



## BRIEFS

### Funeral held for student's recently murdered parents

Staff Reports

A visitation for Troy and Ladonna French was held on Tuesday night and a funeral was held Wednesday.

The couple were the parents of ECU freshman Whitley French, and were killed in an in home attack.

Whitley was stabbed during the attack but survived.

According to WNCT, hundreds of friends and family attended the visitation to honor the couple. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at Reidsville Christian Church.

Police are still searching for a suspect.

### Students plan march to protest tuition hike

Staff Reports

On Friday, UNC system students from across the state will gather in the Pit at UNC-Chapel Hill and march to the General Admission Building.

The Board of Governors will be voting on tuition and fee increases for all public schools within the system.

Students, faculty, workers and the public involved in public higher education will rally to defend the affordability, accessibility and diversity of the UNC system.

Those participating plan on arriving at the General Admission building at 910 Raleigh Rd. in Chapel Hill by 8:30 a.m. to congregate outside.

The Board of Governors will be meeting at 9 a.m.

### Campus Connector gives rides for Spring Break

Staff Reports

Campus Connector is offering a service to ECU for Spring Break 2012.

Campus Connector is a national company that provides luxury bus shuttles from major college and university campuses to major cities for academic break.

For the first time, ECU students will be able to travel directly from the university at Mendenhall Student Center to stops in downtown Raleigh, Chapel Hill, Greensboro and Charlotte.

Prices for a round trip are \$43, \$45, \$49 and \$69 respectively.

Students who use the service will not have stopovers or overpay.

The company was founded in 2010 and provides safe, luxurious and reliable transportation to students across the country.

At ECU, the Campus Connector plans to employ 5-10 students throughout the year and partner with a number of campus organizations for charitable fundraisers.

### Graduate school honors new members

Staff Reports

The Rho Omega Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota, an international honor society for graduate counseling students, will hold an induction ceremony on Friday for new honorees.

The ceremony will begin with a dinner at 7:15 p.m. and conclude with the induction ceremony.

The ceremony will be held in Mendenhall Student Center and include keynote speaker Tom Sweeney.

The Rho Omega chapter contains two departments: the counseling education department in the College of Education and rehabilitation studies in the College of Allied Health Sciences.

To join, graduate students must have 3.5 GPA and one or more terms of full-time counselor education study.

# Drinking citations increase in 2011



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Students who received drinking tickets by ECU police in downtown contributed to almost 200 violations in 2011.

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In 2011, the number of liquor law violations and arrests by ECU Police increased for the first time in years.

The number had steadily decreased over the past three years, but an unofficial number, according to an analysis of ECUPD crime logs by The East Carolinian, shows that the liquor violations on or near campus reached close to 200 in 2011.

According to Lt. Amy Davis, the official report for liquor law violations in 2011 will not be ready until October.

But according to the ECUPD 2011 Annual Security and Fire Safety Report, there were a total of 136 liquor law violations and/or arrests in 2010, on or near campus, including public property and residence halls. There were 143 violations reported in 2009 and 407 in 2008.

"I understand that the law must be maintained, but to me, it's evident that police are targeting ECU students because they know there is always going to be underage drinking," said Antonio Palmer, a junior

health and fitness major. "It's a college town though, what do you expect?"

Compared to other nearby universities security reports, ECU is leading the list for liquor law violations on campus. In 2010, there were 92 violations on campus, 133 in 2009 and 303 in 2008.

NC State University had a total of 60 liquor law arrests and citations on campus in 2010, 43 in 2009 and 106 in 2008.

The University of North Carolina at Wilmington had 13 liquor law violation arrests in 2010, 2 in 2009 and 4 in 2008.

"I believe that ECU gave more citations because bars are more easily accessible to underage students, whereas most bars in Raleigh are 21-and-up entry only, and in Wilmington, you have to drive a further distance to even get to the bar scenes," said Kaitlyn Browning, a senior middle grades education major. "I feel that ECU police have to crack down and be more strict because the bars downtown are so easily

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# University adopts plus, minus scale

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Effective for Fall 2012 semester, the university will be switching to the plus and minus grading system for all students.

The new grading system, which is currently already in use by many universities in the state, including the University of North Carolina, North Carolina State University and Duke, was approved by the faculty senate on Feb. 20, 2007.

Under the new plus and minus grading system, students will no longer receive "A" through "F" letter grades, but also plus and minus letter grades. In addition, there will not be an "A+" grade, with the highest earnable grade being an "A."

"There is no 'A+' and 4.0 will be the highest GPA possible. There will be different QP's for each letter, so 'plus' will be more and 'minus' will be less," said Amanda Fleming, the associate registrar for the university.

Under the new system, an "A" no longer means "excellent," but will instead represent "Achievement substantially exceeds basic course expectations." "B" will no longer mean "above average," but will instead represent "Achievement exceeds basic course expectations." The undergraduate catalog will be updated to include the new system and explain what each letter grade represents.

A letter grade of "F" will still receive no credit, "Incomplete," or "I," will still remain the same and "Audited" will remain "N."

"I think it will be better because there is a big difference in an 88 and an 80," said freshman Helen Gallagher. "That's a huge difference for someone who works hard. It would show who worked harder and who put the most effort in."

Grade point average for students will be calculated with the same pro-

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# Nursing program helps high school seniors

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This fall, ECU and four area community colleges will team together to enlist high school seniors for an affordable nursing degree.

Beaufort County, Lenoir, Pitt and Roanoke-Chowan community colleges will participate in the Eastern North Carolina Regionally Increasing Baccalaureate Nurses program.

Interested students will apply at the community college of their choice by March 1 and fill out an RIBN application. Once students are accepted to the program, students

will then apply to ECU and will be dually enrolled at one of the community colleges and the university.

Only 20 students will be accepted into the first class, with around five coming from each community college.

"We are looking for the best and brightest who want to get their BSN degree and who need an affordable way to do it," said Kelly Cleaton, ENC RIBN's student success advocate and lead recruiter. "It will be a rigorous program, but it will be more affordable and accessible to students who may not be able to leave home."

A minimum score of 500 on the

critical reading part of the SAT and several other requirements must be met to be considered.

"The program sounds like it's going to be competitive, but worthwhile," said senior Jordan Hubbard. "The fact that it will be a lot more affordable will attract a lot more students."

The cost of the school will vary but it is estimated that RIBN students can save \$7,000 to \$10,000 in tuition, according to officials.

"They are going to have someone with them all the way through to support them, and they'll have a group of people going through the exact same thing," Cleaton said

regarding the student's access to support services and counseling.

The director of nursing for Pitt Community College, Elizabeth De Jesus Toderick, said that the partnership between Pitt and ECU results from a long and positive relationship between the two schools.

Pitt will continue to offer its associate's degree in nursing for entry-level nurses, but the RIBN program will be a head start to an advanced degree.

The program will allow for a much cheaper program by cutting

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# ECU offers alternative transportation to campus

Melanie Jock  
STAFF WRITER

The Zipcar and Zimride services offered through the university's parking and transportation department have seen growth lately, as students discover alternate means to and from campus and around town.

Debra Garfi, director of parking and transportation, said the Zipcar and Zimride services, along with other parking and transportation initiatives, lessens the university's carbon footprint and may alleviate some of the demand for parking, which saves the university money.

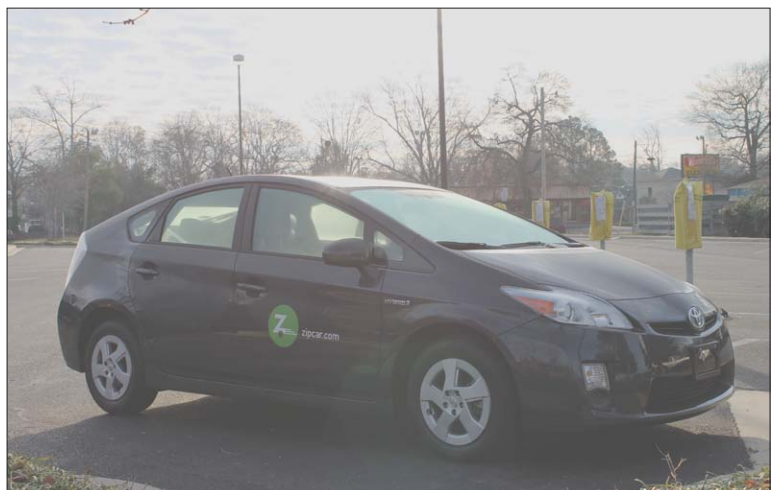
"It's great. If we can keep more cars off campus, it's a wonderful thing," said Garfi. "They say every Zipcar keeps 50 cars off campus."

The Zipcar and Zimride services began in August 2010, but have picked up significantly this semester. Garfi believes this success can be seen through promoting on campus and also at freshmen orientation and open houses. She said the number of students currently signed up has reached 170, a jump that more than triples last year's numbers.

"It was slow building it up. There were 45-50 people signed up last year," said Assistant Director for Administration and Alternate Transportation Karen Mizelle.

Parking and transportation currently offers two Zipcars for students to use and they are available any day

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About 170 students have signed up to use the Zipcar and Zimride service.

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accessed to the freshman and dorm population on campus." But the ECUPD is not the

only group cracking down on campus. The university judicial system has also handed

out a large number of disciplinary referrals. The 2011 statistics have not yet been released, but according to the annual safety reports, there were 659 liquor law disciplinary referrals issued on campus, 416 in 2009 and 444 in 2010.

Although UNCW had very few alcohol-related

arrests on campus, the university's numbers were dramatically different for disciplinary referrals.

At UNCW, there were 598 liquor disciplinary referrals on campus in 2010, 663 in 2009 and 452 in 2008.

At NC State, there were 188 campus judicial referrals for alcohol in 2010, 257 in

2009 and 349 in 2008.

"I believe that the differentiations between the three schools with campus citations is mainly due to the locations and convenience of underage drinking," said Browning. "(It's) not because of ECU being a party school or cops (not) caring, but the students' personal choice as to how and

where they go to partake in festivities. It just so happens that ECU's main scene for festivities is located feet away from campus."

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cedure, but the numerical values for the letter grade will be more detailed.

"A" will have a numerical value of 4.0, "A-" will have a numerical value of 3.7, "B+" will have a numerical value of 3.3, "B" will have a numerical value of 3.0, "B-" will have a numerical value of 2.7, "C+" will have a numerical value of 2.3, and so on.

To calculate GPA, students will follow the same procedure as they currently

do. The total numerical values based on the letter grade given will be divided by total attempted credit hours. Even if an "F" is given for a course, the total attempted credit hours should still be used when calculating the GPA.

"I don't think it will be beneficial for everyone. It could really affect GPA because some people who are used to getting a certain grade," said Amanda Powers,

a senior elementary education major. "But for me, I'm elementary education and we are on a seven-point scale anyway, so it probably won't affect us as much."

Major courses, which currently require a "C," may not consider a "C-" as an appropriate grade to continue moving forward in the major.

Although the topic was not specifically discussed in the faculty senate meeting, Fleming said, "A 'C-' will

count as less than a 2.0 GPA. It will probably not be considered."

A "C-" will have a numerical value of 1.7 under the new grading system.

"Ultimately, it will be the department's decision," explained Fleming.

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out room and board, while students who are married and work part-time jobs will be able to attend school more easily.

"It's great to see a program like this starting up here," said junior nursing major Jennifer Painter. "I just wish it, or something like it, had been around my freshman year."

This is not the first partnership of this kind to exist

in the state; Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College paired up with Western Carolina University in Fall 2010 to offer North Carolina's first RIBN program.

The RIBN program comes to the east just after the North Carolina Institute of Medicine identified the need for colleges and universities in the state to produce more baccalaureate prepared

nurses by 2020.

Of newly-licensed nurses, only 66 percent enter the workforce with associate degrees in nursing and less than 15 percent of those actually achieve a bachelor's degree or higher.

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of the week. Garfi and Mizelle said this semester has brought daily use of the cars.

"I'm thinking a lot of kids are using it for internships, if they have to travel out or they have an offsite project they have to do, because the car is going in and out," said Garfi.

Upon signing up, a student can reserve a time to use the car for \$8 per hour Monday through Friday, or \$64 if they would like to use it the entire day. On the weekends, rates run at \$9 per hour

or \$72 a day. The student may use the car for up to 180 miles when used for the day, with gas and insurance included. If the car is used over 180 miles, the student is charged a penny for each additional mile.

Mizelle believes the Zipcar benefits the 70 percent of students living on campus that do not have a car that need a way to get around town.

"The thing about Zipcar that is different from a lot of rental agencies in that you can

be 18 to drive," she said.

Mimi Pham, a sophomore rehabilitation major, said she has a parking pass but does not like the current parking situation on campus.

"I don't like to park on campus because it makes me paranoid," said Pham.

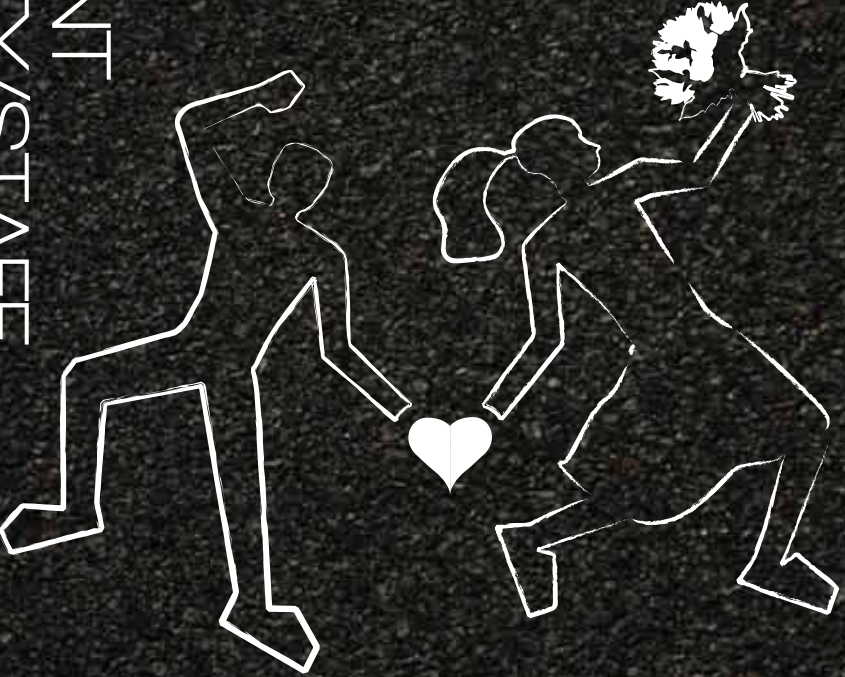
Pham said if she did not have a car, the Zipcar is an option she would probably consider.

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We seriously need a "Like/Dislike" system for the online rants.

R.I.P Griffin

Stop wearing Hollister and A&F. You're in college now, get some real clothes.

I swear those squirrels are getting more and more ballsy everyday.

Even my colorblind dog knows purple is better than any shade of blue. Go Pirates!

Living in Greenville makes you realize how many episodes of pimp my ride you missed.

That awkward moment when you see your teacher at Spencer Gifts looking at vibrators.

Yo professor, I'll S a D for an A.

Doesn't matter how drunk I get, I always want the same thing at the end of the night... COOKOUT!

I have figured it out! Pretend to text while walking in front of Dowdy/Wright Place and no one will bother trying to hand you anything. Works every time!

To the girl asking about a Pirate Rant Gal in Pirate Rant Bro's life... DON'T DO IT! HE'S FROM PHILLY!!

TEC: there needs to be an app for that.

To the girl with herpes and had her camelback stolen: herpes is an STD...I must be using my camelback wrong.

All you need is love. All you want is sex. But all you have is porn.

In undergrad, you get CAPS and GOWNS. In Grad, you get HOODS and ROBES. ha-ha.

I played cornhole sober for the first time the other day. I was awful.

Less than a month until spring break. Time to start day drinking.

Oh you love Carolina? Why didn't you just tell me you weren't smart enough to get in?

Pirate Rant Bro does not have a Pirate Rant Gal. He has a Pirate Rant Ho.

Pirate Nation chills harder than Chapel Hill rages.

Pretty sure if I download the sex offender app, some of my classmates will show up.

I'm sorry for peeing on your couch. I thought I had just been sweating a lot.

@SimonSaysSwag: "Why are all the rants about rants now? #rantsonrantsonrants"

@ECUBananaMan: "Had a nice skate around campus today. Who knew bananas could get into the art building?"

# Lighten up, Pitt County

## Parks & trails don't make a healthy city



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Despite our excruciating curriculum and abundantly stressful lives, nursing students occasionally get to do some pretty cool things — and I'm not talking about giving a post-partum assessment to a smoking hot new mom as her Marine husband is still in the room. Talk about an awkward situation. No, I'm referring to some really meaningful work, which has the potential to bring about much-needed change.

This semester, we have our community health clinical which requires me to familiarize myself with federal and state funded programs and initiatives, which aim to assist the impoverished and marginalized amongst us. One such initiative is the North Carolina Health and Wellness Trust Fund.

The General Assembly established this program in May of 2001 in order to improve public health and to reduce the economic and human suffering caused by preventable diseases. One of the leading causes of many preventable diseases is obesity. To that end, the NC Health and Wellness Trust Fund identifies communities as "Fit Communities" around the state, which "recognize and reward municipalities and county-wide efforts to promote physical activity, healthy eating and tobacco-free programs, policies, environments and lifestyles."

Let's be real for a minute: Greenville is rife with some chunky monkeys. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Greenville has 84,554 residents and over 30.3 percent of them are living below the poverty level. There is a strong correlation between obesity and socioeconomic class. And that figure is ridiculously high, especially when you compare it to other cities in our state like Raleigh (14.6 percent), Charlotte (13.9 percent) or Cary (5 percent).

Additionally, Hoover's Online, a database of business information, indicates that Greenville has more fast-food restaurants per capita than any other city in the state. On average, there are more than 2.5 fast food restaurants per square mile in a city that is 16 percent less densely populated than Raleigh. That is quite a high concentration of trans fat.

Try to maintain composure as I tell you that since the North Carolina Health and Wellness Trust Fund created the Fit Communities program in 2004, Pitt County has made the list every single year. Now, you might wonder if this is some sort of practical joke, as if we were given this distinction with all the sarcasm that the General Assembly could muster. But I'm afraid it is legitimate, which makes me raise an eyebrow about the standards by which Fit Communities are evaluated.

It is one thing to cite the availability of "parks, walking trails, school parks, gymnasiums, malls, fitness centers, sidewalks and bike trails," but it is quite another to actually use them. It would be like the pope congratulating the South for our religious fervor because we have more churches than Vatican City. That dog won't hunt.

Alternatively, a community that is more about being fit than appearing fit is Onslow County. They have started an initiative down there called "Lighten up, Onslow," which is a community-wide weight loss program. I would love to start a "lighten up" program here and enroll our administration in it, but for altogether different reasons.

Through its website, Lighten Up

Onslow is teaching the community about healthy eating habits, practical exercise programs, and ways to maintain a healthy lifestyle. The website even boasts that since Jan. 23, its participants have lost a



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total of 4,115 pounds. This is a model for what a Fit Community really looks like. It isn't about the potential for being fit; it's about actually being fit. While I think we can all appreciate the recognition that Pitt County has received, at some point, we as individuals, have to take it upon ourselves to make healthy decisions, or else no amount of parks and nature trails can save us from our ever expanding ego — and waste line.

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# Retro trends relieve student stress



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For some odd reason, I remember my high school psychology teacher telling us that we would soon "return to our old ways."

My classmates and I all shared the "O" face, but then he pointed out how a girl in our class clipped Beanie Babies to her book bag. My professor explained that the student did that because somewhere inside she connected Beanie Babies to her childhood and used her memories to cope with stress.

With that odd lesson, I began to reevaluate my own life. Honestly, I have slept with a teddy bear ever since I was born. The bear brings me this strange comfort and a reminder of who I am despite the rigor I encounter in my life (thanks, ECU!). On a larger and less personal note, I started to make the odd connection between this retro, hipster trend among my peers and potentially the desire for a better time. Think about it. Twenty years

from now, when you have kids and its Decade Day at their high school and they want to dress like you did in the 2010s, you would describe to them what your parents wore back in their teens. Follow along with me.

The word "nostalgia" derives from the Greek words "nostos," meaning to return home, and "algos," which is one's pain, suffering, or grief. I have this odd theory that people use their fashion as a way to shield their pain, their grief of today, and to relive the greatness of yesteryear.

No one in the 1920s mocked the way they dressed in the 1890s, but people of the new millennium are quick to mimic fashions of the '70s, '80s and early '90s. Why? The Roarin' Twenties was a promising decade, at least until October 1929 when the stock market crashed. Regardless, this decade brought about a culture full of jazz music, flappers, prohibition and speak-easies.

Similarly, the '70s through the '90s provided America with a good economy and good vibes, to say the least. While the 2000s encouraged new technological trends and the need to place an "i" before all things cool, the days bring about nothing but heartache. I mean, what's a bachelor's degree other than a fancy piece

paper? What's \$3.59 worth of gas other than a round-trip from Curry Court back down 10th Street?

Although my generation did not experience the era of our parents, the tales that we hear them speak of let us know that there indeed was a better life. In an article, conveniently titled "The Good Old Days," Rutgers' professors William J. Havlena and Susan L. Holak summed up what I'm trying to say nicely:

"Although nostalgic experience is defined to draw from one's lived past, there is an important intergenerational phenomenon. As one generation both privately and collectively reminisces about its adolescence, these memories become, in essence, a new experience for the next generation." Call me crazy, but this hipster retro fad that's sweeping the nation is nothing more than a subconscious costume. Many students seek apparel at Forever 21, American Apparel, Urban Outfitters, and H&M only to mimic styles our parents made popular, but for a much higher price. The fad of "thrifting," which involves going to Goodwill and purchasing dated clothes and furniture, has also become popular. Even the style of photography has conformed to fit this

vintage fashion. Every time I go on Twitter, a member of #TeamiPhone has uploaded a new Instagram of themselves either in that sepia color, with vintage borders, or other cool artsy things I cannot do on my Android.

Why yes, this retro way of life is mad cool, but living in that age must have been awesome. Or perhaps, a little bit of both is best after all.

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## POLL RESULTS

### Do you follow ECU on social media websites?

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## WEB POLL

### What is your preferred housing option?

- A) On campus
- B) Off campus house
- C) Off campus apartment

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## HOROSCOPES

### Aries (March 21 -April 19)

Try to slow down and think everything through today — one step at a time. Your energy is just right for making sure that you are well set up to make your move in a few days, but not 'til then.



### Taurus (April 20 -May 20)

Your amazing energy is making you more attractive — to potential mates, employers and even new friends. Work what you've got and make sure to leave folks wondering what more there is to you.



### Gemini (May 21 -June 20)

Try to reach out to someone new today — they need the attention, and you need the novelty. It's a really good time for you to meet people, even online, and to build up that network.



### Cancer (June 21 -July 22)

You can make yourself plain easily today — people are just communicating on your wavelength, and your grounded self-confidence helps you make the most of your good fortune.



### Leo (July 23 -August 22)

You just aren't up to your usual hijinks today — you may need to let someone else take the spotlight for the time being. See if you can get them to ask out that hottie for you, too!



### Virgo (Aug 23 -Sept 22)

You have to start up new stuff today — there's just no other way to use this great energy! That's not to say you can't finish anything up, but make sure to try at least one bold new move, too



### Libra (Sept 23 -Oct 22)

You aren't at your best right now, but you can still make the most of the day in a simple way: Do nothing! Just call in sick, stay in bed and read, or do whatever brand of nothing suits you best.



### Scorpio (Oct 23 -Nov 21)

You've got a secret, and you're feeling the urge to blab it. Of course, that's your right — but doesn't it feel better to hang onto it and let it grow inside you? Use this good energy for good works.



### Sagittarius (Nov 22 -Dec 21)

Though everyone nearby is driving you totally nuts, you need to avoid the impulse to let them have it in return. At least half the problem is in your mismatched energies, and that can't be remedied yet.



### Capricorn (Dec 22 -Jan 19)

New info comes your way early today — make the most of it and you could be in a great position by the time this evening rolls in! Your great personal energy grounds you and helps you see clearly.



### Aquarius (Jan 20 -Feb 18)

Your social interactions need to be a little more circumspect than usual, because your energy is a little out of sync with the rest of the world. As long as you're cautious, you should be fine.



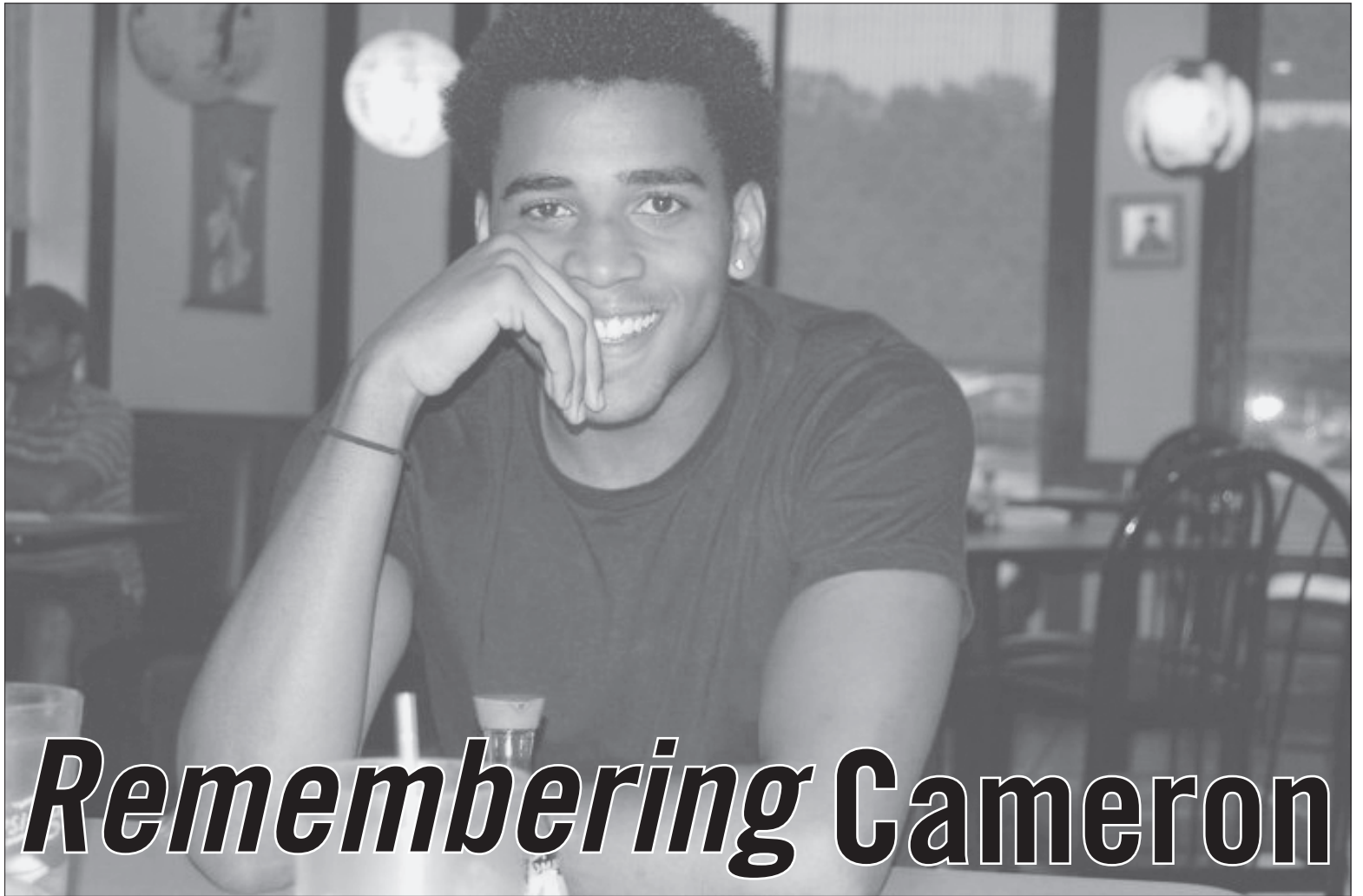
### Pisces (Feb 19 -March 20)

Do you know who's really on your side? Now is the time to find out, or at least to speculate. Things are likely to get weird before they make sense, but you can figure it all out.



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# Remembering Cameron

Cameron Adrian Griffin is remembered by his friends as being happy, positive and fun. The tragedy of his death cannot erase the memories they have of him.

**Mike Davis**  
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLES EDITOR

On Sunday morning, ECU lost a truly unique and loved student. The life of Cameron Adrian Griffin was one that did more than someone could imagine.

"He had a great personality," said Jason Hurley, junior managerial finance major, who met Griffin at their freshmen orientation. "He was never mean to anybody. He always kept a smile on his face and always tried to brighten up somebody's day."

One of the overwhelming, and sometimes over the top, traits that Griffin displayed on a regular basis was his ability to effortlessly put a smile on somebody's face. "He always knew just what to say to make you laugh," said Josh Kellum, Griffin's roommate for the past two years and one of his oldest friends. "He was just the kind of kid that made everybody smile and made a better environment for everybody he was around."

After graduating from East Forsyth High School in Kernersville, N.C., in 2009, Griffin and a slew of other students began their journey to Greenville to make a name for themselves. As Griffin always stayed true to his "boys," Kellum remembers the initial feeling of going to school with someone he called his brother.

**"He was never mean to anybody. He always kept a smile on his face and always tried to brighten up somebody's day."**

"It's kind of hard to go off to college. A lot of times you are there by yourself, so it is nice to have your boy from back home who you can always count on to be there for you and help you around," said Kellum. "And you always had a party partner."

Griffin's friends agreed that no matter what the situation was, Griffin always had a positive outlook and kept being his goofy self, like the time Griffin and his friends were being chased by a cow and had to jump a fence to get away. Unfortunately, Griffin didn't make it and fell in cow poop, giving him the nickname "Creek Mud Cam," as he claimed that the smell was creek mud, not cow poop, according to Kellum.

"All he wanted to do was have fun, that's it," said Alex Rhodes, junior rehabilitation stud-

ies major and friend of Griffin since their Pop Warner football days in elementary school. "Every day, he just wanted to chill with his boys all the time."

When Griffin hung out with his "boys," Rhodes said they loved to go to the rec center and play basketball or hang in their apartments and play video games such as "Madden" and "NBA 2K." And before his speaker broke, Griffin spent his sophomore year "testing the waters of DJing," said Everett Martin, a junior hospitality management major.

Even though Griffin was always looking for a good time, "He always just found a way for everything to work. If he had to pay the bills and didn't have any money, he found a way to make it happen. If we were slipping in class, he found a way to get back on track," said Kellum. "It's hard to find people like that nowadays and to have someone always in a positive mood."

Despite having a funny and unforgettable smile, laugh, walk and signature dance, "(Griffin) touched a lot of peoples lives with his goofiness," said Rhodes. "There is nobody like him. I don't think I will ever meet someone like him again."

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# Student goes *bananas* skateboarding

**Leila Falls**  
STAFF WRITER

It's a bird ... it's a plane ... it's Bananaman! Sightings of this skateboarding, bananafied-student are usually on warm nights throughout campus and almost always on College Hill.

"My banana suit gets cold

since I'm tall, so it's more like a banana hoodie on me," laughed the 6-foot-4-inch anonymous ECU Bananaman, who hopes to replace the gym shorts he wears under the suit with a yellow spandex body suit.

Bananaman ended up with his now well-known costume as a result of a skit he was participating in. "I put up random posters looking for a banana suit (to use for this skit) and got a call," said Banana-

man, who was excited when he found one for \$15 from a guy that wanted to part with a Halloween costume.

The skit was eventually cancelled and the hispanic studies major was stuck with the banana gear. "One day he just told me, 'Hey, I got this banana suit, so I'm going to skateboard down college hill in it,'" said his friend, the anonymous ECU Squirrels Twitter creator.

"I'm always skating around, so doing the banana route was nothing," said Bananaman, who's been cruising on his long board under the banana persona since November.

So far, ECU Bananaman has gained 89 Facebook likes and 29 "talking about this," but his main media outlet is Twitter. Even though he just created the account a couple of weeks ago, he has 386 tweets and 188 followers.

"My first goal was to get in the Pirate Rants and then my friend said that there were tweets about me," said Bananaman, explaining his part in the Twitter world.

There's no surprise that ECU Squirrels and Bananaman have tweeted back and forth. "I just saw one of the @ECUSquirrels scare these two girls outside of West End. #Winning," tweeted Bananaman on Tuesday.

"When I was eating on campus one day, these guys said that some guy in a banana suit was riding down College Hill, and I (burst) out laughing," said the ECU Squirrels creator, who enjoys the similar humor of his friend.

Impulsive Bananaman cameos are typically accompanied with spontaneous peels of wisdom. "One day I asked if they ate their bananas today," said Bananaman, whose goal is to make people smile or laugh after being caught off-guard.

"I've gone up to the study windows before, where people are studying, all stressed out, then they'd smile after I rode by, saying, 'what's up,'" said Bananaman, who enjoys

"banana-ing" around Joyner.

As with a lot of off-the-bunch fun, there are some unsupportive people. "I'm not trying to start drama over Twitter with a character page," said Bananaman, who's noticed unlikely laughs from police officers that have witnessed his banana-tics.

After he received a Facebook message about a rave, Bananaman made a two-nights-in-a-row appearance downtown.

"It was really cool, 'cause (a fan) had actually made a banner welcoming me," laughed Bananaman.

Many people recognize him even without the banana getup, but he still tries to remain anonymous. "Almost everyone in my dorm knows it's me. We all try to keep it on the DL," said

Bananaman, who finds a way to hide his face during photos.

"I'm a bad liar, so when people recognize me, I'll be like ... 'no,'" laughed Bananaman, who enjoyed his run-in with

the American flag spandex-wearing skateboarder who rides during the day.

"There's a lot of ups about a side persona. People will recognize you," said ECU Squirrels creator, who plans on having the anticipated adventure with Bananaman — two personas tackling downtown at the same time.

"I try to be cheesy, like saying, 'going bananas this weekend' or talking trash about oranges and apples," said Bananaman, who admits that one night he was so stoked about a 95 on his math test that he exclaimed it during his banana rounds.

From zooming in for appearances, to ripe greetings around campus, Bananaman has one concern...the recently spotted gorilla suit at Joyner.

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\* Resolution on January 23 passed that stated the student body does not support the merge between Greenville Area Transit and East Carolina University. The Senate felt that merge did not benefit the University's Transit system and only benefitted the Greenville Area Transit.



**\* Senator of the Month: Joseph Bode**

-Senator Bode is serving his second term as Undergraduate Senator and his first year being the President Pro Temp, and the Rules and Judiciary Chair of the Senate as well. While at ECU Joe has also been involved with the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity serving in several different positions and is the current Internal Vice President of Pike. He is also the current Interfraternity Council Administrative Vice President. Joe's dedication and enthusiasm not only towards senate but to other organizations as well should serve as an example to all!

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"Celebrating 50 Years of Integration at ECU"

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## Pirate Classic to open season

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This Friday, softball season is set to begin at ECU as the Pirates host the Pirate Classic. The Pirates will open up their 2012 season against the Cavaliers of Virginia.

Not only will the Pirates get underway Friday against the Cavaliers, but following that game, the Pirates will also play Canisius College that same afternoon.

Senior Priscilla Velasquez is expecting ECU to start the Pirate Classic and this new season off with a bang.

"I'm looking for us to come out with a lot of confidence and be ready to attack the season," said Velasquez, 2011 Conference USA Tournament MVP.

As a junior, Velasquez tallied 22 hits, 11 walks and accumulated 20 runs batted in. She is looking to help the team by working on her offense this season.

"I'm looking to produce more offense these first couple weekends — actually the whole season," said Velasquez. "This first weekend I'm fighting for a designated hitter spot, so my priority is hitting."

Velasquez is one of only two seniors on this year's team. With such a young team, coach Tracey Kee has had to find patience throughout this preseason.

"Whenever you have a team as young as this one, as a coach, you are a little bit more patient than you are when you are very senior heavy," said Kee. "It's been very much an instructional and a day-to-day, step-by-step approach."

When asked about expectations of this season, Coach Kee said, "First and foremost, it's getting our game where it needs to be by the time we hit conference play."

Non-conference wins are needed for any program, but the Pirates are focused on conference play and defending their conference crown.

And with consecutive C-USA tournament championships, the Pirates will certainly be looking to raise the conference championship banner on yet another season.

In fact, the last time the Pirates played at the new ECU Softball Stadium, they were defeated by Tulsa, 4-1, for the C-USA tournament championship. That win was in front of a crowd of around 800 people.

Coach Kee stated, "There's no way we win our conference tournament last year if we didn't have those 800 people in the stands." She continued, "It was one of those things where our kids fed off of it."

Attendance certainly helps the Pirates perform well on the field at home games.

"When we had our conference tournament here and we won it, we had more people in the stands than we've ever had," said Velasquez. "Having all those fans in the stands, especially that championship game, just helped the atmosphere a lot. I enjoyed it."

The Pirates have five games scheduled for this weekend against the already-mentioned University of Virginia, Canisius College and Drexel University.

The Cavaliers are picked to finish fourth in the preseason ACC poll. The Canisius College Golden Griffins, led by 2012 Preseason All-MAAC Team senior outfielder Lizzy Gatto, is also picked to finish fourth in their conference.

The Drexel Dragons compete in the Colonial Athletic Association and are coming off of a 15-28 season.

Over the past four seasons the Pirates have a 15-4 record at the Pirate Classic.

After the home stand this weekend, ECU will continue in Greenville as host of the Pirate Clash, which runs from Feb. 17-20.

The Pirate Clash will begin on Feb. 17, and the Pirates' first competition will be the University of Louisville Cardinals, followed by UNC-Greensboro later that afternoon.

Fordham and Hofstra round out the lineup for the Pirate Clash.

After these events, the Pirates begin a road trip that will see them taking on high-caliber, non-conference foes such as the defending national champion, the Arizona State Sun Devils.

The Purple and Gold will not return to action at the ECU Softball Stadium until March 24, when they will be hosting C-USA rival UTEP at 1 p.m.

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Memphis' Will Barton (5) shoots over Pirate Maurice Kemp (2) as Darius Morrow (1) looks on.

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# TIGERS END WIN STREAK

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Home court advantages in college basketball are invaluable to the success or failure of a team on any given night. When a team's fans show up and are loud, it creates headaches for opposing teams. The only thing that counters a hostile crowd is a group of veteran players.

On Wednesday night, the Memphis Tigers did just that, withstanding one of the best crowds all season at Minges to dispatch a fired-up Pirates squad, 70-59.

On the night, Memphis, which ranks near the top of Conference USA in field goal percentage defense, helped the Pirates to just 38.6 percent shooting.

"One thing they are really doing this year is defending," ECU coach Jeff Lebo said following the game. "There hard to get good shots against."

With a sizable height advantage inside, the Tigers dominated the low post scoring 40 points in the paint to just 24 for the Pirates. Despite the difference, Lebo was content with his low-post defense.

"They score in the paint in a lot of ways," Lebo said. "They get offensive rebounds. They didn't score off post-ups moves. They score by their guards getting into the paint, they didn't really hurt us with traditional post moves."

ECU trailed by 12 after the break and immediately showed the crowd of 5,460 that they would not fold. Working the Tigers lead down to just 6 at 40-46 on a Miguel Paul three-point basket with 14:26 remaining sent the Minges Manics into a frenzy.

The frenzy was short lived when, following a Memphis miss, Paul grabbed the defensive rebound and turned it right back over to the Tigers. Memphis would run off four quick points to take the lead back to 10 and end the last Pirate threat.

The loss snapped the Pirates three-game con-

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## Calling the game for 14 years strong



Play-by-play commentator Jeff Charles (left) and color analyst Si Seymour (right) call a men's basketball game against Rice at Minges Coliseum.

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There are few people in this world that get to do what they truly love to do with their lives.

But such is the life for Si Seymour, the color analyst for ECU men's basketball radio broadcasts.

Any Pirate fan that listens to ECU Hoops on the Pirate Sports Network can identify Seymour's unmistakable voice. But what fans may not know is that when they

listen to Seymour providing analysis on the radio, he is doing so with an expertise that is rooted in 40 years of basketball experience.

A star in basketball, football and baseball at the high school level, Seymour played basketball and baseball at the College of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City before transferring to ECU, where he graduated in 1974 with an undergraduate degree in physical education.

Seymour cut his teeth in coaching at the middle school and high school level before he became the

first head basketball coach at Craven Community College, a post that he held from 1977 to 1993.

Over that span, Seymour had 12 seasons with more than 20 victories, won the Division II Region of the NJCAA three times, and was named the Division X Coach of the Year four times.

Seymour said he enjoyed the nuances that come with coaching at a smaller school versus a larger venue, such as ECU.

"(Coaching at Craven) was a lot of fun," he said. "Everything at the junior college level is different. The budget is different, the travel is different. If the uniforms get washed, you're probably the one to do it. If there is scouting to be done, you're the one that's going to do that."

Twenty years removed from being a head coach, Seymour said it is staggering to see how much things have changed, such as the way teams utilize film and computers. While he is still a competitor at heart, he said the job of today's college basketball coach leaves him with no desire to find his way back to the bench.

"When I got out of (coaching), I was happy and I was satisfied," he said. "I enjoy (doing commentary) so much and while I admire what Jeff Lebo and his staff do on a daily basis, I really don't want to get into the day-to-day grind of it. I'm much happier where I am."

With coaching out of his system, Seymour has been able to focus all of his energy on his new passion: his color commentary work for the Pirate Sports Network.

Seymour uses his years of coaching and playing experience to give ECU basketball fans an insider's perspective of not only what is going

on in the game, but what may be going on inside the minds of Lebo and the ECU coaching staff.

"I love doing the analyst work and predicting what's going on, projecting what's going on and trying to get the listeners' heads in the huddle with the coaches and saying, 'What would I do at this point?'" he said. "I can kind of know what (Lebo) is thinking and what the coaching staff is thinking because I've been there."

This season marks Seymour's 14th season of ECU basketball. In his first 13 seasons, there isn't much he hasn't seen. He has seen five head coaches come and go and seen ECU move from the Colonial Athletic Association to Conference USA in 2002.

He has also been on the microphone for some of the basketball program's biggest wins, such as a home upset in 2002 of a Dwayne Wade-led Marquette team that was ranked ninth nationally and a home victory over in-state rival North Carolina State University in 2007.

He has seen ECU basketball grow tremendously, and as a former graduate and true Pirate at heart, he said it makes him happy to be seeing progress being made.

"This program is on the right track," he said. "I really think it's headed in the right direction, because the passion is here. I love the passion for this school. I've seen it grow, and I like where it's headed, academically and athletically. I love the spirit here in the students and the community and I love being a part of that and want to see it grow."

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## Youth defines Diamond Bucs

**Chase Kroll**  
STAFF WRITER

As students start to buckle down on a tedious spring semester, the baseball program remains hard at work. With less than two weeks to go until the start of the 2012 campaign, head coach Billy Godwin and the Pirates are gearing up for marathon of a season.

The Pirates ended the 2011 season with a 41-21 record and a trip to the Charlottesville Regional before losing to No. 1-ranked Virginia in the tournament's finals.

They also said goodbye to nine players, including seven pitchers, which is sure to be a highly scrutinized position in 2012.

With a roster that features 10 new members of the bullpen, senior pitcher Kevin Brandt secures the role of the worn veteran of the program. In 91.2 innings pitched last season, Brandt boasted a 7-3 record, a 2.26 ERA and was named to the second team All Conference USA team.

Returning pitchers Tyler Joyner and Austin Chrismon also look to add a veteran presence to an inexperienced pitching unit.

The new hurlers causing all the buzz around the program are two products of the city of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands. Junior college transfer Jharrel Cotton, with

what Godwin called a "Looney Tune" change up, and freshman DeShorn Lake have the staff impressed and look to play right away in 2012. Both men turned down MLB offers to play for the Pirates.

Cotton and Lake add immediate firepower to an already talent-heavy rotation.

"I don't think we have ever had as many arms this strong as we have now, since I've been here," said senior catcher Zach Wright. "We've got some really electric arms. There is no telling what we can do this year if we can put it all together."

The reason for such optimism is because, other than the pitching staff, the majority of last year's team remains in tact. The Pirates lost just one starter in the field, outfielder Trent Whitehead, and returns a hitting unit that is roughly identical to the 2011 lineup.

"We are just going to get out there and do our thing," said senior third baseman Corey Thompson. "Hit the baseball and score runs."

Thompson led the team in 2011 with a .328 batting average. Wright, who turned down being drafted by the Phillies in the sixth round to return to ECU, led the team with 13 home runs.

In total, the team is returning five players with a batting average over .300, but pitching



Senior Kevin Brandt will anchor the pitching rotation.

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coach Dan Roszel knows that anything can happen in 2012. "These guys have to earn it. They have to get out there and show it and do it on an everyday basis," said Roszel. "They have potential. But you can't win on potential; you win on performance." The performance begins for the Pirates on Feb. 17 at home with a three-game series against UW Milwaukee. The Pirates' first away series of the year is a tournament hosted by Alabama. Oral Roberts and Louisville

will also be participating. "I think our big trip is our Alabama trip," said Godwin. "We will be on the road. We are playing four top-30 type programs." According to the NCAA Baseball RPI 2012 rankings, Alabama is ranked highest of the three opponents at No. 33. ECU also plays 11 games against top-25 opponents, including two games against No. 1 ranked North Carolina. With 50-plus games, including the conference tournament, it is important

for the Pirates to keep themselves motivated. "It is about showing up every day, grinding it out and getting after it," said assistant coach Nick Schnabel. "I think our guys have done a good job of that so far." As the season quickly approaches, the team is surprisingly taking it day by day. And each day is one day closer to the season. "We always say Omaha is the goal," said shortstop Jack Reinheimer. "And if we play together well, like we have

been, then that's a very good possibility." Every team has its question marks, and the Pirates are no exception. With a primarily young team and a lot of spots to fill on the pitching mound, ECU is sure to have its doubters. But when it comes to team optimism, Coach Roszel said it best: "I would believe that at some point, these young guys, they aren't going to look so young anymore." This writer can be contacted at sports@theeastcarolinian.com.

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ference win streak that had gotten ECU somewhat back in the fray. The Pirates were led offensively by Paul, who put up 13 points on four of 12 shooting against the Tigers. Darrius Morrow and Shamarr Bowden also scored in double figures, putting in 12 and 10 respectively.

For the Memphis, Chris Crawford dropped 16 points, while Will Barton and Wesley Witherspoon also scored in double figures. In the first half of action inside Williams Arena, ECU looked like they were playing for the pride of C-USA. But the pride faded away thanks to a 17-5 Memphis run over

the last 8:22 of the first half. After Pirate Nation was brought to its feet with a thunderous Maurice Kemp dunk, ECU would manage just five more points. Instead, Memphis utilized their height advantage inside to overcome a slow start. The Kemp slam seemed to energize Memphis more

than the Pirates, as the Tigers ripped off 10 straight points in a span of three minutes. The Pirates will now embark on a three-game road trip that starts Saturday against Marshall. This writer can be contacted at sports@theeastcarolinian.com.

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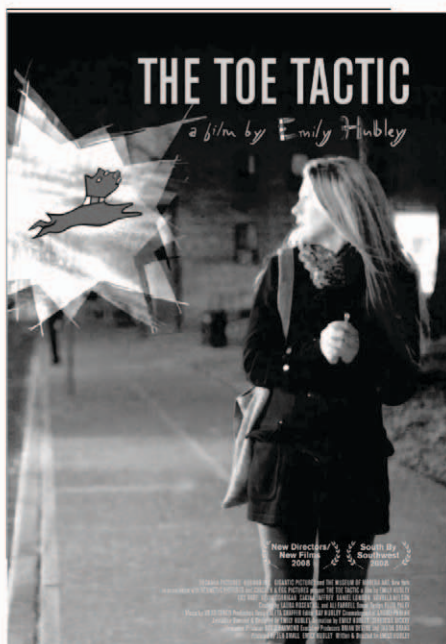
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