plans today — though you may find that others are doing the same. That can be great if you're all working together, but there's no way to guarantee that.



### Taurus (April 20 -May 20)

Say no to outrageous behavior today — you need to toe the line, or even enforce whatever social rules are being broken. Your energy might not lead to fun, but it does lead to productivity.



### Gemini (May 21 -June 20)

You need to pay close attention to the new information coming your way — your good energy could shift it into something much bigger and more interesting! You need to shake things up!



### Cancer (June 21 -July 22)

You know that you need to stretch yourself more, so see if you can get your mind as limber as your body (or more so, if you've forsaken yoga lately). It's a good time to show off your flexibility.



### Leo (July 23 -August 22)

You need to be careful and patient on a day like today — otherwise, you might find that you blow up or otherwise miss out on a great opportunity. Things are likely to pick up in a few days.



### Virgo (August 23 -Sept 22)

Offer a word of constructive criticism today — but make sure it's actually constructive! Try to see things from other's point of view so you know how best to phrase it. Make it meaningful!



### Libra (Sept 23 -October 22)

You need to do whatever it takes to get to the bottom of this new social situation — and fortunately, your mental energy is right on track to do just that! You find it easy to really get where people are coming from.



### Scorpio (Oct 23 -Nov 21)

You need to let others pitch their ideas in glorious (or tedious) detail today — otherwise, you're sure to miss out on the next big thing! You may not like the process, but you should like the results.



### Sagittarius (Nov 22 -Dec 21)

Do your best to listen carefully when people start telling you what's what today — they might actually know better than you! It's a good time for you to show off your very open mind.



### Capricorn (Dec 22 -Jan 19)

Try not to shake things up too much — but do shake things up! Make sure that you're not just going through the same old motions that got you here in the first place. Flexibility is key!



### Aquarius (Jan 20 -Feb 18)

What do you want most? Now is the time to go for it, especially if it requires convincing someone else you're right for it. Maybe it's love, maybe it's a gig, but you can present yourself perfectly now.



### Pisces (Feb 19 -March 20)

Change is on the way — are you ready for it? Things might get pretty weird late in the day, but as long as you get ready for a bumpy ride, you should be able to handle it just fine.



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# Meet the 2011 Homecoming King and Queen

TJ Weaver  
STAFF WRITER

One enjoys listening to Jason Aldean, the other enjoys jamming out to Beyoncé. One enjoys playing football with friends and the other enjoys shopping with her best pals. Travis Thayer and Chelsea Roach don't have much in common; however, this weekend the two shared the court as they received the crowns for Homecoming King and Queen.

Thayer, a biology and chemistry major, is from the bustling city of Charlotte, while Roach, a political science major, is from the small town of Grimesland. Both admitted that when first coming to ECU they never, in their wildest dreams, would have thought that they could have the chance of wearing the crown.

"Becoming King ... I never even thought about it until it happened," said Thayer. "My goal in coming to ECU was to do really well in academics and to build my identity around the school."

Since freshman year, Roach has always found homecoming to be one of the most exciting events of the entire year.

"I've always admired the Homecoming King and Queen, but I didn't think at the university level I could ever do it," admitted Roach. "When I got nominated, I thought that was as far as I could go. I've always wanted to be it, but never thought I could achieve it."

Both Thayer and Roach give back to the university and the community in more ways than one. Healthy Pirates nominated Thayer, who also serves as the second year president for the organization. Since freshman year, he's been a part of several honor and leadership fraternities for having a 4.0 GPA.

"(For Healthy Pirates) I coordinate events, get on stage and talk about staying fit and being healthy," said Thayer. "We put together events to educate freshmen on topics that could change their whole lives."

The Student Government Association nominated Roach, who's also a member of Omicron Delta Kappa and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Although she is a member of several different organizations, she didn't think it would be enough to get her the crown.

"Freshman year, I did a bucket list and one was to get on Homecoming Court," said Roach. "When I was nominated, I thought there was no way I could get Queen. All the candidates were so great and so qualified that it was hard to imagine that I could compete with them."

There is no doubt that these two



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Chelsea Roach and Travis Thayer were named 2011 Homecoming King and Queen during Saturday's football game.

are full of charisma, charm and Pirate Pride. But ask some of their friends, and there's more to both than meets the eye.

"I'd say that Travis is dedicated and gives his best to his friends, his schoolwork and every aspect

of his life," said Jason Ross, senior engineering major. "He embodies everything that ECU represents."

Alexis Barnes, senior kindergarten education major, believes that the Homecoming Queen should be someone who's personable, and that

person for her is Roach.

"Every time someone talks to Chelsea, she's very nice, and she's a great person to be around," said

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## Company of Thieves steals O.A.R.'s limelight



Mike Davis  
COLUMNIST

### Grade: C+

The stage was set, the air was crisp and the musical fire about to roar. Thursday night was the perfect example of something that started out great, but crumbled apart.

Chicago-based Company of Thieves, the opening band, had an enthusiastic and head-nodding, foot-tapping type performance. What quickly doused water onto the growing musical bonfire was the fact that the vibe was quickly put out by the seemingly forever wait for O.A.R. to show my fellow restless

audience members and I why we paid \$18.

Who does O.A.R. think they are? The band certainly isn't on the fame level of Foo Fighters or Mumford and Sons, and definitely not on the same planet as Coldplay or Red Hot Chili Peppers, so the unnecessarily long wait in between performances was a total musical buzz kill. But it's a given that there is always at least a 15-minute gap at a show to change out the band's equipment, do sound check and things of that nature. The Student Activities Board was ninja quick and efficient at stage setup and takedown, so the wait pushing 30 minutes was unwarranted.

Company of Thieves went beyond what an opening band is supposed to do. The lead singer, Genevieve Schatz, not only showed off her powerfully

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The performance by O.A.R. (above) was a let down, as opening act Company of Thieves put on a more exciting show.

## Film producer to visit campus

Hunter Ingram  
STAFF WRITER

Wednesday night, the ECU Films Studies Minor will be hosting a screening of the film "Kill the Irishman," followed by a Q&A featuring the film's producer, Tommy Reid.

For Reid, the path to getting "Kill the Irishman" made was a 13-year journey that was nothing short of trying and tedious.

"While I was at Ohio State University, I heard of this story about Danny Green, who was an Irish mobster in the Cleveland area," said Reid. "When I was working at Paradigm (a talent agency), I heard that a book was being written ... so I flew out to Cleveland and decided to pursue this story full-time and left being a junior agent and my career path towards becoming an agent."

This may seem like a drastic move for someone to just drop all their plans and pursue something new, but for Reid, Green's story felt really close to home.

"I have so much passion for the mafia and the gangster movie genre and I really wanted to do something that had both an Irish and Italian-type of story, because that is my heritage. I'm Irish and Italian," said Reid. "I wanted to tell a story that had both nationalities and one that wasn't made up. And this was a real, true story that happened and it became a passion of mine to bring it to the big screen."

"Kill the Irishman," which is directed by Jonathan Hensleigh, tells the story of Green, a man who worked as a mob boss in 1970s Cleveland and eventually became

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Barnes. "She's very involved and takes her career goals seriously."

What does it take to be Homecoming King and Queen? For those not aware, one may be shocked to learn that it's more than just being popular — it's about dedication, hard work and being the best representative for the school.

"You get to represent the whole school and the student body," said Thayer. "It's more than a popularity contest because people actually care

about you. It's having support from your friends and people around them that sets it apart."

Both fellow Pirates admitted that seeing their parents and friends support them on Saturday was all they could have wished for.

"I was completely blown away when I heard Student Government Association and then my name," said Roach. "That was definitely a breath taking moment. In receiving Homecoming Queen, I made my parents proud, and that's

what I wanted."

Thayer had a similar experience.

"I was in shock," said Thayer. "I could see my Healthy Pirates advisor. She was in the crowd standing with my parents. When they said my name they all got really excited. I just couldn't stop smiling and I was really happy to be a part of that."

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seductive voice, but also captivated the audience with her equally impressive swagger and stage presence. And to add onto the overall stellar quality of her front woman personality, Schatz drew the audience closer with her constant movements and dancing; at one point playing the drums alongside drummer, Chris Faller. And to put it frankly, Schatz' eye-catching looks matched her passionate vocals.

But Schatz didn't steal the show, she shared the lime light with lead guitarist Marc Walloch, who looked and acted the part as he showed love for performing during his guitar solos, and acted as if he were playing in front of thousands, rather than hundreds.

After the opening band went off stage, one of the most memorable happenings was the group of students sitting in the stands applauding and practically scoring the multiple people on the floor who tripped on the carpet-covered wires stretched across the floor in between performances. Kudos to them for keeping me awake long enough to realize O.A.R. had come on stage.

Once O.A.R. made their way to the stage, the group's die-hard fans showed their excitement and appreciation with signs like, "ECU+O.A.R. = Heaven." But the overall turnout of people at the show was nothing impressive, especially since my expectations were maybe unrealistically high after I saw the airport security surrounding the entrance. Metal detectors and yellow-shirted security guards shuffling and searching people into the arena made it seem like I was going downtown on Halloween instead of to the homecoming concert.

But the show itself was something I would have been satisfied seeing through a few YouTube videos, since the overall atmosphere of the concert did nothing to enhance my experience. The small groups of

people congregating around the stage were practically motionless until O.A.R.'s radio favorites were played, igniting everyone in the arena for the remainder of those few songs. Then, leaving only the die-hard fans to sway during the rest of the band's reggae-jam style songs, everyone else seemed disinterested, possibly questioning why they were there instead of downtown.

Don't get me wrong, the band's sound was great, but it seemed that all their songs were too similar, making it seem like one song was on repeat. However, O.A.R.'s lead guitarist, Richard On, showed years of dedication to playing, as his skill on the musical axe was noticeable during his long solos.

But even with all his talent, he played motionless and severely lacking in the flare department, looking more like a zombie with a guitar than anything else. The only member of the band that seemed to have any stage swagger was Jerry DePizzo, the saxophonist. During a few of the songs, the crowd showed more interest than usual when DePizzo jammed out for an uncharacteristic saxophone solo.

If O.A.R. were a more recognizable band and drew a much larger crowd to Minges, maybe the show would have had a totally different vibe. But since only a handful of people showed up, the atmosphere was severely lacking, considering this was the Catalina Wine Mixer of ECU concerts, and the fact that the opening band was more memorable than the featured band.

The night wasn't an overall bust by any means. I've now added five or six new songs to my iPod, yet none of them are from O.A.R. I definitely got my \$18 back, but without a riveting opening band, I would have left the concert shortchanged.

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an informant for the FBI. The film stars Ray Stevenson as Green, with Val Kilmer, Vincent D'Onofrio, Vinnie Jones and with Christopher Walken also among the stellar cast.

As the film's producer, Reid said he, like all producers, was truly the "foundation" behind getting the film made.

"(Producers) are usually the first ones to come on board the project and the last ones to get paid," laughed Reid. "A producer attaches the actors and the directors, finds and brings in the money, and finds distribution and the material. There are so many jobs a producer does, with so many hats they wear."

In the case of "Kill the Irishman," Reid first had to prove to Rick Porrello, the author of the book "To Kill the Irishman: The War That Crippled the Mafia," that he was the right person to make the book into a movie.

"Once you do this, then you find the right writer to adapt the book into a feature film screenplay," said Reid. "I found the right writer in

Jeremy Walters, who had a great vision and take on the book, and I commissioned him to write the screenplay. Once you have the screenplay written, it was up to the producer, myself, to get it shown to producers, agents, directors, production companies and financiers, and that's what took 13 years."

Of those 13 years, Reid spent almost a decade of it campaigning for the film on his own. But once people got wind of the original and true nature of the story, they were hooked.

As for the cast, even Reid can't believe all the star power that gravitated towards the project.

"It was a dream come true. I always dreamed that I would have an original story that's never been told before and one that you know in your heart is great material and that that great material would find a way to warrant great talent," said Reid. "And that's exactly what happened. The cast got a hold of the screenplay and were shocked that it had never been told

before and that it was true."

While on campus this week, Reid is going to talk to students about his films and the industry itself, answering any questions they may have about how to make a name for themselves, just like Reid has. But until then, Reid does have a little advice for those looking to work in industry.

"Just do it. It sounds cliché, but literally, if you think 'big picture' but never actually execute any ideas, then nobody will see anything (you have to offer)," said Reid. "Shoot a small movie just so you can get familiarized with the passion that it takes to fulfill a project. Have the three P's: patience, passion and perseverance."

The Films Studies Minor event will be held Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in Sci-Tech 0C207. The Q&A with Reid will immediately follow the screening of "Kill the Irishman."

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Tommy Reid (right) with Ray Stevenson, who plays Danny Green in "Kill the Irishman."

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## Volleyball falls in three straight sets

### Staff Reports

Southern Miss hit .264 and limited ECU to a .080 percentage to cruise to a 3-0 Conference USA victory Sunday at Minges Coliseum. The Pirates fall to 2-20 overall and 0-13 in C-USA play, while the Golden Eagles are now 12-13 and 6-7.

Amanda Lutzow and Kelly Derby ended up with eight kills apiece to lead the offensive attack for ECU, combining for 16 of the Pirates' 28 kills. Defensively, Shelby Beasley collected 16 digs to complement five total blocks by Derby. Setters Kasey Kavanaugh and Zarah Cecich split the duty during the match, recording assist totals of 13 and 12, respectively.

Southern Miss had little trouble on offense, tallying 45 kills on 110 attempts with just 16 errors. The Golden Eagles also held the upper hand in digs (57-42) and total blocks (8.0-7.0).

At the outset of the first frame, Southern Miss raced to a 10-3 lead and drew a timeout from the Pirates' bench. The Golden Eagles then extended the advantage to 18-8 and 22-10, before winning the set 25-17.

The Pirates called another early timeout in the second interval when Southern Miss scored five of the first six points. Staying aggressive with their serving, the Golden Eagles built on the lead and pushed in front 11-4 with a kill by Amelia Hendrickson. Southern Miss cruised from there, holding the Pirates to just 11 points in the set.

After intermission, the Pirates began to find some success, establishing a 10-7 cushion on a kill by Britney Roper. However, the Golden Eagles stopped East Carolina's momentum, scoring the next six points to move ahead 13-10. The Pirates rallied multiple times, pulling to within 20-19 when Lauren Sears committed an attack error, but a 5-0 run clinched the sweep for Southern Miss.

The Pirates embark on their last road trip of the season next weekend, traveling to Houston for a pair of matches with Rice at Tudor Fieldhouse. The Pirates and Owls begin the two-contest set Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

## Swimming and diving grabs three wins

### Staff Reports

The women's swimming and diving team won all 16 events to sweep a tri-meet from College of Charleston and Georgia Southern on Saturday, while the men's team captured 10 victories in a dual meet victory over CofC.

With the victories, the ladies improved to 3-1 on the season, with a 198-94 win over CofC and a 193-99 triumph against GSU. The men's squad improved to 2-1 with a 175.50-124.50 conquest of the Cougars.

The women's team finished 1, 2, 3 in eight events and 1, 2 in two additional events. Sophomore Anna Gibas claimed first place in both backstroke events, as did senior Kristen Giese in the breaststroke races.

A trio of Pirates swept the freestyle events with senior Natalia Favoreto winning the 50 free, junior Holly Berenotto touching first in the 100 and 200, and freshman Megan Rossi claiming first place in the 400 and 800. Favoreto also won the 100 fly.

Freshman Lauren Gray recorded a first place finish in the 200 fly, as did classmate Danielle Morrin in the 200 IM.

On the men's side, freshman Rokas Cepulis won a trio of events, touching first in the 100 and 200 breaststroke and the 200 IM. Fellow rookie Nikola Simic took first in the 100 free. Senior Jonathan Bailey captured first-place in the 800 free, as did junior J.D. Flanagan in the 100 fly.

### Daniel Brockman FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The defense proved to be the deciding factor Saturday in the 34-13 Homecoming win for the Pirates against the Tulane Green Wave. Thanks to their current three game win streak, the Pirates are now sitting at 4-4 overall with a 3-1 conference record.

The Pirates are tied atop the Conference USA East division standings with the BCS No. 25 Southern Miss Golden Eagles.

"Our front seven on defense did a great job staying physical and just staying the course," said senior quarterback Dominique Davis.

After allowing 13 first half points, the Pirates blanked the Tulane Green Wave in the second half.

"I thought we played well in the second half," said ECU second year Head Coach Ruffin McNeill. "I'm very proud of this group. We have to worry about ourselves and keep working hard."

A quarterback known for his arm, Davis used his legs to give ECU its first touchdown of the afternoon. With a little over four minutes left in the first quarter, Davis led the Pirates 69 yards, capping off the drive with his quarterback keeper for 5 yards for the initial score.

The defense responded when ECU sophomore wide receiver Mike Price fumbled the ball to the Pirates' 5-yard line by allowing only one field goal for the Green Wave.

"That was all the front seven. Our front seven is one of the top front seven in the nation," said sophomore free safety Damon Magazu. "They held their ground, and I have confidence in them all the time."

An early second quarter Tulane score would put the Pirates behind for the first time in the contest. However, this would not last for long as Davis and senior wide receiver Lance Lewis would hook up for the go ahead score with just over 11 minutes left in the half.

"It gave us confidence that we need to put something together and go ahead and win this game," said Lewis of the touchdown grab.

The touchdown reception was Lewis 22nd of his career, making him the ECU career leader in touchdown receptions. Larry Shannon totaled 21 receiving touchdowns from 1994 to 1997.

The second half saw the Pirates continue to work efficiently both on offense and defense, scoring on three drives and forcing two Green



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Receiver Lance Lewis (1) finds the end zone during the first half of the Pirates' game against Tulane on Saturday.

Wave turnovers.

Magazu registered his fourth career interception in the third quarter, ending the Green Waves drive and igniting the ECU sideline and crowd.

The interception was Magazu's third of the season and first interception that did not take place in the end zone.

"It was a big momentum change

for us," McNeill said of the interception. "He's always there to make a play. He gets and understands concepts. You could see him reading that thing before it happened."

The Pirates completed the day with a fourth quarter score by sophomore running back Michael Dobson. The touchdown ended all scoring and gave the Pirates the final score of 34-13.

ECU looks to capitalize on its three game win streak this Saturday when C-USA East divisional rival Southern Miss comes to Dowdy-Ficklen for the match up of division leaders.

The Pirates control their destiny in conference. It is simple: win out and go to the C-USA title game.

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# Blazers steal season finale

### Carlos Olivera STAFF WRITER

The Pirates women's soccer team wrapped up the regular season on Sunday with a double overtime loss to the UAB Blazers. The game, which was a make-up for the Sept. 30 postponement, didn't mean much in terms of postseason play. The Pirates clinched the No. 5 seed in the Conference USA tournament, whereas UAB already mathematically eliminated.

UAB started the scoring when Tiffini Turpin netted the first of her three goals, with time winding down in the half. Turpin took Abby Phillips' pass and broke free as she raced in all alone to drill the ball past sophomore keeper Berit Hansen in the 36th minute.

The two teams would remain scoreless until the 79th minute when junior Chrissy Gratz tied the game with a free kick. Gratz took the free kick from 35 yards out and put it past UAB keeper CJ Winship for her second goal of the season.

Turpin and the Blazers wasted no time reclaiming the lead as she put the ball just under the crossbar for her second goal of the game, just three minutes after Gratz tied the match.

The Pirates tied the game just three minutes later as Lexi Miller also netted her second goal of the season. Beth Batchelor recorded her second assist of the season as she started the run.

Batchelor gave it up to Miller who put it into the upper left corner

Turpin once again wasted no time as she recorded her first career hat trick. She fired the ball into the lower left corner just 51 seconds

into the second overtime, giving the Blazers the 3-2 victory.

The Pirates clinched their spot in the C-USA tournament with their 2-1 victory over Marshall Thursday night.

Gratz started the scoring on "Senior Night" when she netted her first goal in the 32nd minute. Katy Butler, recorded her team-leading 20th point with the assist, led the charge and gave it up to Gratz, who put it past the Marshall keeper from 15 yards out.

With the score tied at one apiece, senior Amanda Malkiewicz did what she does best and put the game winner into the back of the net.

Malkiewicz, who took the Leah Bagonis pass, broke free down the right side and launched it into the upper right corner in the 58th minute. For Malkiewicz, the goal was the 24th of her career and the fourth game-winning goal she has scored this season.

This win was the fourth straight win for the Pirates, but more importantly the team secured their berth in the C-USA tournament that takes place this week in Memphis. The Pirates will make their first postseason appearance since 2008, when they won the C-USA regular season title.

ECU enters as the No. 5 seed and will play No. 4 UCF on Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 5:30 p.m. The Pirates will look to avenge their Oct. 9 shutout loss at the hands of the Knights. On Oct. 9, the Knights arrived in Greenville No. 24 in the country and proceeded to shutout the Pirates 2-0.

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Midfielder Brittany Batts (25) dribbles the ball away from Blazer midfielder Megan Collins (15), during the Pirates' final home game of the season.

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# Te@m tweets cause #controversy



**Stephen McNulty**  
OPINION COLUMNIST

I have a Twitter, but I don't really tweet. For me, it's more of a news feed, with up-to-the-second updates on everything and anything I care about.

I follow my favorite sports teams and all my favorite TV personalities. But the most important people to me are the sports writers. I read and trust @AdamScheffer and @JayGlazer in a religious fashion, especially on Sundays.

And of course, what sports fan doesn't follow the likes of @THE\_REAL\_SHAQ (Shaquille O'Neil) and the one and only @ochocinco (Chad Johnson). But I bet most of you don't follow @Michael5dyer or @deucebello.

This may be because they are college students, one at Auburn, the other at Baylor. They're just kids. And just like the rest of us, they only want to tweet what is on their mind. But the difference is, they have thousands of followers. Many of whom are members of the media, so when even the slightest bit of controversy arises on their account, it gets multiplied.

Twitter has already swept the nation, and in the sports world, there are very few who don't have one. It's a great way to interact with players and personalities. It's an oddly good feeling when somebody "famous" retweets you. But for some coaches and players, Twitter has been more of a problem than anything, and rightfully so, since many coaches are banning their players from using the social media tool.

Boise State's Chris Petersen was the first college football head coach to ban the use of Twitter by his players. And many other high profile coaches have joined him. South Carolina's Steve Spurrier and Kansas' Turner Gill have both banned their players from tweeting. And in college basketball, many have done the same, including Jay Wright at Villanova.

After Marvin Austin's tweets of his lavish vacation spot ensued an NCAA investigation, Butch Davis banned UNC football players from using their Twitter accounts.

But it wouldn't be enough; Davis was fired in August and athletic director Dick Barbour is retiring effective Nov. 14.

When 140 characters costs jobs, and tarnishes a program, that's when you have a problem.

I am not sure how I would react if I got my Twitter taken away. Like I said, I hardly even tweet, but I am not a scholarship or professional athlete. My tweets aren't read and analyzed by thousands, or even hundreds, of people, many of whom are looking for a story in everything they see.

I can't tell you how many times I've seen somebody update their Facebook status or tweet about somebody doing their homework for them. And I believe most of those people were at least slightly joking, and ended up doing the work on their own. But when Auburn defensive back Jordan Spriggs asked "who is good at writing papers?" and let everyone know he pays, it became a national scandal in sports media.

In today's high-speed and constant world of news, and with the astronomical growth of sports coverage, coaches and athletic departments are left to deal with so much more than their predecessors. Gene Chizik not only had to deal with his unpopular hire, as well as the entire Cam Newton scandal while he was going undefeated and winning a National Championship at Auburn, but also had to deal with young, immature players tweeting the wrong things.

Sure, most student-athletes' twitter accounts don't cause problems. But as a coach you have to know the personalities of your players. For those like former Florida Gator Will Hill, whose favorite things to talk about include oral sex and marijuana, their thoughts and ideas are best kept in the locker room, and not on the everlasting world of the internet.

Like I said before, coaches now are forced to deal with so much more than those before them. I know Bear Bryant never had to deal with an inappropriate tweet or a controversial Twitpic, and I'm sure many coaches in college football today wish they never had to.

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Bradley Jacobs (3) attempts to tackle Tulane receiver Brent Comardelle (86) on Saturday.

## Conference wrap up



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OPINION COLUMNIST

Week 9 of the college football season was a week of blowouts for Conference-USA. All six games involving C-USA teams were decided by 18 points or

more this past weekend. Kicking off the week in C-USA, No. 13 Houston welcomed Rice. Despite falling behind early, the Cougars roared back to defeat the Owls 73-34. Houston quarterback Case Keenum threw for nine touchdown passes in the game. Keenum has now thrown more touchdown passes in a single career than any other quarterback in college football history.

With the victory, the Cougars kept pace in the West division standings moving to 4-0 in C-USA play.

Tied atop the West division standings with Houston is the Tulsa Golden Hurricane. Tulsa matched up with Southern Methodist on Saturday in what was expected to be a hotly contested battle of up and coming programs. Instead, the Golden Hurricane put the game away early building a 24-0 halftime lead on their way to a 38-7 victory on the shoulders of quarterback G.J. Kinne. He completed 24-of-36 passes for 274 yards with one touchdown and an interception.

The Knights of UCF avoided becoming bottom dwellers in the C-USA standings when they took care of the struggling Memphis Tigers at home 41-0. The Knights led by 21 at the break and were able to take their foot off the gas and cruise to the victory. UCF quarterback Jeff Godfrey accounted for 297 of the teams' 505 yards as he passed for 200 and rushed for another 97, while totaling two touchdowns.

In other action around the conference, the Marshall Thundering Herd became the latest conference foe to embarrass the UAB Blazers.

Sophomore quarterback A.J. Graham, completed 19 of 27 passes for 239 yards with a career high five touchdown passes as the Thundering Herd blasted the Blazers 59-14.

The leaders of the East division had easy wins as well, as No. 25 Southern Miss defeated UTEP 31-13 and ECU beat up on Tulane 34-13.

The Golden Eagles struggled early against the Miners, but Austin Davis' 47-yard pass to Quentin Pierce early in the third quarter gave Southern Miss the advantage they would never surrender. After UTEP added a field goal in the third, Davis connected Dominique Sullivan from 15 yards out, followed by a 68-yard run by running back Jamal Woodyard to create the final 19-point Golden Eagles victory.

ECU, just like USM, struggled in the first 30 minutes of play allowing Tulane to not only hang around, but actually to lead early in the second quarter.

Pirate quarterback Dominique Davis found Lance Lewis from one yard for the go ahead and essentially the game winning touchdown early in that second quarter.

Southern Miss now sits at 7-1 overall and 3-1 in the league, while the Pirates have won three straight games since early in the 2010 season, to get back to a .500 record after starting the season 1-4.

The Golden Eagles and Pirates' will meet in what basically comes down to a conference semifinal this coming Saturday, as basically whoever wins this game controls their own destiny the rest of the way.

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Lose and allow another team to decide their fate.

The game between the ECU Pirates and the South-

ern Miss Golden Eagles is slated to begin with kickoff at 4 p.m.

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